



## Listening

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I would like to start this testimony by praising God that I and all my family have stayed safe through the COVID pandemic. It has been a strange year for everyone. For me it was a change from my college work being face to face to moving on-line. I finished my level 3 counselling course in June so found that I had a lot of spare time.

In May I had seen an advert for a Christian organisation called New Kapporet who were looking for volunteers to man the phone for a listening and prayer line. I was impressed with what I found out about them and the information that they sent me. I prayed about it and talked it over with Robert and decided to apply. I did a six-week on-line course on skype for two hours every Thursday morning.

The founder, Tim, had been a Samaritan but was frustrated at not being allowed to share his faith especially when people rang up saying they had no hope. He prayed and sought God and out of this New Kapporet was formed. His scripture was '*Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest*'. As well as the training I also have the skills from my counselling course, Whilst we do not counsel, we listen and then pray, all the time believing God would lead our prayers. It is about leading the caller into the presence of God. My first watch was on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. I was nervous but also excited. I got one call that night and the lady was very happy for me to pray for her.

It is a real privilege to listen to the callers, many of whom are going through very distressing times, and then to be able to pray for them. I have had some amazing prayer times feeling Gods presence very powerfully. Some of the callers then want to pray for the listener which is a real blessing. The ministry is growing week by week getting more and more calls. I usually do two watches a week Wednesday 18.00 to 21.00 and Fridays 21.00 to 00.00. The Fellowship are supporting this ministry financially for which I am very grateful.

The Lord gave me Jer 29:11". *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper and not to harm, plans to give you a hope and a future*".

I go into 2021 knowing that God is in control, He will be faithful as he always has been.

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