

# THE STAGNER FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

**"For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."**

*1 Thessalonians 3:8*

Dear Friends and Fellow Labourers in Christ,

As we bring 2025 to a close, our hearts are filled with gratitude—not only for what the Lord has done, but for what He has sustained, strengthened, and established through His grace. This year has not been marked by ease, but by purpose; not by mere activity, but by fruit. We have seen the Lord answer prayer steadily and faithfully, often in ways that unfolded quietly month by month, yet now stand unmistakably clear as we look back.

## A Year of Establishment and Strengthening

Early in the year, much of our focus was given to securing and transitioning into the new church property in the Cynon Valley. What began as an urgent need became a clear testimony of God's provision. Through a combination of sacrificial giving, a no-interest loan, faithful local support, and steady debt reduction, the Lord enabled us not only to acquire the building but to begin reducing the burden upon it. Month after month, the loan balance decreased, and by year's end, we were able to testify that progress was being made in tangible, measurable ways.

Yet buildings are never the end goal—people are. Throughout the year, both church campuses, Cardiff and the Cynon Valley, experienced consistent stability and growth. While numerical increase was evident, what encouraged us most was the depth: believers becoming grounded, families strengthened, and a growing seriousness toward the Word of God and prayer.

## Outreach with One Message, on Many Fronts

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2025 Prayer/Update Letter*

One of the clearest developments this year was the way the Lord unified our outreach efforts. The schools, youth clubs, gym ministry, street outreach, and civic engagement did not function as isolated efforts, but as interconnected avenues for the same gospel message.

Our **primary school ministry** expanded significantly. Increased opportunities to preach in assemblies, teach Bible classes, conduct staff workshops, and participate in school events opened doors that continue to bear fruit. These efforts fed directly into **The Point youth clubs**, particularly in the Cynon Valley, where relationships formed in the classroom transitioned naturally into weekly gospel engagement. Parents expressed gratitude, students asked thoughtful questions, and the Word of God was welcomed with unusual openness.

The **gym ministry** also continued to grow steadily. Conversations that began around training became moments of prayer, Scripture, and spiritual counsel. The gospel was preached openly and unashamedly on the gym floor—often to those who would never step into a church building on their own.

Street preaching, leaflet distribution, and local outreach remained consistent throughout the year, saturating the surrounding communities with the Word of God. The seed was sown widely and faithfully.

## Families, Discipleship, and Next-Generation Fruit

This year was marked by visible fruit among families and young believers. We rejoiced in **baby dedications**, including Evelyn Sheppard and Arabella Zhang—clear reminders that the work of God continues from one generation to the next.



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