GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1168046

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-07-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1)THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.2) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY

Activities: We are a christian faith based charity whose goal is to propagate the gospel of Christ through the preaching and teaching of His word with the sole aim of making heaven. We organise specialised programs for the youths to help develop their leadership skills for market place relevance and impact. we also hold conferences,seminars, run outreaches and support the needy and the community.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£862,818	£702,565	£969,540	6
2023-08-31	£606,256	£596,750	£809,287	8
2022-08-31	£562,030	£525,387	£807,778	6
2021-08-31	£551,949	£396,799	£771,136	6
2020-08-31	£547,676	£455,903	£615,986	10

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr OLUMUYIWA OLUBOWALE	Chair	2006-11-30
Dennis Ekagha		2011-02-12
Dr Omolola Olukemi Ayoola		2024-08-12
Festus Chudi Mbazi		2024-08-12
JEROME OBODE		2009-03-06

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2024

CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

CIO NO 1168046

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:	God's Vineyard Ministries
Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:	**1168046**
Principal Address	292 Derby Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF
Trustees	Dr O O Olubowale — Chairman Dr (Mrs) Omolola Ayoola Barrister Dennis Ekagha Pastor Jerome Obode Mr Chudi Mbazi
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 2 Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough LE11 5RB National Westminster Bank Plc 56 Churchill Square Brighton BN1 2ES Royal Bank of Scotland 13 Derby Road Nottingham NG1 5AA
Accountants	PVG Accounting Services 344 Moston Lane Manchester M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

God's Vineyard Ministries was originally a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission and governed by a Trust Deed dated 5th August 2001 and supplementary deed dated 14th May 2003 until 12th November, 2018 when it fully changed status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Generally trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by invitation as at when required and depending on their expertise and requirements of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

We arrange appropriate training both internally and through other voluntary training providers. The trustees and all involved in running the charity, including volunteers are always encouraged to acquire the necessary skills required for the achievement of the charity objectives.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Organisational structure

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of the report are set out above. The day to day responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all strategic decisions of the charity.

The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. All trustees including the senior pastor give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There are full time employees who are engaged in the administrative running of the Church office. The charity is also assisted by members who render voluntary services.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Principal Activities

Our objectives and principal activity is to promote the advancement of the christian faith, the relief of poverty to general public and promotion and fulfilment of various charitable causes within the local community and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees think fit.

The Charity pursues these objectives by operating at the headquarter church in Nottingham and across our satellite churches.

Mission statement

To minister to the total man through:

a) Church Planting: To have churches planted all over the United Kingdom and abroad.
b) Prison Ministry: Providing support and encouragement to offenders while in the Prison. Mentoring programs aimed at befrending ex-offenders to help and re-integrate them into the society.Skill development that can help them to be gainfully employed.
c) Ministry to the Homeless: Sharing God's love with the homeless and vulnerable people in the community.
d) Family Forum: Quarterly programmes which focus on relevant family issues; parenting, relationships, communication etc.
e) Youth Development &Capacity Building: Library open to students and others in the community, computer training specially designed to help equip the youth for employment, seminars, counselling on drug addiction, marriage, carreer etc.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits theyhave brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidiance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the advancement of the Christian religion and the relieve of poverty and sickness. The policy of God's Vineyard Ministries is to pursue objectives in the following ways:

1. Provision of Weekly Chu ces on Thursday and Sundays and to minister to physical,spiritual and material needs of the congregants.

2. Provision of services to individuals, families and community at large. The service includes a wide range of spiritual and social care.

3. Focusing on the material needs of certain members undergoing difficult financial situations.

4. Working with other Christian agencies and Churches in Nottingham, London, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Loughborough to advance the preaching of the Gospel.

5. Radical Youth outreaches in over 25 Universities in the United Kingdom at: Aston University(Birmingham) Bristol University, Derby University,Leicester University,Loughborough University,Manchester Univeristy, University of East Anglia,-Norwich Nottingham Trent Univeristy, Nottingham University(Headquater), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.

6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christain counselling, prayers and deliverance solely on the basis of our ability to provide appropriate help and regardless of race, colour nationality, religion,gender,age, legal status and personal history.

Development and Achievements in the Year

The charity's events were properly managed, executed and reviewed for its impact on members. Our charity continues to grow in Sunday morning attendance, youth and children's ministry. We minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our members and new comers in our midst. We have helped relief poverty and hardship amongst both regular and irregular congregants who are suffering from financial hardship due to unemployment and lack of financial resources.

The charity conducted crusades in the community to propagate the Christian tenets to non Christians.
The charity has not undertaken any large capital projects although it continues to search for appropriate site to increase its charitable activities.

Financial Review

The charity was able to raise a total income of £862,818 during the year under review as against £606,256 last year. This is an incredible increase of £256,562 which is 42.31% increase. There was a remarkable increase in tithes and offerings as well as building fund.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of donations and gifts from congregants through the offering basket passed during church services and though bank standing orders. We have exercised our right to reclaim the tax on the donations and gifts received from the congregants and this has proved a steady and growing source of additional income.

Investment Policy

The Charity retains a significant amount in the savings account. The objective of the investment policy is to invest in cash at banks where the capital is protected. The charity currently has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in cash at banks where immediate access and security of funds is guaranteed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which equates to at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time.

The expenditure for 2024 is £862,818 and therefore the targeted reserves should be between £215,704.50 and £431,409 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserve policy was not met during this year.

Plans for Future Periods

In the near future, the charity plans to expand its operations and will continue our drive towards providing more benefits to our community The Charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements such as Work Based Academy comprising - Youth Employment,Sector based Academy, Adult Education and Training for not in Education or Employment for not in Education or Employment/Vocational Training.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees ' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and the followings:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Accountants

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information'.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

16th May, 2025

God's Vineyard Ministries
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the God's Vineyard Ministries for the year ended 31 August 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilty to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Charity Act 2011;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)[b] of the Charity Act 2011; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Dorcas Olowoyo FCA, FFA/FIPA
PVG Accounting Services & Consultancy Ltd
344 Moston Lane
Manchester
M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 **Total Funds** £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		589,382	-	**589,382**	475,387
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		118,783	-	**118,783**	91,553
Building Fund		106,841	-	**106,841**	3,325
Youth Ministry		23,629	-	**23,629**	6,204
Magazine/Calender		415	-	**415**	115
Covenant Partner		10,516	-	**10,516**	24,222
Sundry Income		13,252	-	**13,252**	5,450
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants & Contracts		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		862,818	-	**862,818**	606,256
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	**2**	493,056	-	**493,056**	442,427
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	-	-	-
Charity activities	**3**	205,509	-	**205,509**	157,427
Governance Costs	**4**	4,000	-	**4,000**	3,500
Total resources expended		702,565	-	**702,565**	603,354
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains		160,253	-	**160,253**	2,901
Net movement in funds		160,253	-	**160,253**	2,901
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		809,287		**809,287**	606,256
Total funds carried forward		969,540	-	**969,540**	609,157

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on Pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**8**	1,506,303	885,532
Currents assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	84,811	54,286
Cash at bank and in hand		172,071	290,365
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(50,857)	(35,647)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,712,328**	**1,194,536**
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	**11**	(742,788)	(383,858)
Net Assets		**969,540**	**810,678**
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	**12**	969,540	810,678
Total funds		**969,540**	**810,678**

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 16th May, 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective 1 January 2015.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furthermore of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity , are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA (Statement of Financial Activities) on a of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estmated usage as set out in Note 4.

e. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments and Land and Building) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write of the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years.

Depreciation of Building is calculated to write off its cost over 50 years on a straight line basis.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund**	**2024 Total**	2023 Total
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations -Tithes and Offering	589,382	-	**589,382**	475,387
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	118,783	-	**118,783**	91,553
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Sundry Income	13,252	-	**13,252**	5,450
	862,818	-	**862,818**	606,256

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Total Resources Expended

2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

Basis of Allocation		***Church Work***	***Support Cost***	***Governance***	**2024**	2023
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£
Staff Costs	Direct	184,862	-	-	**184,862**	194,805
Bank Charges	Direct	-	23,303	-	**23,303**	16,405
Administration	Direct	-	29,687	-	**29,687**	41,934
Professional Fees	Direct	-	7,575	-	**7,575**	3,990
Support Costs	Direct	-	161,756	-	**161,756**	141,657
Premises	Direct	-	85,874	-	**85,874**	43,637
		184,862	**308194**	**-**	**493,056**	442,428

3. Charitable Activities

Ministry	Direct	205,509	-	-	**205,509**	157,427
		205,509	-	-	**205,509**	157,427

4. Governance Cost

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	4,000	**4,000**	3,500
		-	-	**4,000**	**4,000**	3,500
Total Resources Expended		**390,371**	**308194**	**4,000**	**702,565**	603,355

5. Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	**2024**	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	53,734	38,386
Audit & Accountancy Fees	4,000	3,500
	57,734	41,886

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Pay Transactions

No member of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive/Senior Pastor received any remuneration during the year.

