



Jericho Road Project

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Dear Supporters,

So far this year we have seen some exciting developments, as we celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Jericho Road Project. We are seeing God move in the lives of the women in every area of the project and it is a challenge and a joy for us to be a part of the lives of these precious women. We want to welcome Geoff Walker to our Management Board. He has been driving the Outreach van for 3 and a half years and has worked over 30 years in the ambulance service. We thank God for the skills and experience he brings to the team. As always, thank you to all of you for your contributions to our work, we couldn't do it without you. God Bless you all



Gilly Barker, Volunteer Manager

SUPPORTED HOUSE

We welcomed a new resident into our supported house approximately 2 months ago. When first saw the house, she was really surprised and grateful and said **'it looks like a hotel!'**. She is settling in really well and engaging with the befriending team. She has made some **positive decisions** by getting a leisure card for local activities, she has chosen to reduce her medication and has attended church. With the support of our befrienders, she has also explored some voluntary work, she often now prays out loud with us and is enjoying keeping the house and garden clean and tidy. Thank God for this opportunity for this woman!

WOMEN UPDATE

A few months ago a woman we are supporting came out of prison and thanks to your generosity we were able to give her some toiletries, clothes, underwear and food parcels, which she was incredibly grateful for! During that time she was in her short term accommodation and has recently moved into a private rented bed sit, which only had a bed, the mattress was soaked in urine. There was also a fridge which was unclean, unhygienic and unsuitable.

We got in touch with Hope Nottingham who were able to drop off a bed, a mattress a duvet and some clean bedding, just in time before they closed for the summer holidays! We put a

call out to our supporters at the Keyworth Methodist

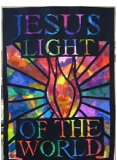


Church and St Nic's Church and people responded immediately with an electric stove and cutlery. Others donated a small fridge and some cleaning equipment. Somebody else donated some paint and rollers and someone else gave a roll of brand new carpet!

We were then given a very generous food parcel from supporters at St Nic's, who also bought a



brand new microwave! We have also since received a kettle...a toaster... and a Hoover! We are so grateful for this incredible response to a woman who is making a new start, in extremely difficult circumstances. We were able to deliver all of these donations to her and she was extremely overwhelmed with gratitude and blessed by these provisions, which she would have had no way of purchasing out of her own money. She initially had only asked for a Hoover and we are so blessed by the willingness and generosity of our supporters to shower this lady with love and go over and above what she had asked for.



PRISON VISITING

Our voluntary prison team is growing and we continue to visit Peterborough prison every fortnight.

We spend approx 3 hours in the Link building with women who request to spend time with us. We discuss their circumstances, release dates, resettlement options including rehab and we pray for the women individually. This can be a significant time for women to take the opportunities available to them. One woman we support is currently doing a hairdressing course and is hoping to gain a qualification in this, this has given her a lot of confidence and self esteem. Please pray for the women in prison, that that they would have hope, recognise that they have choices and make positive decisions which will empower and prepare them for their release.



OUTREACH

The outreach van continues to go out to meet with the women 2/3 times a week, serving them practically in the summer months with refreshments; drinks, cobs, crisps, homemade flapjack or brownies, which the women really appreciate.

OFF STREET VISITING

At the start of June we started to visit our 5th off-street venue. The police made a referral and asked if we would visit this venue as they thought the women would benefit from meeting and talking with us. We have been visiting this venue since and have started to build positive relationships with the women that work there.

We met a woman who was on her first day of working at one of the off-street venues. She very quickly opened up and talked about her lifestyle and admitted that she needed help. She allowed us to pray for her and thanked us for coming. Since we have had regular phone contact with her where we have been able to pray for her, encourage her and make a befriending appointment to meet and discuss how she can make positive choices to move away from her current lifestyle.



A joint church project working with women involved in prostitution.

FUNDRAISING!!!

'Le TOUR' des ALPES!



Neil's Cycle challenge in the French Alps! A huge thank you to Neil Wainman who cycled **5 days - over 5 massive Alps covering 500 kilometres to raise £5000!!!** The current total is **£3,240.00** and there is still time to show your support and make a donation at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/neilwainmanjrp>



Clothes Swap!!! Thank you to **Sarah Dunlop and Laura Cooke** from **Trent Vineyard** for organising a ladies **clothes swap event**. It was a creative fun social evening, raising awareness and a total of £60, all given generously to the project.



Thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped to make a fantastic ladies **Fashion Show Event**. We had a lot of support, a fun social evening and have now raised over **£1,000!!!** We would also like to thank our supporters; **The Honeycomb Christian Charity Shop** for their clothing donations, **Nottingham Community Wardrobe** for the discounted rail hire, **Neil Wainman, The Little Boutique** and **Glamrags** in Keyworth for the raffle prizes and **Jasmine Eccles** (teacher and choreographer) and her talented young dancers; **Annabelle, Natasha, Laura and Molly** for their fantastic contribution to the catwalk show!!!

POINTS FOR PRAISE & PRAYER!

- **Thank you** for the women we have been in contact with and the ways in which we have been able to love and serve them.
- **Thank you** for the prompt and **generous responses from our supporters** when women are in desperate need of provisions.
- **Thank you** for the support with **raising awareness and short term funding** for the project.
- **Thank you** for the **fifth new off street venue** we are visiting now and new off street team members who are visiting and building relationships.
- **Please pray for continued growth for the woman in the supported house**, that she will know and understand the love of God.
- **Please pray for sustainable long term funding** for the project so that we may grow and develop at an organisational level.
- **Please pray for protection and perseverance** over the trustees, staff and volunteers.
- **Please pray for breakthrough for all of the women** we serve that they will find freedom and move forward.

15TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!

Weds 23rd Sept, 7:30pm at St Andrews Church. If you are able to come and **celebrate an exciting 15 years at JRP**, please RSVP by 8th Sep to: gilly@jerichoroad.org.uk. Also if you are interested in sponsoring this event, please let us know, Thank you!!!

WE NEED YOU!!

Jericho Road are **recruiting new volunteers!** Are you in a local church, have a heart for the work we do & some time to give to serving some of the most vulnerable and marginalized women in Nottingham? If you're interested, please get in touch! Email: gilly@jerichoroad.org.uk



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