



# UK & Ireland Good Newsletter

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2008:

- WE NOW HAVE 560 CHURCHES IN 157 NATIONS
- OF 400 CHURCHES POLLED, 86% CURRENTLY PRACTISE DISCIPLESHIP.
- 98 CHURCH PLANTINGS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 2003-2007
- OUR CHURCHES EXPERIENCED NET GROWTH IN 2007 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS
- 2700 SINGLES FROM OVER 50 COUNTRIES ATTENDED THE 2008 SINGLES RETREAT IN DALLAS

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Dear brothers and sisters in the UK Churches,

You hold in your hands an attempt to put 1 Peter 2:9 into practice, and declare the praises of God as He faithfully works His miracles among us.

There is a lot of good news in the land, which doesn't always get around. This "UK churches" newsletter is merely a prototype -- we don't know what to call it; we know it's woefully inadequate and has left out lots of great news and stories that must somehow be told! This first issue was created merely as a test, to see if you would like for the staff of the UK churches to produce something like this -- hopefully much more comprehensive and representing all the churches -- on some kind of regular basis.

Please help us think up a better name for it. Please send your miracle stories and news of God's great work to us. Please let us know if you like this idea. Tell your leader(s) and have them tell someone on staff. If you'd like to help us with this UK newsletter, by all means! Please let us know.

In the Lord's service,

The UK staff

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## UK Campus Ministry Mission

Plans for a UK Campus Ministry revival are underway, with the students touring the country to support one another in their mission.

The ministry of 10 disciples made the bold step to meet together once a month, hosted each time by a different church in the UK. The impetus came from a desire to strengthen one another and evangelise their campuses. The strategy has proven essential since, with the exception of UCL, each student is the only disciple on their campus.

First to host the event was the Belfast Church in November with disciples opening their hearts and homes in order to facilitate the visiting students.

As well as hosting a bible talk and encouraging the church in Belfast, the students were able to enjoy



Picture: UK Campus Ministry in Belfast with Teens from Dublin

fun and fellowship with each other and two visiting teen disciples from Dublin.

Since the initial success of the Belfast meeting, the students have hosted a similar event in London. Students from the North-west hosted a bible talk and party which provided encouragement for all those in attendance. The ministry is

faithful that God will do incredible things this academic year and would like to request that you continue to keep them in your prayers.

Cities currently with disciples on campus include, Cardiff, Bristol, London, Reading, Warwick and Belfast .

# Teen Ministry Righteous Rebel Revival



**Righteous Rebels: Teen Camp 2008**

The UK Teen Ministry is seeing its largest growth rate since 2005 with a record number of baptisms following this summer's Teen Camp.

Although the Camp, aptly entitled *Righteous Rebellion*, ended over four months ago, the zeal and fervor of the Teen Ministry remains solid. Since the end of camp, the ministry has seen many make the decision to become disciples. The latest of these is Lulu Gutu of the North Teen Ministry, baptized on 28th December 2008. Her brother, Chen was also baptized this summer following the end of Teen Camp.

In order to strengthen and encourage each other, the

Teen Ministry is continuing to have monthly Devos on the last Sunday of every month. This involved most recently, an end of year formal ball including a blind date competition. The prize of an expenses paid night out with a Teen leader couple was won by Chen Gutu and Nadine Eboghiaye.

The teens thoroughly enjoyed themselves and used the opportunity to strengthen the ongoing relationships that were forged at camp.



tors to the weekly Bible discussions in the residence halls in the University of Birmingham this autumn. We're also very proud of the preteen families, who have stepped up to host very successful monthly preteen events for the church.

Our theme for 2009 is "In His Strength." We desire to pray more in His strength; build closer relationships with one another in His strength; and more lovingly reach out to the lost and the poor in His strength in 2009.

Pictured (top to bottom): Daniel; Stephen; Adam; Jason; Carmen; Walter & Kim Evans on their visit.

## MCOC 2008 Round-up

The Midlands Churches of Christ (Birmingham, Leicester and Wolverhampton, serving disciples in Rugby, Lincoln, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Rugeley Staffs, Warwick, and Coventry) completed its first full year in 2008 with the Flemings as resident part-time ministers. Pictured are a few of the 17 baptisms, restorations, and move-ins who were added to the MCOC membership in 2008.

