



# Jericho Road Project

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## THANKSGIVING!

Welcome to our Winter newsletter. We've been thinking recently as a team about being thankful, and have been really encouraged that by fixing our eyes on Jesus and His goodness gives us a better perspective. Also it can enable us to walk more fully in all He has for us. So currently, we're really thankful for how the Supported house is going, we have one woman living at the house and two fantastic befriending teams and it's going from strength to strength. We are also particularly thankful for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you. Blessings to you and yours as we remember Jesus in this busy season, **Katie Elam**, Project Manager



Dear Supporters,

It's wonderful to be back at the Jericho Road Project after being away on maternity leave for a year. Coming back it is amazing to see how God is answering our prayers! Many of the project areas are expanding and changing in response to the generous funding, new volunteers and incredible opportunities we have been given. In the last year the number of befriending visits has quadrupled! The off-street team are visiting a new premises and we have a supported house! Things are really moving along!



As always it is such a blessing to hear some of the incredible stories of God's miraculous power in the lives of our volunteers and the many of the women. He is providing for us in every way, with answers to prayer with more funding, generous donations and break through in the lives of the women. I am looking forward to an exciting Christmas season ahead!

**Gilly Barker**, Volunteer Manager

## WOMENS UPDATE

One of the women we have been supporting had her 4 children taken into her care by her parents as a result of her drug use and sex working. She was only allowed supervised access to them but in the time we have known her she has completed her treatment program, moved into shared accommodation and then into her own flat. She has been maintaining a tenancy since and is currently still free from drugs. Due to her fantastic progress she has been able to increase her access to her children and has recently been through a lengthy application progress in court to regain custody. The wonderful news is that she has been reunited

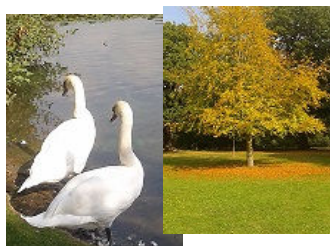


with two of her children, and there is hope of regaining the other two in the future. We are so thankful for this great work in her life, for restoration and hope. We give thanks that our God saves and His love endures forever!

One of the highlights for our staff and volunteer was

## AUTUMN WALK

when they took one of the women we are befriending on a beautiful autumn walk. Here is our staff account of the day, "We drove in the van to Wollaton Park. We walked around the lake, looking at the swans. The woman really loved it. She said 'people send people for the elderly but nobody cares about lonely younger people' She said how lovely it was to be taken out and looking at the nature. We went into the Hall. It was a real quality time together. Having spent those two times with her, she was totally changed and so open. It was a wonderful time". We are currently able to arrange a number of befriending visits such as these where women can really feel valued.



## KNOWING JESUS



One of the women we have been visiting in prison has been making remarkable progress. Earlier this year she was released and had some bad experiences which led to her being sent back to prison.

When inside she met with our prison worker Gill and expressed that through her experiences she had come to her senses and wanted to go to rehab. She was accepted at a Rehab and whilst she was waiting for a bed, prison secured her a place at a women's project. During her time at the women's project she attended a Holy Spirit day and said "I was blown away the power of the spirit that entered my being". She gave her life to Jesus on 8th Aug 2014! She is currently at the rehab and undergoing an 18 month rehab programme. She has detoxed and is clean from **all** substances and in October she was baptised! We are celebrating with her and rejoicing over her new life in Jesus. Thank God for His transforming power and the great things he has done!!!

## FUNDRAISING

If you would like to consider giving

monthly, to our project. Here's what your money could do:

**£5 a month buys food for an outreach**

**£10 a month buys food for a week's outreaches or Life Centres**

**£15 a month covers the costs of a Life Centre session**

**£20 could pay for a resettlement visit to a client making a new life in Loughborough.**

**£30 a month covers all of the practical costs of an outreach.**

**£55 a month pays for the mileage of a visit to Peterborough prison**

A joint church project working with women involved in prostitution.

