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In July I had the opportunity to travel to London, in the United Kingdom. I am deeply grateful to God for this encouraging time of fellowship with our ministry partners. The trip provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships while also establishing new relationships with individuals and churches who share a heart for gospel ministry.



A special moment in the life of our church family as Pastor Todd was ordained as a deacon.

It was a great encouragement to witness God's faithfulness through these conversations, to share stories of his work in Soweto, South Africa, and to learn from others serving in different contexts. I thank the Lord for the warm hospitality and mutual encouragement experienced throughout the visit, and we pray that he will continue to sustain and deepen these relationships for the advancement of his kingdom.

Christ the Only Hope Church

We are grateful to God for what he has been doing through the church plant, Christ the Only Hope. Since their launch in April, the Lord has steadily grown the work and now they are averaging around 50 adults. Anyone who has been part of a church plant will know how tiring it can be, especially when you are setting up your serving structures and getting used to regular patterns of meeting. Please pray for renewed energy as they enter into spring, and likely bump in attendance. Pray for them also as they start looking for a bigger venue to meet in.



A special time of gathering together in prayer and seeking God as a church family

Ordination of Pastor Todd

A significant milestone this season was the ordination of Pastor Todd to the office of deacon. We praise God for his faithful calling and the opportunity to celebrate this important occasion together as a church family.

His ordination is a reminder of God's ongoing work in raising up faithful leaders to serve his church with humility, integrity, and compassion. As Todd takes on this new responsibility, we pray that God will continue to grant him wisdom, strength, and joy as he serves God's people and supports the work of the gospel.

Encouraging signs of God's faithfulness

We have been encouraged over the last few months as we've continued to see the faithfulness of God in the life of the church. It has been a joy to welcome new faces while seeing many members becoming increasingly involved in the life of the church. Our first Easter weekend in our new church venue was a wonderful opportunity to learn about how the cross shapes our daily lives. We were greatly encouraged to welcome many new faces over the Easter weekend.

We are especially encouraged to see more people stepping forward to serve in different ministries, using the gifts God has given them to build up his church. This year we have been working hard on clarifying roles, expectations, and equipping our leaders to serve better. While we still have a long way to go, we are encouraged by what we see and the greater ownership that people are taking.



Our Youth Day was a wonderful time of fellowship, fun, and growing together in faith

Another joyful highlight of this season was our baptism service. It was a beautiful day of celebrating lives transformed by the grace of God as several people publicly declared their faith in Jesus Christ. It's always greatly encouraging to witness these public professions of faith and to rejoice together as a church family in God's saving work.

In the midst of these encouraging signs, many members in our church have experienced bereavement. One of the church members lost two of his sisters in the space of a week. One of our church wardens survived an attempted hijacking. This is a reminder of the broken world we live in and that we as Christians are not immune to the suffering we see around us, but the Lord's comfort gives us hope.

Ministry highlights

- **Church life:** We thank God for his continued faithfulness and for the increasing number of members faithfully serving in different ministries.
- **Church planting:** We celebrate the successful launch of Christ the Only Hope Church and continue to thank God for his work through this new congregation.
- **Partnerships:** We thank God for strengthening existing ministry partnerships and establishing new relationships during the UK trip.

Prayer points

- **Church life:** Give thanks for God's continued faithfulness and for his grace and provision throughout the year. Pray that the church will continue to grow in its love for Christ and in its understanding of his word. Pray for deeper unity, stronger relationships among members, and a growing commitment to serving one another and the wider community. Pray that every member will recognise their role in the life and mission of the church and become increasingly willing to use their gifts and abilities to serve. Pray also for spiritual maturity and faithful discipleship.
- **Pastor Todd:** Pray for God's wisdom, humility, perseverance, and joy as he serves the church in his role as a deacon.
- **UK partnerships:** Thank God for the relationships strengthened and established during the July trip. Pray that he will sustain these partnerships and use them for the advancement of his kingdom.