



Jericho Road Project

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New Year 2017

Project Manager's Report

Happy New Year!

The last 4 months of 2016 whizzed by for me since I joined Jericho Road Project, so I am really excited by what the Lord has done and will be doing in 2017.

I have been challenged that we are not working *for* the Lord but *with* Him and with that in mind I'm going to be encouraging us all here to have breaks throughout the day and just "look to the Lord and His strength and seek his face always" (Psalm 105v4). God is a good father who really does loves us and it's something we all need to be reminded of as well as the women! I'm looking forward to working and learning with you at the Volunteer evenings, training days and on outreach of course and if you would like someone to come and talk about Jericho Road to your Church, small group, or any other group for that matter, please let me know. I'm always open to suggestions and ideas!

With love,

Julia Terry (Project Manager)



Dear Supporters,

Happy New Year! It is great to be back at Jericho Road after the Christmas break. We are so grateful to all our volunteers and supporters, including those who donated so many toiletries and gloves to go in the Christmas gift bags for the women in December, and for all the incredibly generous monetary donations to the project. So a big **thank you** to all who have donated. There have been a lot of changes to the staff team in the last year so below is a photo of our current team. We are so thankful for all the new volunteers that have joined the different teams and we are excited for all that God has in store for the project this year.



Abigail Brown,

Volunteer Manager (Maternity Cover)

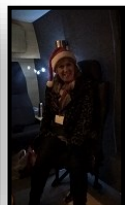
Our current Staff Team



OUTREACH

This time of year we usually invite the women to a Christmas event as part of the **Life Centre**. We realised that if we wanted to see more of the women, the best way was to take the event out to the streets. We went out as a staff-team mid-December to give out **turkey cobs**, **mince pies** and hot chocolate to the women, well-equipped with Christmas gift bags, filled with the generous gifts from many different churches and church groups, and cards. The bags were well received by the women.

Some women were **requesting bibles** on outreach at the end of the year. Do keep praying for the **encounters** and conversations had on outreach. Get in touch if you want to be part of the outreach team!



Christmas Party

In December we celebrated Christmas with a number of our new and longer-standing staff and volunteers. It was a great time to get to know each other and have some fun. It is exciting that God is bringing so many different people to join in His work here at Jericho.



We wanted to **honour** some of our **long-term volunteers** and staff members, whether they had been **faithful prayer-warriors** or had been serving the women directly for a number of years. Here they are with their winter pot-plants as a thank you from JRP. We are so **grateful** for these amazing ladies, those in the photo above, and the many other volunteers involved in making this project a reality!

OFF-STREET VISITING

These are the Christmas gift bags Faye and her team gave out to the women over the Christmas period. In December, the team began visiting a new venue! Faye is due to start delivering some off-street training to some volunteers and this year is looking at visiting some **new** potential **venues**. Please pray for this process and get in touch if you're interested, as more volunteers will allow us to visit these venues.



A joint church project working with women involved in prostitution.

