

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope it was full of all things wonderful! As usual, it was another great month here in Morley, England. We have 7.5 months left here and are doing our best to enjoy the people and our work. Because of November and December being so busy, January has been a little slower. We're still busy with our normal activities, but there hasn't been as much excitement this month. So enjoy this slightly shorter report!

GREAT NEWS! We had another baptism! Last Sunday, one of the young men in Chris' class decided to commit his life to Christ. His name is Nigel Mudoti, he's 13 and we are so excited for him. Matthew Partington, who helps us with Voyagers, had the honor of taking Nigel's confession and then baptizing him. He and his family are from Zimbabwe and his parents taught the congregation two African songs, called "Shona Songs" that we sang. It was a great experience. Keep Nigel in your prayers as he continues to grow and become more involved in the church.

There is another young man named Josh Jones who has been asking some questions about baptism. Please keep him in your prayers and Chris and I continue to study with him and develop a better relationship with him. God is working to keep the church in Morley strong through its young people's commitment to Christ. One of our main goals is to get these kids involved and in charge so that they will continue to feel like the church is where they belong and where they matter. Many churches here struggle because they lose their young members and as time goes on, many of their older members pass away. Our church has been so blessed to have active young people and all we want to do is keep them here!

Mums n Tots has now changed to Parents n tots because we have a handful of fathers who now come bringing their children; it is a great change and has created a really nice dynamic. I am really starting to get to know the parents better and feel like our efforts are being rewarded. More people from this play group are bringing their families to our special church services and their older kids are becoming involved in our Voyagers and Jr. Voyagers.

Voyagers have had 2 new additions to the group and we now have a core group of 7. We love chatting and playing games with these kids. Some have started coming to Youth Weekends and we are trying to get as many involved in the church service as possible. It is a work in progress, so keep it in your prayers

Jr. Voyagers has been the most challenging activity for Chris and me. Neither of us had steadily worked with kids that age before and have learned quite a bit. We are developing good relationships with each of the children and are doing our best to set a good example for them of Christ's love.

Ladies Bible Study is a new addition to my activities. It is usually held on a Monday night (the same night as Voyagers, so I was never able to go) but has been moved to Monday afternoon so I can now be a part of it. We meet bi-monthly and it has been such an encouragement to me.

A new ministry? Chris has realized that he can bond very well with the boys at our church (both young and old) through video games. Twice a week different kids come over to our house to play and once a month or so, many men of the church get together to play tournaments and what not. It has proved a great avenue of conversation, and bonding. I usually end of making brownies or cookies, but I hear no complaints. J It is a lot of fun.

Thank you once again for your continued support and prayers. It is so comforting to know that so many people are supporting the work we do.

In His Love,
Anna Jane & Chris Perrey