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Ian and Mandy Carter

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Dear Ian and Mandy,

May you receive every rich and joyous blessing in this coming New Year! Tom and I really do miss you and apologise for not having any time with you before we moved into our new home in Liverpool. I hope to invite you for dinner soon.

Ruth Fergusson informed me of your developments with Narrow Gate and we are so pleased that you are now moving into the things God has clearly set up for you. Well done with your perseverance and faithfulness. However, I was distressed to hear that things are not progressing as smoothly as they should, but know that through God's grace and faithfulness that things will soon work out.

I thought to write to let you know of the impact I felt Wirral Carers had in being based at the Narrow Gate in the 25 months ( March '94 – June '96) it used the front office space. In that time over 250 'long term' unemployed people went through its doors; firstly being placed in voluntary organisations throughout Wirral for 18 hours a week and then attending 3 hour job search session in the main hall of the church. It was a very lucrative project in terms of the people finding opportunity for work or training (over 80% success in positive outcomes), but also financially for the Wirral Christian Centre. I was led to believe that Narrow Gate would be paid at least £50 per week for the use of the premises. I never did have access to the finance of this project, everything being paid directly to Wirral Christian Centre Ltd. I was concerned on the irregularities of payments to you, as I felt this project was never

fully itemised in its income and outgoings by the Centres financial administrations which refused to allow me to have their own record-keeping. I did keep my own accounts and know exactly how much was coming in through my recruitment tasks and how much was to be spent on salary, rents, expenses etc.. If this amount was paid, then at least the office would have earned an income of £5,850 for Narrow Gate during that time.

The impact of basing Wirral Carers at Narrow Gate still continues. In my current job I have regularly come across people who have continued in employment and really speak with affection at what occurred there. Basing the project in an area of high unemployment and disaffection really helped local people identify with Narrow Gate as a place within the heart of their community.

I hope this helps with identifying how well Narrow gate can utilised in the future. If you wish to have further details, do get in touch.

I pray for your continued success and hope to see you very soon.

With much love and affection,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Gould".

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