



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

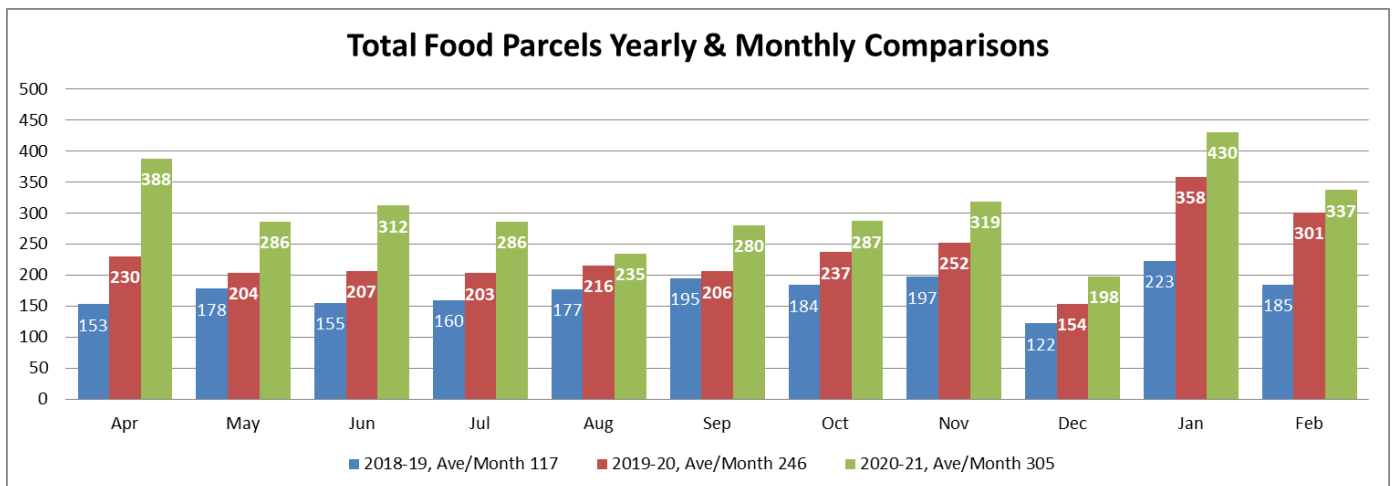
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Established 2008

Need Project Report

February 2021



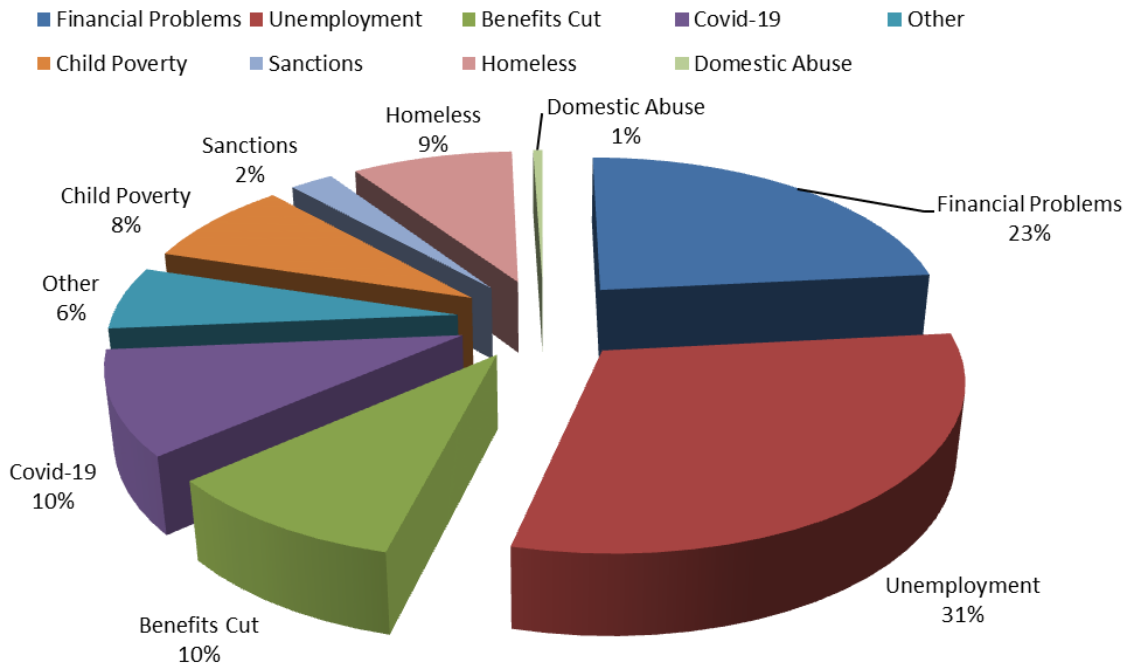
Last month, I wrote that this project started over five years ago. Technically, that was true, but it missed the bigger picture. It has been operating for 13 years now, it was our records that spanned over five years. So it was started in 2008 with the vision and dedication of Gordon Hamilton, Project Leader. We've come a long way since then.

Only one month to go till our year end, and the figures remain high with an average of 305 per month. The average excludes the Christmas parcels, January being our busiest month, then April. No doubt some of this is directly impacted by the pandemic. The whole of this year has been during lock-down apart from a brief respite in the summer of 2020.



Statistics

Agency Stated Reasons for Referral



| Hubs Summary | Total to Date | Monthly Average |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Flitwick | 390 | 35 |
| Sandy | 936 | 85 |
| Stotfold | 466 | 42 |
| Shefford | 416 | 38 |
| Biggleswade | 361 | 33 |
| Marston Moretaine | 122 | 11 |
| Out of Area | 626 | 57 |
| | 3317 | |

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| Total value to date at £54 per parcel | £ 181,332.00 | Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel | £ 66,080.00 |
| Total value this month at £54 per parcel | £ 18,198.00 | Overall Total Year from April to Date | £ 247,412.00 |

| Children | Age 0-4 | Age 5-10 | Age 11-17 | Adults | Total |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Totals (yr) | 2062 | 2103 | 1975 | 6353 | 12493 |
| Christmas | 388 | 463 | 346 | 1287 | 2484 |



Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

| Items | | | Actual items includes | | |
|------------------------|----|-----------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| White goods | 1 | £ 50.00 | Cookers | 1 | £ 50.00 |
| Beds | 0 | £ - | Fridges/freezers | 0 | £ - |
| Bedroom furniture | 0 | £ - | Suites/sofas | 2 | £ 120.00 |
| Lounge furniture | 5 | £ 200.00 | Washing machines | 0 | £ - |
| Misc & baby equip | 4 | £ 40.00 | Microwaves | 0 | £ - |
| Bedding | 70 | £ 390.00 | TV's / DVD players | 1 | £ 30.00 |
| Estimated value | | £ 680.00 | Estimated value | | £ 200.00 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tot Est Value for Month | £ 810.00 |
| Tot Est Value Year to date | £ 9,910.00 |

Despite restrictions on being able to supply furniture, we were still able to supply some families with furniture etc. Due to lockdown, and restrictions, collection of donated items is not possible, and then there's maintaining safe distance when delivering. We have had to turn down a few requests again during February. The situation is expected to remain the same for a while.

There's a Cost.

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail:

admin@theneedproject.co.uk .

Our objectives

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

Our values

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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