

Newsheet for possible 'Esther Community', Plymouth

Dateline – 19th January 2009

Firstly, on behalf of the Keychange trustees, thank you for the interest shown and the prayers offered in response to the information sent – we have all been encouraged more than you could know. In fact, there is a *momentum* and a *thread* and a *moving* and a *sense of God-incidence* in the possibility!

This newsheet is being sent to all who received the recent information and leaflet via the Churches Together in Plymouth mailing in November 2008 and a few other interested parties who have joined in along the way.

It has been quite astonishing to see how the circumstances are unfolding and in God's time He will bring this to a conclusion – if and only **IF**, we all pray and exercise a proper faith in the One-who-is-Able. Paucity of prayer and lack of effort will get nowhere. So here are a few pointers and information to enable us to pray intelligently:

- Pray that many will feel able to give time to praying this issue through.
- Pray that the need will be properly researched and documented and that correct decisions will follow and flow.
- Pray about the need for a building.
- Give thanks that a number of people have identified and/or agree that 60A Emma Place, Stonehouse is a very suitable venue.
- Give thanks that already some folk have been led to prayer-walk the area and in particular 60A Emma Place.
- Give thanks that it is on the market although currently under offer from another party as an art gallery.
- Current opinion is that the dwelling house immediately behind 60A Emma Place (The old Sunday School Hall and now converted into domestic living accommodation for the owner of 60A Emma Place) would be the ideal location for the place of safety for the women with the current 60A itself becoming a life skills training venue together with offices for other local charities connected with/referring to this work. Pray for clarity of vision on the part of all stakeholders.

- If both properties were to be purchased the sum of £550,000.00 would be required plus legal fees and stamp duty etc. To that a sum of about £200,000.00 would need to be spent to bring the premises up to the standards required and to comply with all legislation. Pray that this total funding may be found in God's way and in His timing. Some pray-ers have been feeling that God may intervene in a miraculous way whereby the property would be gifted. Keychange testifies that God has led it down that road before and our God is able again.
- Pray about revenue funding and the wisdom to know how and whether to access government funding via Supporting People (HMG).
- Pray that if this goes ahead then the venue will become a true 'place for God' where those who, by most standards would be regarded as 'lost causes', can remake their lives in an atmosphere characterised by Redemption at every level.

The suggestion is that no matter how often we pray, **Sunday 1st February 2009- Homelessness Sunday** be set aside when we all especially pray for this project.

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes” Isaiah 54.2.

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