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Dear Prayer Partners,

What an wonderful time we have been having! Thank you so much for your prayers. We have been so incredibly blessed and encouraged by so much this past month. We just finished celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the church we pioneered. **It was fabulous, about 20 came to the Lord over the course of the weekend and the place was packed out...at least 400 at every meeting, probably about 600 different people at the 3 services, many traveling long distances to be with us.** There are many wonderful stories of lives changed through the ministry. 25 family members saved in this generation in one family, 15 in another, 13 in another, it goes on and on, right through the many families in the church; most had no known Christians in their families in living memory! **30 full time missionaries, actually from the church, most came to the Lord there, are on the field right now supported by the church. Over 100 are somewhere serving full time in the world working with other organizations!** 36 nations are represented on any given Sunday and when we asked how many had been abroad on missions **Ted and Joan Fidler-YWAM; Mark Butler-Release Int** trips, about 80 per cent of the congregation responded, probably about 400 different people.



When we started the church with 6 elderly people, (and



Betty Jenkins pictured left), our youngest member, then 34 years old, (it was wonderful to meet up with her again) little did we know what the Lord had in mind...so everyone was rejoicing, laughing and crying...we pastored that group for 23 years in all...

We are praising the Lord for His faithfulness!

Testimony; A 1972 BBC Documentary was discovered in the archives by Syd's nieces fiancée...there was Liz preaching and singing in the streets of Belfast! What a find! Hopefully you will soon be able to view it on the BBC N. Ireland Archives website.

We want to include a newspaper article published by the Kentish Express in England about Ashford Christian Fellowship's 25th Anniversary.

25 Years On and Faith Still Strong

by MIKE BENNETT

It was an extraordinary event marking a quarter of a century since the birth of a new church in Ashford. A packed congregation representing 36 nationalities met at the

weekend to celebrate achievements and look forward to expanding their work both in the local community and worldwide.

Ashford Christian Fellowship (ACF) has been the pathfinder in the revival of religious interest in the area, attracting followers of all ages and races as they promote themselves as a church on the move with God.

This week the founding couple, Pastor Syd and Liz Doyle have returned from America to meet again with many of the 350 regular worshippers who were inspired by their leadership.

It was in February 1975 when proud Irishman Syd and his American wife Liz arrived at the Stanhope Church House to answer a plea from Methodist Superintendent the Rev. Harry Williams to save it from closure. They had only planned to stay six months before departing for ministry work in Ireland but it took them a year before they started to engage with the community on the sprawling estate. They rapidly became deeply involved in schools, hospitals, homes, prisons, and preaching on the streets.



Syd said, "We could not walk away when peoples' lives and families were being changed for the better."

After five years they had 40 regulars attending meetings and a strong Sunday School. In 1980 they gathered together 16 people in the front room of a home in Brookfield Rd. and launched Ashford Christian Fellowship.

They had a series of home bases including the Social Services hut on Stanhope, Kingsnorth Chapel and village hall before obtaining the former car showrooms in Tufton St. that is still the Worship Center.

Syd said, "One of our goals was to highlight the importance of the individual." The church had to relate in such a way that, irrespective of how big it grew, every single person was special and would be given personal

attention to develop to their full potential."

The couple moved to America in 1998 to launch a base for global mission work that has seen them travel to over 30 nations, speaking to tens of thousands at conferences and evangelistic out-reaches on six continents.

"Ashford is still our home in so many ways as we have lived here longer than on our own countries of Northern Ireland and the United States," Syd said.

"Our children were born in the old Willesborough and William Harvey Hospitals. They went to Beaver Green, St. Mary's, Towers, Norton Knatchbull and Highworth Schools."

Son, Josh, now 28, recorded his first music in Kennington and is now in Nashville recording songs about Ashford such as "Boy Racers" on his latest release.

Daughter, Rachel flew in from her North Carolina home to join the celebrations.

"We love the work still going on powerfully in the church and it is very much our family. Thirty years later we are pleased that it continues to flourish and grow under **Pastor David and Joyce Lamb's** faithful leadership," Syd added.



Over their years in Ashford they saw people born into the church and grow up to lead productive and fruitful lives.

Through youth and adult ministry scores have traveled abroad to take part in missions, gaining deeper understanding of people different from themselves. That reaching out started in 1977 when Vietnamese boat people arrived at Hothfield as refugees and were immediately welcomed into Fellowship homes to learn English.

Rachel, Syd, Pastors Joyce and David Lamb, Pastor Dan Chesney, Jenny Chesney, & Liz

Syd said, "One of the far reaching consequences of church life has resulted in a lot of Ashford people being involved around the world, such as today bringing relief to Sri Lanka and Thailand.

"ACF is really a success story of the people of Ashford. Liz and I were just here to care, to shepherd, to lead. It was sheer hard work, dedication and commitment of great local people who believe God can change lives, families and community, who are living up to the motto on the Ashford crest, "With Stronger Faith". We thank the people of Ashford, especially ACF for the long haul."

