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*One of 5,000 flyers we have had printed with the hope of distributing as many as possible for our carol service.*

*“Bringing the great news of Jesus to Wanstead”*

**The Vision:** “Our vision is to glorify God by being a Bible centred, welcoming church family seeking to reach out with the gospel of Jesus in the Wanstead area.” Wanstead is in East London. Although relatively affluent financially it is a spiritually needy area of 25,000 people where less than 1% go to Bible centred churches in the area. We are a group of Christians seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to Wanstead and the surrounding area.

**What's been happening:** November saw the continuation of our Jesus Video visiting with another 50 homes visited and 7 DVDs given away. One person said they had been challenged to start going to church again(not ours?!). Our steady flow of visitors in September and October seems to have dried up. We have printed 5,000 Carol Service leaflets for distribution (we ordered 3,000 but the printer got carried away) Our move to Wanstead House finally happened and the first three weeks have run relatively smoothly. God willing you may hear little about venues for a while. We ran a successful experiment with our Sunday School lessons (which run before the service) being linked with the Sermon series. Deborah Kelly's health has improved (See Nov letter) although she is still far less mobile than she was before the summer.

#### **Praise Points**

- For our great king Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this month
- For all the opportunities Christmas gives us for the gospel.
- For the November instalment of the Jesus video project, that one person has returned to church.
- For the smooth transfer to Wanstead House (and David's appointment to the Board of Management)
- For the successful Sunday School experiment.
- For Deborah's improved health ( please pray for continued improvement!)

#### **For Prayer**

##### Evangelism

- For our Carol Service on 16th December.
  - \* Pray that we would be bold in inviting friends, colleagues, neighbours to the Carol Service (or other Carol services at work etc).
  - \* Pray that we would distribute as many leaflets as possible.
  - \* Pray for the service itself; the music, the welcome, and especially the message, so that people would hear the gospel clearly.
- That those who took Jesus videos, DVDs and literature would watch/read/listen, and God would use that to draw people to himself.

#### **Upbuilding**

- For the finalisation of the apprentice recruitment (Trustees meeting 11th December)
- Sunday School teachers. Some of our teachers are having to take some time out, so we need some more.

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