

IMPACT REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

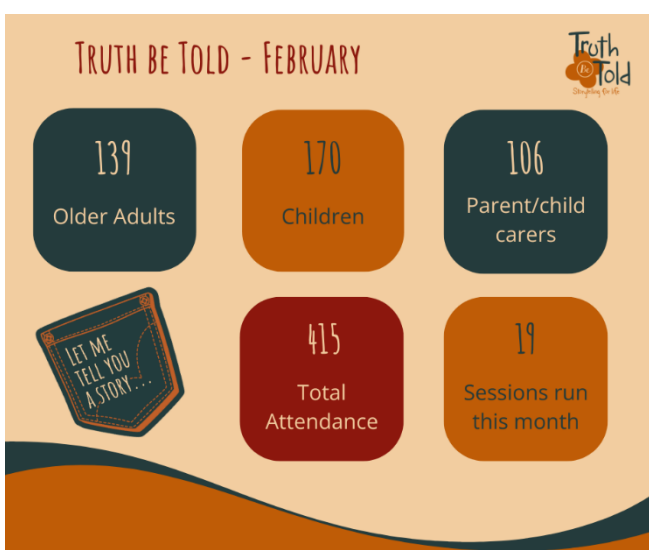
The Hand in Hand Conference was held in Birmingham this month, and both Gemma and Rachel attended alongside TBT's Patron, Bob Hartman. During the conference, Gemma was interviewed by Andy, editor of PureMedia magazine and the Pure247 News Hub, to promote TBT. She is also scheduled for a longer interview in March during their drivetime show.

A Story Writing Workshop, led by Gemma and attended by three of our individual storytellers has had some very positive feedback.

Gemma has also travelled to Stoke-on-Trent to facilitate the training of our new partnership with the Diocese of Lichfield. We are excited to be partnering with the Encounter Project across four locations in the local area.



STORIES FROM OUR GROUPS



Storyteller Sophie in Christchurch shared a precious moment when the children quietly and gently delivered stickers to sleeping residents, with one child whispering, "You are found." As the children handed out the stickers, Sophie was able to emphasise that we are all loved by Jesus.

Another special moment for Sophie was holding the hands of some of the residents during the songs and sensing a real feeling of belonging.

In Dorchester, Jill reflected on the sense of being one big family from beginning to end. There was such joy in the room as everyone sang and played percussion instruments to This

Little Light of Mine.

Vicky in Bournemouth shared a favourite moment about a little girl who loves the singing. Over time, she has grown in confidence and now joins in with the actions, always with a big smile on her face. Vicky also spoke about the many meaningful conversations within the group. One lady shared that she has always found it difficult to make friends, but that the group has been welcoming and helped her feel part of a community.

Paul and Julie in Poole described how wonderful it was to see mums, toddlers, and resident Terry sitting together in a circle, singing Ring a Ring o' Roses and Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush. Many of the mums stayed afterwards to chat and share childcare tips, which was lovely to see.

Another highlight for Paul was being able to share that Jesus welcomes both adults and children and that He calls adults to come to Him with childlike faith. Paul then prayed, thanking God that He welcomes and accepts us all.

There was a special moment during one session in Poole when the children used the parachute to imagine being in the boat with Jesus during the storm. As the waves rose and fell, there was lots of noise and laughter. Then, as the storm calmed, the parachute stilled and the room became quiet, a powerful and peaceful moment.





In Birmingham, Nikki shared how she asked three simple questions at the end of the story. The women in the group who are exploring faith, or are at the beginning of their journey, were able to answer and in doing so, were gently discipling the not-yet-believing mums. It was wonderful to witness.

Storyteller Sarah in Dorchester shared that one resident had brought her son and daughter along because they so enjoy seeing their mum engaged and responsive during the sessions. Another resident, who often arrives early and appears anxious beforehand, transforms once the session begins, beaming from ear to ear.

The school children attending for the first time were incredibly responsive to the residents. They confidently interacted, sharing the story bags they had chosen, which made everyone feel included and valued.



Sarah also shared a deeply moving moment at the end of a session. A resident was moved to tears when she received a "You are Safe" sticker. She said, "You have no idea how much this is needed for me today." She went on to explain that her husband was being cremated that day. He had been living with her in the residential home, suffered a stroke, and passed away two days later in hospital. She said, "I have no family, and you have no idea how this makes me feel to know I am safe. Thank you so much."

The residents loved watching the children giggle when the parachute came out. With the sun shining through the windows, there was pure joy on every person's face, a beautiful moment.

Jill in Dorchester also shared about a new little boy with disabilities who attends with his mum. He is really enjoying being involved in the sessions and experiencing love, peace, and joy. Another lady, who had been unwell since Christmas, was thrilled to return and spoke about how much she had missed being there.



TBT ESOL

This month, TBT held three ESOL sessions in Bournemouth. A total of 26 adults attended, including 4 older adults, along with 19 children. The sessions welcomed people many different nations this month, including Afghani, Iraqi, Cameroonian and Kurdish.



Karen shared how everyone was listening, and agreeing, when I talked about having tired hearts and carrying heavy burdens in them (such as worry for family back home, worry for things here, and things that they may have seen in war or seasons of unrest) and then talked about the rest and peace that Jesus can bring when we are held by him, like a mum holds a small child. I also gave the ladies bookmarks with the verse on in English, and in some of their languages (as many as I could find).

We'd spent time at the beginning making sure the ladies understood what being accepted meant, and that they could say it in their languages. When we talked about being accepted by God just as we are, the ladies seemed to really understand this.

Irwin shared one his favourite moments when he passed around an old mirror to encourage the young youth about the truth of their uniqueness in God. There was a wonderful authentic moment when they all shared their worries in the group about, friends, exams, clothes etc. All six Iranian children were between 7-14yrs old.