Roscoe Annual Report

I've worked for Crossnet for just over 2 years now. The role I took on when I started working for Crossnet was focused primarily on Student Mission, believing that to be a key area of focus for Crossnet. Over the last year I have felt my role develop into more of a leadership role within Crossnet while still focusing on student mission.

In the last year Izzy has joined the team in a paid capacity to come out on campus with me on Thursday afternoons to talk with students and share our faith with them. We attended the Church Search hosted by the CU in October but no students visited Crossnet as a result. During the Christmas term I was able to maintain contact with a student who I met on campus in 2021 but we did not develop any new connections with students. However, this term we have connected with 5 new students, 3 of which are not Christians and want to start reading the Bible and exploring faith.

I have also taken ownership of connecting with 24-7 and exploring what a relationship would look like with Crossnet in light of our departure from the CofE. Izzy and I attended the Euro Leaders Conference and I have had regular contact with Roger Ellis from 24-7 in order to develop this connection. Up to this point it seems like a beneficial and fruitful connection for the Crossnet Network.

I have taken on the role of coordinating between the London Crossnets (3 gatherings) and the Bristol gathering to begin working out how we create a network that is independent of Nick Crawley as the main leader. In doing so this would provide a more sustainable and scalable church model to grow Crossnet.

Izzy Annual Report

It has been a privilege to step into the new paid role at Crossnet Bristol. One of the main focuses of this role is student mission and since starting in July it's been great to get involved in the Bristol freshers fairs, connect with student workers across the city, and witness to many students on campuses. We've been using the Fusion Student Worldview Survey and have seen many fruitful conversations, made good connections with some students, and have seen people attending church as a result of these!

I have enjoyed training people up to lead our Sunday gatherings, and encouraging us to learn to follow guidance of the Holy Spirit in these times. It has been great to pray for visitors and welcome new people into the Crossnet family. In the last year we have done sermon series on Faith in Context, Holiness, and the Parables. At the end of 2022 we set aside intentional time for prayer in our lives, which has been significant in our focus as Crossnet. We are now going to spend the next few months learning about prayer in our sermons.

Alongside a focus on prayer in our congregation we have been involving ourselves more with 24/7 Prayer. I had the privilege of representing the Crossnet leadership team at their gathering in Belfast in October. It was great to connect with people there, to learn more about 24/7 and what God is doing through this organisation in the world. We also attended 24/7's leadership conference in Bracknell. This was a hugely valuable time of learning and connecting with other leaders.

Alongside this part of my role is to navigate our transition to a CIO. This has involved liaising with Stewardship and the lawyers involved and the formation of a Board of Trustees.