



Jericho Road Project

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Summer 2017

Project Manager's Report

I know it's been a funny summer weather-wise but here we have been celebrating; firstly, the gift of a new van from the Star Trust! This will enable us to continue the vital work we do on outreach and more excitingly to develop new areas of our work. Watch this space! Secondly, we will be getting our new IT system fitted, which means we will be able to work in a more flexible and appropriate way. Whilst I am looking forward to being more high tech, I'm sure it won't be without some hurdles, so please be patient with us!

Julia Terry (Project Manager)



Dear Supporters,

Thank you for all of your prayerful, financial and practical support these last few months. There is much to be thankful for and we continue to look to God for provision to be able to continue walking alongside the women. Thank you so much to those of you, who donated to the 'A Dress A Day in May' challenge! We could not run without your partnership.

Our current Fundraiser is going on maternity leave, so we are urgently looking for a fundraising volunteer to be trained up, with an immediate start, to do 2-4 hours a week. We are looking for someone, who is good with words, is reliable, likes a challenge and has a passion for the work we do. Drop an email to admin@jerichoroad.org.uk if you are interested in this opportunity and please do spread the word!



Abigail (Volunteer Manager)

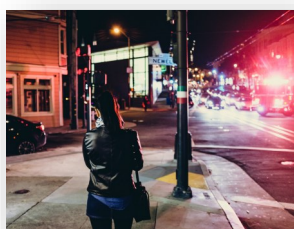
Christmas Postcard Competition!

Can you design a Christmas postcard reflecting Jesus' love & hope?

Win a **FREE** meal for two at the Malt Cross in town!

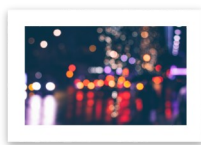
Deadline: Monday 16th October 2017

Email your design to: admin@jerichoroad.org.uk



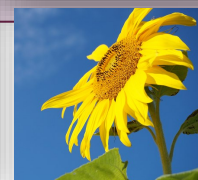
OUTREACH

Our street outreach team has been seeing a lot of women out recently and engaging on different levels. Some **encounters** have been for up to an hour and being able to speak **truth and love** into the women's lives, during a night of what is likely to exude the opposite, is the greatest privilege. As a result of the street outreaches we are able to meet the women where they are at, encourage them to come to the base and work with them where they need help, particularly with **housing** and **drugs rehabilitation**.



Summer Afternoon Tea & Jazz

In June, we celebrated our wonderful and dedicated volunteers at the end of NCVS's (Nottingham Community Voluntary Service) **Volunteer Week**. Queensberry Baptist church very kindly lent us some of their space to use for an afternoon tea. We spent the afternoon eating **scones**, listening to **jazz music** and some of the children played **giant 'Jenga'** and **'Pick-Up Sticks'**! Sharon had **beautiful crockery** we were able to use and some of the staff team put their own baking skills to the test! We are so **grateful** for our volunteers and really enjoyed a summery afternoon together.

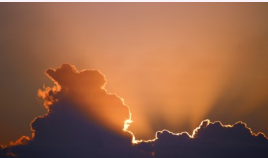



OFF-STREET

Off-street visiting has been expanding in exciting ways – God has been opening doors, quite literally, for the team to go in and start building relationships with women from **new venues**. Faye has been looking at reaching **lone-workers** more recently so please pray for this area, for wisdom, discernment, courage and great love. Off-street visiting allows for **deeper relationships** to be built and is a huge area where many people wouldn't normally go to share Jesus' love. Our team is very short of volunteers at the moment so if you feel prompted to **get involved** then please do get in touch with us at admin@jerichoroad.org.uk.



A joint church project working with women involved in prostitution.

