



Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

Resisting poverty. Empowering people. Restoring hope.

April 2017



“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

1 John 3 v 1

Antifreeze

Praise:

- For the many clients protected and kept well over the winter.
- That a great reverence for God is beginning to develop at our Friday worship services.
- For the successful 11 week 'Down to Earth' Course with the clients where 15-20 people attended each week to discuss foundational Christian teachings.

Prayer:

- That we (staff and volunteers) would continue to gain more wisdom and compassion for the broken, so we can be of more help to the homeless and street community.
- That we would see many come to faith in 2017 and many growing stronger in their faith through our 'Deeper' Discussion series, our worship services and all that takes place at Antifreeze.
- That the centre would be increasingly full of God's presence and that none of the enemy's schemes would ever triumph.

Gateway

Praise:

- For the wonderful Gateway garden which is bursting into spring, with buds and blossom, bringing a message of hope.
- For donated craft materials that constantly inspire the creative imaginations of the women.
- For answered prayer that has brought about positive change for some of the women.

Prayer:

- For the health and wellbeing of the Gateway staff and volunteers and that our strength will be renewed.
- For the women facing the uncertainty of housing issues and being relocated.
- For the new referrals to Gateway, that they will quickly feel at home and supported.

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Schools and Youth

Praise:

- For a fantastic Reflection Space at Mile Oak Primary. The school thanked us for bringing such joy and happiness to the students.
- For being able to help a group of year 8 girls at Blatchington Mill School. One girl commented: "It really helped me be confident and not judge myself."
- For new people coming and enjoying our last Christians in Education event.

Prayer:

- For the upcoming Prayer Space at St Catherine's Littlehampton, that we'd help students to connect with God.
- For a new initiative to take 1-to-1 mentoring into primary schools.
- For a couple more Prayer Space volunteers.

General

Praise:

- For the spectacular start of our 20th Anniversary Celebrations and for finding such favour in the City.
- For our trustees as they set aims and goals for the next three years.
- As we have come to the end of our financial year, what a spectacular impact Off The Fence has made.
- That our aim remains to see an end to social and spiritual poverty in Brighton and Hove.

Prayer:

- As our finances came in lower than expected last year. Despite all the amazing hard work, development and impact that Off The Fence makes, our income did not cover expenditure. We need your help!
- As we are looking for a second house for work amongst some of our most vulnerable clients
- That we might get two, one year interns to help with the work of Off The Fence.
- For our new trustees as they settle into Off the Fence.

Thank you for your support and prayers as we serve God.

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