

General

Give thanks for God's faithfulness over these past 11 months, keeping staff and volunteers safe from Covid. They have had to adjust to a very different working model, supporting individuals via telephone and zoom calls, and in some cases visit on a socially distanced basis.

Pray for Board members as they plan for this next year. Pray for guidance as they seek to lead on the way forward from Covid, and the challenges this will bring to the ministry.

We plan to appoint a Family worker for the south west of the province. Pray that as we seek funding and put plans in place, that we will be led to the person of God's choosing.

Family

Pray for families as they are unable to visit the prisons due to lockdown. In many cases not being able to see and talk to their family member face to face increases the worry and concern they have for them, and their own sense of isolation.

Many of the children are finding it challenging not only being separated from their parent in prison, but now because of lockdown they are also separated from their friends, in some cases grandparents and other support networks. Pray that God will protect the children, that they will get the support they need and know that they are loved by God.

Pray for families who have recently found themselves thrown into the middle of the judicial system and court processes. Pray that as they wait for cases to go before the courts that their family unit would know great grace, strength, and perseverance during dark and difficult days of waiting.

Pray for the families of prisoners who are due to be released and as they prepare for this that they will adapt easily to the changes this will bring. Pray too for healing and restoration of damaged relationships.

Pray for families threatened by paramilitary organisations, and especially for those who have had to leave their homes with their children. Many have little or no family support and are having to deal with these issues on their own.

Aftercare - Men

Give thanks for Kate, who is our volunteer with the Voices of Hope. The men have been praying for her to find employment. She now has a job! Give thanks for this amazing answer to prayer, and for the encouragement this brings.

Pray for the Voices of Hope as they meet over the telephone. Everyone has really enjoyed Ali singing and leading. We are so thankful to be able to stay in touch.

Pray for B and A as they seek employment. They lost their jobs during the pandemic, and finding work is very hard right now. We trust God for the right employer to come along soon.

Grandmothers have often been the only support for many of our men and women, and the closest family they have. Pray for R whose grandmother is very ill right now. Pray for the family, and especially his grandmother as the doctors try to help her.

Pray for those with addiction problems. Getting help during lockdown is very difficult. Please pray for the men as they seek help and for God's help to break the strongholds of addiction and hopelessness.

Aftercare - Women

Pray for N who completed Sycamore Tree and has now been released for three years. She recently contacted Lynne asking for help with addiction struggles. She has two children in her care whom she is desperate to keep. Pray N can stay strong; pray also for wisdom for Lynne in how she can best support her.

Pray for the many women who find themselves on the streets. It's incredibly difficult to watch and hard not being able to do more. Pray they will find shelter, accept help, and choose to break addictions.

Pray for D who has broken free from serious drug addictions. She now looks completely different and so healthy. She has also just moved into a lovely little home. Please pray safety over her and strength to stay away from drugs.

Lynne regularly keeps in contact with women who have been released, offering support. Pray for wisdom for her as it's often difficult to gauge from a distance how the women really are and discern their genuine need.