

FAITH IN PRACTICE: CORNERSTONE

(Psalm 18.1-26 and Matthew 25.31-46)



A Personal Journey

- The story so far...
- Why Cornerstone?

Fostering and Adoption – How It Works

- Recruitment
- Preparation Training
- Assessment
- Panel
- Approval
- Placements

A sibling group of four mixed heritage children who had been living in two separate foster homes in London were placed in June and July 2014 with a Cornerstone couple who reflect their ethnic background.

All four children settled well and are making excellent progress in all areas. The adoption order was granted in April 2016 and their Celebration Day was in June 2016.

The family receive their Post Adoption Support through Cornerstone, funded by the placing local authority for three years. They have since been reassessed as a family to take a further sibling group of 2.

One little boy was fostered and then adopted in August 2012. He is severely disabled and his life expectancy is uncertain. The experience was so overwhelmingly positive that the family decided to do it again!

They were matched with a two year old girl with profound special needs in 2014. Her life expectancy is uncertain, she is fed through a tube into her stomach and she could not walk, talk or support herself.

Two sisters who have 'left care' continue to live with their foster family. They are now aged 23 and 20. Their Local Authority Social Worker and Reviewing Officer cannot praise their carers or Cornerstone enough for the continued excellent care they have received, remaining in the stability and security of their Forever Family.

In September 2016, a care leaver whose first child had been removed and placed for adoption came to a Cornerstone family with her new-born son. This was not expected to last a week!

In December 2016 following an intensive period of assessment she was supported by the family to transition to independent living where she is succeeding. She remains in touch with the family and her Local Authority are delighted by this excellent outcome.

The Future

- VAA / Ofsted
- Affinity
- Recruitment
- Going to the nations

Ending

We value your prayers and support for the work. Thank You.