

Praying with Boaz in September

Praise Points

- Give thanks for a new member of staff joining the team in August. We're really grateful that Hassan accepted the new position as part of the RESS (Restricted Eligibility Support Service) team. Pray for him as he hits the ground running in his new role.
- Praise God for a positive and encouraging quarterly RESS meeting with GMIAU (Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit). It was good to take a step back and look at the work and impact we've seen this quarter.
- Give thanks for a number of new accommodation options that have been sourced by members of staff working on the Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project. Pray that people with refugee status moving into private rented accommodation will feel safe and at home in their new housing.
- In August, we held another Financial Wellbeing Training session on money safety - give thanks for the support and expertise of The Money Charity, who deliver the training.
- We're really thankful for initiatives like 'Shower & Go' at Oldham Leisure Centre, which allows anyone to go in and have a shower for free. Our Refugee Homelessness Prevention support workers have been spreading the word about this.
- Give thanks for the generosity of individual supporters and churches giving one off gifts recently. We've been so encouraged to see these donations coming in.
- Praise God for the existence of organisations like SPIN (Supporting People in Need). Our RESS support workers have been able to refer two people they've been supporting to SPIN for accommodation recently.
- Give thanks for the recent women's wellbeing session at Castlefield viaduct.
- We're thankful to have been able to offer Boaz accommodation to a woman we've been supporting through RESS. Following eviction from her asylum accommodation, she was able to move into Boaz before experiencing any street homelessness.
- Give thanks that someone we've been supporting through RESS has an appointment with a caseworker at GMIAU to start the process of submitting a fresh claim.

Prayer Points

- Pray for several new people who have moved into Boaz accommodation during August. Pray for them as they settle in and for them to feel safe and welcome in Boaz houses. Pray for rest and recovery, as well as good relationships with others living in the houses.
- Pray for a father and son who we've been working with through the Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project. Ask for the swift provision of an accommodation option for them and that they can find a place to live in which they feel safe.
- Pray for someone we're supporting who recently moved out of Boaz accommodation after making further submissions to the Home Office. Pray for a positive decision on his case.
- Pray for churches who are organising harvest services or events over the next few weeks. You can find a variety of harvest resources to use as a church or small group [here](#).
- Pray for God's intervention and provision of housing for several people we've been supporting through the Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project.
- Pray that our Supporter Review magazine (which will be landing on doormats in the next couple of weeks) will resonate with those who read it, encourage them to take action and be inspired by the impact their support is having on real people's lives.