Summer Impact Report 2026

News this July and August...

It was great to be at SAINT Church in Hackney in July, delivering a TBT workshop to FLOURISH children and adults from all over the country. FLOURISH is the Church of England's big investment into creating worshiping communities in schools, in partnership with church and home. They have an annual conference to encourage and motivate young leaders and the theme this year was seasons. For autumn, Gemma used the TBT story about someone who plants a seed then worries about it but meanwhile, another seed grows far bigger and stronger with no worry whatsoever! Participants heard the story, drew their own flashcards, then retold it as a group so that the 'Do not worry' passage in Luke would be well sown and watered ready for their new term after summer. It was a real privilege to be a part of the event and to use our material so flexibly which received excellent feedback from children and adults.

Our Parable Patron Campaign continues to grow, with 20 stories now sponsored by generous individuals. If you would like to become a Parable Patron, please click here.

Most of our TBT groups closed for the summer break and will return in September.

Stories from our groups across generations...

July and August	Total this month
Older Adults	111
Children	99
Parent/Child Carer	58
Total attendance	**268**
Sessions run	12

Sophie in Christchurch shared a happy and interactive morning was had by all including 10 children and that the residents and guests enjoyed signing One *man went to mow* very enthusiastically.

Resident Terry from Poole said, 'That was a really good time that was!'.

Storytellers Paul and Julie shared a story about a bee called Bertie and used a bee prop much to the delight of the children and residents. Producing real honey, Paul shared the similarities of the wonderful taste of honey the bible tells us to **'taste and see that the Lord is good'** He is sweeter and more satisfying than honey.

They gave also shared that have shared how the consistency of their TBT sessions in their toddler group has meant that the children are feeling more **confident interacting** in the sessions and it has been wonderful getting to know the teachers.

Some of the carers who have been listening from the back of the room, have started joining in and the children have always remembered to give them their truth stickers at the end of the session.

A new TBT group in Portsmouth run by Elizabeth, loved the affirmation of the Truth stickers 'I am Safe', reminding all the guests that **Jesus never leaves our side even though we may feel alone.**

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Storyteller Jill shared with us that it was their last session with some of the children as they were moving onto reception from September. They wanted them to take with them the truth 'I am precious'.
One of the residents, Ivan, turned to a lady sitting next to him and said, 'It's funny how singing these songs **bring back memories** doesn't it!'.

...And Across Cultures...

TBT held one ESOL session in Birmingham over the summer. A total of 25 adults attended along with 25 children. The sessions welcomed people from many different nations.

Nikki in Birmingham shares with us that during the second TBT playgroup session they revisited the story through a creative craft activity, encouraging families to enjoy creating together without the pressure of perfection. The Christian message of **coming to Jesus like children** was reinforced, with encouraging signs of engagement.

Our international storytelling sessions in Taiwan will be running weekly from September, and the running of these groups has now been handed over to Katie who will be our new storyteller.

The beginning of July saw TBT running further International Missional Storytelling and Orality Training workshops. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the principles of Jesus and storytelling, while learning practical tools to share the Gospel with people of all ages, cultures and abilities around the world.

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