



## **Tired of the Distance?**

What a long time it has been since hugs with friends and family. It is wonderful to know that restrictions are easing, but isn't the waiting tough? Dr Brene Brown describes us as "hardwired to connect with others...", and as Christians we believe God created us for relationship with Himself and those around us.

For the NPI team lockdown and restrictions have looked differently for each of us – as parents, grandparents, foster carers and friends, we each have our own stories of the past year and have all experienced the heaviness of missing those we love.

We hope and pray that as we move into a new season, you (and we) will know peace that surpasses understanding, joy in reconnection and hope in what's to come.



## **NPI Latest News ...**

Have you visited our website recently? We were delighted that blogger Ingrid Hatt wrote a piece for us earlier this month on the theme of identity. “I may be broken” she writes, “but I have been mended, and God sees me as all the more beautiful for having been broken.” Do have a read of that and other [posts](#) on our website.

We have also been thrilled to link with speaker, writer and podcaster Sally Clarkson. In fact, Sally was the last person interviewed for our ‘Empowering Parents’ series. She had lots of wisdom on [Reaching the Heart of your Child](#).

Did you see that we recently hosted an online Vision Event for those who work with families in churches in Greater Manchester? It was a great time spent sharing information and inspiration on ways to empower families. We are excited that the next stop on our online tour is Cornwall! If you are in that area, we would love for you to join us. Register for a free ticket [here](#).

We look forward to letting you know our future event dates in the next newsletter!



## One final thought...

Did you read about the Government's recent report on the first 1,001 days of life? (You can find all the info [here](#)). Family Hubs were one of the key action areas on the report. We would love to know what you think about the idea of Family Hubs and whether you think this is something churches could get involved with. Drop Kayte an email with any thoughts at [office@thenpi.org.uk](mailto:office@thenpi.org.uk).

Thank you for continuing to support our work. Please do pray for The NPI, and if you would like to give financially, you can do so [here](#).