7. Taxation

As a charity, God's Vineyard Ministries is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have risen in the Charity.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Building	**Motor Vehicles**	**Equipment Furniture & Fittings**	**2024 Total**
			£	**£**
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	1,202,640	26,876	283,265	**1,503,284**
Additions in year	600,670	-	70,887	**671,557**
At 31 August 2024	1,803,310	26,876	354,152	**2,184,338**
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	357,656	13,857	252,788	**588,862**
Charge for the year	24,053	4,340	25,341	**53,734**
At 31 August 2024	381,709	18,197	278,129	**678,035**
Net Book Value				
At 31 August 2024	**1,421,601**	**8,679**	**76,023**	**1,506,303**
At 31 August 2023	844,984	8,679	30,477	884,140

9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	84,811	48,588
	84,811	**48,588**

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	4,000	3,500
Other Creditors	46,857	32,147
	50,857	35,647

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	**2024** **£**	2023 £
Mortgage Creditors	719,999	350,370
Barclays Bounce Back Loan	22,789	33,488
Long Term Creditors	**742,788**	383,858

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds **£**	**Designated Funds** **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds** **£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,506,303	-	-	1,486,522
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	256,882			264,205
Current Liabilities	(50,857)	-	-	(50,857)
Long Term Liabilities	(742,788)			(742,788)
Net Assets at 31st August 2024	**969,540**	-	-	**969,540**

13. Movements in Funds

	At 1 September 2023 **£**	**Incoming Resources [Inc Gains]** **£**	**Outgoing Resources** **£**	**Transfers** **£**	**At 31August 2024** **£**
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	809,287	862,818	702,565	-	**969,540**
Total Unrestricted Funds	809,287	862,818	702,565	-	**969,540**
Total Funds	**809,287**	**862,818**	**702,565**	**-**	**969,540**

God's Vineyard Ministries
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2024

			2024			2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Income			**862,818**			606,256
LESS OVERHEADS						
Staff Costs						
Salary	167,600			176,612		
National Insurance	9,698			10,744		
Employer Pension Contribution	3,564			3,449		
Staff Costs - Lagos Church	4,000			4,000		
		184,862			194,805	
Premises Costs						
Light & Heating	30,891			18,551		
Rent & Rates	16,501			10,006		
Premises Repair & Maintenance	37,861			10,931		
Fire & Security	621			4,149		
		85,874			43,637	
Bank Charges						
Bank Charges	775			790		
Mortgage Interest	22,528			15,615		
		23,303			16,405	
Administration						
Printing, Postage and Stationery	854			5,324		
Telephone and Internet Charges	12,191			11,512		
Training	1,842			11,147		
Subscription Fees	1,412			2,160		
Hire of Premises	13,388			11,791		
		29,687			41,934	
Ministry						
Evangelism and Promotion	16,068			15,038		
TV Ministry & Media Expenses	5,657			3,017		
Youth Ministry	51,503			35,112		
Events, Retreats & Conferences	46,918			24,795		
Catering, Refreshment & Hospitality	22,012			16,430		
Gift to Charities & Visiting Ministries	26,504			10,466		
Welfare, Donations & Love Gifts	35,967			48,684		
Books, Tapes & Videos	880			3,885		
		205,509			157,427	
Professional Fees						
Legal & other fees	7,575			3,990		
Accountancy Fees	4,000			3,500		
		11,575			7,490	
Support Costs						
Hotel, Travel & Motor Expenses	80,646			69,605		
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	565			352		
Insurance	23,207			28,581		
Depreciation	53,734			39,778		
Sundry expenses	3,604			4,733		
		161,756			143,049	
			(702,565)			(596,750)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			**160,253**			1,509
Surplus brought forward			**809,287**			807,778
Surplus carried forward			**969,540**			809,287

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God's Vineyard Ministries

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TRAININGS AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

God's Vineyard Ministry's School Of Ministry (GVM-SOM)

Introduction:

GVM–SOM was commissioned in April 2011 by Dr Ezekiel Alawale as part of the continuing quest to fulfil the divine mandate of God's Vineyard ministries; 'Empowering Lives and Building Society'. The ultimate objective of the school is to ensure that 'the man of God is perfected, thoroughly furnished unto every good work'.

The school has since graduated over 130 students, who are serving in various capacities in the Kingdom of our Lord. The school currently boasts of a number of high quality academic staff and a research board.

Course Structure:

The course structure is a modular system involving the following arrangement:

The programme can be completed within one or two years

Class lectures are supplemented by Online Studies.

Each module is usually thought in four sessions, on Tuesday nights, 7.00-9.30pm

One week breaks between modules, with a longer break from Dec to Jan

On-Line facilities are available for distant students for the entire duration of the course.

Course Content:

Leadership

Introduction to Counselling

Foundation Theology

Old & New Testament Surveys

Church Administration

Introduction to Biblical Doctrines

Mission, Evangelism and Revival.

Bibliology and Hermeneutics (Understanding the Bible & Biblical Interpretation)

Pastoral Ministry and Homiletics

Date and Time:

The academic year of the GVM-SOM runs from May to February each year. However, as a result of the modular nature of the course, students can join the programme at any stage within the year and work through the modules.

Cost:

The only cost students are eligible to pay is £200 to cater for stationery and administrative costs. Payment can be made by instalments. The course is subsidised by God's Vineyard Ministries.

We wish to use this opportunity to encourage everyone, who desires to play a leading role in the Kingdom and influence our society with Godly virtues to contact the leadership of the school to take advantage of this great opportunity that God has blessed us with.

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Foundation School:

This is a weekly teaching session for new believers that run online and in-person, to help participants understand our identity, abilities, and responsibilities as believers. The main objective of the programme is to disciple believers to become more Christ-like.

Participants also use the opportunity to ask questions about their Christian walk. Seventy five people signed up over the last academic session, 15 completed the programme, and began serving in various units and within Radical Youth and the Youth Church.

The training was equally extended to 40 Radical Youth leaders in Nottingham and Loughborough, on zoom over the summer. To enrol, please contact any of the youth church leaders or visit the church website on www.godsvineyardministries.org.uk for further details.

Discipleship School:

This is a higher level of the Foundation School, teaching about service, the various departments of the church and what it really means to be a disciple of Christ. It also teaches about the structure of the church, our doctrines, our values. It is a mandatory requirement for anyone who has just joined the church and wants to serve in a department.

MEN OF RADIANCE RETREAT

NOVEMBER 30TH 2024

Topics Discussed:

1) Prayer and Bible Study

Challenges affecting our prayer

Time for family devotion. Morning hours never worked for some of us, evening worked better because of school and work schedule. Prayer is a priority in Bro B's family. It was a challenge before at the beginning, but the children are beginning to align.

Action Points:

a) Point our children to God,

b) Practice reading at least a verse of the bible a day.

c) Being consistent

d) Be disciplined and determined to model Christ to our children,

2) Time Management and Managing work-life balance (Make Hay, Not Haste)

Ephesians

We worry because we have not done things at the right time. If want to do things right.

Resources to read:

1) 10 eggs are better than 2 eggs.

2) A man of God he listens to

Strategies for work-life balance:

- Rise early
- Plan and be intentional
- Set SMART Goal: -
  - S - Specific
  - M - Measurable
  - A - Achievable
  - R - Realistic
  - T - Time bound
- Delegate
- Delete anything that is not necessary

3) Physical, Emotional and Mental Wellbeing.

* Research shows that physical health affects your emotional and mental wellbeing.

* Poor nutrition leads to chronic illnesses

We were divided into 3 group, with one of the groups focusing on the physical, emotional and mental aspects of our wellbeing.

Emotional wellbeing impacts every relationship in our lives. Proverbs 23:

Our Group Topic: Emotional Health

Q1) Do you believe that emotional wellbeing should be a priority as a Christian and why?

1) Yes, God deals with our emotions. God is interested for us to be whole and wholeness includes our emotions. 3rd John 3:2, 1st Thessolonians 5:23

Q2) How do you maintain emotional wellbeing

Focusing and trusting God -:Isaiah 26:3 - answers this question by Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

Faith is another important factor.

Q3) How can we as men create safe spaces for emotional vulnerability

- Prayer:
- We need to build a support network for each other
- We should be brave enough to talk about our emotional state
- We should make our wives our number one safe network
- We should have mentors.

4) Financial Planning:

This requires knowledge of important principles:

a) Saving culture: ensuring that we are not spending more than our earnings/ incomes.

b) Avoid debts - Proverbs 23:

c) Principle of generosity

d) Principle of building liquidity

e) Setting financial goals and plans.

Don't plan to get wealthy and rich from savings. Savings are meant to help us have enough to invest.

What do we do when our income/ earning is not enough to pay for our basic necessities and needs? In other words, what can we do when our take-home cannot take us home?

a) Invest on yourself to access higher value of your time, energy and skills so that you have excess to pay your outstanding expenses.

b) Control waste.

c) Have a difficult discussion, especially with people depending on you.

d) Plan your spending

5) Marriage, Parenting and Relationship

To be discussed as 3 case studies

> Sis Lilian - 1 year in the UK and GOD has been good. Successfly fnished masters degree 20 years after Bsc. Went through it quite easily by God's grace

skills

REQUIRED IN THE MARKETPLACE

-Pastor Femi Odubore

In today's fast-evolving global marketplace, success hinges not only on academic qualifications but also on a versatile set of skills that help individuals thrive in diverse environments. From technical expertise to interpersonal communication, the skills businesses seek are rapidly changin–g, and mastering them ensures employability and career growth.

