

## April/May 2010

### **Week beginning 25 April**

#### *Staff and staff development – Away Days*

Pray for everyone who works for Bethany across Scotland. Give thanks for their hard work and dedication. Pray for our staff Away Days coming up and for good team relations. Pray for ongoing training and development helping make Bethany staff the most compassionate and competent team possible.

### **Week beginning 2 May**

#### *Addictions work*

Give thanks for Bethany staff who work with people dealing with addictions. Pray that their skills and patience will be put to good use and that they can demonstrate the gospel in very practical ways. Pray for those dealing with addictions that they will find keys to break through and find freedom from the trap of addictive patterns.

### **Week beginning 9 May**

#### *Cyclo-sportive event*

Please pray for the final preparations for our second cyclo-sportive sponsored cycling event on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Pray for good numbers of entrants and that on top of the entry fee, that extra funds can be raised from sponsorship and donations. Pray for all the little details to come together so that we can host a fun and safe fundraising event.

### **Thank you for praying for Bethany and its work.**

If you know of anyone who would like to become a regular supporter of Bethany in prayer or you would like further copies for your church, please do get in touch.



# Prayer Diary

## February/March 2010

### Week beginning 28 February

#### *Care Shelter*

Pray for the Shelters in Aberdeen, Inverness and Edinburgh. Thank God for the ongoing provision of staff, volunteers and resources which make the Shelters possible. We thank God for a successful Caring Christmas Trees project 2009 and dedicated staff who raised funds to help rough sleepers. Pray that each person who uses the service will feel valued and can start to consider positive ways to move on.

### Week beginning 7 March

#### *Drop-ins & Housing support in Fife*

Pray for the Community Education team in Fife as they make drop-ins a place of much needed friendship and stability. Pray for deepening trust to grow between users of the service and staff and volunteers, so that good conversations can lead to positive changes in people's lives. Pray for the housing support teams as they go about their day to day business. Thank God for the consistency these services provide and that the Fife team will go from strength to strength.

### Week beginning 14 March

#### *Van crews*

Throughout the winter, our van crews have been out and about despite the difficult weather conditions. Pray that as they go about their day to day work, they will be good ambassadors for Bethany. Pray that every person they come into contact with will have a good experience of Bethany. Pray too for increasing numbers of donations and for good quality items for both Gateway and for our shops this Spring.

### Week beginning 21 March

#### *The Big Sleepout, Edinburgh*

Pray for all those who are participating in our Big Sleepout on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. Pray for good numbers to join in, for kind weather and for good levels of sponsorship. Pray that new supporters of our work can be found through events like this.

## March/April 2010

### Week beginning 28 March

#### *Dumfries*

Pray for the Supported Housing team in Dumfries. Pray for the ongoing work and also the development of a new drop-in. Give thanks for the drop-in co-ordinator and the growing work of the resource centre. Pray for the growing number of people who are now accessing ever broader services in Dumfries.

### Week beginning 4 April

#### *Homemaker*

Pray for Homemaker and for the work this service does to raise people's dignity and turn houses into homes. Good quality public donations are vital to this service so pray that needs are met. Applications to grant-making Trusts are constantly being prepared and sent out, so please pray for favour and success to bring in essential funds so we can help even more people.

### Week beginning 11 April

#### *Edinburgh Men's Drop-in – Community Education*

Give thanks that the men's drop-in is going so well with excellent numbers and people making strides forward. Please pray for more volunteers who can help out in practical ways, in befriending people and in building service users' self esteem.

### Week beginning 18 April

#### *Care Van*

We are thankful that the new Care Van has been successfully up and running since last autumn. Give thanks for this service and that the volunteers who provide the service can be good examples of God's love in action. Pray for strong relationships to develop and that the ongoing presence of the Care Van will be effective in meeting people at their point of need. Pray that many at-risk people will start to explore ways of moving on into independent living as a result of contact with Care Van volunteers.