



OUR

SECOND YEAR!!!

New Year

August 2012 was an exciting time for the Mission Church, we had reached the start of our second year!! God had really blessed us in our first year and we looked forward to seeing how He would work from August 2012—July 2013. This leaflet will show a little about what we got up to and how GOD BLESSED us in that time.

NEW PEOPLE

We were pleased to welcome new people during the course of the second year. Our attendance on a Sunday morning increased to 45-50 adults and children each week. This figure included regular attendees, people seeking a new church, and friends and family of our people.

NEW GIVING

Our second year saw amazing blessing when it came to the financial giving of our people. At the start of the year in August 2012 we were receiving £1520 from 7 different standing orders. In July 2013 we were receiving £2645 from 14 different standing orders. This giving allowed us to bless different people throughout our community as well as the wider city of Swansea. Thank you Jesus!!!

NEW ARRIVAL

The end of 2012 saw Mark finish preaching through Ephesians and after a short break saw us begin to go through the Book of 1 Corinthians which Mark titled “The Challenging Church”. The short break was for a very good reason as January 2013 saw the birth of Mark and Mary’s second child Rachel!!



NEW PREACHERS

The break through January and the beginning of February was a great opportunity for new speakers to take the pulpit and so it was as Steve James from The Mission and Steve Dyer from Oasis Church in Gowerton took the church through the book of Haggai. The congregation were blessed through the preaching of these two men.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

2012-2013 saw the church provided with some new opportunities. Ian began to help regularly with the local mother and toddler group as well as being given a day to go into Morryston Comprehensive to mentor a group of around 20 –30 children at IGNITE.



WHAT WE DID

TENBY

Our second year started with a Summer trip west to Tenby by train. More than 15 people from the Mission took the train from Swansea to Tenby and spent the day together as well as having a fish and chip lunch at Fecci's.

LONDON WOMENS CONVENTION

October saw 9 of the ladies of the church travel to London for two days for the 2012 "Free From" Women's conference. The main speaker was Rebecca Manley-Pippert. The girls travelled down on the Friday, and back on the Saturday afternoon once the conference had finished, much to the relief of their husbands and partners!!



Christmas Wells

At Christmas one of our congregation was shocked at the amount of money that was being spent on cards for people and decided to look for a way to give money to people who needed help. Through Rope we realised that we could raise money for wells in Cambodia. We learnt that £100 could buy a well for a village so we set out to raise enough for one well. We thought that if people gave money instead of buying each other Christmas Cards we would reach our target. In the end God allowed us to raise over £400 for wells in Cambodia!!



Swans



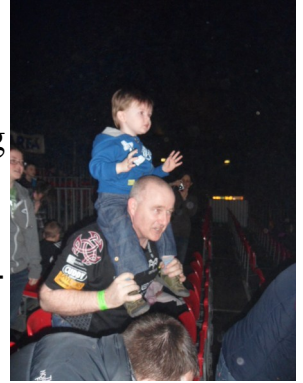
As God has blessed us with a Premier-ship football team he has also blessed the city of Swansea!! There are 18 season tickets connected to the church and we have been able to purchase a ticket dedicated purely to the church that we can use to bless anyone who wants to

use it. We have bought this ticket in memory of David Jones, a Christian brother from Gendros who went to glory in 2012. In February we were able to go to the Capital One Cup final at Wembley and see the Swans win 5-0!!



SPRING HARVEST 2013

In 2013 a group from The Mission embarked on the journey to Butlins in Minehead for Spring Harvest. We all had a great time connecting with each other, connecting with God and enjoying the facilities!! For some of us this was the first time we had experienced an event like this and it certainly left an impression.



Baptisms

God blessed us again during 2013 as we were able to have another baptism service in May. This time we bought our own baptism pool and held the service at the Memorial Hall with the baptisms taking place in the back garden!! This year we saw three people baptised, Les and Jan Stanton and their daughter Gayle Ware. It was a great day, God really blessed us with the weather and we had more than 100 people attend the service and lunch!!



Evangelical Ministry Assembly

In 2012 four men from the Mission went to the EMA in Bishopsgate London. In 2013 the EMA got bigger and moved to the Barbican. So did the Mission!! This year we took eight men to the conference. The theme of the conference was: Faithful—Preaching and living in an alien world with the main seminars going through 1 Peter. As well as time to connect with God through His Word we had the opportunity to see some of London, taking a river trip, visiting the O2 arena and gift shopping for our wives!!



CHURCH LIFE

Throughout our second year church life continued to grow as well as the events that we were a part of. The next section details some of the things that have been taking place regularly in the life of The Mission Church.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The main meeting of the church continued on Sunday mornings with the exception of the occasional Saturday morning. We were able to welcome Oasis and Pentremalwed Church (now Lifewell) to join us on two occasions and welcome Steve James to preach regularly as well as Mark taking the majority of our preaching slots. God has continued to bless us as we have gone through Ephesians, Haggai and 1 Corinthians.



JUICE

Our children's Sunday morning ministry has continued to grow through the second year. We finished our curriculum on God's promises and started studying God's providence. We have seen our teaching team grow to four teams of four leaders teaching in four groups, 0-3s, 4-6s, 7-10s and 11+s. God has blessed the church with our children, and the people who use their gifts to teach them!!



SWAGG

The second year saw us move our Casual Saturday group to a Sunday evening and change our name to SWAGG which stands for Sundays With A Great God. This happens every other Sunday at Dawn and Ian's and normally involves a bible study, some games and food together. This year saw us make links through ROPE with the Dolpa Hope Home in Nepal.



FAMILY SERVICES

This year has seen the Family services continue with a few changes. We have seen a few visiting speakers, including Chris Screen from Pentremalwed (now Lifewell), Graham Fairburn from ROPE and Mandy Harvey came to talk to us about Swansea Hope. At our family services we have also



tried to make them as fun as possible so have used bouncy castles, face painting and the pool to give the children something to do after their lunch.

CONNECT GROUPS

There was an increase of connect groups through the second year with 6 different groups being held in 5 different homes over a 2 week timetable. Connect groups are an excellent way of our people connecting with each other and building relationships through the week outside of the Sunday Service environment.

SCHOOL WORK

An amazing blessing that God has given us during this year has been the opportunity to have a bigger presence in Morriston Comprehensive School. Ian has been running the Christian Union since April 2010 and began taking assemblies in December 2011. A further opportunity arose in October 2012 when Ian was invited into the school to take mentoring sessions with children from key stage three (Yrs 7-9). This has been an immense blessing on Ian and our church's presence in the community.



ADMINISTRATION

Our second year saw our financial giving, and our congregation grow. This has meant a lot of changes being undertaken to the way we do things. Amongst other things this has included, application for charity status, writing of a constitution and church rules, building of a church website, child safeguarding policies, health and safety procedures and policies. We thank God that he has provided us with the right people to put these things into place!!

MEMORIES OF THE MISSION CHURCH 2012-2013

