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Carol's Spring Prayer Letter

Dear Fitzroy and friends,

Thank you all for your prayers and ongoing support for me here in London on the good old Isle of Dogs.

It was good to see you all again in February – it was an exciting trip! One of the highlights was a phone conversation with a man I'd met in Golders' Green at a *Jews for Jesus* evening. He wanted me to have all his Jewish evangelism training tapes. These were waiting for me on my return to London and I have thoroughly benefited from them. They're by George Bowles, a former LCM worker, and he's concerned that we remain rooted in the soil of the Jewish scriptures, seeking to reconnect Jewish folk with their own scriptures in our evangelism.

Sadly, I have to report the death of Ettie Gontarsky whom I've known for 22 years. She was 102 and passed away on 2nd May in a home for elderly Jewish people in S. Clapham. I was able to have some precious time with her there before she died. I read these scriptures to her from Jeremiah 33v3:

Call on me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you don't know.

This text is in the context of the Lord's willingness to cleanse and pardon His people from all their iniquity against Him, if only they will call on Him.

I wasn't able to attend Ettie's funeral as I was in Chichester with Golda, Beryl and Maureen, from 16th to 20th May. This was a break for these 3 ladies and I'm thankful for opportunities to get to know them all better. I shared my testimony with Beryl one lunchtime.

Back home, Golda has recently been suffering the withdrawal of some of her family and their children. Thankfully we've been able to take some of the children from church to see her – she really needs the church now. She and I were in a black cab recently and the driver turned out to be a believer who was thrilled to meet his first Jewish person from the East End who believed in Jesus!

Golda has a friend called Rose who is bedridden and really needs an operation. Golda has sent her to her own doctor, who is so good that she calls him the 'miracle doctor'. Please pray that Rose will see the doctor himself and not one of his team. Pray also for another neighbour of Golda's - a Jewish man called Derek. I've had some good conversations with him; please pray about whether I should pass his number on to Ziggy from *Jews for Jesus*.

Danny also died in May, knowing John 3:16 personally: knowing the love of Jesus.

Another neighbour, David, has started reading the Bible, though he had trouble understanding Revelation! I suggested he start with a gospel so please pray that the Lord will open his mind and heart to the scriptures for unless the Lord builds the house, we labour in vain.

Lastly, I'm including a couple of photos of another neighbour called Iris and her flourishing rhododendron, which had never flowered and is now blooming gloriously. "It's your turn next" I said and she told me that at 82, she was too old to flourish. I told her that this just might be the beginning for her, God willing. Please pray that I may be able to have a good heart to heart with her about the things that really matter.

I'll have to leave it here or this prayer letter will end up like the Magna Carta!

God bless to you all,

Love in Jesus,

Carol