PRISON VISITING	Volunteer Spotlight - Mandy Johnson	
<p>In this new season we are currently in the process of being vetted to go to Foston Hall Prison on a fortnightly basis.</p> <p>Last year, we had been praying to regain contact with a particular lady, who Jericho had known for a long time, originally from when she was in prison. In October, Gill received a letter from her unexpectedly. What she wrote reflected the impact of the relationship that had been built between Jericho and herself. One thing she said, in particular, was that Gill was the only one who still cared and kept ringing her “when she was trying to shoplift or have a pipe”. She continued, “even though I was in a very dark place, lost and hurting, it really warmed my heart to know that somewhere out there you loved and cared for me.”</p> <p>We are looking forward to what God has planned for prison visits and how we can partner with the women being released to be in a safe and secure place.</p>	<div data-bbox="1353 107 1487 295"> </div> <p>What made you want to get involved with JRP?</p> <p>I’ve been a follower of Jesus since the age of ten but a few years ago God miraculously healed me and set me free from all kinds of ‘baggage’. The result was a far greater comprehension of His love and grace for me, and that changed the way I saw other people. A friend from church was working with JRP and, through her, I started volunteering.</p> <p>Which areas are you involved with?</p> <p>I started going out on the van at night, which I absolutely loved. The first time out was scary as I had no idea what to expect. But I quickly realised how normal and easy to chat with the women are. I’ve since joined the off-street team. I love visiting venues because we usually see the same women each time and can build relationships and trust. I’m also researching for a book I’m writing about the sex industry and how Christians can reach out to those working in it.</p> <p>What are some things you have learned since volunteering here?</p> <p>I’ve become more aware of God’s huge compassion towards the women. I love that there are prostitutes named in Jesus’ family tree. It blows my mind that the love the Father has for Jesus is the same love He offers to the women. In His sight, they can become beautiful brides worthy of His Son. That’s incredible. We are in a spiritual battle. It’s essential to put on God’s spiritual armour and to be strong in His might (Ephesians 6).</p> <p>What have you enjoyed the most about volunteering?</p> <p>Without a doubt interacting with the women is the best thing for me. Whether on the van late at night or in a massage parlour, I love chatting with the women. Sometimes there is opportunity to share a tiny bit of gospel truth with them, and that’s amazing.</p> <p>What would you say to someone considering volunteering?</p> <p>Go for it. I was afraid that because I’d had a sheltered upbringing in a Christian home I wouldn’t have anything to say to the women. But God can use anyone, so if He’s laying this on your heart, go for it. We’re in good company reaching out to women in the sex trade; Jesus Himself gained a reputation of hanging out with prostitutes when He was on earth.</p>	
<p>Supported House</p> <p>At the end of last year, the lady in the supported house successfully completed her tenancy and moved in to her own flat. We will continue to support her in a befriending capacity for the time being.</p> <p>We are currently working with Hope into Action regarding new tenants for the house and look forward to welcoming them in.</p> <div data-bbox="236 1417 443 1518"> </div>	<p>Life Centre & Befriending</p> <p>Recently we have seen more women coming to the drop-in at the base, where we have been able to assist them with ringing agencies, have a chat, and they have been able to have a bath, food and clothing. Due to the greater frequency of women coming to the base we are looking for volunteers to come and have a coffee and lunch with us, on a Monday or Wednesday, available for when women drop by. Contact us on the admin email for more info.</p>	<p>FUNDRAISING</p> <p>A BIG thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for Funding before Christmas. Your prayers and generosity really helped. Thank you too to the Robin Hood Marathon runners and those who supported them as they reached their target of £2,700. Awesome!</p> <p>We received almost £4,000 as a direct result of the appeal + 3 new regular donations; people were very generous in giving Christmas donations; we also received £8,000 in grants funding after having been refused for many of the previous applications. At the end of November we had a deficit of £15,000 BUT we have ended the year with a small surplus! Phew! Please keep up the giving so that we don’t come close to a deficit in 2017.</p> <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>
PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for his continued provision of staff, volunteers and funds. • Praise God for the Christmas season and the collaboration of so many different churches and individuals to provide Christmas presents for the women. • Praise God for the positive conversations and encounters we have had with the women at the base and on the van. • Pray for Gods continued provision so we can continue to serve the women and expand our capacity to do so. • Pray for this new season, for the Jericho Road team to be sensitive to God’s guidance and what He is doing. • Pray for the women to be empowered to contribute and help others here. 		
<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> <div data-bbox="866 1870 1061 2112"> <p>1a Chestnut Grove, Nottingham, NG3 5AD</p> <p>0115 845 3691</p> <p>admin@jerichoroad.org.uk</p> <p>www.jerichoroad.org.uk</p> <p>www.facebook.com/thejerichoroadproject</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1134 1865 1461 1995"> </div>		