

**Bev Visser - May update**

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### Greetings from Cowley, England!

I arrived in Cowley two weeks ago to beautiful green trees and flowers everywhere. A warm welcome! I've been staying with a couple that are part of my team and they have also given a very warm welcome. They've made me feel at home from the very start. So thankful!

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On my first full day in Oxford, Lola gave me a tour around the city center and treated me to a wonderful cream tea. My favorite!



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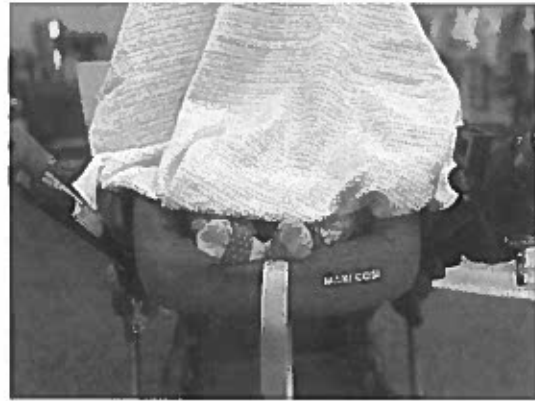
My first official ministry day was called Bags of Fun. This is a group for pre-school age children and their parents/carers. They come for stories, songs, lots of toys and a chance to get to know other parents. It was so much fun!!! I met several mothers, a father and lots of adorable kids - all of whom I could communicate with!! 🧒 During the song time, one very busy little guy sat on my lap. He became so relaxed he almost fell asleep in my arms. With two additional little ones in her care, I know his mother enjoyed the break!

so I went over and greeted them in Farsi. I gave the woman quite a shock! She was so excited with my little bits of Farsi! Especially since she spoke no English. While I doubt much was actually communicated, I know that she felt welcomed and loved. It was a wonderful day!!!



The next day, we opened a shop called Small Steps, which is open every Monday and Thursday. Lola, me and two other volunteers set up the area like a shop where people can buy gently used items for children from birth to 10 years for very cheap. Many came and were blessed by the items available and by the welcome they received. I met lots of adorable kids, parents and a grandparent thrilled to find a stroller that she could operate!

social workers. I was blessed to be there when Lola gave one to a pregnant young woman. It was so fun to see her so overwhelmed by how many things she received - completely free. So special!



These events are all held at Hope Oxford church which is located in a unit within a shopping center in the middle of town. This makes it so easy for people to pop in and see what's going on. The perfect location!



I've also had time to explore the area. There's a beautiful park not far from

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I'm still searching for an apartment which is proving to be more difficult than I expected. There is very little available, and what is available is very expensive. There is one very good possibility that includes everything I'd want at a good price, but I'm waiting to hear back from the landlord. I need to be out of my current place by May 25. Please pray that this landlord would agree to rent the place to me and that I could move soon.

***THANK YOU so much for your love, prayers and partnership.  
I'm grateful for you!***