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GCW's first AGM

"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: January has been an encouraging month at Grace Church Wanstead. We have been blessed with half a dozen newcomers who have started attending our meetings regularly. The majority are Christians, but one or two are seeking or revisiting the Christian faith after a time away. We hope to start an enquirers/refreshers course on Sunday mornings during our Christian discipleship programme, 3 or 4 have indicated they would like to do the course. The increase in numbers means that for the first time we had over 30 adults at a 'normal' service. (This was the number we originally prayed for to start the church) We also have about 35 children on the books. We had our first AGM. One of the highlights was realising that God had provided over £97,000 in our first 18 months (we have spent about £50,000 of it) We are beginning to plan for Easter, more Jesus video visiting, and a Men's breakfast.

Praise Points

- For our great God and his gospel.
- For the good number of newcomers in the last month.
- For the prospect of an enquirers/ refreshers course starting soon.
- For God's fantastic provision for us.

For Prayer

Evangelism

- For the enquirers course.
 - * For people to come.
 - * For the gospel to be explained clearly and boldly.
 - * For God to work in people's hearts.
- For planning of Easter/ Jesus video visiting/ Men's breakfast.
- For our ongoing evangelism with friends and families, work colleagues. Pray for opportunities and conversions.

Upbuilding

- For the right person to apply for our apprentice position.
- For the ongoing teaching programme. We are beginning a series of sermons in Matthew's Gospel and looking at the Church leadership's Doctrinal Basis in the Christian Discipleship Programme.
- For our 35 children, that we would nurture them in a godly way at home, in our services and Sunday School. (It would be good to have one or two more Sunday school teachers)

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