The proverbial marketplace is like a building project; there are many things to consider before commencing the project. Hence, the Bible says in Luke 14:28-30 (CEV):

"28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the fir–st thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? 29 Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. 30 They will say, 'You started building, but could not finish the job.'"

I can boldly say that God shows us many examples of how He selected people to carry out His plan. Shall I mention Noah, Joseph, Moses, craftsmen – Bezalel and Oholiab, David, Peter, Paul, etc.? Some of these men were formally trained in advance of the assignment (Acts 7:22), some were informally trained through their personal experience (1 Samuel 17:34-37), and others by the impartation of the Spirit of God (Exodus 31:1-11). So, to be best positioned for the marketplace, skills acquisition is paramount (Proverbs 4:7 AMPC – "7 The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom (skillful and godly wisdom)! [For skillful and godly wisdom is the principal thing.] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation).") and then trust God to guide you in the path to follow (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Here are ten key skills to develop for the modern marketplace, and why they are crucial:

Digital Literacy

With the digital transformation of businesses across all industries, digital literacy is now a fundamental requirement. This skill goes beyond using email and social media; it encompasses understanding how digital platforms, tools, and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), big data, and cloud computing work. Those who are digitally literate are better positioned to work efficiently in remote, hybrid, or in-office environments, making them indispensable assets to companies that prioritise digital operations or have a competitive advantage as entrepreneurs.

Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

In a dynamic marketplace, professionals must deal with complex issues that don't always have straightforward solutions. Critical thinking and problem-solving abilities allow employees to assess situations logically, evaluate potential outcomes, and make informed decisions. These skills are particularly valuable in roles that require innovation and strategy, as employers rely on employees who can navigate challenges and drive productivity.

Emotional Intelligence (Emotional Quotient - EQ)

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand, manage, and utilise emotions effectively in various situations. It enhances interpersonal relationships and helps foster a positive workplace culture. Leaders with high emotional intelligence can inspire and motivate their teams, resolve conflicts diplomatically, and create environments where employees feel valued. In an increasingly collaborative work culture, EQ is a crucial differentiator for career advancement. EQ is the ability to recognise and manage your own emotions. This is a skill that could make or mar any professional career and which we must be mindful of in the workplace.

Adaptability and Flexibility

The marketplace is constantly changing due to technological advancements, shifting consumer demands, and economic fluctuations. Adaptability—the ability to adjust quickly to new conditions—and flexibility in approach are essential. Companies value employees who embrace change, learn new skills on the go, and maintain resilience in uncertain situations. Adaptable employees contribute to organisational success by driving transformation and innovation.

Communication Skills

Strong communication skills are essential in nearly every industry, as they facilitate the clear exchange of ideas. Whether it's writing a concise email, giving a presentation, or managing client relationships, effective communication ensures that information is understood and acted upon. In addition, professionals with refined communication skills can negotiate better deals, resolve

misunderstandings faster, and lead teams more effectively, all of which are critical for success in the workplace.

Collaboration and Teamwork

In modern workplaces, silos are breaking down, and collaborative environments are flourishing. Teamwork is not just about working together; it's about leveraging the strengths of others to achieve a common goal. Developing collaboration skills—such as active listening, conflict resolution, and sharing knowledge—helps individuals work more effectively in diverse groups. Team-oriented employees tend to create more innovative solutions and contribute to a healthier work culture.

Leadership and Project Management

Even if you're not in a managerial position, leadership is a valuable skill. Taking initiative, guiding others, and managing projects efficiently are critical components of leadership. Employers look for employees who can step up to lead teams, manage resources, impart their knowledge to others, and keep projects on track. Developing leadership and project management skills can also prepare you for promotions and give you the confidence to take on more significant responsibilities.

Time Management and Organisational Skills

In fast-paced work environments, managing one's time effectively is paramount. Prioritising tasks, meeting deadlines, and organising workloads are vital to ensure productivity and reduce stress. Employees who can balance multiple projects without sacrificing quality tend to earn the trust of their employers. Mastering time management allows professionals to deliver consistent results and meet the high demands of the competitive marketplace. There is no place for the 'African Time philosophy' in the modern marketplace. This is a mentality that must be rid of.

Negotiation and Persuasion

Negotiation isn't limited to salespeople or lawyers—it's a crucial skill for anyone looking to succeed in business. Being able to negotiate means you can advocate for your interests while finding mutually beneficial solutions. Whether you're negotiating salary, resources, or project timelines, a well-honed ability to persuade others will help you build stronger business relationships and achieve better outcomes for your team and organisation.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

The marketplace increasingly relies on data to make informed decisions. Professionals with the ability to analyse and interpret data—whether it's sales figures, customer feedback, or market trends—are highly valuable. Data literacy allows you to back up your ideas with evidence, spot opportunities for growth, and make strategic decisions that drive success. Companies are more data-driven than ever before, and employees who can transform raw data into actionable insights will lead the way.

Why These Skills Matter

The skills mentioned above are not industry-specific—they are universally applicable across various sectors, employment, business, or volunteering. Here's why they matter:

Increased Employability: As automation and AI take over routine tasks, employers are seeking human skills that technology cannot replace. Emotional intelligence, creativity, and problem-solving abilities are in high demand and will continue to be as the workplace evolves.

Enhanced Adaptability to Change: The modern job market is unpredictable. The rise of remote work, the gig economy, and the need for cross-functional roles demand a versatile skill set. Being adaptable and quick to learn new skills ensures that professionals can stay relevant in an ever-changing environment.

Professional Growth and Leadership:

Leadership, communication, and teamwork are essential for those looking to advance in their careers. As companies increasingly favour flatter organisational structures, individuals with leadership potential, who can manage projects and lead teams, are likely to be promoted.

Better Problem-Solving and Innovation: Businesses face complex challenges that require innovative solutions. Employees who excel at critical thinking and data analysis can address these challenges effectively, ensuring that companies can stay competitive in their respective markets.

Workplace Efficiency and Productivity: Time management and organisational skills, paired with the ability to work collaboratively, lead to more efficient workflows and higher productivity. This not only benefits the individual but also contributes to overall company success.

As people of God, we have not been called to mediocrity. Prayers on their own are not enough to make you excel in the marketplace; this is not a biblical philosophy. Ecclesiastes 10:10 says:

"If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success." This needs no further interpretation. Also, read Proverbs 6:6-11, which teaches us not to be lazy or idle.

Skill acquisition is not only in an orthodox context. The ability to adapt and be relevant in any economic situation is quite important. The recent pandemic is a good example of such. What happens to your income if your employer or business is unable to trade for whatever reason? This is worth pondering over. As Apostle Paul was a Prosecutor and learned in the law of the day, he was also a Tent Maker (Acts 18:1-4). The wisest man that ever lived counsels us to be versatile. Ecclesiastes 11:6 – NLT says:

"6 Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both."

In conclusion, developing key skills can empower anyone to navigate the marketplace successfully, no matter the industry or role. As the workplace continues to evolve, these skills will not only ensure employability but also foster long-term career growth and fulfilment. God bless you.

GVC

MINISTRIES

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH, LEICESTER

'...His faithfulness endures over us'

God's Vineyard Church, Leicester was birthed under the divine vision of God through the dynamic leadership of our senior pastor, Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Alawale in October 2013. "GVC Leicester" as it's popularly called is a vibrant and inspirational youth church. A community of sold out youths who are passionate about their Christian faith and sharing these with their sphere of influence. The church has a vision to build Christian character and values in the lives of the youths by the systematic study and examination of the word.

The church continues to grow through the years and has stabilised its presence within the student communities of Leicester and De Montfort Universities. The hunger for more of God has been unprecedented and the atmosphere of every of our services continue to herald the manifestation of the move of God. With the glory of God, this ministry has added immense value to the lives of the students over the years. Its great impact continues to be seen in the lives of the graduates as they continue to reminisce about what God did in and through their lives while on campus.

As a church we recognise that the days of the academic sojourn of the students are numbered and as such we swing into action as soon as the session starts. Apart from our Sunday services, we organise weekly discipleship meetings on the back of our evangelism and follow up efforts, bible study, prayer and counselling meetings. We tailor every of these sessions to mentoring them to live a victorious Christian life in the midst of all the vices and distraction on campus.

In January, we embarked on a 30 days fasting and prayer sessions as part of the ministries annual focus at the beginning of the year. The season presented an opportunity to prayerfully review our programmes, services and mission to the city of Leicester. Also, we were able to re-dedicate our lives to God afresh ahead of the new year.

In April, we had our yearly worship night tagged "Cornerstone" organised by the Radical Youths. This event has become one that everyone looks forward to. There is always a lot of energy, publicity and prayers that goes into the programme. Yearly, the programme has produced an atmosphere of lasting fulfilment and has become a point of testimony in the lives of the students.

