Programme notes v Man City

In July this year the Homeless World Cup took place in Glasgow. It was so moving to see men and women who had experienced the lack of comfort and security provided by a home and family find a sense of purpose through playing football. The Homeless World Cup and its associated partners have impacted over one million homeless people around the world.

Lizbeth Angeles is a member of the Mexican women team, most of whom had never travelled to Europe before. The experience she had playing with Street Soccer Mexico has helped to heal the long term relationship problems she had with her family. When she returns home she wants to study sport and social development in order to help young people in her country.

Although many of us are tempted to judge those living on the streets without knowing the story behind their lives, God is not like that. He doesn’t look at the outside of people as we do, he looks at our hearts. That can be scary as it is easy to pretend to be something we are not as our friends, family and work colleagues don’t have access to our innermost thoughts. But God does...and he loves us despite our failings. That can provide all of us with a sense of security.

Enjoy the match today and join me today in encouraging our players...c’mon urzzz!