We're now 91 disciples in Birmingham and 25 in Leicester. Birmingham had the first teen baptisms in many years in 2008: Jason Carter and Daniel Baker, with more soon to follow. We praise

God for the inspiring 20th anniversary service weekend in April, with Walter and Kim Evans as guest speakers. We had the opportunity to host a record-setting international Dynamic Marriage Facilitators' Training weekend in September with Gordon Ferguson and 23 couples from the UK and Europe. This brought the great program for strengthening marriage and family to more people in the Midlands. We've had 9 children born or adopted in 2008, an engagement and one new dating couple!

One of the most exciting new developments is the rebirth of the campus ministry, where God has consistently brought between 8 - 10 visi-

worship service of the month.

Ed Anton, a brother from the Hampton Roads church in Virginia, USA, has spent several years focusing on corporate repentance in the Bible and its practical application for us and was the source of much of the material that our UK churches used. The East region of London is currently dedicating the months of February and March in 2009 to this study as well. To view or listen to some of the material, visit [www.gpcc.org](http://www.gpcc.org) (website for the Greater Philadelphia church of Christ).

## The UK Repents!

A Spirit of Repentance swept through the UK as several congregations, (in London – NW, SE, North, Surrey; Edinburgh; Birmingham) devoted a month's Bible study and small groups to the topic of Biblical corporate repentance ("corporate," as in, "the body of Christ" – not as in "corporation"!).

The month's events culminated in a Solemn Assembly, in which disciples from other congregations came to serve in kingdom kids, enabling every single member of the local church to be in attendance for the last Sunday

## First Lincoln Service

On Sunday, 16 November, disciples of the Leicester and Leeds congregations who live in Lincoln held an historic worship service in Lincoln!

Disciples and friends came to support them from London (Riverside and South regions), Edinburgh, Manchester, Stamford, Newcastle, Nottingham, and Derbyshire. There were between 70-80 in attendance and about 15 visitors.

The church raised £143 on their first meeting for Linkage Trust, a charity set up to improve the lives of people with mental difficulties living in Lincolnshire. Adam Tongue, one of the brothers, works part-time for this organisation and sees first hand the positive impact which it makes. ([www.linkage.org.uk](http://www.linkage.org.uk))



Picture: The Wakefield family

# Hope in 2008

2008 was a fantastic year for HOPE worldwide (UK). In London we were able to house over 250 homeless people and help 10 recovering addicts remain clean. We are getting closer to being able to set up programmes in other cities and received acclaim from the CLG (Communities and local Government) by being featured as a case study in their new national strategy for rough sleeping, within a chapter entitled, "the right help in the right place at the right time". They also produced a press release on our behalf before Christmas that got us featured very positively on ITV's London Tonight news programme. We have just received news that Westminster City Council are renewing our contract to house their homeless and Sport Relief have agreed to fund our sport therapy in ODAAT.

Internationally, we were able to continue to support work in Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Zambia, Bangladesh and Cambodia. We have agreed a partnership with the International Diabetes Federation's Life for a Child programme to help children with diabetes live when their families can't pay for the treatment. Towards the end of the year we gained access to the European Parliament and European Commission as we try to build our ability to access large government grants for our work overseas.

Thank you for your donations. May God help each one of us to actively and effectively minister to the poor and needy around us, as Jesus would, in 2009. *Jeremiah 22:16*

**Wil Horwood**



# Wakefields' move to Glasgow

CJ Wakefield has moved from the South region of London to take a position with the Glasgow church. CJ, Sheree and their three children, Alijah(5), Nathanael(2) and Mica(8 months) moved from London to Glasgow in December 2008. Alijah has very quickly settled into the Notre Dame Primary School and is already making new friends.

Marie Jarvis of Glasgow says, "They are a very outward focused and giving family, keen to get to know all the disciples and their dreams and desires for Glasgow. CJ and his family have had such a positive impact on the church in a very short time. Prayer is a definite focus in their lives and is becoming a greater focus within the church. They also bring with them a great sense of joy and fun which allows them quickly into the lives and hearts of others. CJ's hard working attitude has given new inspiration to the Glasgow leadership who often struggled with the pressure of full-time work, families and church leadership.

