



Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

Resisting poverty. Empowering people. Restoring hope.

March 2018



“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25 v 40

Antifreeze

Praise:

- For an excellent training afternoon and evening for all staff, interns and volunteers outlining our vision and Christian foundation.
- For a deeper understanding of roles and functions within the team - a true "every member ministry".
- For continued opportunity in the weekly worship service to refocus on the Lord and for clients to be challenged with the claims of Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

- For wisdom for the team as they manage their time with the competing demands of their roles and the needs of the clients.
- For the new staff, interns and volunteers to quickly find their feet and contribute well to the team.
- For handling the (relatively few) instances of disruptive behaviour and responding in a Christ-like way to abuse.

Gateway

Praise:

- For the variety of new activities we have been able to offer women, due to donations of money and the goodwill and expertise of local projects.
- For our interns and volunteers, who support us in all areas – from cleaning to befriending!
- For new enquiries and referrals – we pray the women who make their first visits to the centre will feel welcomed, safe and supported.

Prayer:

- As we prepare a 'thought for the day' activity, to allow the women an opportunity to take time out to think about faith and spirituality.
- For good health for the women and the team, as we meet the challenges of winter bugs and short staffing.
- For the women who are re-building their lives after times of crisis, trauma or abuse. Please pray we can encourage, support and empower them as they make their next steps.

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Schools & Youth

Praise:

- For a good rest for the team over half term.
- For a great time running our second Prayer Space at Davison High.
- For 12 students coming to our youth Alpha course at Cardinal Newman School.

Prayer:

- For our new intern Becky as she integrates into the team running school clubs on Wednesdays.
- For 2 more Prayer Spaces before Easter at St Wilfrid's Primary School and Cardinal Newman Secondary School.
- For lots of people to come to our next Christians in Education event on 15th March and for them to be encouraged and inspired.

General

Praise:

- We have reached our budget target; praise the Lord! Thank you to everyone who gave and partnered with us.
- For a great staff team - with our interns there are now 26 of us! A personal praise note from Paul and Wendy - their daughter Hannah has recently started as the new Antifreeze Primary Key worker.
- For the impact we are having on the City and the widening doors of opportunity to make a real difference to hurting people.

Prayer:

- For vision, wisdom and courage for Paul and the Trustees as we come to the end of our financial year and begin to formulate the Business Plan, prepare financial documents and the Impact Report.
- For protection on all of the projects and miracles as we plan an increase in Christian activity and outreach into our agenda for the coming year.
- For suitable storage facilities to become available, especially for our "Hygiene for all" vehicles and our stock of sleeping bags.
- Please pray for our vision for a second house that will be part of an employment scheme for the homeless.

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

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