Impact Report 2026

News this month...

All our TBT groups started back in September after a break over the summer.

Rachel travelled to London this month and attended a communications network, specifically relating to change management. She shared about how TBT has managed recent changes from relying solely on funders income to building a campaign for individual giving which we called Parable Patron – For the One.

Our Parable Patron Campaign continues to grow, with 21 stories now sponsored by generous individuals. If you would like to become a Parable Patron, please click here.

Stories from our groups across generations...

September	Total this month
Older Adults	169
Children	204
Parent/Child Carer	138
Total attendance	**511**
Sessions run	22

Two little returning guests have begun the new term with such confidence, engaging with the residents who themselves, joined in singing *'Jesus loves me'*,. One resident shared how the experience reminded her of her grandchildren.

It's always a treat when family members visit with their resident parents and join in the TBT sessions. Paul and Julie were able to have a wonderful conversation about TBT and what we do. The Care home manager joined in the opening song with a short dance in the centre of all the resident guests bringing much laughter in the room. Paul shared a photo of himself doing the conga whilst visiting a local care home's summer party.

Storyteller Yvonne from Sherborne and Jill from Dorchester have both shared how wonderful it has been to be back with the residents and see the joy on their faces as they engage with their children and how much if feels like being part of a family.

A lady who works at a Dorchester care home shared with Jill that after their last TBT session, she took her little boy swimming. While there, she met a little girl and her mum, who was wearing a Truth Be Told sticker. The mum mentioned that her daughter had really enjoyed Jill's session and would love to come along again.

One Christchurch resident said she wasn't up to joining them this week because her shoulder was painful, but she was happy for little Ezra to pray for it to be healed.

In Aylesham and Dorchester this month, storytellers Laura and Sarah told us what a JOY it was to celebrate residents Shirley and Grace's birthdays who turned a glorious 90 years young. They sang *happy birthday* to celebrate them!

During a TBT session one little boy responded to the opening question, 'How would we say hello if we were in a racing car? He replied, "Open the window"

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Giving out the stickers at the end with the truth, *I am special*, several of the residents said, 'Who is special? Jill replied that they were special. One resident guest shared that no one had told her that before and **Jill was able to tell her how much Jesus loves her.**

Despite only having had one child attend, everyone was so lovely and welcoming and grateful for the session to still go ahead. Many residents loved singing '*Yes Jesus loves me*' during the parachute game.

Quote from storyteller Verity in Chipping Campden.

"This was the first story that I've written from scratch. It was based on Jesus saying, "Behold I stand at the door and knock". I think that using all brilliant TBT pre-written stories and **attending the training session on how to write your own has given me the confidence** to attempt this, thank you!"

New resident Terry, from Christchurch, was very enthusiastic during the session, particularly when it came to singing. He especially enjoyed playing the role of the King in the story, while fellow resident Ann took on the character of Wendy, the washerwoman.

Another Resident called Affra said the **sessions were invaluable** and helped to distract from things that troubled her.

...And Across Cultures...

Gemma and Vivek led another international training workshops beginning of the month, training leaders from churches across the world in Missional storytelling and communicating the gospel across all cultures.

Karen in Bournemouth shared a wonderful conversation with one of the international ladies who attends her ESOL group. One of the ladies shared about how she'd been taught as a Muslim that God wants us to talk to him. I agreed and we talked about how amazing it was, **how we could talk to God about anything** and be sure that we are loved and accepted no matter what. Sharing the love of Jesus through these relationships built of time is such a joy.

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