

Dear Supporters,

We are very much enjoying being back together with people again, time with clients, children in school, and residents in care homes. 1 Corinthians 12 v 27 says: *Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.* God has made us to be together, each to bring the gifts that God has given us, to do each other good, support each other, work together to see Jesus glorified and lives transformed. It has been hard not to be able to do this face to face with our brothers and sisters at our churches and in our places of mission, but God has been with us and we have still seen fruit in this season. However, we are all so excited to be able to share the gospel and serve our city face to face once again!

Over the past few months our Brighton Food Bank team has been encouraging clients to come and pick up their food rather than it being delivered. It is good for our clients to get out into the fresh air as we move closer in returning to some sort of normality. The most valuable reason for clients collecting their food is that it allows the team to have proper conversations with those in need. One client who had been sectioned for a month and had been struggling with mental health problems through all the lockdowns, said that without the support and love shown by the food bank they would not have survived the last year. One of our team prayed for their situation, which the client was really appreciative of and wanted to thank everyone at the mission. Another client turned up at the door saying the police had told them they could get food from us. One of our team put together a bag of food and the client said that they had been scammed and their bank account had been emptied, they had no job, their rent was in arrears and they had given up trusting people. The client was so grateful as our team asked Jesus to help in their situation. We have added some prayer requests from clients into the prayer diary so you can pray with us!



Our Schools team were, finally, able to get back into a school at Easter, which was so wonderful. Being with the children in person means that our team get to see their reactions, have conversations about the things they want to discuss further, and answer their questions. During the Easter in a Box –The Movie workshop that our team ran in partnership with Off The Fence Schools and Youth Team, Helen, from our schools team, was able to have a very honest conversation with a group of children. One child said they had never heard Jesus speak and several of their friends joined in the conversation. Helen was able to explain to them that Jesus can speak to us in different ways: through our circumstances, through our friends, through the Bible and through dreams.

As a mission, we pray that these conversations will have a real impact on the lives of these kids. Our team have been discussing with head teachers how they can support their school with

face to face workshops that are tailored to their specific needs. These will cover topics such as Bible skills, what is scripture and how it applies to our lives, Bible in a Flash, an overview of Old and New Testament, and year 6 transition to secondary school workshops. Our team is so excited for the next couple of months!





Last month, our Care Homes team were able to visit Arundel Park Lodge, Saltdean and Hazelgrove, Bevendean for face to services. Our team are visiting them again next week, along with another home for a service for the first time since lock down. Our team of staff and volunteers have been able to start visiting residents one to one, particularly those who receive few or no visitors, so these visits are incredibly important. Our team had the honour and the privilege of leading worship at the thanksgiving service of one of the residents who, through our befriending service, had built a close relationship with one of our volunteers. Although, over the last year, our team were unable to visit the home, the resident had been delighted each time she saw one of the online services. We pray that being able to worship was an encouragement and comfort to the resident in the last few months of their life. In order to see the services that continue to be made available online, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpyVM52cZaFqFT7IJrbKntVDicF1IAfZP>

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Thank you so much for your all support, we could not do what we do without you!

Every blessing,

Brighton and Hove City Mission team