



Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

Resisting poverty. Empowering people. Restoring hope.

August 2018



“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”

James 5 v 16

Antifreeze

Praise:

- That our clients have coped remarkably well in the tremendous heat.
- That our new shower van will be officially launched by the Mayor (Off the Fence is one of the Mayor’s charities of the year) on Wednesday, 22nd August.
- That we have secured the services of a much needed chiropodist from the autumn.
- That as a result of the work of our female key worker out on night outreach we are seeing more women accessing our services.

Prayer:

- For Mark as he completes the work on the shower van and for a smooth handover from Antifreeze to Mark of the running of the “Hygiene for All” project.
- For stronger links with the Mental Health Team—there is such a great need.
- For the provision of appropriate summer clothing— t shirts and shorts as well as caps, sun cream and water bottles.

Gateway

Praise:

- For Denise (our intern) who shared the gospel message through drama at a ‘Food for Thought’ special. 10 women attended and several said how it touched them! Praise God for opening up conversations.
- For the great time we all had at our annual Cream Tea. The weather was lovely, and there was a lot of laughter and new connections made between the women.
- For our annual coach trip to the British Wildlife Centre and the impact it had. It was a special day for everyone, as the women built happy memories and new friendships.

Prayer:

- For the women struggling physically with the heat this summer.
- For the summer activities coming up at Gateway, that the women will benefit from the therapeutic activities and that they will feel they have enjoyed the summer.
- For the CAP (Christians against Poverty) Life Skills course, which will be starting at Gateway in September. Please pray that the women who will most benefit are able to attend.

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Schools & Youth

Praise:

- For a great meeting with Blatchington Mill School re running their first Reflection Space.
- For sustaining the team through a busy but brilliant week running workshops at Cardinal Newman secondary school's Enrichment Week.
- For a great end of term at Hove Park running 3 after school clubs, 1 lunch club and a reflection space in the last few days of term!
- For GCSE student Beth doing a week's work experience with us – such a blessing!

Prayer:

- For the students we have mentored this year to have a positive and restful summer holiday.
- For the team as they write material for our year 7 residential trip.
- For members of the team who are doing youth camps and holiday clubs over the summer.

General

Praise:

- For the appointment of new members of staff in two key positions and a new Trustee.
- That the Impact Report has been received back from the printers and is ready to go out to our supporters, trusts, foundations, businesses and churches. It's been another incredible year—praise God!
- Paul's preaching diary is full for this year—what a privilege to share the good news of all that God is doing!

Prayer:

- Continue to pray for wisdom as we look to God about the future direction and development of Off the Fence over the next five years.
- For the God of miracles to touch every area of our Ministry.
- That God will move the hearts of even more individuals, businesses, trusts and churches to sow into our work and impact this city further with the love of God in practical ways.

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

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