

CAROLS PRAYER LETTER WINTER 2019

Cafe Forever, Isle of Dogs

Dear Friends

AVODAH

Avodah is a Hebrew word meaning work, worship and service. Please pray for us as we seek first God's kingdom here and that the Lord will add to our numbers so that his church will benefit through all our evangelistic efforts whether through the cafe or children's clubs or bible studies or the door to door work we regularly do. Hospitality is another means to get to know our neighbours and introduce them to Jesus. Remembering the Lord's words to us all in Matthew 25. *I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.* This is our privileged work we are engaged in. Our local church of England run a weekly food bank that we visit and meet many who need spiritual as well as physical food to keep them going.

LCM produce a monthly newspaper called *The Good News*. In our February edition was a testimony of a Jewish man who was literally provoked to jealousy by a Christian he met. Eventually he also became a believer and was baptised. I was very happy to give this to one of my Jewish friends. In an earlier edition there was a testimony that proved relevant to a Croatian man we met on doors. We are so blessed to be able to freely distribute literature to the people in the form of bibles and gospels, in all languages if necessary. We have a large Muslim population here on the Isle of Dogs so we have recently given gospels in Bengali to a few people that we persuaded to read and see for themselves what Jesus taught and did. **FAITH COMES BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD. ROMANS 10 V .7**

FROM RAGS TO RICHES

For we are God's handiwork. Ephesians 2v10. Even as we enjoy making things, God is busy with us, remaking and shaping our lives. We've started a new rug making group as an outreach. We are meeting at the cafe on Monday mornings to get our week off to a good creative start. The local people here told me there was a tradition amongst the Cockneys of using old rags to make rugs and historically entire households engaged in it. The parents worked on the rug while the children had the job of keeping them supplied with the strips of material to hook into the hessian. In our day and age of recycling this is a good way of using up old garments and giving them a new lease of life. On my travels I have also come across these rugs in the Lake District and Scotland also. There is a beautiful rug still exhibited in the cottage of Robert Burns of Ayr 1759-1796, made from old tweeds and tartans that inspired me to make a rug from rags. It's a slow process and if you want to make a large rug then you need a large family or lots of friends. Hopefully we can exhibit our work at the cafe later in the year.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS, PLEASE PRAY FOR US, WE NEED YOU. GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU PARTNER WITH US IN THIS SPECIAL PLACE IN THIS GREAT CAPITAL CITY OF LONDON.

From Carol McFarlane.