

## Praying with Boaz in May

### Praise Points

- Give thanks for the legal advice that GMIAU provide to people we support. Meeting with an Immigration Advisor is vital in helping people understand how they can progress with their case.
- Praise God for some fantastic young fundraisers at Withington Girls' Junior School! The Junior House Captains have launched a brand new cookbook, consisting of recipes collected from across the school. A lot of hard work and effort has been put into producing the book, which they have decided to sell in order to raise money for Boaz. If you'd also like to do something to fundraise for our work, find out more [here](#).
- Give thanks that someone previously supported by Boaz heard that she had been granted leave to remain recently, after many years of waiting.
- We were thankful to be at a [demonstration today in Manchester](#) to stand in solidarity with all those who are seeking asylum and being threatened with deportation to Rwanda. Give thanks for the organisations who arranged the gathering and for people who spoke out today with powerful testimonies.
- Praise God for the Restricted Eligibility Support Service (RESS) completing its first year in operation! It has been so encouraging to see positive end of year statistics, which translate to real impact on people's lives. This financial year, 123 people have accessed floating support from Boaz through RESS.
- We're so thankful to have been the charity of choice for 2 couples who got married recently. Praise God for members of the Boaz community choosing to support us in this way. We were also very grateful for a donation made to honour a teacher who has recently retired.
- Praise God for our latest Women's Wellbeing Session. This month's session was led by a doctor from the Arch Medical Practice and focused on the menstrual cycle, planning for pregnancy, health during pregnancy and the menopause and perimenopause. Seven women attended the session, which provided a safe environment for them to discuss the topics and ask their questions.
- Praise God for the successful recruitment of a Lead Homelessness Prevention Support Worker and a Homelessness Prevention Support Worker for our new Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project, in partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority. We're so thankful to have been able to recruit two wonderful, experienced people to team Boaz to spearhead this new project supporting people with refugee status to access private rented accommodation.

- Give thanks for the Manchester Hygiene Bank, who recently made a generous donation of toiletries and other essentials for people we support. They were much appreciated by the attendees of our latest Women's Wellbeing session, where they were available to take away.

## Prayer Points

- Pray for everyone who has been directly affected by immigration raids by the Home Office in the past few days. Ask for God's protection over them in the midst of such distressing circumstances.
- Pray for people we support - and those we don't - who are now experiencing anxiety and panic because of the [Home Office's new Rwanda detention operation](#). Pray for the dispersal of accurate information about this process and for organisations supporting people.
- Pray for organisations providing legal advice to people who have been detained. Pray for capacity and energy as legal challenges are launched against the removal of individuals to Rwanda.
- Following the [Safety of Rwanda Bill becoming law](#), pray for change to come in the UK and for such legislation to be repealed as soon as possible.
- Pray for our new Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project. In response to the sharp rise in homelessness among newly granted refugees, Boaz is going to be part of a year-long project delivered in partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Refugee Action and the Migrant Destitution Fund (MDF). Pray that the person-centred, housing-focused support we deliver will help people who have recently been granted refugee status in Greater Manchester to find and move into their own accommodation.
- Pray that the in-person launch of our new report coming up soon will be well-attended and impactful. The joint report with GMIAU (Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit) examines how immigration control forces people in Greater Manchester into destitution. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels from 15th May to read the report in full.
- Welcome Churches are hosting a [Refugee Prayer Hour](#) on Monday 20th May to pray with and for refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK. If you'd like to go along, you can register via the link above.
- Pray for an increase in the reach and influence of [Refugee Week](#), the world's biggest arts and culture festival celebrating the resilience and creativity of people seeking safety. Taking place from 17th - 23rd June, this year's theme is 'Our Home.' Keep an eye on our website and social media channels in the coming weeks for ways to get involved.