Another major highlight of every year is the graduation of the final year students within us. This year, we were privileged to celebrate with 12 students and their families as we wished them the very best of God for the future. These occasions are fondly remembered to be full of joy, appreciation and testimonies.

In October, we welcomed the new students who recently just got admitted to the university. We held different fora to invite them to church and we believed many of them were blessed and encouraged with the atmosphere of our meetings as majority of them has since settled in the church.

We glorify God that our students have gone on to stand as a beacon of light in the work and market place and their exploits for Him continues to delight and encourage us. Some have even gone into ministry of the service of God and their contentment with His call continues to be a testimony. We are also delighted that we now have members who are no longer undergraduates having transitioned to postgraduate or working life while staying back in Leicester.

The last major programme of the year was our Christmas carol service. It was a graceful and wonderful time in His presence as we reminded ourselves the real reason for the season even amidst all the delightfulness of fun and feasting.

The church is forever grateful to the faithfulness of God all through the years as we continue to seek His purpose and will for our lives.

> Destiny Uwhumiakpo - Prayed for a job whilst studying a challenging course. Glory to God, received an offer for a job as an engineer. They kept the offer whilst a post-graudate course was being completed and has now started work

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH

THE YOUTH CHURCH:

In February 2022, the Lord led the leadership of the local church to start a weekly youth service. The GVC-Loughborough Youth Church was subsequently inaugurated on 13th February 2022, with about 30 students in attendance. Since then, to our great amazement and joy, the Youth Church has been growing in leaps and bounds, now recording between 60 and 80 young people in regular attendance each week; all to the glory of God.

The Youth Church services are held from 5:00-7:15 pm during University Term Times and are mainly student led. Our student members are given the opportunity to showcase their gifts and talents, planning, and leading main aspects of the service, such as Praise & Worship, Bible Studies, Coordinating, Ushering, etc.

It has been our greatest joy to see many young people accepting Christ as their Lord and Saviour and experiencing significant transformation in living for Jesus. Many have enrolled in our discipleship programmes and are experiencing continued growth in their faith. The local church also provides solid support for the Radical Youth Society at Loughborough University, which currently has a membership of over 60 students, with a weekly average attendance of about 45

THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Our morning family services also experienced some exciting moments. We continue to grow in numbers and in depth.

Our Family Fellowships meet up in small groups to study God's word, pray together, engage in social activities, and visit one another. Through the fellowships the Lord has blessed our local church with strengthened

relationships.

It has been our greatest joy to see our children's church facilitating the growth of the kids to love God and enjoy the fellowship of the believers. Kudos to our dedicated children's teachers, who are making such invaluable input in their lives!

One important development in the year was the introduction of Teenage Bible Studies on Sunday mornings. The impact on the lives of the young ones has been phenomenal; all glory to God!

ANNIVERSARY DINNER & RECOGNITION NIGHT

On May 4th and 5th, God's Vineyard Church, Loughborough, joyfully celebrated its annual anniversary with the theme:

"Thy Will Be Done" – Luke 22:42

A Time of Reflection & Gratitude

The anniversary was a special moment to reflect on the journey of the church so far—the battles overcome, challenges faced, and countless lives impacted. Through it all, the Lord has remained faithful, guiding and sustaining us every step of the way.

Black-Tie Dinner Celebration (May 4th)

On Saturday, May 4th, we hosted a Black-Tie Dinner to honor and celebrate the dedication and commitment of our members and leaders. It was an evening of joy, appreciation, and deep reflection on God's goodness.

A key highlight of the night was the recognition of the outgoing leadership team of Radical Youth Loughborough, who also played a vital role in leading the Youth Church. As a token of appreciation, they were presented with special gifts in acknowledgment of their service and dedication.

Inspiring Messages & Testimonies

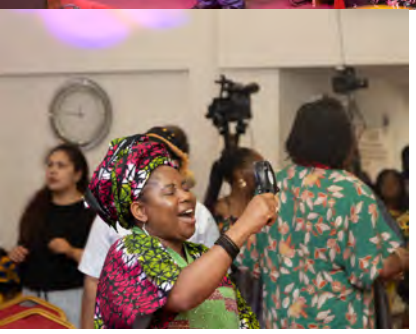
Throughout the evening, we were blessed by powerful messages shared by:

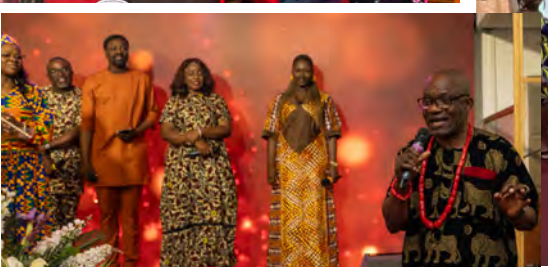
- Pastor Joe Nipah
- Pastor Funmi Alawale

They spoke on different aspects of the theme, "Thy Will Be Done," weaving in their personal testimonies of faith, surrender, and God's divine guidance.

To conclude the night, Senior Pastor, Dr. Ezekiel Alawale, delivered a heartfelt message, emphasizing total surrender to God's will. The evening ended on a powerful note with an altar call, inviting attendees to fully commit their lives to Christ.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY IN PICTURE





GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH DERBY

The year 2024 in God's Vineyard Church Derby was a wonderful year for the Church and its people. The hand of God was mighty in the midst of His people and the Church, just as the children of Israel said: "And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders". (see Deut. 26:8)

As a Church, reaching out to the unsaved and sharing the love of Christ in our locality was at the forefront of our endeavours. Regular monthly 'Church Go' evangelism was held in the year; going around the neighbourhood telling and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. As part of the Church evangelistic activities, the Easter Special Drama Event was held on Friday 29th March 2024 in the Church auditorium with about 30 people in attendance including 5 visitors.

The Church had a special event tagged "Family Fun Day" on Saturday 17th August 2024 held at Stockbrook Park, Derby. This event was held to strengthen the love of Christ among His people; friends and families participated in this wonderful event, and over 50 people were in attendance.

The women's arm of the Church known as 'Women of Excellence' had an insightful and impactful session. This session was a health talk on breast awareness.

The Youth Church also grew in leaps and bounds with about 40 new students attending the services in the course of the year. With the Word of God flourishing, the fellowship of the Spirit thriving and the presence of the Lord real as the youths come together to worship God.

The highlight of the year 2024 in GVC Derby was the 18th Anniversary celebration. Also known as Glory Conference, the Anniversary celebration was themed: 'On Eagles Wings', revealed from Deuteronomy 32:9-13. It was an awesome experience celebrating God's faithfulness, presence, mightiness and reign over His Church majorly in the past year.

The Conference kicked off on Friday 25th October with a Musical Concert organised by the Youth Church, RY Derby and GVC Derby Choir. It was an evening of gratitude, joy, appreciation, expressive praise, worship and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness, presence and awesome deeds among His people. About 50 people were in attendance.

Sunday the 27th of October, was the anniversary Thanksgiving Services. This was the final day of the Conference which was an amazing experience in God's presence with many invited guests, friends, and members of GVC Derby in attendance. The Senior Pastor of God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM), Dr Ezekiel Alawale delivered the sermon titled: 'On Eagles Wings'.

This great service ended with a special moment of thanksgiving, rejoicing, praising and dancing unto the Lord, followed by the cutting of the Anniversary Cake and the proclamation of blessings upon the Church, its members and the year ahead by the Senior Pastor. About 77 people were in attendance.

Truly, God has been among His people confirming His word with sings and wonders. We are very glad and joyful as a Church for all of His acts among us.

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH LONDON

As we conclude the year 2024, it is evident that this has been a significant period for our church community. This year marks our first complete return since the Covid pandemic, during which we have observed God's presence manifesting in extraordinary ways. From the welcoming of new members to heartfelt celebrations, this year has been characterized by growth, joy, and a revitalized sense of community.

Celebrating Our One-Year Anniversary

A key highlight of this year was the commemoration of our one-year anniversary in July. It is remarkable to reflect on the progress we have made in such a brief time. This milestone serves as a testament to God's steadfast faithfulness and the resilience of our congregation. What started as a vision has evolved into a dynamic and flourishing community of believers. Our anniversary service was filled with joy, gratitude, praise, and worship, accompanied by a profound sense of anticipation for the future and fatherly blessings from our senior pastor, Pastor Ezekiel Alawale.

Throughout 2024, we experienced numerous significant moments that have shaped this year. With Pastor Funmi Alawale and Pastor Femi fenojo amongst others coming to minister God's word to the church. One of the most touching highlights was the incorporation of two new converts into our church family. Another notable occasion was International Sunday, a day set aside to honour the rich diversity that distinguishes our church. The service was vibrant, featuring powerful worship, lively dance, joyous laughter, and delightful food - truly a celebration of the beauty of God's creation.

We also dedicated time to pray for our members returning to university, sending them forth with blessings for their academic pursuits, personal growth, and safety. This was a poignant reminder of the support and love that binds us as a community, regardless of where life leads us.

