

Report on Revd. Jenny Green's work in Bradford and Potter's Village in SW Uganda 2019

Jenny Green is our missionary link. She works with Church Missionary Society (CMS) in an area of Bradford known as Bankfoot where she is a community chaplain. She lives on the Faxfleet estate. It is an area where drug and alcohol abuse is rife. Jenny adopted two Ugandan children, Hannah and Joseph, when she set up Potter's Village, a child crisis centre in a very poor area of SW Uganda not far from the borders of Rwanda and DR Congo. Due to ill health, Jenny returned to work in the UK about five years ago. As a church we support Jenny in prayer and financially towards her CMS salary. Individuals may also support a child in Potter's Village. Here is some relatively up to date news from both communities.

Jenny in Bradford - from her Christmas prayer letter

St Matthew's Church is used by a large group of Congolese and Rwandan refugees and asylum seekers who meet every Saturday and Sunday. Jenny can understand their language and speak it a little. Around Christmas time a drug user entered the church in a fury looking for the kitchen knives. The refugees wrestled him to the ground. Jenny was involved in trying to calm the situation.

Jenny is sometimes involved with children's services in Bradford who received a damning Ofsted report. Last year Jenny looked after a vulnerable child for them. It was supposed to be for one night but this grew to 182 nights.

Jenny often works with very vulnerable elderly and sometimes confused people, who need much support.

Jenny asks us to pray for all these situations. She describes her church work at St Matthew's as exciting, as the church has been thinking through the challenges of serving and evangelising their local area. This has involved them in projects to clean the rubbish and graffiti and then doing it again and again. They also plan fun events, particularly for local children, to help create a sense of community and build friendships.

Potter's Village

Since August 2018 the numbers of Neonates needing help in the Special Care Nursery gradually increased to 22 babies and PV ran out of space. Tables were used to make extra beds and staff were brought in from other departments to help give the babes the best possible chance of survival. The Medical Centre, thanks to the fundraising effort of Dr Nicci, has now been reorganised to provide extra space in the Special Care Nursery to help give the babes the best possible chance of survival.

Sadly babies Olivia and Jennifer, twins, Gift, Sarah, Shanitah, Francine and Jonah were all recent admissions to PV because their mothers had during or soon after childbirth.

The Medical Centre has continued to have a good reputation for its cleanliness and care and the Nutrition Unit for its work in teaching mothers to feed their children well with what they have.

More details can be found in the two newsletters by the missionary board in church.