



CAFÉ FOREVER

CAROLS PRAYER LETTER WINTER 2019

Cafe Forever, Isle of Dogs

Dear Fitzroy and Friends,

Hello again from the Isle of Dogs, thank you all for your loving support enabling me to remain here doing evangelism with the team in London. We need each other so much to be able to do this work. Recently I have been asked by the mission to go into some women's hostels with another missionary called Jacqui Katz. Her partner is leaving, and Jacqui doesn't want to carry on their work alone which is around the East End in Whitechapel and Bethnal Green areas which are just steppingstones from the island. I don't know how this will impact on what I already do but would value prayer for this new development in breaking new ground which is always and challenging and hopefully refreshing.

November team day we looked at the Lord's prayer, particularly, "your kingdom come", and how that is a declaration of invasion. How Jesus wants to invade Satan's territory and drive evil out. When Jesus was warned by the pharisees, leave this place and go somewhere else Herod wants to kill you. He replied, "Go tell that fox. I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal". Luke 13v 31-33.

I need to tell you all about Mags who came to our cafe 6 months ago and became part of our church life. City of Peace welcomed her with open arms. She's originally from a family of 10 from Portaferry and has just left us to nurse in Abu Dhabi. Lydia who I run the rugmaking



group with, helped me to lower a hem on a dress she bought for her induction day at her new workplace. The Cleveland Hospital in Abu Dhabi. It felt like we were the modesty police. Mags likes her miniskirts. Please pray she will seek after God; my cousin became a Christian in Saudi, so nothing is impossible for God.

Tony and I continue to get out and about on the island and have good opportunities to share our faith. One lady we met had been in prison numerous times. Recently a local man was burned to death in his flat we knew him from going to the local foodbank at Christchurch every Tuesday. It is a tragedy to us all who knew him. He refused a gospel I offered him the week before telling me he was Jewish but had changed his name. His friend Paula recently read Run Baby Run by David Wilkerson a book which I read in prison in 1983. Pray his death will alert Paula to her need to take Gods claim on her life seriously.

Marlene and I visited another lady who had been in prison. We came away encouraged by the conversation we had with her. She's elderly now and very frail but we both agreed that she's ready to meet the Lord when her time comes.

Another way of outreach that we are planning is a Bengali meal with Zara then an Indian meal with Puni then an Afrikaans with Marlene and an Irish meal with me. We intend to visit each other's homes. Pray we may be able to share our faith with these young mums who we met through the local primary school which is running jogging and netball sessions for them to keep fit. I play netball with them on Wednesday mornings now.

My neighbor Iris is also getting frailer. She is usually very resistant to things, but last visit was more open. She took a calendar for 2019. with a text urging her to be ready. I will keep this she said as I left. Its thanks to your prayers over the years that i believe God opened Iris door to me. Another Scottish neighbor who described herself as a rebel without a cause asked me why I turned to Jesus. We both have mixed marriage backgrounds in common, this conversation on the bus was a result of my giving her a card with the claim of Jesus saying, I am the bread of life. I intend to visit her and give her the next card which says, I am the light of the world. I got these packs of visiting cards from HQ on team day last week. Have only 3 sets so if you could pray for me to choose who I give the others to??

Our kids club and youth group which meet regularly at the cafe are flourishing thanks to Marlene and Hannah's hard work. I support them as much as I can. Sometimes I cook for the groups. Hannah is our new youth worker appointed by City of Peace our church which meets now at a local school. A new church called Tower Hamlets Community church will start meeting in Cafe Forever soon. Please pray for us all.



It's great to have you all to share these things with as I know we need your prayers. We are all in this battle together to see our Fathers kingdom come despite the opposition.

Love to you all from Carol in Jesus

