

# HOPE *for* Glasgow

Dear Maxwelll Mearns,

## EVENING MEETINGS

Our Monday night meeting in The Tron Church continues to have a healthy number of both men and women coming in person, with several still joining us remotely. A Christian with a background of addiction issues will firstly share testimony of what life was like, what happened and what life is like now (Ephesians 2:1-10). Afterwards, those in attendance can speak about their struggles and victories and how their week has gone. This is a great environment for mutual encouragement, sharing of experience, building friendships, and growing in wisdom and grace.

Our Thursday night meeting follows a similar format. Rather than someone sharing testimony, we have a reading from the bible. This reading is then applied to addiction issues and the ongoing battles we face as we seek to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives. We truly believe the bold claims of Scripture that it provides “everything we need for life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3) therefore, we are eager to share it’s wisdom and message of hope, and liberation.



# WOMEN'S WORK

Nicki Adams has been working part time as our Administrator since January 2020, but we are delighted to announce that as from the beginning of May, she has taken up the responsibility of offering additional support to some of our women who attend our evening meetings. Nicki brings a unique set of skills and experience to this role – a theology degree, 1 year's study with Biblical Counselling UK, 20 years of working alongside her husband in pastoral ministry and a mother to 4 children.



## R2R MUSSELBURGH

This time last year we were assisting Musselburgh Baptist Church in the setting up their own Road to Recovery support group. We have been greatly encouraged by their latest report: "In just six months 30 folks have attended our recovery group with a mix of people from church and unchurched backgrounds. It has been encouraging to see 4 participants attending the Christianity Explored Course at MBC and to help 6 others submit applications for residential rehab. Our recent Easter service saw 4 R2R members attend church for the first time. One male brought his young family.

We continue to gain local credibility among other addiction and secular support agencies and our attendance at the monthly "Teen Challenge" evenings at South Leith Baptist church allows good networking opportunities for both leaders and participants. As leaders we are so encouraged at the work of Jesus in so many lives, bringing them from a life of addiction and chaos to discover new life and faith."

# BACK TO SCHOOL

It was back to school for Terry in May when he went to accept a cheque from some of the S3 pupils at Notre Dame High School in Glasgow. Students from the RE class took part in the Youth & Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), an initiative that involved students researching a local charity of their choice, raising awareness of a social issue in Glasgow and then presenting those findings to compete for prize money of £3000 for their chosen charity.

Three of these students decided to look at the issue of addiction that sadly characterises our city and contacted us here at HfG to look at ways in which we, as a local charity, were seeking to address problems of addiction. After spending time over Zoom with Terry, these girls presented the work of HfG to their school, and we are delighted to say that they won the competition and were able to contribute to the work of HfG by winning the prize money.

Terry was able to go into the class to receive the prize money and to share more widely with the class about how we seek to help people trapped in addiction. It was a good opportunity for Terry to share about his own struggles with addiction; how faith in Jesus was key to his own recovery; some of the reasons why people find themselves trapped in addiction and how folks from all different backgrounds can find themselves addicted to substances.

The Q&A gave the students a chance to ask questions like: “what age is the youngest person you have helped?” to “now that you are clean, would you ever take alcohol again, even just to celebrate?”

We are encouraged by the opportunity to share the work of Hope for Glasgow in schools and look forward to Terry being able to do the same in St Mark’s and St Roch’s in future weeks.



## PLEASE PRAY

- Give thanks for Nicki’s appointment as Women’s Worker. Pray for her as she settles into this new role.
- Give thanks for the way in which God has been working in Musselburgh.
- Give thanks for the many opportunities to share about the work of Hope for Glasgow. Pray for Terry as he networks among various churches, schools and agencies.
- Please pray for us over the next few months as we look to advertise for additional workers.



