

# SEWING AMIDST DIVERSITY



## English Classes

For women  
10am to 11 am Mondays and Tuesdays  
during the school terms



## WOMEN FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES IN LOUISE'S\* CITY IN THE UK CAME TOGETHER PRAYERFULLY SEEKING A MEANS TO CONNECT WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN IN THEIR AREA.

### ANSWERED PRAYERS

These women had varying levels of sewing skills, so 20 years ago they began an international women's sewing group: seeking to sow the good news of Jesus while they sew. Several years later, a Christian woman who had served overseas returned to the church and realised that international women often struggle to learn English, especially if they have small children. Through prayer and a willingness to give it a try, she started an English class for women at her church which included a crèche for their young children.

### A MINISTRY MULTIPLIED

What was started by few, God has grown to a team of more than 20 Christian volunteers. This past year, more than 100 international women from 4 continents and 27 language groups came through the doors of our church for English classes and the sewing group. The majority are from countries whose peoples are hard-to-reach with the gospel.



### SIMILARITY AMIDST DIVERSITY

As we get to know the women who come, we find there are similarities amidst the diversity. Many speak more than one language but most struggle to keep up with the pace of English classes offered at the local college; some have never been to a school before. All of them have family responsibilities in this country and retain links with family from their home country. Most have come from destitute or war-torn countries to make a better life for themselves, either by marrying a UK citizen, sponsorship via extended families, or as asylum-seekers. Tragically, we also know that some have been illegally trafficked into the UK.

### A WARM WELCOME

Many are lonely and all of them enjoy the warm welcome and relational style of teaching, as well as the opportunity to meet women from other cultures. Above all, most of these women have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

### PRAY AND SHARE

In the past 20 years, there have been changes to these ministries, but two things remain unchanged: the commitment to pray and the desire to share the good news of Jesus among the internationals whom God has brought to our city.

### WORTH CONSIDERING

Women from many cultures can usually only be reached by other women. How might God have positioned you and women believers you know to bring light and hope to them?

Pray for our team as we show God's love and introduce spiritual content into our English and sewing classes. Pray for wisdom to recognise those who want to learn more.

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