As the year came to a close, we convened for our annual Christmas dinner and Carol service - a time for fellowship, laughter, poetry, and celebrating the joy of the season. This special gathering allowed us to reflect on the birth of our Saviour while cherishing the warmth of our church family. It served as a beautiful reminder of the wonderful family that Christ has bestowed upon GVC London.

Looking Ahead

In reflecting on the blessings bestowed upon us by God throughout 2024, we are profoundly grateful for our leaders and Pastor 'Labi Mebude, the Pastor of GVC London for all their unwavering dedication to our church community. As we approach the new year, we do so with eagerness, confident that with revitalized enthusiasm and a spirit of gratitude, we are prepared to further our mission of growth, service, and the dissemination of hope and grace throughout London. The experiences of the past year have illuminated God's steadfast faithfulness, and we eagerly await the opportunities that 2025 will bring. If you reside in London or you are planning to in the nearest future, be sure to visit us and we have no doubt that you will be blessed.

Please visit GVC London website @ **https://gvclondon.co.uk and our Instagram handle @ https://www.instagram.com/gvclondon_**

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH BIRMINGHAM

We celebrated a memorable anniversary with the theme "Rooted in Christ." Pastor Muyiwa Olubowale attended as the representative of our Senior Pastor, adding to the significance of the occasion. It was a meaningful event for several reasons: We experienced God speaking to specific issues in people's lives, and there was a prophecy shared specifically for the Birmingham church.

The anniversary also provided an opportunity to reconnect with former members, some of whom hadn't been with us in a while. This reconnection has encouraged several of these members to return to church.

Outreach Event: We organized an outreach event aimed at connecting with people in our neighbourhood and evangelising to them. Flyers were distributed locally to invite the community, and the event featured games and face painting for children, along with refreshments for all attendees. While the neighbourhood turnout was lower than anticipated, we still had meaningful conversations and were able to share our message with a few passersby. Additionally, the event helped strengthen the bond among church members.

Special Sunday Services for Students:

This was organised to attract students starting school in September, we transformed our October Sunday services into special events. We hosted impactful teaching sessions led by guest ministers, including our Senior Pastor, Pastor Funmi Alawale, Pastor Femi Fenojo, and Minister Blessing Oyedemi respectively. They shared insights on topics like purposeful relationships, prioritizing God, and finding purpose in one's career. The series concluded with our Branch Pastor, Pastor Bisi Adeyiga, who spoke on living a purposeful life. These events drew more students to our church than we've seen at any point this year.

Birmingham Radical Youth Rebirth: Birmingham Radical Youth group was relaunched with four new executives, who were inaugurated on October 6th and received prayers from Pastor Funmi. Since then, they have been holding biweekly meetings. Their first gathering on September 19th attracted 18 students, while the most recent meeting on October 26th had an attendance of 12 students.

In December, we celebrated a joyous season with several memorable events. The month featured a delightful Christmas carol, bringing festive cheer through worship. We also enjoyed a warm and lively family get-together, strengthening bonds and creating cherished memories.

To wrap up the year, we held a heartfelt thanksgiving service, expressing gratitude for the blessings and milestones of the past year.

GOD'S VINEYARD CHRISTIAN CENTRE ABUJA

The year 2024 began with great promise and clarity of purpose. As 2023 drew to a close, it became evident that God intended to elevate His people, moving us to greater heights of influence. The mandate for 2024 was to shine and perform great exploits for the Kingdom.

Church Activities and Attendance: The year began with the annual January fasting and prayer program, after which regular church activities resumed, including Sunday Services held at Papal Ground and midweek studies conducted in various locations.

Attendance Overview

Attendance was commendable from the last quarter of 2023 through the first quarter of 2024. Challenges: From March to April, attendance began to decline due to a combination of spiritual and economic factors.

Programs Held : To revive the spirit of the congregation and encourage attendance, the following major programs were held in the first quarter: Revival Sunday: The theme was Walking in Dominion and Authority. Held on Sunday, February 25th, 2024. Engr. Evangelist Elijah Abdulmalik ministered. Other programs held in the course of the year include Times of Refreshing in His Presence, Resurrection Gathering. Attendance for all these programs was highly encouraging.

Major Outreach: Charity Drive : We had a significant outreach event on Saturday, March 20th, 2024, at the GVCC Abuja Resource Centre in Kagini, Kubwa, FCT. our target audience were Children and young people aged 10–30 years. Attendance at the event was Over 200 and 25 volunteers, including Youth Corps members, professionals (medical workers, teachers, mental health experts, UNICEF staff), and pastors.

Impact: The outreach was a tremendous success and served as preparation for the mega youth rally initially planned for the last quarter.

Other Programs held in the Last quarter include Kagini Monthly Youth Neighborhood Outreach held on September 29th, 2024, a meal outreach was conducted, feeding over 300 individuals. The attendance was 137 individuals joined the subsequent Sunday service. Outcome: Launch of a monthly Youth Neighborhood Outreach in Kagini, with youth workers and volunteers undergoing training.

End-of-Year Programs: we had our Revival Sunday on the 8th of December 2024 and Pastor Labi Mebude ministered.

Testimonies:

IT Department Achievements, Graduated two cohorts in Basic Computer Literacy and Graphics Design. Handled the design and printing of church fliers, handbills, and multimedia services.

Wedding Ceremonies: One wedding conducted on Saturday, December 7th, 2024.

Childbirths: Four deliveries (five children, including twins) recorded between November and December 2024.

Conclusion: Despite challenges, 2024 was a year of shining and overcoming. God's Vineyard Christian Centre continues to stand firm, shining brighter for the Kingdom. We look forward to greater exploits in the coming year particularly in the area of youth work.

To God be all the glory!

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH LAGOS

We return glory and honor to God Almighty for all His manifold blessings on God's Vineyard Christian Centre, Lagos. The year 2024 has been wonderful and at the same time challenging [better still, been an eye-opener to some things].

One of the reasons for our thankfulness here is for that the gate of hell did not prevail over the Church. We appreciate the support and advice of our Senior Pastor, Pastor Dr. Ezekiel Alawale who is always there for us at every point in time, and also our leaders who have guided us through their bank of wisdom and experiences. May the good Lord bless you, Amen and Amen.

> Amaka from Dectoration - My son, Chu-Chu, completed primary school with outstanding SATs results and winning award "Achiever of the Year

In the course of the year , we had 42 visitors who visited our church this year based on invitations from the church and friends. 9 are now members, who are very constant except when there is a need to travel.

Radical Youth: Portals of Praise [June 2024]: we bless the lord for the youth ministry, Radical Youth program in June 2024 was awesome. We give glory to God, we had 53 people in attendance and notable miracles happened, broken fellowship with God was restored, and souls were ministered to in general. Amen.

Family and Feast Sunday

Family and Feast Sunday was held in December together with our Carol Service in the year 2024 and to the glory of God, it was a success. About 50+ people were in attendance, and everybody was served both spiritual food and physical food. A music minister was invited, and the service was held in the afternoon. Glory to God.

Conclusion

GVCC Lagos is a church with prospects and we trust the lord for a fruitful year ahead.

Pastor David Olajide

Pastor in charge

GOD VINEYARD CHURCH, IBADAN

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2ND MARCH

GVC CHILDREN: VINE HERITAGE
ART & CRAFT &MOVIE NIGHT

This event was borne out of a desire to engage our children positively in the things of God rather than celebrate Halloween. The idea was to expose them to godly activities and events which added more educational values rather than celebrating Halloween. It was also an opportunity for them to competitively showcase their art and craft skills by making several Christmas cards for their parents, spend good time with their peers, teachers and parents who were present to watch the movie titled lion of Judah.

For the planned duration of 3 hours, the children were all actively involved and showed a high level of interest in the expositions, activities which included dancing, crafts, drawing, colouring, questions and answers, food , drinks and loads more. This event was paid for by the church.

OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTIONS.

Commenced at exactly 15:00 pm on the 31st of October 2024 in the Church Auditorium teenage room with praise and worship and opening prayers, followed by an exposition on why we should not celebrate halloween, art and craft, entertainment and movie session respectively. The meeting ended at 18:15 pm with a photo session.

Out of a registered 56, the total number of children present was 45 and 10 teachers including some parents who were happy to partake.

Children were appropriately arranged according to their age brackets and presented with the necessary safe materials needed for the activities.

The younger children who may easily loose interest in lessons were actively interested, supervised in doing their best to present colourful cards, sat quiet with smiley looks as the movie went on, eating popcorns, pizza, candies and drinking with joy.

The older children appeared happy and happier at the entrance of friends. They formed little groups, showing uniform dance steps with excitement as teachers joined, exchanging desired materials like colours and pens during the art and craft session for love's sake, but remained highly competitive to individually present the best Christmas cards. They uniquely expressed Christmas wishes and love to their parents with drawings of snowflakes, snow man, scandalous, Christmas trees, snow street, boxes of presents, Christmas lights, written merry Christmas wishes/ love notes on cards and excellently answered questions on the exposition. Hence, shared their thoughts and what they learnt from the movie with teachers.

