

Matt and Tabo's story – Freshers' Week (interviewed by Karen Carr)

Karen: Matt, you work at the King's Arms part time as a student worker and you went to this year's University of Bedford Freshers' Week – what did you do there?

Matt: We go every year to represent the King's Arms and invite people to church, and this time we had Tabo come along with us. We had flyers with information about the church and we started conversations with students. We wanted to get across how much God has been moving over the summer and how many healings we have seen. I asked quite a lot of people if they wanted to be prayed for – if they had any pain or injuries. A good number of people said yes, and a good number were healed! Six people were healed and two were made significantly better.

Karen: Could you pick one of those stories to tell us?

Matt: Yes – there was a guy from Hong Kong that I got chatting to, and I asked him if he had any injury or pain and he said yes, he had a bad wrist. He was studying sport so this was causing problems. I asked him, 'You want to get better, right?' and he said, 'Yes!' so I just laid my hand on him and said, 'In Jesus' name, be healed', and prayed the love of God over him. I asked him how it was and he said, 'It's better!' I told him, 'Jesus has healed you because he loves you'. He replied, 'Yes, yes, always.'

Karen: That's amazing. Tabo, could you pick a story to tell too?

Tabo: Yes – there was one guy with a broken little finger, swollen and very painful. It was one of those situations where we would know straight away if he'd been healed. He wasn't a Christian. Matt and I prayed for him and in the midst of praying I asked him, 'Can you feel that?' because the presence of God fell so heavily on him. His finger was better and though not completely healed, he met with the love of God. He was blown away.

Karen: Amazing. Matt, you said you haven't done this kind of thing before in Freshers' Week – what have you come away with?

Matt: University can be a really hard place to break into and bring Jesus into and this has kick-started us for the year with boldness and faith. There are about 3,000 students in Bedford that desperately need Jesus.

Karen: Fantastic – thank you guys, that's great.