

Vision

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, we are in the months of spring, March through to June. We are starting to notice the daffodils coming into bloom and the stretch in the evenings. I pray you will be encouraged as you read what God is doing in the ministry of Stauros for His glory.

Roy Brown

Remembering Valued Colleagues and Friends

Tribute to Robert Whittet

When I think of Robert Whittet one word comes to mind 'Integrity', Robert Whittet was a man of Integrity. Robert's connection with the Stauros Foundation goes away back to 1980 the beginning of Stauros. Robert always had a heart and a commitment to the ministry of Stauros and always done his part with a willing heart, he never saw his role within Stauros as a job he seen it for what it was.... a calling from God. God had called Robert into the ministry of Stauros.



Robert was also a founder member of the Board of Trustees and was always a great encouragement not only to the other trustees and board members but also to me personally, and was always at the end of the phone if I needed to call him and I did on many occasions. Robert also loved to engage with the staff and volunteers of Stauros and he always had a heart for their well-being. Stauros will always be indebted to Robert Whittet for his wisdom and experience in helping guide Stauros through the various changes that have taken place over the many years.

The Stauros family will miss Robert Whittet and not just as a colleague, you see that was just a title, we will miss Robert more for the friend and mentor he was to us all. - Roy Brown

Tribute to John Zeigenfuse

On February 24, 2024 we said goodbye to a founding board of directors' member of Stauros Ministries USA, John Zeigenfuse. John was 'intrigued' when a group of gentlemen travelled from Northern Ireland to the United States and he pursued finding out more about their approach of helping people with addictions.



He considered it a privilege to serve the Lord who saved him – and the Lord he loved – and he eagerly joined in the formation of Stauros Ministries in 1996! John actively served, for 27 years, until his health began to decline and was unable to participate in board meetings. In 2023 he was awarded the title of Director Emeritus and spent this past year sharing his wisdom as he reflected on the early days of Stauros Ministries and as he was witness to God's faithful provision – in his own life – and in the ministries he so loved! Please pray for John's family and for Stauros Ministries USA. - John Burghauer

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision is yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come,
It will not tarry

Building at Straidhavern

We are thrilled to be able to report that Stauros are planning to commence the renovation work to the annex at our Stauros headquarters at Straidhavern Road; work will begin, God willing, in 'April 2024'.

FUTURE USE:

Our intention is that we will be using the annex as part use as a residential dwelling and part use as a centre for counselling and training services related to the Stauros Foundation. We hope to be able to offer one- to-one pastoral care, as well as our training courses. Also, a place for people to get away from their normal daily routines, for a time to prioritise and enjoy some rest, to be restored, refreshed, renewed and recharged.



VISION:

Our spiritual aim is to have a recovery centre where God's presence is real and His power to forgive can be experienced. The people we minister to need to know His power to liberate them from the grip of addiction, and to receive His healing in their soul. Our hope is that it will be a place where

people with broken lives and relationships can be restored by the grace of God. At all times God's truths and Biblical principles will be expounded and, when possible, Gods people will be equipped for effective service.

FINANCE:

With our vision and plans comes finances. Back in '2019' before the



pandemic, the quotes for refurbishment of the annex were between **£91,000 and £110,000**. The new quotes are now coming in at between **£300,000 and £350,000**, as you can see, they have tripled in cost and we have decided to go with the best quote which is **£304,800**. God in His provision has

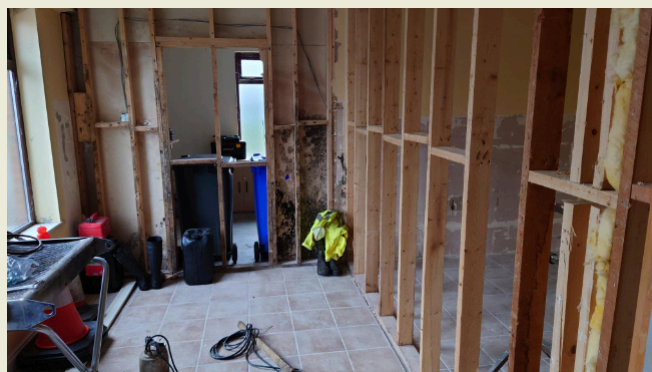


already provided **£170,000**, but that leaves a shortfall of **£134,800**. Our next goal, with God's help and the generosity of His people is to raise the shortfall to complete the work. Please pray for God's provision as we trust Him for the capital expenditure required to complete the project.

I will endeavour to keep you informed of all the developments in this important

project, and if you would like to talk with me personally about it my contact details are email: roy@stauros.com mobile: 07824485433.

In the meantime, thank you for your support throughout the years; we are truly grateful to the Lord for all of you whose partnership with us has made God's work through Stauros possible. We trust you will continue to partner with us as we look to the future, and to following the vision



God has embedded within our hearts.

Remember that God's ultimate provision goes beyond material needs. **YES**, we believe the completion of the renovations will enhance the ministry of Stauros, but more importantly we believe the completion of the annex will enhance God's kingdom. God's ultimate provision includes salvation, grace, love, and

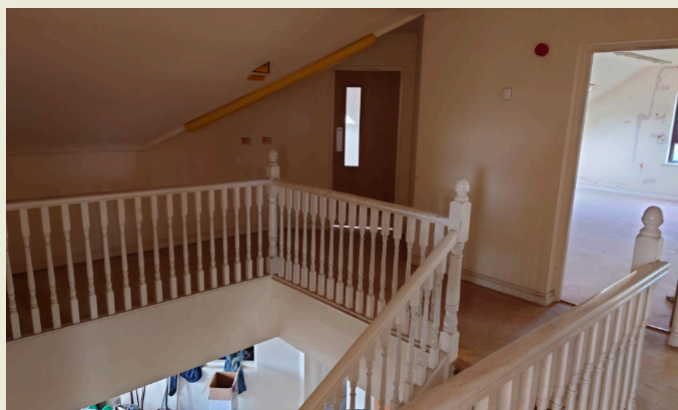


eternal life. As believers, and in Stauros we trust in His faithful care and provision.

Yours in His service,

Roy Brown

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General Director



Stauros Meetings

Community support groups called Stauros meetings are held in:

- **Banbridge** on Alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30pm
Discipleship Bible study every Friday at 12:15pm
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
- **Bolton** on Alternate Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm
Contact *Paul Murphy* – 07824 485437
- **Broughshane** 3rd 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
- **Dromore, Co Down** on 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm
Contact *Cheryl Eagleson* – 07875391824
- **Enniskillen** every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm
Contact *Brendan Jones* – 07798660050
- **Isle of Man** every Tuesday in **Ramsey** at 4pm and every Thursday in **Douglas** at 6:30pm - Contact *Gordon Buist* - 07624453731
- **Lurgan** on Alternate Wednesday mornings at 9:30am
Contact *Pamela Brown* – 07824 485434



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.

Prayer Points

- For the general day to day ministry of the Stauros Foundation
- For every person that comes to Stauros for support, that ultimately, for them they would find freedom in Christ
- For every family member that is affected by their family member's addiction, especially, as they navigate their way through the issues involved
- For the building project, that God would provide the necessary finance to bring it to completion

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.



Want to know more? Please contact us:

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