



Christians at work in Luton

Love for the Family

'Life is a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get,' but with God life is always going to be interesting and often unexpected!

When I became a Christian I was studying to be a nurse and I imagined a life serving God as a missionary abroad. A year or so later and God spoke to me through a Keith Green video about being called to stay at home. I had no idea then that my missionary journey would include church planting, a variety of jobs with the NHS, schools, charities and churches, and the privilege of regularly meeting people from around the globe. It has been quite an adventure with some hard and nutty chocolates at times, but I have learnt that God is faithful and dependable in all circumstances.



Volunteer Counsellors Needed

(Registered and those interested in training)

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It was at the end of 2017 when I was praying 'What Next?' that God spoke to me about starting a charity to help the women and families of Luton who struggling with a pregnancy because of poverty, those who were grieving because of baby loss or suffering because of an unexpected or planned end to their pregnancy. I must confess I wrote down what I thought God had unexpectedly said, but like many Bible characters, I questioned God and asked Him to make it very clear.

Over the course of the next year I met another Christian with a similar vision and a lady who helped to set up one of the first pregnancy centres, both of whom became key to building the foundations of the work that we do today. I found out about The Grove pregnancy Centre in Bedford and Pregnancy Centres Network. Every time I asked 'Really God?' He said a very clear 'yes', giving me further vision and compassion for the women I would meet.

There is often a cost to any calling and for me it meant going back to school, first training in Pregnancy Choice and Loss Counselling, then as a Registered Christian Counsellor. I volunteer my time and skills, and my reward is seeing lives changed as they touch the Fathers heart and find restored hope.

Love For The Family was registered with the Charity Commission in 2021. We provide impartial support and counselling to women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, a pregnancy problem, miscarriage, still birth or cot death. We help after a termination and those who have suffered sexual or domestic abuse. We are not a political organisation and we do not proselytise.



Last year we helped 36 clients who had suffered loss or abuse, with 207 counselling sessions, and 101 clients received practical help from Love Baby Essentials including 30 Moses baskets, 45 care bundles and 38 prams/ pushchairs. We do not charge for our services, but we accept practical and financial donations from clients and supporters. We run regular Games Nights where we have fun and raise money to support our work, do come along and join us in September.



Our clients come from all faiths and none, and from all sorts of backgrounds and situations. Our underpinning values are built on GRACE as the Father showed the prodigal son. We are Generous: Relational: Approachable: Compassionate and Empowering. We bring Jesus love through unconditional positive regard, compassion and kindness as we walk alongside those who are suffering, and listen as they voice their pain and anxieties. Like Jesus walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the people we meet may not recognise Jesus, but we pray that their hearts will be touched and their lives changed through the work that we do.

We are always looking for helpers to sort and prepare parcels for Love baby Essentials, so if you have an hour to spare and you would like to help please get in touch through our web site, www.loveforthefamily.org.uk, email office@loveforthefamily.org.uk or phone: 07516001924

Would the community perceive the absence of your church or organisation? Chances are they would, considering the valuable ministries and services it offers. Stay tuned for further updates on the thriving church in Luton as it remains actively engaged with the community