Parents who arrived some minutes earlier for child pick-up were privileged to join the movie session, snacked and chatted with teachers, joined in pictures and a few of them participated very much in cleaning the sanctuary.

CONCLUSION

The children, teachers and present parents remained safe for the entirety of the event. Children were positively transformed as they could boldly explain the reasons Christians should not celebrate halloween, answering questions from the movie about the life of Jesus Christ the saviour on earth.

HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AT GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES, NOTTINGHAM

In August 2024, God's Vineyard Ministries in Nottingham hosted its first-ever holiday club, welcoming forty-eight local children to an unforgettable Christian experience.

Titled "Team Builders," the event centered around three Bible stories designed to teach children the value of teamwork in life, as well as what it means to be part of Jesus' team.

Through the stories of Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37), Moses and the elders (Exodus 18), and Jesus and His disciples (Luke 6:12-17), the children learned how collaboration leads to greater achievements and how God has uniquely gifted each child with talents that complement one another, making it easier for them to work together in harmony.

The three-day event, tailored for children aged 4 to 11, was a vibrant and enriching experience held daily from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. It was packed with activities like crafts, Bible study, games, singing, dancing, bounce sessions, and delicious treats, offering the perfect mix of fun, inspiration, and spiritual growth.

The holiday club was intentionally held during the summer holidays to provide children with a meaningful and engaging way to spend their break while fostering their faith. This impactful experience was made possible by the dedication of vetted volunteers from God's Vineyard Ministries, who created a safe and nurturing environment for the children to explore God's love and the profound difference He can make in their lives.

PURPOSE OF THE HOLIDAY CLUB

The holiday club was inspired by God and created to:

- Show love to families in our community.
- Provide a safe, engaging, and friendly environment where all children can learn about Jesus.
- Create opportunities to share the gospel with children, their friends, and their families.
- Build relationships and help children and their families feel part of a Christian community.
- Support parents by offering meaningful activities for their children.
- Create positive memories of the Christian community.
- Here are some of the feedback we received after the inaugural event.

FEEDBACK FROM CHILDREN:

"I like how the teachers were enthusiastic about the club. They taught us so many things but in a fun way. I like how we all met in church to play like one big family." – Adriel

"I loved bouncing on the bouncy castle and enjoyed the arts and crafts. I was so happy to meet with my friends in church." – Brume

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS:

"The holiday club was well-organized. Professionalism was on point, and the kids were fully engaged throughout the sessions. It was helpful for parents who didn't have childcare support during the summer holidays. I am looking forward to the next one. On a scale of 1 to 10, it exceeded 10 for me and my household. I know a lot of parents feel the same way." – Vera

"The holiday club was a wonderful initiative and much needed. It was well thought-out, well-coordinated, and all free. My daughter still talks about it even to this day. All the volunteers deserve their kudos and more!" – Annie

Looking for a memorable holiday where your kids can learn more about Jesus? Look no further than the Holiday Club at God's Vineyard Ministries!

Written by Mrs. Miracle Iloani,

December 2024

VINETEENS Talk

What Do Teenagers Think?

Vineteens is a community where teenagers come together to learn more about Christ, grow spiritually, and connect with each other. We asked the teens what they like most about Vineteens, what they feel it's all about, and what could be improved. Here's what they had to say.

What Do You Like Most About Vineteens?

Many teens appreciate the supportive and inclusive atmosphere of Vineteens.

- David loves the communication and the friendships, saying, "It's really helpful for us to know each other better."
- Pamilerin values the inclusivity, while Raelyn enjoys the vibrant community.
- Joan appreciates how the teachings are delivered in a way that is easy to understand, noting, "They can break down everything they are saying."
- Bryan finds it helpful for socializing and learning new things.
- Gideon highlights the community aspect, saying, "You get to share your opinions about Christianity and the Bible."

Joanne Teo - Thanking God for being able to come back to church after a long summer. I miss GVC and am more than happy to come nack to this lovely family again! Hallelujah, all glory to God!

What Is Vineteens All About?

- When asked what Vineteens stands for, the responses reflected a deep connection to learning and growth through the word of God.
- David explained, "Vineteens is all about learning about the Bible and the lives of figures like Jesus Christ."
- Pamilerin added that it's about teaching people the knowledge of Christ and expanding their horizons.
- Joan feels that it's all about how we are connected through the word of God.
- Ibukun sees it as a way of bringing teenagers closer to Christ in a relatable way.
- Ade loves the ability to connect with people his age and discuss God in a more personal way.
- Bryan believes Vineteens teaches love, affection, resilience, and integrity in every aspect of life.
- Angola describes it as a community of young people eager to learn more about Christ.
- Gideon sums it up as "Christians gathering together, talking about the Bible."

What Don't You Like About Vineteens?

While Vineteens has a lot of positive feedback, there are a few things teens wish could improve.

- David dislikes the distractions, saying, "I don't like the messing about."
- Ibukun mentions that some people in Vineteens are disrespectful to teachers.
- Esther is happy with the group, saying, "Nothing really, I'm cool."
- Jane notes the lack of physical activity, adding, "We are mainly just sat down."
- Bryan appreciates Vineteens as a whole and says, "There's nothing I don't like about it."
- Raelyn feels that sometimes it can be a bit quiet.
- Gideon agrees that while he doesn't have any major dislikes, "Sometimes it can get a bit rowdy and takes a while to calm everyone down."

Overall, the teens appreciate the chance to grow spiritually, make new connections, and learn more about Christ. While there are some areas that could be improved, such as adding more physical activities and addressing distractions, the sense of community and the impact of the teachings shine through.

Vineteens continues to be a place where young people can come together to strengthen their faith and develop lasting relationships with their peers.–

VINE TEENS Summer camp

On Saturday, the teens were welcomed into the church Auditorium, marked a register and given name badges with group allocations.

The session started with a period of prayer and praise and worship led by some of the teens. The first session was 'God as your guide' by Pastor Bisi, followed by some group indoor games.

The second session was 'God as your priority' by Pastor Ezekiel followed by another round of indoor games. There was a break for lunch followed by an outdoor session of sports/ games

The teens returned indoors for a session with Pastor Funmi called 'Sex, Relationships, Marriage & Jesus' followed by a session of prayers.

This was followed by a dedicated Q&A session where the teens could send questions in anonymously.

The final set of group indoor games took place followed by the final teaching session called Internet Security.

Each speaker and external helper were presented with a Thank you gift and card.

The feedback from the Teenagers

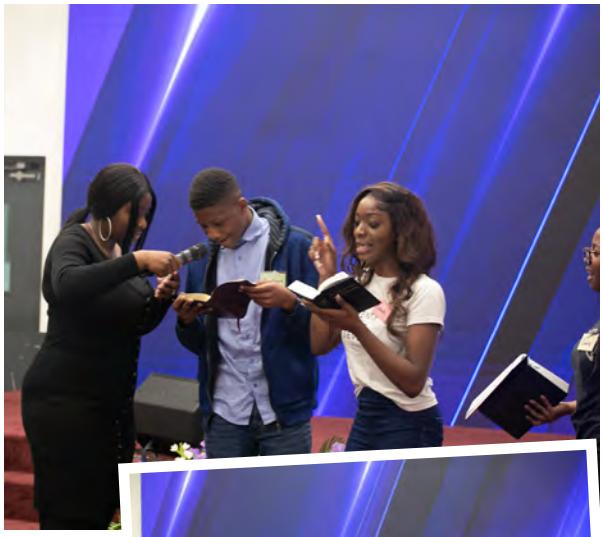
- Longer duration of the camp – residential preferred

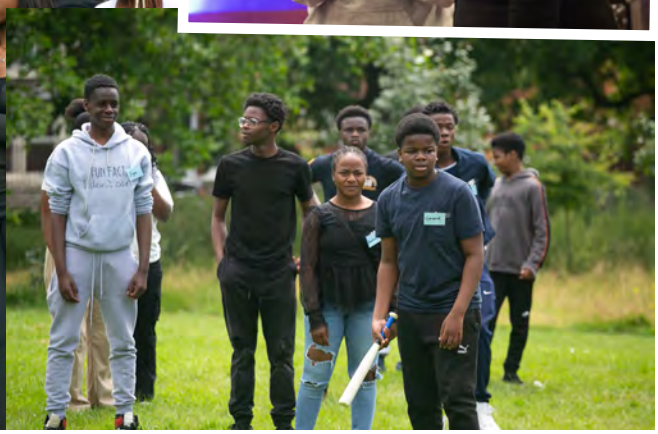
- Very positive feedback about choice of topics, speakers and venue

Sunday 30th June 2024

This was not part of the summer event; however it was a special service held in the Lenton Leisure community centre. The service was coordinated by the teens – prayer, praise and worship, spoken word, games etc.

The message was delivered by Pastor Muyiwa Olubowale. 3 of the teens were prayed for and sent forth during the service: Melvin Mbazi, Sharon Mbazi and Sam Imade.





