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"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". How often do we say those words but forgiving others who have hurt us is not easy. It is often an ongoing process with which we need the Father's help. Forgiving ourself is also hard and many of our clients facing life after an abortion feel that they will never be able to do that, that what they have done is unforgiveable. This may be the case even for those who do not have any faith. Yet Jesus died on the cross for **all** sinners and our hearts are for all our clients to come to a place where they can receive that forgiveness.

Sometimes we make mistakes in life which changes things in a dramatic way but the Father came out to meet the prodical son, rushed out with arms outstretched to hug him and tell him how much he loved him. We believe we are called to meet our clients like that father did, in a non-judgemental manner, whether they come to us because of a crisis pregnancy or following an abortion. We also want to bring comfort to those who have suffered a loss so that even if they do not know God, they will be blessed by their contact with the centre.

We thank you all for your support for this work – we pray that God will bless you all.

As we said in our last newsletter, we would be grateful if any of you would be willing to receive our newsletter by email to enable us to reduce our costs. Please could you let us have your email address by emailing us at kauricentre@yahoo.co.uk and we will send all future communications to you electronically. Thank you for helping us in this way.

If you would also like to support us in prayer and would like us to send you a regular prayer update email, please let us know

We sadly had to say goodbye to two of our trustees, Sarah and Mariano Arias, who have moved with their two children to New Zealand. They will be sadly missed for their enthusiasm and dedication to the Kauri Centre and we wish them much happiness and many blessings in their new home.

We are now seeking new trustees to take their place and if you feel that this is something that God is speaking to you about we can send you a Trustee Information Pack. This gives information about the Kauri Centre and general information about being a trustee.

Christmas Tree Festival

We were happy to join Sheldon Road Methodist Church's Beacon Centre at their Christmas Tree Festival in December. We would particularly like to thank Neate Beauty for sponsoring the Kauri Centre tree for such a celebratory festival. Our tree was decorated with the theme LOVE, depicting the Father's love for us all, with handmade hearts and sparkly ones too!!! Our business cards and leaflets were available to be taken away.

The festival's annual memorial service was very popular and the church was packed with people who have lost loved ones over the past year. Some of our clients were invited to this very special service and we pray that everyone present found some comfort at a particularly difficult time of the year.

We look forward to next year's event which is to be held at Central Methodist Church.

Coffee Mornings at Sheldon Road

We had our first Saturday coffee morning at Sheldon Road Methodist Church's Beacon Centre in November and plan to do this every other month through the year to raise funds. We served about 50 people with coffee and croissants and also sold cakes, chutneys, jams and some wonderful wooden gifts made by Dave Richards. We have just had the January coffee morning where we sold hand made cards.

Our next coffee mornings for your diary are:-

17th March - homemade cakes and second hand book stall

19th May - homemade cakes and plant stall

7th July – tbc

All from 10am – 12.30pm

We are in the process of constructing an information website for our clients to enable them to find us on the internet. We hope this will be useful, both now and in the future so if you would like to have a look at this our web address is www.kauricentre.org.uk

Prayer Requests

- For existing and new trustees
- For all our clients
- For us as a team to be wise in how we go forward in 2012

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future".
Jeremiah 29:11