

## Maria



In October, while cycling into Brighton, I spotted a lady in a wheelchair and her adult son, so I stopped to see if I could pray for them. Maria is mostly wheelchair bound as she cannot feel her feet and suffers from fibromyalgia and diabetes.

I'll let Maria continue:

*"Last year in October 2021 I met Paul in Victoria Gardens (We did not know each other at this point). Paul prayed for some back issues I had. I did feel a slight reduction in pain and a tingling sensation, but at this point I wasn't sure if it was anything special or just due to circumstances. He gave me some information about the church and his mobile number in case I had any questions.*

*A few weeks later, I texted and asked if he could meet me at Emmanuel that Sunday morning. He agreed. On the morning I attended I met him and his wife his Becky, plus many others. From that moment I felt I belonged somewhere at last.*

*At various times I've been prayed for. One of those times was in the New Year after a service. Paul and Becky prayed for my knees as I had issues at that time with acute pain. It wasn't until the following Wednesday that something happened. It was night and I was in bed reading the Bible. After about an hour I suddenly realized I was sitting in bed crossed legged. I was so shocked and amazed as I had not been able to do this without intense pain and for any-longer than about 5 minutes. Here I was in shock just staring at my crossed legs as I had not been able to do this comfortably for almost 11 years. (I'm still able to sit like this a month later!)*

*In late January I started the Alpha Course in person and what an experience! Week two I was prayed for and I really felt Jesus. I really did feel His presence. Week three I repented and gave my life to Jesus. On Easter Sunday I was baptised and I really felt reborn into the family of God.*

*In just five short months I have finally got a happy life, a new large family and the most important person in my life always by my side – Jesus!”*

And following Maria’s Baptism, her son is now attending the Alpha Course.

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