We also want to thank all of you for your prayers and financial support that kept us “on the field” for all of these years! We have seen so much accomplished as Jesus has been faithful to His Word. But there is still so much more! Doors of opportunity continue to open up for us all over the world and we need your continued support both in prayer and finances to take the Gospel out as never before!

The latest from Sri Lanka

Keep praying for the tsunami affected areas. They need prayer now more than ever!

Latest from Shantha:

“The windows of opportunity are wide open for a short time, and now is the time to preach the gospel. Mighty revival is flowing in the Nation and people are hearing the Gospel as never before.

The container from USA has arrived, we are using the goods to preach the gospel in the refugee camps. Souls are most precious in the sight of the Lord. (Please pray that they will not have to pay duty. They had to pay duty on the first container!)

After the tsunami we have all been “on the run”. Doctors are very much needed as many who were in the tsunami are now having after reaction, such as respiratory problems, vomiting blood, water coming out of their wounds even now, body pain. They are experiencing many other symptoms as the water had poisonous sulphur in it. Many have been mentally affected, especially who lost their love ones, they are still watching the waves to bring them back. While treating them physically it is very easy to share the gospel.”

Liz in the Dominican Republic

Please pray for Liz as she travels with Nancy “Honeytree” to minister to a large national **WOMEN’S CONFERENCE** in the **Dominican Republic**, March 16 - 22. Dr. Paul and Mrs. Eileen Allyn are the hosts of this very popular and powerful annual event. Over 500 women have registered and the theme is “HOPE”. She is blessed to have Angela Benitez and Jan Milsaps from Nicaragua joining the ministry team.

EASTER HOPE

On returning from the Dominican Republic Liz puts on her “Musical Production Hat” and produces and directs the Easter musical she helped put together called “Easter Hope” for Triumphant Life Church (Syd and Liz’s home church in Worcester, MA) Rachel and Raul are flying in from Charlotte, NC to take part, and Josh and Jenny are with us from Nashville to introduce our friends in the area to our Granddaughter, Lauren! **PRAY FOR A POWERFUL ANOINTING TO BE ON THIS PRODUCTION AND FOR MANY TO ATTEND!**

Bible School Syd is busy teaching for the New England Foursquare Bible Institute. He has been teaching Bible Survey 1 on Sat. mornings at Redemption Rock Church, Westminster, MA and begins teaching the book of Acts, Tues. evenings, 7:00pm at Triumphant Life Church. If you are interested in joining the first class is March 15.

Prayer Diary & Requests:

March 16 – 22 - Dominican Republic Pray for Liz to bring a powerful message of hope to the women in the Conference. Pray for their envisioning for Global Evangelism.

June 6 – 23 - Sri Lanka Syd and Liz are leading a team to the four corners of Sri Lanka. Syd and his team will be traveling all over the country conducting **pastor& leader’s conferences, evangelistic meetings and meeting Government Officials**. Liz and Nori Chesney will be traveling extensively in the eastern and northern regions, **preaching the Gospel in refugee camps** and tents, while offering material help. They will be

conducting Releasing Daughters Conferences for the affected women releasing them into their callings. **They will be sponsoring a Retreat for Tsunami affected pastor's and leader's families.** We hope to gather 30 pastors who lost their loved ones and have a three day family camp for them to strengthen them in their ministry for them to go on in the Lord. ***This program is entirely sponsored by Nations Light Ministries. We are praying for \$40,000 to see everything accomplished. Please pray about giving toward this project, so much has been sown into the material needs of these people, we need to sow into their eternity NOW!!!***

29th June – 2nd July London Liz will be speaking at the Total Woman Conference in London – for more information contact: Total Women Ministries, 3 Herringham Rd., London SE7 8NJ.

August 19 – 31 Central America Releasing Daughters with Liz and Nori and Nancy Honeytree will be joining Angela Benitez and new friend Foursquare Pentecostal Regional Director over Central America, Alva Contreras for a series of Pastor's wives retreats. The first, Aug. 20 – 22 will be in Guatemala, inviting 200 Pastor's wives from that country, El Salvador and Honduras. We will then have another gathering in Nicaragua 24-25 and then finally in Costa Rica 26 – 28. **We are praying to sponsor about 500 Pastor's wives at \$28 each. Would you be willing to take this on as a project for your women's group? Total cost: \$15,000**

September - Middle East A wonderful opportunity to minister to Pastor's wives in the Middle East could be coming up for us. Please keep this opportunity in prayer, because of the delicate nature of the information we can only share partially at the moment.

October – Albania Syd is preparing to take a team of Pastors and Musicians/ worship leaders to Albania for a training conference in Tirana.

Personnel needed:

- We are looking for a POWERFUL **youth evangelist** to travel with us to Sri Lanka.
- We are asking for Doctors and Nurses willing to join a medical team to Sri Lanka, end of May beginning of June to contact us for information.

PLEASE **PRAY< PRAY> PRAY** Only the Lord can accomplish all of this. **With God all things are possible!**

In the Fields,

Syd and Liz Doyle

If you would like us to come and share with your group or minister in your church, please get in touch. We have several Sundays free in 2005!