

# Vision

Welcome to the Jan/Feb/Mar/April edition of our Stauros newsletter.

A lot of great things have happened here at Stauros over the last four months. As a ministry we are dedicated to bringing hope to the people we minister to. Our objectives are:

- To reach out to people who have substance abuse and dependence problems
- To care for people through one-to-one pastoral care
- To lead people into a living faith in Jesus Christ
- To help people overcome the lifestyle challenges of addiction
- To teach people Christian principles and Biblical truths
- To train others in the ministry of pastoral care relating to people with substance abuse and dependence issues

We pray as you read our newsletter that you will be encouraged to see how far and wide God is leading us to reach the lost. We want to thank you for your continued prayers and giving.

*Roy Blown*

## New Staff in USA Justin Talbott



## America

Roy and Pamela travelled to the USA on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. Their trip started in Maryland with John and Peggy Burghauer who work for Stauros Ministries USA.

Roy had opportunities to preach at Northpoint Baptist Church in Baltimore on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and also at Central Chapel in West Virginia on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Pamela also had the opportunity to speak at Forge Road Bible Chapel in Baltimore on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. These churches partner with Stauros USA.

Roy was able to go with John and meet up with some of the guys John would be ministering to. Pamela and Roy were both able to reconnect with people who have supported Stauros Ministries and also been involved in Stauros USA for many years. It was so lovely to renew fellowship with them after some years.

Roy and Pamela were able to spend time with Justin Talbot and his wife Diana. Justin had been a resident in Ballyards Castle 20 years ago and gave his life to the Lord while there. He has since married and has two beautiful children.

Recently, Justin and Diana moved back to the Baltimore area and renewed fellowship with John and Peggy. In 2020 Justin started to volunteer for Stauros Ministries, helping John by reaching out to men with addictions on a one-to-one basis. Justin has also worked extensively on the new Stauros Ministries website as well as going out and about with the Stauros Alive band as they minister in song and testimony at various churches. This brings opportunity to reach out to those who suffer from addiction. They both attended the USA board meeting where a decision was made to employ Justin in a full-time capacity. We are all excited by what the Lord is doing through the work in the USA. It was a great trip and very productive

# Volunteers with Stauros

## Cheryl Eagleson

Cheryl has been around the work of the Stauros Foundation for around 20 years. She was visited by one of our workers in the community sometime in 2002 whilst in the throws of alcohol addiction. At this time she gave her life to the Lord and has never drunk alcohol since.

Cheryl has often helped out with our ladies' weekends: offering facials, massages and other treatments. She has always had a heart for women who suffer from addiction.

Cheryl currently serves with her husband Paul who is the Pastor in Dromore Elim. She has now become a volunteer with Stauros and we are delighted to have her as part of the wider team. She is based in Dromore and will come along side ladies in that area.



## Steve Peck



Steve lived in Norwich and for many years he struggled with addiction, primarily alcohol addiction as well as struggling with some other substances. 22 years ago, Steve came to faith through a series of events when his mother-in-law was dying from cancer. Steve realised through this experience that God was real and submitted his life to the Lord.

Steve and his wife Sara along with their two boys later moved to the Isle of Man and have lived there ever since.

Steve has always had a big heart to help others and is blessed that God could use the darkest times in his life to bring light to others who are struggling.

Steve met Gordon (Stauros full-time worker IOM) and started to have a desire to serve alongside him in the work in IOM. He is a self-employed builder and gives up one day a week (Thursday) to go and visit the guys along with Gordon. We are delighted to have Steve come on board.

## Eddie and Tanya Horner

Eddie and Tanya live in Banbridge, Co Down. Tanya works in Drop Inn Ministries shop where the Banbridge Stauros meeting is held. They have both been a great help to Woody



(Stauros full-time worker). They help to run the Stauros meeting in Banbridge once a fortnight. They have had opportunities to

share testimony at different meetings. Eddie and Tanya both have a love for people who need the Lord and are actively involved in evangelism in the town. Eddie comes from an addictive background and has been free now for many years. Tanya has lived with family members who have also suffered from addiction. They are thankful that they can use this experience to help others. We are delighted that they also are volunteering for Stauros Foundation.



# Shankill

Shankill Stauros meeting meets every Tuesday morning (supposedly 10.30) but everyone starts arriving from 9.30 which is great. We start and end with tea/coffee and loads of food!

