

The Seithel Sequel

Dear friends! Thank you for helping us get off to a great start to the New Year! This is the new Olympic Stadium in Stratford east London.. the site of amazing regeneration.

Our YWAM team of 14 arrived on 31st Dec from Nashville TN! They had just finished a two month school of discipleship, and we were their first mission to put it in practice. The first priority the team had was to start the year with prayer & scripture reading... indoors and on the streets and in the shopping centres of Romford! What a privilege to have our borough bathed in prayer and the Word of God right from the beginning of 2012!

Ministry included:

- Evangelism in café's, on buses, on the streets.
- Sharing testimonies with homeless shelter guys
- Schools work- sharing the reality of faith in two state senior schools, a junior school, and a Christian school.
- Elderly folks home
- Two nights out with Street Pastors in Romford.
- Prayer walking Hornchurch and round the Olympic site in Stratford

There were some amazing children on the team... Isaiah (7 years old) was with his mom and sisters on this trip- he was with the team doing evangelism and felt he was to say something to a particular man. Isaiah told him "Jesus is looking for you"! The intellectual man was astounded... "What did you say?...You don't understand! I'd been looking for God and trying to figure it all out. I got so frustrated I told God "Forget it... If you are real then you need to come looking for me"! Pray he will trust in the Lord after this God encounter!

The team felt it was not easy to share the gospel, but with time & persistence cracks in people's protective layers appeared so they could share. We need to keep going & take the time to build relationships. People are crying out for quality relationships, but put up barriers of "fake busyness". The team could tell the "soil has been tilled up" which is a real encouragement. Please pray that YWAM will have more teams apply to come to London so there will be continuity in outreach and the ministry that has started so well.

Please pray:

- ❖ Gary is presenting the 'On The Move BBQ' vision with leaders in Bury St Edmunds next **Tuesday, 31st January**, for a mission in June.
- ❖ Pray as he shares as well on **Wednesday, 8th February**, with leaders in the London borough of Barking & Dagenham for a festival two weeks before the Games.
- ❖ For Gary as **UWM Team Leader** in UK; for vision, direction and unity amongst the team's various ministries.

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25



Thankful... last week so blessed as parents to have **Matt** (on the right) commissioned as an associate Worship Pastor at his church in Wembley.



Brett on his 16th birthday! We surprised him in the morning with a men's breakfast where men we respect shared lessons learned about being a godly man in this generation. It was amazing to mark this important transition with scriptures, their testimonies and prayers. After a good Basketball game in the afternoon we had a surprise birthday party for him with friends ... He was totally shocked when they jumped out of hiding!!!!



YWAM team & local believers briefing for the Olympic Prayer Walk.

Tremendous thanks for all who helped us finish 2011 in a better place financially... your extra giving made up the deficit so we could get caught up on our expense reimbursements and get our normal salary! We are really grateful!

*Much love in Christ- Gary & Penny
Sandy Matt Brett & Nate*



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