

BRISTOL COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH WORK END OF YEAR REPORT 2004/2005

Introduction

As I reflect on the last year of youth work in the Church, I can sum it up in one word: change. At the start of 2004 I felt God birth in me a new sense of purpose and vision for this vital ministry. Drawing on the 'One Good Loaf' vision of the Church, we redefined and restructured the youth work around 'B.R.E.A.D.' (see back page). Last September began the process of putting this into practice. In came LIFE Groups, specific events aimed at reaching the Lost, a clearly defined growth ladder with brand new STEP Courses / discipleship materials as well as an emphasis on a 'contribution culture'; where every member uses their God-given gifts to play their part. It has been an amazing time.

Assessment

Attached to this is an assessment of the 'BREAD' vision. It highlights much of what God has achieved in the last year and shows the areas that we will be looking to develop in 2005/2006. This is not designed to be a rigid set of targets and goals, however I feel it is valuable to have plans so that God can order our paths (Proverbs 16:9). Whatever happens we must be led by the Spirit of God.

Next Year

I believe that one word will characterise next year, both in the Youth work and the Church: fruitfulness. Our purpose on earth is to produce lasting, spiritual fruit (John 15:16) and God's very nature is to increase and multiply. I noticed how many barren women in Genesis were supernaturally touched by God and became fruitful. Last month I had a dream where so many young people attended an evangelistic event that we had to open up extra rooms to accommodate them all. In Genesis 26:12 (emphasis added) it says, "Isaac planted crops in that land and ***the same year*** reaped a hundred-fold because the LORD blessed him." We too have sown much seed through our evangelistic events and the growing heart for the Lost in the Young People. During the coming year I feel will see a ***spirit-led*** release of fruitfulness that will see a huge increase both in depth (maturity) and width (numbers). Please pray and speak this word over the youth. Pray for the Team and the Young People as we press on to see this become a reality.

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	VISION	2004/2005	2005/2006	COMMENTS
BELONG TO CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP)	B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 young people completed STEP1 in October 2005. 4 LIFE groups have run for 14 sessions, led by 7 leaders, averaging 20 young people each time. Content: comprehensive 10-session study on Fruits of the Spirit plus each LIFE Group has led their own session, learning from this experience. 12 families from Church involved in hosting Groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate three new Year 7s and any new Christians Develop more peer-led sessions drawing more from the older Year 11+ Group Maintain the high quality of pastoral care 	<i>LIFE Groups have created a sense of belonging amongst the youth. More of them are contributing and participating in the sessions and the Team have developed their own leadership and pastoral gifts in their work with the LIFE Groups.</i>
REACH THE LOST (EVANGELISM)	R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Open House Nights averaging 12 Guests per night. Alton Towers Trip in May involving 40 Y/P (20Guests) Party in the Park in July, involving 37 Y/P (12Guests) Y/P gave testimonies/drama and shared Gospel Built up a database with 47 Guests. 7UP has average attendance of 12 where Gospel is preached and prayers answered. Database of 40. Built up evangelistic youth resources (eg tracts etc) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See more y/p saved (1 saved this year after attending for 18 months) Make link with Parents through a Parenting Seminar Continue with Open House events and run a 'Soccer Sunday' outreach in October 	<i>There has been a big change in the young people as they seek to reach out to their non-Christian friends through how they live and what they say. Many of them are inviting them along to events and we are building up some good relationships with these Guests.</i>
ENGAGE WITH GOD (WORSHIP)	E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very high attendance in Sunday morning meetings. We have established 'engage', a specific worship night for the youth. Through the LIFE Groups we have used more creative methods of worshipping God. Some of the y/p involved in playing at Music Practices and during ENGAGE nights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate worship into some of our outreach events eg 'Christmas Unwrapped' event (see opposite) See a greater expression of passion for Jesus in the Youth during times of worship. Consider attending 'Rock the Nations 06' Conference, Bradford 	<i>Using worship more in our outreach events will bring people into contact with the Presence of God. Combining this with an appeal will see people respond and become Christians.</i>
ACTIVATE OUR GIFTS (MINISTRY)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Young People involved in Youth Drama Group run by Kat Wild and Silesia Brown. Y/P involved in playing/leading at the ENGAGE nights, setting up/sharing at Open House Nights and participating in LIFE Groups at all levels. Y/P have completed a questionnaire identifying their musical gifts for us to develop. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write and deliver STEP3 Course. Develop young people with musical gifts and talents. Involve young people in producing backdrops for use at events 	<i>Through LIFE groups, more young people have been involved in using their gifts by leading different parts of the sessions. The Drama Team has been very successful performing at the May Open House and July's Party in the Park.</i>
DEVELOP AS DISCIPLES	D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Y/P completed STEP2 in June 05. This Course teaches more about walking by the Spirit/discipleship. 2 baptised in December 2004. Five HOW2 Packs written. 1 HOW2 Pack produced on CD (HOW2 Have A Quiet Time) and distributed to those who have completed STEP2 with Spiritual Notebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer 4 HOW2 Packs (HOW2 Pray, Tithe, Memorise Scriptures and Read The Bible) to CD See the y/p complete the rest of the HOW2 Packs over the year Run another baptism service 	<i>Discipleship has always been an important part of ENERGY. STEP2 and the HOW2 Packs provide simple, basic teaching that helps each young person take measurable, discipleship steps.</i>