

FEBRUARY 2010...

The last few weeks have been great, we've seen so many guests come through the church doors. Since we opened on Dec 31st we have had 53 people referred to us with various needs. We have laughed, cried & prayed together and it has become like family.

We now have 7 new churches on board to continue the night shelter throughout February and March, praise God! Our guests have adapted to the new churches well and are settled.

Most of the guests wrote the volunteers thank you cards and all of the comments were touching...

“Until I was lucky enough to have the use of the night shelter I really didn't think I would go on, but with the care, concern and support of the volunteers I began to see a light in the darkness and I know that I will make it. God bless you and Thank you always I will remember your generosity and kindness” – A female guest

HE LIFTS THE POOR FROM THE DIRT AND THE NEEDY FROM THE GARBAGE DUMP

psalm 113:7

They are enjoying the continued hospitality, love, fellowship & good desserts! It has been wonderful to see some of our guests move into permanent accommodation though sad for them to be leaving us. Many still visit in the evenings, to share a meal, have a cup of tea or just to chat. Some have been volunteering for the night shelter, it has been an important step for them to become part of the team.

From our experience of life on the streets, Christmas is usually the worst time of year for our guests. Around 6-8 people from this client group commit suicide around Christmas in Newport each year.

This Christmas God has stepped in restoring hope and joy and we had a wonderful time together. There was plenty of food and presents for everyone. We were at full capacity but didn't have to turn anyone away. Some of our guests said it was their best Christmas yet. We haven't lost anyone to suicide, the atmosphere remained good & there was an incredible sense of Gods peace.

It has been good to have the guests join us on Sundays at various churches. They are now going to St Marys for a Sunday lunch after church and we are planning to start Alpha in one of the shelters.

The volunteers recently got together at St Pauls to celebrate all that God has been doing in the night shelter over the past 2 months. We had a great time of fellowship and testimonies, and it was wonderful to see all the churches coming together. There was a lovely

sense of unity and Gods presence was tangible in all the varied styles of prayer and praise We hope to have another joint celebration in a couple of weeks.

You were the light at the end of a very dark tunnel. You all restored my faith and were there when every door seemed to be closing on me. Very big thanks. God Bless you all – A female Guest.



These women are about to move into a flat and will be volunteering for the night shelter! A great testimony of what God is doing!

It has been wonderful to watch what God has been doing and continues to do through the night shelter, for both the guests and the volunteers. One lady from St Marys has said that helping at the night shelter has changed her. Thinking of Isaiah 58:6-12, we have certainly known the Lord guiding us and answering our prayers as we share our food with the hungry, provide the poor with shelter and clothe the naked. Praise You Lord and may we see more of your Glory.

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