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Supporter News and Prayer update 1

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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for agreeing to be on the G2L supporter mailing list. Your support means a lot to us as we know how much we need the prayers of our supporters....and knowing folk are behind the work of G2L is a great encouragement to us.

I want to update you on progress towards the first Hope into Action Northumberland (HiAN) house and the other preparations for our first tenants.

The purchase of the house in Alnwick is going smoothly with all searches now in and solicitors negotiating an exchange and completion date. Once the completion date is known HiAN will need to arrange for some work on the house to make it tenant ready. Our plan is to have the house ready for occupancy sometime in January 2020.

The Gateway Church in Shilbottle is the support church for this first house. The church is presently recruiting for the Friendship and Support Team. This needs to be in place before tenants move into the house. Training by HiA will also need to take place once the team is formed.

On Saturday 16th November, in the morning, we will be interviewing for the part time post of Empowerment Worker. We had to re-advertise for this post but are very pleased this time to have been able to shortlist 2 candidates who meet the person specification. Once an appointment has been made, I have arranged for the EW and myself to meet with the Chaplain at Acklington Prison. He is very keen to make referrals to us as finding suitable accommodation for ex-offenders is a major difficulty.

The Trustees would value your prayers at this crucial time in the development of the work of G2L.

- Please give thanks For God's provision of an investor and a house. Pray that the remaining part of the purchase goes ahead smoothly.
- Please pray for the 2 candidates as they prepare for next Saturday's interview and for the interviewing panel as they seek God's leading in the choice of an EW for the project.
- Please pray for the recruitment of the church Friendship and Support Team, that a committed team of volunteers will be formed.
- Please also pray for more people to sign up as regular supporters of G2L so that the financial needs of G2L are met and we are covered by a wider praying community.

Thank you for your prayers at this time. I will write again to update you as news develops.

Paul Allen

Chair of Trustees