

# B.C.C. YOUTH WORK

## END OF YEAR REPORT 2008/2009

### Introduction

This year has been extremely exciting and extremely challenging all at the same time! It is also the fifth year of our commitment to outwork the 'BREAD' Vision and see 500 Young People saved and discipled.

### Fruit

There have been some extremely important prophetic moments from this last year: a powerful time meeting with God at Croyde where His anointed *rhema* word came through with clarity and authority, a two-day fast with a heavy presence of God's glory as we worked our way around the 'Prayer Zone' as well as a term-long season of giving the Young People opportunities to lead a Tuesday night session through our 'OVER-2-U' Strategy. There have been times of fun and laughter too and I have loved it all.

### Challenges

I have been disappointed by the lack of new birth. As I look back on 5 years pursuing the BREAD Vision, 18 have been saved. The Bible says that all heaven rejoices over one sinner saved (Luke 15:7) and I rejoice too. I also recognise that our influence amongst non-Christians extends much further than these 'clinical' numbers.

However, I know there is more; much, much, much more. I am currently reading through Acts and I find it extremely provoking. These early disciples were truly overflowing in the 'MORE' of the Holy Spirit and the world changed as a result.

I have been disappointed by some of the group's apathy towards evangelism and how some have been distracted by the world, allowing their passion for Jesus to dim and in some cases fizzle out. Yet despite these challenges, God is so faithful and things ARE changing. I have seen Him turn many of these young lives around and ignite in them a fresh passion both for Jesus and the Lost. This is exciting to see. The Word of the Lord is strong and true, helping them stay on track. Bristol Community Church is a truly awesome House in which God has planted these precious lives. The Youth Team reinforce and support

my anointing to lead and disciple these young people. For all this and so much more, I am also extremely thankful to God.

## **Future**

It is not a problem for me that we have not seen 500 saved. Neither am I distracted by the pastoral challenges involved in a work such as this. I am unconcerned about winning popularity contests with the teens when Kingdom principles are being breached. Numbers are not the objective. I recently read the following in *Youthwork Magazine* (August 2009, p.8 with my emphasis) and it really spoke to me,

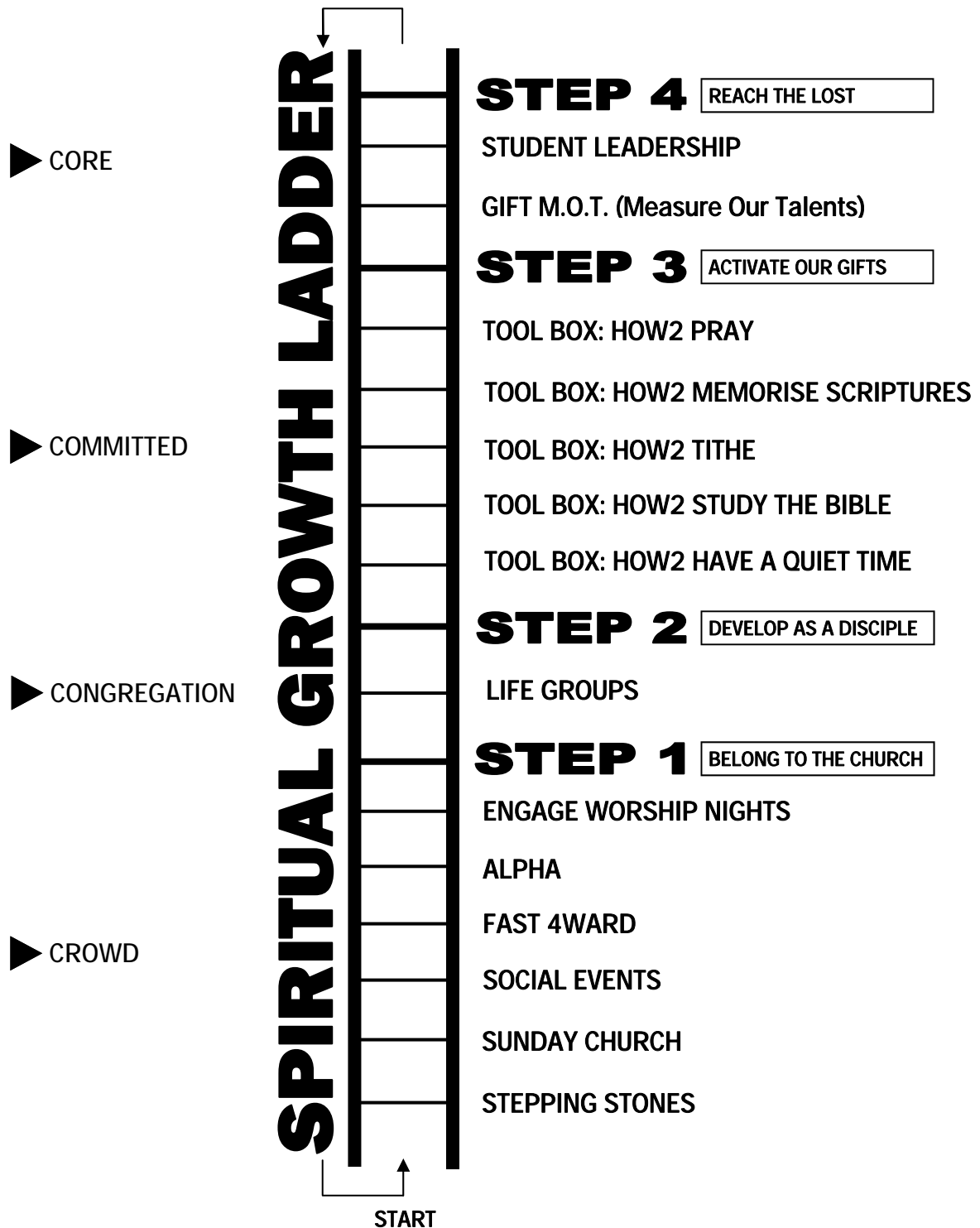
“The parable of the sower gives us a glimpse of judgment day. Three quarters of seed sown leads to no-show fruit – with trouble, temptation or trivia producing nothing but abortive discipleship. **And so we learn that quantitative growth is not what is at stake.** What God is looking for is seed that can resist weed and heat to survive and thrive...[T]he Bible teaches that patient endurance is the key to the crown of life.”