Radical Youth: LIVING THE WORD, LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Radical Youth (RY) embodies a vibrant movement within God's Vineyard Ministries, uniting young people across campuses in the UK in their shared mission to live out God's Word and lead by example. Anchored in faith, fellowship, and impactful events, RY serves as a spiritual home for university students and young adults, fostering personal growth and community transformation.

Living the Word Through Worship and Encounter

The 2023/2024 academic year saw Radical Youth making a profound impact through spiritually charged events. In March, RY Trentside's "Worship Experience: Beyond the Veil" and RY Nottingham's "Encounter: Seek His Face" drew over 1,200 attendees combined. These gatherings were marked by fervent worship, deep reflection, and transformative encounters with God. Together, these events led to the salvation of 75 individuals, a testament to the movement's spiritual influence.

May continued the momentum with RY Lancaster's "Revival: Remember Your Creator" and RY Derby's "Ignite the Flame", which collectively inspired 41 individuals to rededicate their lives to Christ. These worship nights brought together diverse believers, emphasizing unity and the power of shared faith.

Building Leaders for Tomorrow

Leadership development is at the heart of RY's mission. The Youth Ministry Leadership Training in September 2024 brought together 71 leaders from 10 regions, both in person and online. The sessions, led by esteemed pastors, covered practical and spiritual topics such as Bible study, ministry effectiveness, and overcoming stress. Feedback highlighted the event's success in equipping leaders for their roles, with plans underway for follow-up sessions to ensure continuous growth.

Leading by Example: RY Week and Beyond

The annual RY Week (June 4–9, 2024) celebrated the end of the academic year with a dynamic mix of fellowship, worship, and celebration. Highlights included:

Final Years' Dinner: A time of reflection and prayer for graduates entering new seasons.

RY Praise Night: Featuring heartfelt performances and the beloved Mass Choir.

Sports Day and BBQ: A fun-filled day fostering unity and fellowship.

RY Ball and Awards Night: With over 200 attendees, the event recognized regional and individual contributions, celebrating Lancaster and Loughborough as Region of the Year.

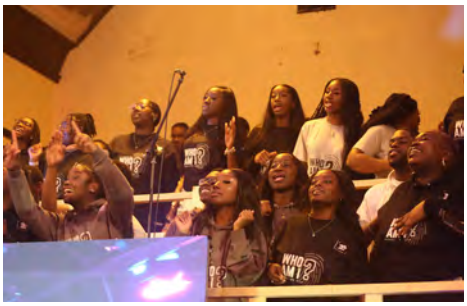
> Wale Ogunmola - After 10 attempts of taking driving test, finally passed. Theory was going to expire soon also. Had great favour from friendly examiner. After 3 days prayer and fasdting and 12 hour prayer. Thanks to SP, P Lab, Bro Benson and Mummy P. Becoming a British Citizen that year and gaining new income stream. Restoring health and delivering from death. Blessing and preserving family

RY Week concluded with the Youth Church Takeover, a powerful service honoring outgoing leaders and commissioning new ones for the academic year ahead.

Looking Ahead

Radical Youth continues to thrive as a movement that not only transforms lives but also equips individuals to transform their communities. With plans for more worship nights, leadership development initiatives, and outreach programs, RY remains committed to its mission: Living the Word, Leading by Example.

Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, meaningful community, or a place to serve, RY invites you to join this life-changing movement. Together, we are shaping a generation that boldly reflects Christ in every aspect of life



Meet the Intern

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Age: 23
Course: Medicine MBChB and MSc Applied Child Psychology
Region: Lancaster

What motivated you to become a Radical Youth intern?

RY was one of the defining parts of my undergraduate career- I was the first person to join my region in my first-year cohort and raved about it to all my friends. As a place that did so much for me, it was not that surprising that God spoke to me about giving back through this year of service. When I received the word for the Holy Spirit as an exec, I knew that it was the right next step, and I am glad for the obedience!

What does your role involve, and how does it contribute to the ministry's mission?

My role involves working under Pastor Labi to run the activities of RY throughout the academic year and has a great variety. One day I can be travelling to regions to give the word, the next I am sorting out administrative work and the next I am praying alongside execs who might need some support. As well as my direct work as the RY intern, I of course am on hand to support overall general ministry needs for GVM as required.

How has your experience in Radical Youth prepared you for this role?

This is my 5th year as part of the ministry, and I have served in every year I have been here in different avenues, so I think that has been helpful. Definitely, being Lancaster's President last year gave me a really good foundation to understand what execs need to thrive and I have been able to use that knowledge to improve things for the Presidents and their teams this year.

Can you share how the experience has been thus far?

The experience has definitely been stretching- there is a lot to do and I am dealing with a lot of different people! It has also been very rewarding being able to give back to RY and watch the next generation of leaders rise.

How does this role prepare you for the job market and life?

As a doctor, I think this intern year will help prepare me for balancing long hours with still maintaining my personal life to God, rest and family life.

What's a key skill or value you bring to the intern team?

I think that my organisation and discipline has been a very big help for me and the team in this role.

What's one thing you're excited to achieve or learn during your internship?

I have really enjoyed doing the protocol and management side of things with Pastor Wale that you do not get exposed to as a student.

What's one lesson or value from your personal faith journey that you bring into this role?

Definitely that my service must come from a place of overflow. This role is very intense and truly only God can strengthen me through so it's a reminder to stay completely reliant on Him.

How will you encourage other youth to partner with RY vision before or after they graduate?

I would absolutely tell anyone who has been through RY to intentionally sit back and take stock of the impact it has had on their lives. If you do that and feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit, don't ignore it! It doesn't necessarily have to be a full year of service either. RY needs our support in many aspects with prayer, service and financial support.

So whether you can offer yourself up to serve in any capacity, set up a standing order for a financial donation or just say a prayer anytime comes to mind, it is all conducive to the Kingdom work taking place.Trust me, you won't regret your decision

Give a shout out or word of encouragement to someone of your choice:

I want to shout out all my execs, especially the Presidents and VPs, for being such an amazing group of people to work with. I also want to appreciate my family for supporting me through this intern year!

AYO

Age: 22

Course: Bsc (Hons) Industrial Economics with Insurance with a Placement Year

Region: Nottingham

What motivated you to become a God's Vineyard Ministries intern?

I wanted to give back and be a benefit to the church. This was the first church I came to when I started at Nottingham and has felt like home ever since. I would spend a lot of time here, serving in departments and coming to service, and church honestly felt like a safe space. So when it came time to choose where I would do my placement year, I had the God-given assurance that it would be here.

And I am glad it was! I learned a lot, got to build many connections and actually did give back. I enjoyed the opportunity to help plan the events and work behind the scenes on things I had benefited from since 1st year, whether it be planning RY Week to serving. Now I am back again, ready to serve once more! I wanted to continue to build on the work and systems I started last year and to continue to help the church run. Next time you are in church, say thank you to the staff - they work hard for you and Jesus!

What does your role involve, and how does it contribute to the ministry's mission?

My role is mainly administration and finance, so processing information and ensuring necessary action is taken. I work closely with the Chief Administrator, Pastor Wale and also Pastor Funmi. I also help out around the church, whether it be events or other odd jobs that arise. I also support when events are happening in a variety of roles.

Favourite part of the job?

The events and conferences. I enjoy the energy of the lead up, the powerful prayer and fasting sessions and the conferences themselves. Wow.

I really appreciate that I get to see how everything is prepared from the church office, the protocol and administrative perspective, ensuring that everyone has an excellent time and troubleshooting when necessary, particularly when things don't go as planned.

Happiest memory so far?

My favourite times are when we break bread. I remember when I finished my placement year, I had a celebratory meal with the pastors and it was great how we were eating rice while watching the football. That was a really nice time. Go Arsenal!

What's a key lesson or value that you would like to share?

Guard your heart! With everything, ensuring you have a heart posture of humility is key. Despite the pressures of life, continuously seeking God for a pure heart is key and committing to looking like Jesus. I have really enjoyed the song "Fill Me Up" by Cece Winans as it always reminds me that God is with me and I can run to Him if things get heavy. He said to "cast your burdens onto Him".

Vivian David - Thanking God for healing from strange bleeding. Mummy Pastor prayed and as praching about woman with the issue of the blood. Keyed into the prayer and strength came. At vigil, also trusted God and testifying of complete healing in Jesus' name

YOUTH CHURCH

The Youth of today are the world's foundation of tomorrow - Pastor Derrick Osaze

I'm often asked 'where my passion for young people stems from'. To answer that question, I would have to do so in two parts. For part one I'd have to go back to what I call the beginning of this journey which was me becoming a football coach aged 16. This was something that started as a hobby to amass some voluntary hours to successfully complete the NCS (National Citizen Service) programme I was in the middle of at the time.

Fast forward five years, six coaching qualifications later, jobs with Millwall FC, Tottenham Hotspur FC and Arnprior FC in Canada, I realised that football was only a medium that helped me realise that my real passion was working with and helping young people maximise their potential and be the best version of themselves. I was now certain that I didn't desire to pursue a career in professional coaching, despite having numerous opportunities to do so.

