

Prayer Letter for The Besom in Taunton

January 2022

“The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence for ever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling-places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. Though hail flattens the forest and the city is levelled completely, how blessed you will be, sowing your seed by every stream, and letting your cattle and donkeys range free”. Isaiah 32: 17-20 NIV

Decorating, gardening and home projects. There were no Besom projects during December, however several project assessments were carried out in anticipation of the project work restarting in the new year. We give thanks for the opportunity to revisit recipients of projects from the past year as we took them a Christmas hamper - to reconnect with them, pray for them and bless them; also, for the warmth and delight with which the project team members were greeted. We give thanks also for the understanding and patience of key workers and potential project recipients, as they accepted the necessary delay until the new year in carrying out projects and some assessments. Our sincere thanks also for the generous gift of some new gardening tools for use on our projects.

Please pray

- # For wisdom as we assess which projects we can take on and seek to allocate project teams.
- # For time-givers to respond and support this aspect of Besom's work, so that we can confirm project dates in the next few weeks for recipients.

Crisis Boxes. Unsurprisingly, the demand for Crisis Boxes was very high in December. In total 18 'family boxes', 7 'single recipient' boxes, 1 'kettle box' and 2 'fresh food only' boxes were delivered. In addition, we packed and delivered 33 Christmas Hampers, so a sincere 'Thank You' to our time-givers who really met a demanding work challenge, and our most grateful thanks to our donors.

Please pray

- # For all in our community who were alone, or hungry, or cold during the Christmas holiday.
- # For all who have received a crisis box in 2021 – that their circumstances are now much improved.

Warehouse / Furniture & white goods / Starter packs. There were 6 van runs in December despite closing down for Christmas celebrations, collecting 78 items and delivering 61 plus 6 starter packs, 3 Crisis boxes and 2 Christmas hampers. 139 Starter Pack items were supplied in 10 full/part packs; whilst the number of recipients helped was down, the quantities for each was greater than usual which aligns with the demand from those moving to new homes with little/no possessions. The warehouse is very full, which will limit the collections of donated items in January until we have reduced the items currently stored. **Please pray**

- # For God's continuing guidance as we balance deliveries and collections with warehouse capacity.
- # That we continue to have the trust of all referring key workers.

We thank you for your continued prayer support for The Besom.

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