



Off The Fence Monthly Prayer Letter

Resisting poverty. Empowering people. Restoring hope.

September 2018



“i keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, i will not be shaken.”

Psalm 16 v 8

Antifreeze

Praise:

- For the impact Becky, one of our interns is making in the role as a keyworker.
- That the Shower Van refurbishment has been successfully completed and was officially launched by the Mayor on Wednesday 22nd August.
- For increased attendances at our worship services and for the encouragement it brings the team.

Prayer:

- For continued prayer for Mark as he seeks to take hold of the ‘Hygiene for All’ project.
- That God will draw the right person to apply for a brand new position - ‘Homeless Prevention Keyworker’.
- For God’s protection on the team, clients and centre.

Gateway

Praise:

- For a peaceful summer at Gateway, with enough staff to cover holidays and extra opportunities for the women to expand their horizons, make friends, and enjoy themselves.
- For the women who have been able to attend our drop ins and workshops over the summer (including one of our busiest drop ins this year).
- For all the women who use Gateway from different cultural, religious and other backgrounds. We thank God we can show His love and care for each of them, even when there is a language barrier.

Prayer:

- For our CAP (Christians against Poverty) Life-skills course starting on 12th September for 6 weeks, and for the women who have signed up already.
- For our plans for the next year for Gateway, that they will be led by God and for His glory.
- For all our volunteers who are such a vital part of Gateway – for good health and energy. Please pray for all those who are thinking about volunteering, or who are in the process of applying to volunteer.

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Schools & Youth

Praise:

- For a great Team Away day, a chance to reflect, pray and plan.
- For the summer holidays that have provided an opportunity for the team to rest as well as being involved in running numerous Christian residential holidays.
- For Chloe, our new intern who is starting work with the Schools team in September.

Prayer:

- For our next Christians In Education event on 13th September.
- For our first Prayer Space at St Pancras Primary School in Lewes.
- For all the students starting new schools in September including those we have been working with through the transition period.
- For the team as they settle back into a new regular timetable of mentoring, clubs and lessons.

General

Praise:

- That the new homeless shower van is now a reality and will be hitting the streets of the city in the autumn.
- For the new Trustee, staff and volunteers that have joined this month – that they will settle in well to their new roles.
- For the privilege of seeing lives changed and the city being impacted through the work God has given Off the Fence to do.

Prayer:

- For wisdom and discernment regarding a large property which has become available in the area.
- For more supporters to consider giving on a monthly basis and/or consider leaving a legacy.
- For the three important vacancies currently needing to be filled on our staff team – that God will raise up the right people for such a time as this!
- For Paul and Wendy as they take a long-deserved sabbatical. They have just celebrated 30 years in full time Christian work! During this time they will be seeking God's heart for His vision for the next 5 years at Off the Fence.

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

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