"CJ has worked well with the church for a focus for 2009. As a result the Holy Spirit has put it on the hearts of the disciples in Glasgow to devote themselves to God, to each other and to the community. As the church moves into 2009, there is a

renewed sense of hope and a keen desire to see God work. We praise God for the blessing the Glasgow Church has received through the love and devotion that CJ and

## Alive in Aberdeen!

On November 30, 2008, the disciples in Aberdeen had their first Sunday worship service in many years. Ben Brady of the Edinburgh Church of Christ delivered an inspiring message, challenging the assembly to keep God as the centre of our lives, to have faith like granite and sparkling relationships with one another. The small band of disciples in Aberdeen is international, coming from Finland, Nigeria, Singapore, Fiji, England, and the USA. Please pray for us to grow and thrive!



Picture: Disciples in Aberdeen

# London Awaits Campus Minister Arrival

The London Church is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the newly appointed campus minister from the beginning of this year.

Ian Mohlie is a disciple from the Richmond Church of Christ in Virginia. He was converted through the campus ministry at Virginia Commonwealth University and has been serving as leader in the singles ministry there.

His arrival was thwarted on New Years Day when he was sent home by customs upon landing at Heathrow due to temporary visa issues. We pray that Ian will be with us in the next few weeks with the correct paperwork.

Upon arrival, the Campus Ministry is faithful that God will use Ian to have a big impact, particularly on UCL, where the student ministry is based.



**Campus Minister:**  
**Ian Mohlie**

# Nanjundans Return to West London

The West sector in London are delightedly anticipating the arrival of the Nanjundan family from India. Mohan, Helen and their children Priya and Rahul will be flying into West London on 1st April this year. Mohan will be on staff full-time and Helen part-time serving the West ministry.

Mohan and Helen both have Masters degrees from the University of London, he in Economics, she in Organisational Behaviour. It was while they were studying for these degrees, that they became Christians - Mohan in '83 and Helen in '86. Mohan worked for about a decade each in the ministry and HOPE. Helen had a successful corporate career in Singapore before becoming a missionary to India. They were married in 1991. In the last five years, Mohan has worked as a consultant as well as a director of a design firm (architecture/ engineering). Helen has worked part time for Hope for Children, helping adoptive parents from the US with their adoption from India. They have two children - Priya (15) and Rahul (14). Both children are adopted. Mohan says, "We're deeply indebted to the London church and eager to be in West London with our friends there. We served there before, together in 2002/3 and briefly in 1991. I became an evangelist in 1987, while serving in the West sector, as a single man."



Picture: The Nanjundan family

The West are very excited about their arrival, and we can be sure that, with their wealth of experience and spirituality, they will have an impact on the entire London church as well as the rest of the British Isles. Please be praying for a smooth transition to the UK, especially regarding accommodation and schooling for Priya and Rahul.

The last two years have seen a spectacular increase in the numbers of specially gifted people coming to help us in the British Isles. Not only did the Lord send the Flemings to the Midlands, but we have also benefited from the on-going wise counsel of Mike & Terrie Fontenot and John & Karen Louis as well as visits from John Causey, John & Nancy Mannel, Ed Anton, Reese and Mary-Kay Neyland, Steve Staten, Alex Hernandez and others.

Truly it is an inspiration to not only be part of a worldwide brotherhood, but also to see the willingness and generosity of these brothers and sisters in giving their time and energy to help us mature, grow and bring God the glory here in these islands.

## UK's Help From Overseas



### Content for the next Issue

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### Useful Resources:

**[www.livittogiveit.org](http://www.livittogiveit.org)**: This website will feature valuable spiritual resources for parents, youth leaders, and teenagers such as family devotionals, lessons, and teen quiet times. The site will also provide information about teen camps, youth and family conferences, and good news about our teens from around the kingdom.

**[www.dtspace.net](http://www.dtspace.net)**: A fantastic social networking tool for disciples. Over 4,500 disciples are already registered!

**[www.kidsinmind.org](http://www.kidsinmind.org)**: Visit this if you're not sure a new film is appropriate for disciples or children to see. Provides an excellent guide on exactly how much sexual or violent content (and what kind) the film contains.

