

BELLOVED

Newsletter April 2017

Monthly Visits

The two new parlours we contacted in December are now being visited each month. We have had some very good encounters in one parlour we have been visiting for the last 12 months, we had a lovely donation of a large box of biscuits to use at Drop In, how wonderful it is to see the generosity of the women towards each other. There has been some amazing prayer encounters at some of the parlours.



Summary of partnership/Networking activity

We continue to build up networks and relationships with local beat officers and we hope this will enable us to reach out to working in other indoor premises which are harder to reach.

There has been much behind the scenes prayer activity plus much wider prayer across Bristol - Vision for the Vulnerable, CAB at Christchurch in Clifton. We look forward to outcome of the prayer and fasting week, hoping to see a blessing of joyful and generous giving into the city's needs. Crisis Care Ministries Prayer Team join us at Spring of Hope on one morning to pray with the Drop In team.

Beloved continues to develop plans for social enterprise, which we hope with funding, will enable a pilot beginning in September 2017.

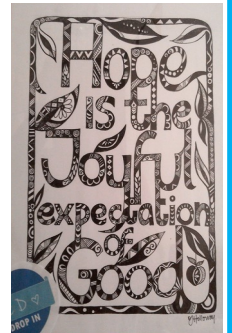
Team Developments

The Team continues to grow, with people completing induction training sessions and getting ready to join the visiting team. A Thankquet team meal was held on Friday 10th February. Rachel our new volunteer training officer is now helping to free up Dawn and Rosie from training sessions. Dawn has now become our first employee. The management also continues to grow and we are delighted with our new Beloved website which went live at the beginning of 2017. Thanks to Helen and Tim for all your work on this.

Drop In

We are thankful for the continued use of Spring of Hope which is looking better day by day. The kitchen has been refurbished, shutters have been fitted on the front windows and a new front door has helped to make the space more secure and private. Alexis (ACE Mental Health) is now joining us fortnightly at Drop In, helping with support for the women.

We have had some positive sessions at the Drop In having shared lunch and prayer plus some really good chats about Jesus/faith. Rosie and others are keeping up email/text contact with some women as well as meeting up for coffee. There are several women who are now ready to move on having already exited or are in the process of exiting and are making plans for the future, as well as other women who have been signposted to the Beloved website and are starting to text / email us for support.



Other News

We await news of recent funding bids and are pleased to part of Benevity, the employee giving programme. If your employer is interested in partnering with Beloved through the Benevity programme please let us know.

Dawn represented Beloved at the Gender Conference at Woodies in early February. Rosie has given talks at St Pauls Church in Weston Super Mare and the Mustard Tree Community Church in Longwell Green.



Vision for the Vulnerable Prayer meetings:

18th April
Severn Vineyard Church.

18th July
Resound Church

Many thanks to Dana from the Mustard Tree who made this wonderful picture for Drop In