



**May 2008**

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*Men's Breakfast.*

*"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:** It has been good to spend the early part of summer planning and doing some evangelism as compared to this time last year when it seemed the only question was 'where are we going to meet this Sunday?' ! We had a men's breakfast which saw 3 visitors hear the gospel courtesy of Russell Moul and all of us had a good breakfast!! Plans for some Jesus Video (DVD) Project visiting are encouraging. We hope to have 4 couples out this weekend (10th May) with the follow up the following weekend. We are also planning an 'affirmation of baptismal vows' service in July for a lady who professed faith at the beginning of the year (she started coming to church around Easter last year). On the church front our new youth group has started well. It has been meeting for two Sundays. We were also encouraged by a visit from Dick Lucas who preached on Psalm 23 to us, children and all!!

#### **Praise Points**

- For God's wonderful ongoing goodness to us as a church
- For the encouraging Men's Breakfast
- For the good number of people wanting to get involved in the Jesus Video Project
- For a good start to our new youth group (thanks for Lawrie and Ruth, the leaders)
- For Dick Lucas' encouraging visit.

#### **For Prayer**

##### Evangelism

- For the ongoing impact of the gospel of those who came to the Men's Breakfast.
- For the Jesus Video Project visiting going on 10th, 17th May. For boldness, open doors, that people would watch the DVD and come to faith.
- For the plans for on going evangelism (women's Craft night (20th June), Affirmation of Baptismal vows service (6th July), Family Fun day (12th July))

##### Upbuilding

- For the follow up to those who came on the enquirers course
- For the Sunday School groups and especially our new youth group for 11-14year olds.
- For the ongoing teaching programme. Genesis 1-2 on Sundays, Thessalonians in the mid week groups. We are continuing the series of the UCCF doctrinal basis in the Christian Discipleship Programme.

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