

Dear Hope into Action Prayers,

Firstly thank you all for agreeing to lift Hope into Action up in prayer. Over Christmas I read the book 'Grace outpouring' and was struck, once again, just how vital prayer is in our journey to 'fight the good fight.'

Someone asked me today 'Do you feel like you are winning?' to which the honest answer is 'yes and no'.

- **Yes** because we have had some amazing progress:
 - In the last quarter of 2011 we saw 5 regular users of hard drugs give up (see our full outcomes below),
 - because we are building partnerships with churches
 - and God has provided us with financial provision.

- **'No'** because we have had 2 of our tenants struggle and not do so well (one back in jail). Par for the course I suppose and I recognise God is not finished with them yet.....but disappointing nevertheless. I am reminded that Jesus did not 'succeed' with all his followers either.

As we go into 2012 I would particularly appreciate prayers for:

- A couple of key appointments we are having to make. Please pray for the right people to be selected that can move the organisation on.
- We are in the process of purchasing 2 more houses, with 2 more churches. Do please pray for those houses, churches and the homeless people we will be putting in them!
- Mostly for God to continue to guide our every step and provide the resources for it!

Many thanks for your support – greatly appreciated!

Cheers

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AIMS AND OUTCOMES AS AT DECEMBER 2011.

Our aim is to see lives transformed, people healed and broken relationships restored. As a by-product of this will be outcomes that can be measured:

- *% that maintain their tenancy, (So far over 86%)*
- *% that do not commit crime, (so far over 91%)*
- *% that volunteer (so far 22%)*
- *% that get and maintain employment. (so far 41%)*
- *% reduction in serious drug misuse (so far 83% of those who had serious drug misuse)*
- *% whose nuclear family relations have improved (so far 50%)”*