



The Ripple

'My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my strength is lifted high.' 1 Samuel 2v1.

We at Riverbank are so grateful that we have been able to keep going through lockdown and changing regulations. Through our prayer meetings we have been led to bring joy and lift the heaviness of isolation and fear many of our families have felt through 2020. Thank you for all your continued support to do this. Here are some answered prayers and prayer requests for the coming months.

Answers to prayer:

- **PROVISION.** It has been such a blessing for us to watch how God has provided through his church and other charities. To see our families experience these blessings often in times of desperation has been very encouraging to us as staff.
- **TIME.** We have been able to develop closer relationships with some of our families through the year. Because we have been unable to run groups and roll out our usual programme, we have had a lot of 1:1 walk and talk times. This has given us the opportunity to get to know people better and to have more meaningful conversations.
- **SCHOOLS.** From October we have been back in school delivering 1:1 support for pupils referred to us. This has been such an answer to prayer to be allowed back in delivering much needed support for those vulnerable children.
- **TESTIMONIES.** As we have been doing more 1:1 work, doorstep conversations, phone calls, and delivery drop offs, we have been able to hear back from our families what this has meant to them. We have got to hear how they really do know they are loved and cared for not just by us but by God. One Mum said, 'In lockdown... I felt unwanted but then I started getting all these packages and gifts from Riverbank, people texting me and I thought I am part of a community- that they wanted me.'

Please Pray for:

- Grace and Peace for our Riverbank families as we continue through this Lockdown. That they would have strength and encouragement through the next few months.
- As Christmas looks very different this year, we would like to spread some Joy and Cheer! Please pray that we would be able to give out our Christmas bags to all our Riverbank families. Timing is tight but we are determined to deliver 69 family bags before Christmas!
- Please Pray for the schools we work in to be protected and that they continue to give the children some normality.
- Continued meaningful conversations and for our families to see that they are loved and valued by God.