

Dear Friends

As the last few days of my two month coffeeshop closure draw to an end, looking back of course (because I am me) there are many things I didn't do. There have even been many newsletters, prayer requests, anecdotes, and videos that have not been sent - because they were only written/planned in my head, and now they are lost. However I can still celebrate all the good things that did get done.



I've just picked up the first 1,000 trypraying booklets and the website will soon go live. This is a great resource, originating in the UK, for nonpraying people to make first steps in faith, and if you haven't already, check it out today: do.trypraying.org Our next step is getting church leaders interested, as well as using them in our local outreach.

I have spent a lot of time - too much - searching online for a suitable vehicle for our first "Prayer van", buying the first bits of equipment for it, and planning the different aspects in my head. As for the van, I'm trying to buy the "right" one - hoping for divine guidance - but also realising that the success or otherwise doesn't so much depend on the vehicle itself (though a safe, reliable and smart one would help!) but on a whole lot more. There's a good chance by the time you read this I will have also got this "over the line" by today's self imposed target date.



The coffeeshop redecoration (also involving some new doors and windows, tiling, plastering, woodwork, and fixing things) is almost complete. I'm also going to be making some changes to re-orientate it back to a focus on local youth (this is everything from opening times to menu offering, toys and games to events). I also had the time to spend giving our airbnb its first serious rearrangement and redecoration after 5 years of faithful service to us and our guests.

We kicked off a new smallgroup/homegroup and even though there's only a small handful (who don't come every week) we are glad to have made a start and one of the guys who I met through the coffeeshop, since he doesn't go to church, seems to have a strong faith and would like to help us with some local mission - amazing news.

Lastly I was able to go and visit friends and family in the UK, which I am very grateful for.

Virág's book is still having an impact on people and her colleagues from other centres have mentioned how inspired they are. This weekend we have been invited to share our testimonies at a church run community group for parents with SEND children. (Again, something that came out of the coffeeshop). We hope the message we give will be an encouragement and help everyone step closer to God.

Thank you for your support in all forms - especially prayer!

James, Virág and the girls



Sunset over a slightly foggy snowy expanse