## VOLUNTEERING AT JRP

Our volunteer Heather explains

how she became a part of the project. "I first heard about the Jericho Road project through my very dear friend Kay. I was taking early retirement over the summer and had been asking God what He would like me to be involved with next. Kay gave a short talk at our church and I felt such a 'heart tug' and desire to be involved in some way but wasn't sure if I'd heard right!! Then God gave me a verse from Isaiah 62: 2, 3



**'And the LORD will give you a new name. The LORD will hold you aloft in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God'**

I felt this was God's heart for these ladies and I so wanted to be a part of this. I felt drawn to the life centre and befriending work and I started properly in September. I go each Thursday afternoon to the life centre where girls can just drop in. Sometimes it can be quiet, but sometimes ladies call in, maybe for a chat, or food or toiletries. I have also had the privilege of being part of the befriending team, going out and meeting up with girls for a coffee and chat. I am involved with befriending a lady in supported housing. It's so good to have regular contact with these ladies. It is such an amazing joy to be able to get to know and love these ladies as friends and share with them how much Father God loves them. Once as I was praying at home for one of the ladies, God clearly gave me a picture of the lady and her whole countenance and face radiated with a transformed joy...I found that so real and it helped me to pray with confidence the 'motto' on the Jericho fireplace...'expect a miracle'. It is the most wonderful privilege to be able to pray with each lady and they share quite honestly. We have seen answers to prayer which encourages both the girls and me! I have been



blown away when I hear and see how far some of these girls have come and so encouraged by seeing the power of prayer and the love of Jesus in action.

I have been out with the outreach van as an observer. I wanted to see how the 'Jericho pieces' fit together. It was such a precious time, being able to engage with the girls, exactly where they are, to give them a hot drink, gloves on their fragile, cold hands and show them the love of Jesus. It was heart breaking when one lady said 'What...you'd pray for me?...' It is such a joy and privilege to be able to carry the presence of Jesus to whoever/wherever He leads us.... and very humbling too!"

## POINTS FOR PRAISE & PRAYER!

- [Thanks](#) for new and existing volunteers with incredible hearts for Jesus.
- [Thanks](#) for the progress made by the woman in our supported house. [Thanks](#) for the new venue we are visiting fortnightly.
- [Thanks](#) for our Christmas provisions, presents, cards and celebrations to come.
- [Please pray for](#) continued breakthrough for the woman in the supported house, that she can continue making healthy choices and connecting with support and love.
- [Please pray for](#) God's provision financially over the coming months.
- [Please pray for](#) protection and perseverance over the trustees, staff and volunteers as we continue to press into God.
- [Please pray for](#) breakthrough for all of the women we serve that they will find freedom in Jesus and become soldiers and servants in God's Kingdom!

## TEAM TIME

We were



joined by Neil Radford, Sergeant of the Prostitution Task Force for our volunteer Team Time in October. It was a really positive, encouraging time of sharing stories, worshipping, praying for one another and hearing about the current police strategies in tackling prostitution and how the legislation might be changing in the next 5 years. Please pray for Neil and his team as they continue to serve our communities in Nottingham and have gained national recognition for their successful policing strategies in tackling the demand as well as the supply of sex work. Neil was recently asked to speak in the House of Commons to give his opinions and experience. We are very blessed to have him and his team working in Nottingham.

We want to say a huge thank you to all of our support-

## CHRISTMAS!

ers who have given us money/donations towards Christmas. A special thank you to Trent Vineyard Church who have given their money and time to organise Christmas presents for all of the women, which we are very excited about giving out. We will be holding a Christmas party for the women during an evening Life Centre, closer to Christmas, where we hope to engage with as many as possible and celebrate being together at this time. We will also be giving out cards and presents to every woman we see on outreach, life centre, befriending and off street. Please join us in praying for those who find this a particularly difficult time.



## 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? There are opportunities for both men and women. If you're interested, get in touch! Email: [gilly@jerichoroad.org.uk](mailto:gilly@jerichoroad.org.uk)

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