I believe we are doing a good job in discipling these Young People. We are teaching them true Biblical principles. They are in a marathon and not a sprint. We carry a holy love and anointing for the youth and this work, we are on track, running this marathon and the breakthrough WILL come.

Thanks to all of you for your continued prayer and support. Please don't stop!

*James*

James Hennah / August 2009



## THE BCC YOUTH WILL:

- B** - BELONG to the Church (*FELLOWSHIP: Ephesians 2:19*)
- R** - REACH the Lost (*EVANGELISM: Matthew 28:18-20*)
- E** - ENGAGE with God (*WORSHIP: Matthew 22:37, Romans 12:1*)
- A** - ACTIVATE our Gifts (*MINISTRY: Romans 12:4-8, James 1:17*)
- D** - DEVELOP as Disciples (*DISCIPLESHIP: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25*)

MISSION: '500 young people in 5 years'

	VISION	2008/2009	2009/2010	COMMENTS
BELONG TO CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP)	<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 LIFE groups have run for 7 sessions, led by 5 leaders, with c. 30 y/p attending at some point</li> <li>Content: Evangelism Teaching ('REACH' Series) + 1 'OVER-2-U' training session</li> <li>1 y/p baptised (March09) and The Big Finish: (July08) a 'farewell service' for those leaving ENERGY (1Y/P)</li> <li>Croyde Trip (April08): 21 Y/P</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give support and direction to large number of Leavers next Summer</li> <li>Welcome in new Year 7s</li> <li>Focus on developing more intimate relationship with God</li> </ul>	<i>The number of LIFE Groups sessions has dramatically reduced. We have used them more strategically to focus on 'REACH' and 'ACTIVATE'. They still provide valuable time together in a more intimate environment.</i>
REACH THE LOST (EVANGELISM)	<b>R</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice Skating (Oct08): 22Y/P (7 Guests)</li> <li>Garden Party (Dec08): 23Y/P (7 Guests)</li> <li>Pizza Party (March09): 15Y/P</li> <li>Youth Guest Service (March09): involving c.20Y/P (11 Guests)</li> <li>Exmouth Beach Trip (July09): 15 Y/P + 5 Leaders</li> <li>5 Part Life Group Mission Teaching Series: 'REACH'</li> <li>Year long focus on <b>ONEBYONE</b> Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate opportunity for short-term mission experience</li> <li>Continue to promote mission as part of our group culture</li> <li>Run evangelistic events</li> </ul>	<i>We have focussed on evangelism but seen little explicit fruit: 1 young people saved. However, many of ENERGY are starting to capture a sense of mission which has come from the Holy Spirit, not us!</i>
ENGAGE WITH GOD (WORSHIP)	<b>E</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two ENGAGE Worship Nights (Oct/Nov): c.20Y/P</li> <li>High levels of attendance and participation in worship from the young people on Sunday mornings</li> <li>More y/p involved in playing in adult worship team, attending practices and ministering on Sundays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include worship during Tuesdays</li> <li>Consider how we may develop the next generation of Youth Band</li> <li>Promote importance of Sunday meetings and participating in corporate times of worship</li> </ul>	<i>It has been extremely encouraging to see some of the young people involved with the adult worship team. The Youth Band continues and has been very successful in serving BCC and other events.</i>
ACTIVATE OUR GIFTS (MINISTRY)	<b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Dance performed at bCyr (Nov08), King's Chase Precinct (Oct/Dec08), BCC Sunday mornings and 'Armed Forces Day' in Kingswood Park (June).</li> <li>Youth Band led at bCyr(Nov08) + BCC Sundays.</li> <li>Two new wall size banners made by Becca &amp; 6Y/P</li> <li>'Over2u' (June/July09): 21 Y/P running 9 sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give every young person an opportunity to lead a whole evening over the course of this academic year.</li> </ul>	<i>Many of the Y/P are involved in serving in the Church. Street Dance has had another successful year and the two new banners made by the Girls are superb. We use them every week! OVER-2-U sessions were outstanding.</i>
DEVELOP AS DISCIPLES	<b>D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-Part Vision Night + Guest Speaker and Y/P leading</li> <li>1 'SEXFACOR' Session (March09): c30 Y/P. Over 700 hits on Sex Factor website since Feb 2008.</li> <li>Young Leaders Training Morning (May09): 3Y/P</li> <li>Prayer/Fasting (Jan09): c.20Y/P + Prayer Zone</li> <li>Q+A Advice Shop (March09): c.25Y/P, 30 Questions &amp; 4 Guest 'Experts'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run another Baptism Service</li> <li>Continue Team development</li> <li>Further prayer/fasting time as led by Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	<i>Croyde was one of the most powerful times in God we have ever had. Truly life-changing! The Prayer and Fasting time carried a tangible sense of God's presence. The Q+A time addressed some of their burning questions.</i>