

# The Living Room Belfast

*Living to Share the Love of Jesus*

Stories Shared and Lives Changed

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## Catching up...

During these last months lots has happened in the [Living Room](#) and to bring you up to date here are some of the things that I want to share with you:

**Alpha Course:** We did our first Alpha Course in the Living Room. It was great to have the opportunity to experiment and pilot the course. Seven people came to it and we had a great time of friendship and applying the course into our own life and context. We learnt a great deal from it and it was well received by all who came. For some it was a journey of real encouragement as they reconnected to the faith and for others marked the beginning of a faith journey.

**Christian Against Poverty.** We have been working in partnership with CAP and we have seen how this ministry is effectively reaching out to people who find themselves trapped under burden of debts. This has opened the door to engage with people in the community in a real and practical way. We have seven families so far connected to CAP and to the Living Room in terms of personal visits and spiritual support.

We have experimented with gathering every Sunday @ 6:30 in the Living Room House. It has been a good time to connect with friends, share stories, drink coffee and celebrate the Gospel in our lives.

## An ancient call

*"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." (Jeremiah 29.7 ESV)*

I have always been fascinated with these words. What if we seek the welfare of this city and what if we pray on its behalf? I understand the concept of prayer but how do we seeking the welfare of our communities?

In the Living Room we have a great opportunity to do that. CAP has been a real help to families in financial debt. Also we are seeing an opening with Community Leaders who are seeking to "renew" this community by focusing on the eradication of poverty and restoring dignity. In fact restoring dignity is one of our core values. We are also getting involved with our local school, not just as a parent but also



**"You are welcome", is the name of our Sunday gathering @ 6:30 in the Living Room.**

as a member of board of governors. Trying to impact families by reaching them and creating strong and a better community.

For us to tell our story is not just sharing it but engaging with people we live with. We want to do it by loving and serving them.

We are in what church planters call the gathering and establishing phase. So I ask you to partner with us by being involved with the Living Room and by prayer.

Pray:

- Our Autumn programme in order that we can launch another Alpha next year.
- We are hoping to bring an assistant on a part-time basis till we appoint a Church Planter Worker full-time next year. Also to bring a couple from Belfast BiBle College.
- We are talking with different youth organizations in order seek what is the best way to reach out to young people.
- We are having two Bible Studies during the week. And gathering on Sunday evenings.
- For God's protection over our family.
- That we may be guided by God's Spirit in all that we do.

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