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Started by John Kirkby in 1996.

CAP now reaches people in a variety of ways:

- 280 CAP debt centres
- 850 CAP money education churches
- 130 CAP Job Clubs
- 30 CAP Release Groups.

All based in local churches.

CAP also works in Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

But why...?

Matthew 25 : 31 – 46

This scripture defines our mandate as Christians. It is calling us to help our brothers and sisters, and to reflect the love of Christ ?

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God has a heart for the poor.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.”

CAP’s recent survey of thousands of clients shows that 67% had missed meals.

“I was a stranger and you invited me in; I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

From the same survey, 60% of clients say they lived in fear.

“I was ill and you looked after me”

65% of clients had visited their GP
with stress-related issues.

How?

- We visit clients in their homes, we build a budget for them, and we find a solution.
- We take away threatening letters and direct all communication with creditors to ourselves.
- We negotiate to get interest and charges stopped or reduced.

Then... our clients repay their own debts through our debt management programme.

CAP now sees nearly £3 million of debt reduced every month!

(But we don't pay anyone's debts for them.)

In 2014:

- we saw over 2,500 people going debt free;
- we led 792 individuals to Christ.

And that is just the debt centres!

In addition, almost 1,000 churches run the CAP Money course.

Tens of thousands of people have taken control of their finances because of what they learned on the CAP Money Course.

118 churches are now running CAP Job Clubs.

There are nearly 2 million unemployed people in the UK.

67% of CAP clients have one or more family members who are unemployed.

Our Job Clubs have seen 365 people find paid employment, and 62 people have chosen to follow Christ.

30 CAP Release Groups

- Britain has the biggest drug problem in Europe.
- 25% of all internet searches are related to pornography.

In a church survey conducted by the Evangelical Alliance, 40% of people were worried that a friend or family member had some kind of dependent behaviour.

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So that's what we do! What



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But...

Our vision is:

- To grow from 280 debt centres to 500;
- To increase our CAP Money churches to 2,500;
- To grow our Job Clubs to 500;
- To grow our Release Groups to 500.

Please will YOU help us grow?

Total income in 2014: £9.5 m.

26,000 Life Changers £4.0 m.