<p>PRISON VISITING</p>	<p>Volunteer Spotlight - Sarah Nussbaum</p>
<p>Gill has been regularly visiting about 6 women at Foston Hall Prison, working with them to identify their plans on finishing their sentences. Whilst Gill has been helping women to apply for rehabilitation centres from the base, she has also been encouraging the women in prison to make positive choices to be able to take those steps into rehab as well. Gill has also been meeting new women that she has not met before, so we thank God for these new relationships being built. As ever, Gill is still receiving letters from the women in prison and they look to Jericho as someone they can rely on.</p> 	<div data-bbox="1358 98 1497 266"> </div> <p>I first got involved with Jericho Road nearly 5 years ago, because I was passionate about seeing women in the sex industry set free, both physically and spiritually. Initially, I was mostly bothered by human trafficking, but after working with other projects I began to realise that even women who say they have chosen this life can be trapped, and are so often hiding pain and brokenness. So after a few years living in Nottingham, I started volunteering on the off-street team. I knew that I was being called to take the light and love of Jesus into the darkness behind the closed doors – and I knew that they weren't going to come to us first, we had to go to them. Before starting, I probably anticipated that women would instantly be saved and find fulfilment and satisfaction in both a new job and Jesus within just a few visits. This might sound like faith; really, it was me being naïve and full of myself! As we trained, I began to realise that it would be more of a challenge. We prayed about where to go, tried to start visiting a new venue and initially had the door shut in our faces, but we now visit there regularly. And so the biggest lesson I've learnt over the years is how necessary perseverance is in this ministry. God can change things in an instant, but often he chooses to work over time and asks us to continue trusting him and loving the women as he loves us. My favourite bit about volunteering is being able to develop relationships with the women and seeing God work miracles in softening their hearts towards us and him. It can be hard to hear their stories, but it's also a privilege to be in a position to listen, and then to speak truth and love into their lives. So if you are also able to listen and love, then look into getting involved – there are women waiting to hear the good news of Jesus!</p> <p>FUNDRAISING</p> <p>Our 'A Dress A Day in May' challenge not only reached the target but raised £1653 including Gift Aid! Thank you to those of you who sponsored us as a team – every bit contributed to raising these valuable funds. We would also like to thank Salvation Army (Beeston), PDSA (Beeston), Treetops (Beeston), Sue Ryder (Beeston) and Sharewear (Arnold) for lending the dresses to enable us to complete the challenge!</p> <div data-bbox="1334 927 1481 1095"> </div>
<p>Life Centre & Befriending</p> <p>We have been cooking and serving an English breakfast every Wednesday morning from 8am for the last couple of months. We have seen a couple of women come along on a more regular basis and we pray it is a safe haven and a place for restoration. We have been washing a lot of clothes recently, women are able to take showers, get their hair done, receive new clothes, eat, rest and ring relevant agencies. Recently we have seen women gain temporary accommodation, taking another step away from homelessness and sofa surfing.</p> 	<p>In June, we also received £1,000.00 from the Jessie Spencer Trust for which we are very grateful indeed!</p> <p>July also saw the arrival of our NEW VAN donated by the Star Trust. Steve Hampson and a group of the committee members came to deliver the van and hand over the keys. It has blacked-out windows, providing a safer and more private sitting area, plenty of interior space and a CD drive—we are very excited to use the van to bless the women in a variety of ways!</p> <div data-bbox="1334 1211 1485 1503"> </div>
<p>PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Thank God for the wonderful provision of the new van! ◆ Thank God for the steady interest of new volunteers and also pray that the gaps would be filled where needed such as the off-street team and befriending. ◆ Thank God for the loving & dedicated volunteers. ◆ Pray for prison visiting, the conversations had and the steps taken by women towards entering rehabilitation; for strength, perseverance & supportive communities. ◆ Pray for the expansion of off-street visiting, the relationships being built and for the new venues. 	<p>Ways to give to Jericho Road Project: give.net via the website, where there are also Standing Order and Gift Aid forms, or direct into our account: Account No. : 00012979, Sort Code 40-52-40. A cheque in the post is great too!</p> <p>We need you!</p> <p>If you are interested in volunteering, have a heart for God and the work we do, please get in contact at: admin@jerichoroad.org.uk</p> <p>Contact us...</p> <p>1a Chestnut Grove, Nottingham, NG3 5AD 0115 845 3691 admin@jerichoroad.org.uk www.jerichoroad.org.uk www.facebook.com/thejerichoroadproject</p> <div data-bbox="1134 1861 1481 1995"> </div>