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Dear Friends

He who calls you is faithful. He also will do it. 1 Thess 5 v24

I was reminded of this text on a recent visit to Belfast when I stayed with Norma Best. This text had been quoted at my commissioning in Fitzroy in 1994 by Basil Norgate from LCM. This encouraged me greatly.

I have so much to thank the Lord for in 2014. On 18 December I got the all clear from the Consultant at the Royal London regarding my treatment. It made him happy to tell me and me happy to hear this good news. Thanks to all of you who prayed for me.

By summer 2014 I was able to get involved again in working with the team, which was very busy, in the park, on beach trips, on the doors with district visits and bible distribution.

At the end of the summer I went on a bike trip in Holland with Sammy another worker and some kids. There we met up with Henk (who had previously worked at Café Forever)

and other Dutch believers. We met up with two Iranian Mums with their daughters, Zaleh and Cherie and Forrundeh and Sogal. I learned from their experiences about life in Iran and what it is like for them now to live in a detention camp in Utrecht. Zaleh had to leave Iran as she had written a book that was deemed unacceptable there.

On return to London it was time for Jews for Jesus to host their annual evangelical Roshashanah event. Golda, Beryl, Maureen and Mia all came along. We all took a cab through the East End and the route the driver took was a trip down memory lane for Golda as we drove down streets where she played as a child - she was very excited. Helen Shaprio gave her testimony and later spoke to Golda and Beryl about how many of her relatives have become followers of Yeshua in their old age. This is very encouraging.

Moya, who is Israeli, was amazed that such a group as Jews for Jesus existed. She is integrating well into our church life and keen to come to our weekly bible studies.

Our church life at City of Peace is vibrant and our minister, Tom Carpenter, and other church members work hard to motivate us to grow in our relationship with the Lord and with one another. There is a lot of hospitality and we regularly meet in each others homes for meals and fellowship.

I made a short visit on 19 October to witness the baptism of my niece Carly in the sea at Bangor and was greatly encouraged by this event. She came to faith two years ago when attending Hamilton Road Presbyterian when the story of Titanic was told. She currently studies at Stranmillis College. She hopes to come to London at Easter holidays to help out at the Café.

Helen (another church friend), who is from a Jewish background and I did a day course on Jewish evangelism.

I returned to Utrecht in early December to meet those who had recently come to faith from Afghani and Iranian backgrounds who are requesting baptism in our sister church plant, Huis of Vrede. I was very encouraged with the testimony from Zachary and Mustafa.

Our Christmas service back on the Isle of Dogs was the best one ever. So many people came and we all shared a meal together afterwards which gave opportunity to relate to all old

and young. Some of the team were then going off on holidays for Christmas, Tom, Ashley and children to USA and Marlene back home to South Africa. I spent Christmas day with Helen and some other church members. It was very special.

We begun 2015 with our annual week of prayer and, God willing, ready to engage in all the challenges ahead.

God bless you all and thank you for your interest and fellowship with us here at Café Forever.

With love in Him  
Carol