We normally have a word of encouragement then a time of prayer and share. We started meeting in September 2021 in Living Hope Church, Belfast, which has been great for the church and a bonus for the group. The church regularly prays for us, and helps us financially and practically. I am so grateful. And at special times of the year Pastor Matt cooks for us. We are looking forward to our "Easter Fry!"

We have on average 20 people meeting each week. All coming with different needs and different backgrounds but God has been so good to us in keeping us together and always encouraging us each Tuesday.

One girl missed a week because of sickness. It was lovely to hear her saying the next week, "I really missed the group!" It is so lovely to hear them sharing, but always praying for each other and believing God does answer prayer.

It was sad to lose a member, who passed away, just few weeks back. It brought the reality of what we do and why we do it.

**Kim Cooper**



# Newtownbreda

The meeting in the Village Cafe is going well. It is such a blessing to us to sit on the sidelines and watch God move in people's lives. You can see someone who has never been to a church service before come to the meeting, at first they feel out of place. But as the weeks go on and we see God move in their lives, you can see that they feel more comfortable and relaxed. It is lovely to hear people asking questions about God's word and see them praise God in our times of worship. We are thankful for the Stauros meeting and glad that they are a source of support to the people that we see. We really appreciate our home church Newtownbreda Baptist for allowing us to use the Village Cafe. It has been such a blessing to us.

**Ricky and Maggie Wallace**



# Portugal - Bible College Teaching



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Pamela and Maggie went to a college to deliver the Unlocking Addictions course in Portugal called International Theological and Leadership College. The college is run by Acre missionaries and is on the same site as the International Evangelical church of the Algarve.

The course offers either a one or two year certificate (some students go for a gap year). We are delighted that the Unlocking Addictions course is part of the two year curriculum.

Pamela and Maggie had a wonderful time at the college, the highlight was getting the chance to spend time with the students. The students are so hungry to learn about God's word and to learn practically how to help others. Pamela and Maggie were well looked after by the students who made them their lunch and dinner each day. It was a great experience and they look forward to returning in 2024.

# Stauros Meetings

## Community support groups called Stauros meetings are held in:

- **Banbridge** on Alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30pm  
Contact *Woody Price* – 07824485435
- **South Belfast** on Alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30pm  
Contact *Ricky Wallace* - 07714736630 or *Maggie Wallace* - 07714736619
- **West Belfast** every Tuesday morning 10:30am  
Contact *Kim Cooper* - 07971633978
- **Broughshane** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning in a month 10:30am  
Contact *George Macgregor* - 07824485436
- **Nutts Corner Crumlin** on Alternate Monday evenings at 7-30pm  
Contact *Pamela Brown* – 07824485434
- **Enniskillen** every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm  
Contact *Brendan Jones* – 07798660050
- **Glasgow** every Monday evening at 7:30pm  
Contact *Linda McCredie* – 07824485438
- **England** on Alternate Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm  
Contact *Paul Murphy* – 07824485437
- **Isle of Man** every Tuesday at 4pm and every Thursday at 6:30pm  
Contact *Gordon Buist* - 07624453731



## The Aims of the Stauros Foundation

1. To promote the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. To evangelise, help and offer fellowship to those suffering and recovering from addiction, to their families and to anyone else who feels they could benefit from our straightforward and practical approach
3. To educate society in general, and the Christian church in particular, about the dangers of all drugs used in a social or recreational way
4. To encourage a witness of abstinence from the social or recreational use of all drugs, including alcohol
5. To promote a society free from drug dependence

Stauros, with Gods help, seeks to befriend the individual and to identify the areas which keep him or her in bondage to their substance of choice.

### Coming Events at Straidhavern Road

- 11th June: UK Trustee/Board meeting
- 13th – 14th June: Staff Fellowship days

### General prayer requests:

- Please pray that the Lord would continue to be the centre of the work of the Stauros Foundation.
- Pray that God would raise up either a person or a couple to take over the work in Scotland.
- Please continue to pray for staff and their ongoing work in the community.
- Pray for Gods wisdom and leading for our trustee's & board members: UK, USA and IOM.

# Thank you

We are so thankful to God in His provision that has allowed us to continue to fulfil our ministry through these difficult days, 'He is the same yesterday, today and forever'.

We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you. Without your prayerful and financial support, we could not do what we do. May God richly bless you as you serve Him.



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