

MISSION & VISION

VISIBLE was established with 2 scriptural passages as foundational to its mission and purpose.

Our Mission statement

"REVEAL JESUS"

ISAIAH 40:3

In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together**

ISAIAH 40:9

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, **"Here is your God!"**

But we recognise that people have various things that **get in the way** of seeing God clearly including brokenness, addictions, negative church experiences, background and upbringing.

Therefore it's our vision to

- 1 MAKE JESUS, HIS KINGDOM AND CHURCH **ACCESSIBLE** TO EVERY PERSON.
- 2 IDENTIFY AND WORK TO **REMOVE** THE SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL **MOUNTAINS** THAT CREATE OBSTACLES FOR EVERY PERSON TO CONNECT WITH GOD & THEIR IDENTITY
- 3 IDENTIFY AND WORK TO **RESTORE** THE SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL **VALLEYS** THAT CREATE CHASMS IN UNDERSTANDING AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- 4 IDENTIFY AND WORK TO **REACH** THE FORGOTTEN IN SOCIETY WITH THE HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS.

Right now that looks like this

Delivering our flagship initiative the Naked Truth Project.

Established in 2013, Naked Truth aims to open eyes and free lives from the damaging impact of pornography. Delivering a response to the problem of pornography that is both public and personal. Our "open eyes" initiatives provide mainstream awareness and education in the spheres of arts, education, politics, media and the church. Our "free lives" program seeks to provide practical recovery and support to any individual struggling with compulsive porn use as well as equipping churches, parents and partners wishing to support those who struggle. We also see Naked Truth as a "missional project" equipping and resourcing the Church to demonstrate the character and love of Christ through practical support and a message of hope and freedom.

Developing and delivering creative evangelism initiatives.

In partnership with local churches and with a strong emphasis on communication, arts based programmes, media and online resources, we aim to give individuals opportunities to understand 'who God is' and make informed decisions regarding the Christian faith and life. We also seek to provide tools and training for churches to reach their communities and to relevantly communicate, demonstrate and extend the Kingdom of God.

Creativity

Placing a high value on not just what we do but HOW we do it, we believe that creativity is both a reflection of God's character and an essential means of communication. We love the innovation that is central to creative thinking, the diversity of the creative arts and the depth found in creative communication and therefore seek to demonstrate creativity in all our work.

Pioneering Spirit

To fulfil our mission and vision we recognise we must strike out to new places, work to reach 'out of reach' people and continuously look for God to do 'a new thing'. We will celebrate our call to develop and build sustainable initiatives but always seek to cultivate the courage, faith, resilience and industrious spirit of the pioneer.

Kingdom Heart

We acknowledge God's overall kingship and authority. We are His servants and our actions and endeavours all point to Him and his Kingdom. Following Jesus' example, we will pursue obedience to the Father and compassion for others in all we do.

Collaboration

We see and value the strength in partnership and strong relationships with others, so where possible we will not work on our own when we can work with those that have a common cause. We aim to be connectors; building friendship, opportunities and community even when there is no obvious advantage to ourselves. We are passionate about partnership with local churches and believe mission can only be complete when rooted in local church communities.



Integrity

Integrity means "oneness" or "wholeness." It is essential that we "practice what we preach" and seek therefore to have transparency throughout all areas of our work and within close relationships be fully accountable for our private actions and attitudes.

Relevance

We feel that "being relevant" is essential to make Jesus, his kingdom and church accessible to every person. In some contexts this means being 'culturally relevant'; understanding our culture and using the language and tools of the culture to connect. In another context the most relevant thing we can do is listen, love or be present. Whatever we do it is our aim to "make sense make sense."

Journey

We are passionate about individual and cultural transformation as an attainable reality but understand that this transformation is often incremental rather than instantaneous. We therefore value and embrace the importance of journey and believe as a ministry we are called to meet people WHERE they currently are on that journey and help them move forward. We seek to offer support, services and signposts for different stages of an individual's journey as well as acknowledge that different people will be at different stages.

ETHOS STATEMENT

The ethos of VISIBLE is our motivation for all our work – it is the reason why we do what we do. It is to work together to REVEAL JESUS and extend Jesus' model of the Kingdom of God on earth by living out a lifestyle of love, truth, justice, mercy and forgiveness, according to his teaching. We are inspired by the message, life and example of Jesus through which God's unconditional love for all people is expressed.

While this ethos is given life through our relationships, our relationships - the way we work together and behave with one another - are a demonstration and authentication of our ethos. It is through these relationships, with each other and those whom we seek to serve, that we practice our ethos.

Our ethos or motivation, and therefore our relationships, are rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and in his love, which compels us to serve others, putting their needs first. When we work together it is this faith which directs and influences our internal relationships as well as our work with those who VISIBLE is seeking to serve.

As our beliefs underpin Visible's work, it is necessary that those who hold certain specific roles and responsibilities share them. We will therefore recruit people with a personal commitment to the Christian faith to such posts. However, because we actively promote inclusion, people of different faiths or none are warmly welcomed and valued, as we come together to fulfil our hopes and aspirations to serve all unconditionally. Our programmes and activities are open to all, regardless of their beliefs.

In this way VISIBLE operates on the understanding that our activities are simply an outworking of our faith; that our "doing" derives directly from our "being". There is an essential and indissoluble link between the inner and the outer, the private life and the public face of VISIBLE. The link between who we are and what we do cannot be broken.

CHARITABLE STATUS & OBJECTS

VISIBLE is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. (Charity Number 1156788) with the following objects:

- 1) TO ADVANCE CHRISTIANITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE THE PUBLIC.
- 2) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE AREA OF CHRISTIANITY AND SEXUAL HEALTH.
- 3) THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING