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Transforming a violent community

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He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
Revelation 21:4

Cynthia Morrison (pictured below) lives in **Bennetland, two miles west of downtown Kingston in Jamaica. She feels trapped – by the dangerous but invisible borderlines between warring gangs’ territories, and by her grief for lost family members. Her dream is for ‘the violence to stop’, though she’s not sure it will come true. But there is hope. And that hope is S-Corner.**



Commitment for Life partner S-Corner is located at the ‘epicentre’ of Bennetland, a volatile inner-city area known for its poverty, gun crime and violence. Bennetland is definitely on the wrong side of town – a neighbourhood distrustful of outsiders, and the subject of stigma that affects the prospects of its residents.

For nearly 20 years S-Corner has been working tirelessly to transform this community through income-generation projects, health and education work and conflict resolution. Its work is holistic, and as a result it has seen a radical decrease in gun crime, and earned the respect of government institutions and community members alike.

For Cynthia S-Corner is ‘a life-saver’. She received grief counselling after the loss of six family members – two of whom were her sons – shot in the district. She explains: ‘The counselling helped. It’s

good to talk – you feel better with all of it outside. [Before] I was just crying, crying. But this year was a little better. I praise God for the little I have left.

‘People respect S-Corner to the max. Even against the violence, they are like a weapon to get it to stop. I don’t know how this community would manage without them. People who can’t afford to go to the hospital still get treated here. Old people get some dinner. S-Corner is like family.’

S-Corner has achieved a lot but it hasn’t finished yet. Like Cynthia, it wants to see an end to borderlines that make parts of the community impassable. Like Cynthia, it wants to see ‘the little youth grow into a man, not grow to be a youngster and die.’ Like Cynthia, it dreams of a Bennetland without violence and poverty.



£10.35 could pay for one grief-counselling session for 15 women such as Cynthia, struggling to come to terms with the loss of family members to gang violence.

Commitment for Life will continue to work with partners in Jamaica: alleviating poverty through healthcare, education and income-generation projects; supporting people living with HIV; and promoting peace and stability in the ganglands of inner-city districts. Just like Cynthia, our dream is to end the violence, poverty and suffering. And we won’t stop until we see this come true.

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Please give generously to support **Commitment for Life’s** partners in Jamaica, working tirelessly to bring hope to poor communities. (Don’t forget Gift Aid).

Please also pray for the nation, and particularly for understanding, stability and a better future for the young people of Jamaica.