

THE STAGNER FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." (1 Corinthians 9:26)

Dear Friends and Fellow Labourers,

The Christian life is not a careless drift but a deliberate journey. Paul reminds us that we are to run with clarity, not aimlessly, and to fight with direction, not swinging at shadows. Solomon echoes this call by urging us to fix our eyes forward, weighing each step carefully, and keeping our path steady in the will of God.

Solomon reminds us of this biblical principle in Proverbs 4:25–27, saying: *"Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil."*

This is what it means to *move with purpose*. In a world full of distractions, believers are called not only to move, but to move with intention, direction, and eternal focus. Each day brings choices, and each step matters for eternity. That same truth has been on my heart lately as I consider both the challenges and opportunities we face in the ministry.

Ministry Update

Looking back over the past month, we have been reminded again that the work is both a battle and a race. The atmosphere around biblical Christianity continues to tighten. Many of you will have seen the hostility displayed toward men like Charlie Kirk in recent weeks, where simply standing for truth was met with anger and violence. These events reveal how vital it is for us, as God's people, to move forward with purpose, clarity, and courage.

Yet in the middle of the noise, there is encouragement. Week by week we continue to see the gospel preached, souls reached, and lives changed. In our churches across the Cynon Valley and Cardiff, we have witnessed growth—not always in numbers, though we have had returning visitors in both locations—but in depth and resilience. Believers are being strengthened, testimonies are being shared, and the foundations are being laid for long-term fruit.



The **Point youth clubs** remain strong, drawing in new faces from our communities and providing us with opportunities to share Christ with young people who often have little stability at home. One parent recently remarked how grateful she was to know her children were in a safe and caring environment — and that opened the door for us to begin conversations about faith and the church.

The **gym ministry** continues to open unexpected doors. Conversations after training sessions have turned into prayer opportunities and even Bible discussions. These are men and women who would never come through a church door on their own, but the Lord is allowing His Word to reach them where they are.

The **schools** also remain a vital mission field. Opportunities to speak at assemblies, staff orientations, and classes mean that biblical truth is being declared in places where young people are otherwise overwhelmed with confusion. Planting truth in young hearts is no small privilege.

And beyond this, **Denise remains active in the ladies' ministry** both in and outside the church walls, faithfully discipling women and encouraging them in their walk with Christ. We are grateful for her heart and the fruit God is bringing from that labour.

I am reminded daily that none of this is possible without the prayers and faithfulness of those who stand with us. Your support allows us to remain on the frontlines, pressing forward with focus even when the culture pushes back.

Friend, we cannot afford to live without direction. Our families, churches, and communities need believers who will run the race with eyes fixed on Christ. May we move not uncertainly, but intentionally — living every day in the purpose of God.

Thank you again for your prayers and encouragement. Let's keep moving forward together, with purpose, until the shout.

With gratitude and resolve,

BJ, Denise, Bailey & Hannah

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Dear Friends,

We are profoundly grateful for your steadfast prayers and support as we turn our focus from purchasing to reducing the debt on our new church building.

The Lord has allowed me to publish my first book of the summer, *Renewed – 66 Day Challenge to Total Transformation* (Romans 12:1–2). The second book, *Be Where Your Feet Are*, will be released in just a few days. Both can be purchased at www.bjstagner.com/books.

All proceeds from the book sales are being directed toward paying off the church building debt. We thank you for your sacrificial support and prayers in this matter. If the Lord lays it upon your heart to give toward the reduction of this debt, we would be deeply appreciative.

Current financial picture

- Total funds received (including loan): \$193,389.37
- Loan balance: \$89,500
- Contribution from our local congregation: £7,195 (≈ \$9,500)

Every gift — large or small — brings us closer to retiring this debt quickly. Donations may be sent through our sending church; please note “UK Church Building” in the memo line.

Thank you for standing with us in both prayer and giving. Your kindness and partnership mean more than words can say, and together we are advancing the gospel here in South Wales.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

- For the Lord to move mightily in the upcoming school ministry.
- For the debt on the church building to be paid off swiftly.
- Growth of *The Point* youth clubs in both Cynon Valley and Cardiff.
- A 10% growth at both church campuses this year.
- Continued provision and strength for our family in ministry.
- More labourers to come alongside us in the work.
- Expansion of the gym ministry and fruit among those already engaged.
- For God to maintain current open doors and grant new ones in His timing.
- Several unspoken requests for salvation — individuals who are at a crossroads as I write this letter.
- New visitors to continue to return to the churches.