



## **Beautiful dreams DVD Intro**

[Script / intro duration: approx 5mins]

### **Showing the *Beautiful dreams* DVD**

The DVD is the centrepiece of the party as it focuses on **Pavement Project** in action, and helps your guests see how lives are being transformed by this unique Bible-based counselling process.

You'll need to set up a TV, DVD player or projector – make sure everyone can see and hear it clearly (e.g. you may need to draw the curtains if it is too bright).

The DVD has a short and long version of the *Beautiful dreams* film – we suggest that you show the long (15 minute) version at your party. There's also a 2-minute fun piece (*Happy Birthday Pavement Project*) that you could show at the end of the party if you wish.

### **Introductory Talk**

Of course, you can do your own introduction, but you may find this script helpful as a way to set the scene for the DVD.

Hello [I'm xxxxxx] and I'd like to thank you for coming to this special party to help us celebrate ten years of **Pavement Project**!

Now, if I told you that a donkey could turn into a bird, or an armadillo into a piano, or a cold hard rock into a washing line hung with colourful, clean clothes, then you might think I was having some very odd dreams.

But in a moment we'll see how **Pavement Project** has been doing exactly that for ten years!

First, though, I'd like you to use your imagination.

Imagine if you lived on a huge mountainous rubbish dump, that you spent every day digging through stinking leftovers and infested garbage. Or if you lived in a tumbledown shack that could wash away whenever it rained. Think about how it would be if you slept on the pavement in a shop doorway that you shared with rats. Try to picture yourself wandering the streets to get money for food, or just trying to find ways to survive. Imagine if you waited up for your dad to come back, wondering if he would be violently drunk again; or living with the feeling that maybe your parents don't love you at all.

It's horrible, isn't it? But the truth is that this is real life for millions of children all over the world right now. If this were your situation, wouldn't you begin to see yourself as worthless, unwanted and unloved?

Now, it wouldn't be much of a party if that was where it stopped, would it? But thankfully there are **Pavement Project** workers around the world who are dedicated to sharing a different story with children like these.



As they get alongside children and begin to share God's Story with them, something amazing and very beautiful slowly starts to happen. The children begin to see themselves differently, and start to understand that God has a different story to tell about their lives and their futures. And it makes a difference that can transform their lives forever.

That's what **Pavement Project** does. Every day. All around the world.

And that's how a little girl who saw herself as a grubby armadillo, burrowing into the dirt to hide away from the light, turned into a smiling young woman who sees herself as a piano capable of producing beautiful melodies.

We're going to meet her now, and other children and young people like her who God is helping to dream **beautiful dreams**.

### Play DVD

### After DVD

### Pray

Leave a few moments pause for reflection.

Then invite guests to pray for those workers and children they have seen in the DVD; for the workers and children all over the world that are involved right now; and for **SGM Lifewords** in the future development of **Pavement Project**.

Next, explain that we need their help so that the project can develop over the next ten years and help reach even more vulnerable children with the Bible's life-changing words.

### Give

Invite your guests to give financially.

They can give a gift at the end of party – make sure you provide a box or tin, or some receptacle clearly marked for guests to drop cash, notes, cheques or pledges in.

Or guests can make a one-off donation, and/or sign up to make a regular gift using the response form provided. Tell your guests that a form is included in their party bag. They simply need to fill it in and return it to **SGM Lifewords**, or fill it in straight away and drop it in the box. **By becoming a regular donor and pledging to GIVE TEN (or more) a month**, your guests can be part of the next ten years of **Pavement Project** – helping to change the future for many more children-at-risk.

### Tell

Finally, challenge them to decide to tell ten others about Pavement Project.

They may even want to run their own party! Explain that the **Tell Ten Pledge** is all about deciding to pray, give and tell ten – and that the pledge cards are in the bag, along with a helpful fridge magnet reminder.



## Sign the card!

As well as deciding to pray, give and tell, you can inform guests that there is another way to give to **Pavement Project** at the party.

Ask guests to sign the special PP10 birthday card before they leave – writing their name, and maybe a message or a prayer – and explain that the card will be sent back to **SGM Lifeworlds** with cards from every other PP10 party, as a gesture of solidarity and support for the project, the workers, and the children.

## And finally ...

Please take a few photos of your party. We'd love to see them! You can post or email them to us ([uk@sgmlifeworlds.com](mailto:uk@sgmlifeworlds.com)) and we'll build an online party gallery for you to look at.

Party on!