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Our Stall at the Wanstead Festival

“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: We are grateful to God for his strengthening and enabling this month. We distributed 4,500 flyers to households in our area. The weather shone on the Wanstead Festival, and it was great to see the church family working so hard to talk to passers-by. We had about 8-10 non Christian guests at our special guest service, mainly of invited friends (as supposed to people receiving the leaflets or making contact through the festival). A church lunch at the end of the month was enjoyed by all. We are making plans for another session of the Jesus Video Project (where we offer households a free DVD or Video of the Jesus film, based on Luke’s gospel) in October. We are aware that in the next two or three years we need to increase our giving by about a half. (hopefully by the Lord raising up workers!).

Praise Points

- For God’s great gospel and the opportunities that we had to proclaim it in September
- For God’s enabling strength to distribute 4,500 flyers to households in the area.
- For all the conversations and literature given away at the Wanstead Festival.
- For a great guest service. The gospel clearly proclaimed and non Christians there to hear it.

For Prayer

Evangelism

- * For the next session of the Jesus Video Project.
- * For people to volunteer to get involved in the Project (especially visiting homes)
- * For boldness for people to knock on doors.
- * For a good response to our efforts.
- * For ongoing perseverance in our friendship evangelism.
- * That the “Six Steps to talking about Jesus” course might help people in this.

Upbuilding

- * For our preaching series on Ephesians as we think about what it means to be church.
- * For more workers to replace those who have departed (and the finances that this might bring).
- * For the Lord’s provision for our 3-7 year old Sunday school class and it would be good to have some male input to a class with five boys in it.

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