

Bev Visser - August update[View this email in your browser](#)**Greetings from Oxford!**

More specifically, greetings from Littlemore! I'm happy to report that I got the apartment I was hoping for. It's located in Littlemore, a small neighborhood in the greater Oxford area. Everything about it is perfect! Its a bit further from Cowley than is sometimes convenient, but I'm enjoying the 25 minute walk to work as well as my newfound love of cycling. The peace and quiet of this out-of-the-way neighborhood is also a blessing. Thank you for praying!



The yellow door is mine and the windows on the top right are in my living room.

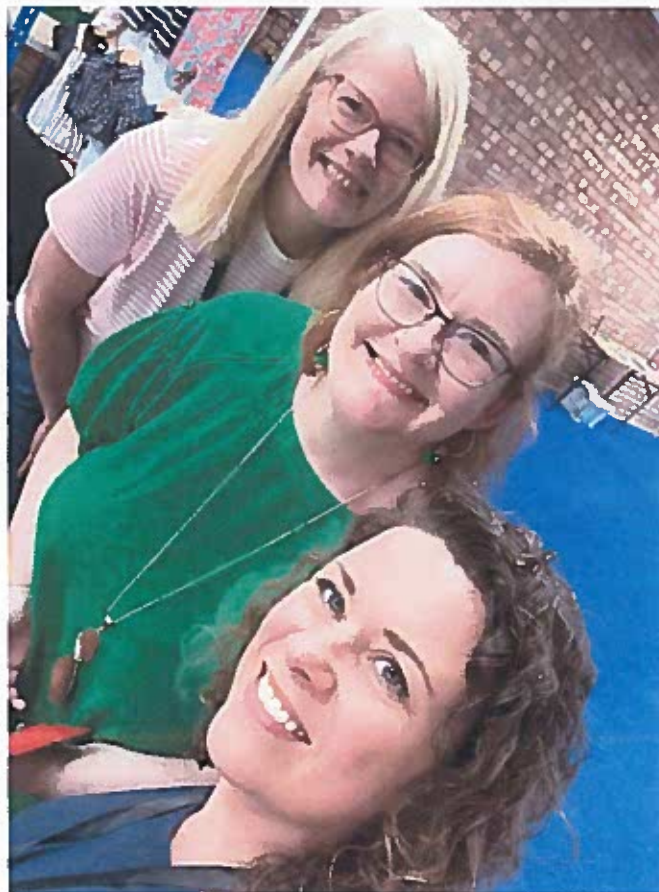
FUN FACT: In between staying with my team mates and moving into my apartment, I stayed for 10 days in the childhood home of Dame Maggie Smith, aka Violet Crawley from Downton Abbey.



It's been a busy couple of months. In addition to moving into my flat, we had 5 interns come from the US to work with us for 2 months. These young people were amazing in their maturity and their passion and commitment to serve.

They did a lot of groundwork for the ministry ideas that we are hoping to implement, worked on various projects, and served with a ministry partner that reaches young people in a nearby impoverished area. We also took time for fun and the whole team visited a village in the Cotswolds and then explored a beautiful lavender field.

As the interns were preparing to leave, Jenny joined us as a new long-term team member. She is from the US but was previously serving in Ukraine. Please pray she adjusts well and that God would protect and bless our team as it grows.



many come into the shop and just want to talk. One day a youngish man came into the shop, wandered over to me and just started chatting. He was excited to tell me about the Spice Girls CD he just bought at another charity shop! It is such a gift to have conversations with so many different types of people. So many are so lonely. Its been so fun to run into some of these people at supermarkets and various other places around town and have a chat. I'm quickly becoming part of the community here, and I love it.

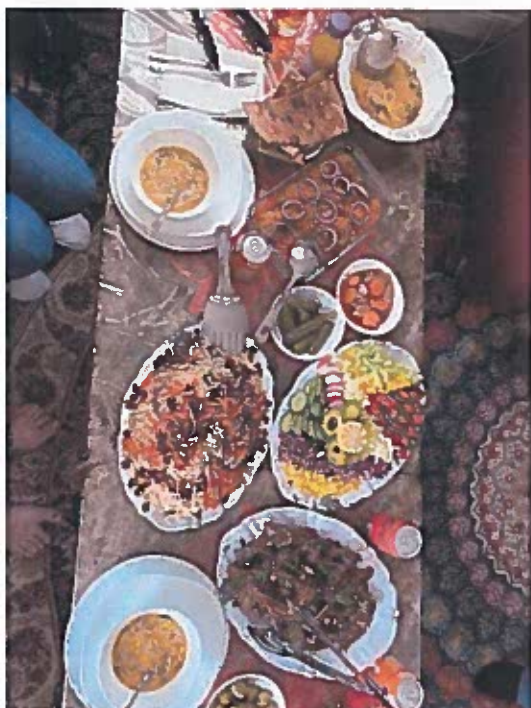
The 'charity' part of the charity shop is that we help provide items to mothers who need supplies for their children. One such client is a grandmother who came with her daughter and 5 year old granddaughter. The grandmother pulled me aside and told me that it was a domestic violence situation. Her daughter and granddaughter were now staying with her and she needed help. We were able to provide 3 large bags of clothing and toys for this young girl. Even though this family is English, the grandmother is illiterate and their story is sadly too common in this area. Please pray that the light and love of Christ would continue to shine brightly through us.

And, of course, I'm always thrilled to see so many adorable children!



I've had my first visitor! My friend and former team mate in Athens, Ruth, came for a visit in July. I met her in London and there we visited an Afghan family that she knew from her time in Afghanistan. They were a lovely family and they served us an amazing meal! We then made our way back to Oxford and spent

from Athens who now live in Wales. Such a blessing!



I'm so excited to be here, to see God's plans for Cowley unfolding before my very eyes and to be a part of it! Thank you so much for your partnership, your prayers and your love. Thank you for being a part of this journey with me!

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