

WORKING WITH VULNERABLE WOMEN IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND



January 2021

Dear friends,

The pandemic may have changed us, but our Father in heaven hasn't faltered, He has been faithful and in this new season we are continuing to trust that God will provide, lead and direct us into new ways throughout 2021.

Prayer continues to be a cornerstone and I love it that we can pray anytime anywhere, and when we can't always do the things we hoped for, or change the things we long for, but we can pray, and know that it makes a massive difference. We thank you for praying for us so faithfully during these challenging times!

We would love it if you would join us in thanksgiving for the following: And pray that those that we supported this season, will know the love of God in their lives.

Thankful for the joy of giving at Christmas. We were able to connect with the women who are in homes by taking round Christmas dinners, activity packs and Christmas gifts. Volunteers made homemade Christmas cards, Christmas cakes and biscuits for the tree. One of the women texted to say 'Thank you for our gifts it made a real difference in a good way. You guys are so great, you make a big difference in people's lives' ... A small gesture can make such a big difference.'
Thankyou 😊



Recipe Boxes- Are still proving popular. In January we are aiming to send out our fifth recipe box. Up to 10 women have been receiving boxes regularly. January will be a bumper size to help those who find this month a stretch financially.

Please pray the women would be really blessed by the boxes they receive and gives them a point of connection and conversation with us during lockdown. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated on our just-giving page enabling us to continue to provide this valuable resource.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/recipebox>

Activity Packs were popular over Christmas with Cross stitch craft, glitter pipe cleaner decorations, therapeutic colouring books and pencils, and cards to make and pass onto others. We want to continue making packs this year, and as women grow in confidence of what they can make for themselves at home, we hope it will inspire hand made items to be passed on in the spirit of encouragement and generosity.



Outreach (covid safe) continued to happen over Christmas reminding folk they were not alone. We were able to give out turkey sandwiches that were happily received by the women we met! A knitting group made us lots of beautiful bobble hats as gifts for women and are particularly needed for when working on the streets. We gave out updates on where additional support could be accessed over the winter period, but more than that, we were able to give out handmade Christmassy facemasks and holding crosses to those who needed that extra care over Christmas.



Volunteering has been different during Covid. We have been encouraged to see two of our lovely volunteers have stepped back to keep a safe and maintain a life/work balance, and two new volunteers have joined the team. I love it that we can be grateful to see how even during this season God knows our needs and provides in ways we couldn't possibly imagine. Please pray for those who have moved on, and for those who remain with us. And that we as a dispersed team, can find new ways of meeting and working together.

Hope for the future as we enter the next couple of months of restrictions, Pray that we hear Gods voice, discern what God is doing and dream as a team. We are asking the question of what Discipleship looks like for the women during this season. Doorstep Discipleship! As you pray please ask God to give you a words of encouragement that you can pass on to us as a team or for the women, we would love to hear from you.

Financial Support THANK YOU!

We are so blessed by wonderful people who support us. If you would like to support us financially too please visit churcharmy.org/donate (quote CBox)

We would like to thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Love Debs, Sophie and Anna x



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