In May 2015 during my coaching contract in Canada, I would hear God clearly tell me that my journey in coaching had come to an end, something that gave me an incredible amount of peace. I would then begin to zone in on my greater calling within ministry and my passion for young people. Over the next four years I would do a number of Youth related job roles, some of which included; youth mentoring, facilitating school workshops and sitting on the board of trustees of the Hyson Green Youth Club.

Looking back I can see how God used my experience in coaching and working with Young people to prepare me for a future in Youth Ministry. My journey into ministry was far from conventional to say the least. I started attending GVM Youth church in October 2014, funnily enough, I was told about GVM in my first year of university in 2012, as I had some friends from home in London who attended there and Radical Youth. I kept saying I would attend 'next week'! Two years had gone by and I would finally attend GVM Youth church after rededicating my life to Christ. Just two months later in December 2014, during a GVM night vigil service is where God revealed to me that I would become a Pastor, and be called to Ministry.

This was something I never desired or had planned for but I knew I would ultimately follow God's will for my life regardless of my desires. I would then become the Radical Youth (RY) Trentside President for the year 2015/16. I would then serve as one of four RY interns for a year during 2016/17. It was during that year God would reveal to me that He was positioning me within the Youth Ministry long term. I would discuss this with the Senior Pastor who prayerfully guided and supported me through my journey.

I officially became a part of the GVM Youth

Church leadership in 2016. I was ordained as a minister in 2018, and a Pastor in 2024 and as of September 2023 to date I serve as the Lead Pastor of GVM Youth Church. I also work full-time as the Black Student Sport Officer at the University of Nottingham, where a large number of the students I work with are members of the ministry. I am also a professional boxer, a sport I first took up aged 15.

I've been married to my amazing wife Mrs Tope Osaze for over seven years and we're blessed with two beautiful sons; Malachi (4 years old) and Josiah (1 year old).

I've titled this the article 'The Youth of today are the world's foundation of tomorrow'. Why? That is because if I had to, in one sentence, summarise the importance of Youth in the world and especially the church, this short statement would depict it perfectly. Youth is often described as the period between childhood and adult age. The Office for National Statistics: Uses the term "youth" to describe people aged 13–29. The importance of youth in the Church cannot be overstated enough. Young people are not only the future of the Church, but also its present foundation.

Here are some key reasons why I believe youth play a vital role in the church:

1. Energy, Passion and Enthusiasm

Youth bring energy, passion, and enthusiasm to the Church. Their zeal for the faith can inspire and rejuvenate the entire congregation. They often have a deep desire to serve, learn, and engage in the work of the Church.

2. Future Leaders of the Church

Young people are the next generation of leaders, ministers, pastors, teachers, evangelists in the Church. Their involvement in Youth orientated ministries such as GVM helps to prepare them for leadership roles in the future. Developing their faith, character and leadership skills is crucial for the future of the Church.

3. New Perspectives

Young people often bring fresh ideas and perspectives that can help the Church stay relevant, progressive and responsive to changing societal and cultural contexts. Their unique challenges, experiences, and ways of thinking can inspire creative solutions to the Church's mission in the modern world.

4. Faith and Spiritual Growth

Youth are more open to learning and exploring their relationship with God, and when they are engaged effectively, their faith can deepen significantly. The Church has a responsibility to help nurture the spiritual growth of young people. A strong foundation in faith during youth can lead to lifelong commitment to the Church.

5. Community and Fellowship

Youth are a central part of the Church community, and their involvement creates a sense of fellowship among members of all ages. The younger generation can help foster intergenerational relationships, enriching the entire Church body.

6. Mission and Outreach

Many youth are passionate about social justice, charity work, and outreach. They often have a strong sense of

compassion and a desire to serve others. Their involvement in mission work and outreach programs helps spread the Church's message and care to the wider world, especially in areas such as community service, environmental action, and humanitarian efforts.

7. A Connection to Culture

Young people are often more connected to current trends, technology, and culture. Their understanding of these elements allows the Church to adapt its outreach and communication methods, especially in connecting with others outside the faith. Youth can serve as a bridge between the traditional practices of the Church and the modern world.

8. Preserving and Sharing the Faith

The Church's message is meant to be passed down from generation to generation. If youth are actively engaged, they become instrumental in passing on the faith to others, including their peers and the next generation. Their enthusiasm for evangelization can help grow the Church.

9. Involvement in Church Activities

Youth involvement in Church activities (worship, volunteering, music ministries, sports, etc.) and fellowships such as Radical Youth provide opportunities for young people to develop various skills, including leadership, teamwork, communication and service to others.

10. Building a Stronger Church

When youth are active in the Church, they contribute to the overall strength of the faith community. Their commitment can inspire older members and help create a multi-generational environment where everyone learns from each other.

The vision of GVM is:

'To raise a people with a kingdom mindset to discover their purpose, maximize their potentials and influence their generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ'.

The GVM Youth Church is an active extension of the Ministry's vision as the Youth are at the heart of this vision and so we as the Youth Church leadership with the God's grace upon us, do as much as we can to ensure that are guiding our youth to develop a deeper relationship with God. We are also ensuring that we as much as we can facilitate an environment that breeds healthy relationships between the ministry and its members to ensure we are meeting the needs of our young people, not only spiritually, but physically, emotionally and mentally. Lastly we are making sure that we help to positively affect our society through the Gospel and create a positive impact in our communities.

We attempt to achieve the above in many different ways, here are some of the amazing things that the Youth Church is currently doing;

FOUNDATION SCHOOL

The aim of the foundation school lies within the title, it is to help provide young people and new believers in the ministry build a solid foundation for an empowered life in Christ. It also allows learning through healthy discussion where young people are free to ask questions. Sessions take place twice a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4-6pm) and focus on key teachings such as;

What is the central theme of the bible?

What is God's purpose in salvation?

How does God achieve His purpose for us in salvation?

Prayer, Fasting and Giving.

PRAYER

At GVM Prayer is a key foundation of all

we do and the Youth Church has a very active programme dedicated solely to prayer. Not only encouraging members to pray, but to also build an appetite for a consistent prayer life. Led by the Youth Church Head of Prayer – Sharmaine Mundozo and her team, the Youth church prayer programmes include;

MORNING PRAYER – Daily 1 hour group zoom prayer session, Monday to Fridays at 6am

REFUEL - Daily 15 minute group zoom prayer session, Monday to Fridays at 9pm

ATMOSPHERE – 3 hours of Prayer, worship, and Bible study, taking place every Saturday from 7-10pm.

PRAYER STRETCH – 12 hour of continuous prayer, worship and exhortations, takes place termly.

WEEKLY BIBLE PLAN

The Youth church has an YouVersion Bible App account (GVM Youth Church) where we select a different Bible Plan devotional each week in line with the ministry's theme of the month, which encourages our members to dive into the word and complete the plan with other fellow members of the ministry. The app has functions that allows members to connect, discuss and share their daily thoughts on each plan and see each other's progress.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Homeless Outreach

The GVM Youth Church, fundraised and donated money and items to create bags full of essential items to hand out to the homeless in Nottingham in December 2024. Essentials included; sandwiches, water bottles, cereal bars, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues, sanitary pads, winter gloves, hand sanitizers and bible scriptures. The bags were packed in church by over 25 GVM leaders and workers and then taken out into Nottingham city centre and local surrounding areas. This is something that the Youth church plans to do regularly in future.

Evangelism Workshop

GVM Youth Church hosted its first evangelism workshop this year, led by our Outreach and Evangelism leader. The workshop focused on exploring on many key questions including;

What is evangelism?

Why is evangelism important?

Can one evangelise if they don't know scripture?

YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY

The Young Adults (YA) community brings together 21-35 year olds in Nottingham in fellowship. The age range of 18–35 is generally considered to be young adulthood. People in this age group are often pursuing higher education, starting careers, and forming families. YA provides a platform where young adults can have meaningful conversations, forge new friendships and network, while deepening their relationship with Christ. They meet up bi-weekly and also connect on a WhatsApp community platform.

Conclusion

To every young person reading this article, remember that you are an essential part of the Church's present and future. Your passion, enthusiasm and commitment bring vitality and innovation to the faith community, ensuring that the Church continues to grow, adapt, and fulfil its mission. As a ministry we will with God's grace keep investing in the building you up in Christ, ensuring that the message of the Gospel is passed on and remains relevant in the world. Lastly remember that you are the world's foundation of tomorrow.

1 Timothy 4:12 NLT

12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Ecclesiastes 11:9 NLT

9 Young people,[a] it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do.

RADICAL YOUTH

LET YOUR LIFE COUNT

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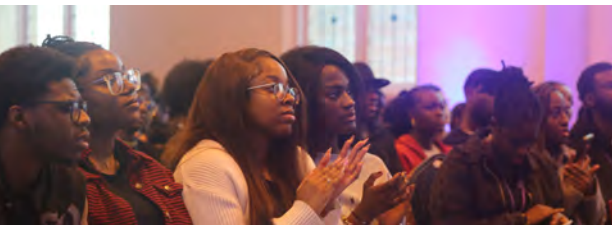

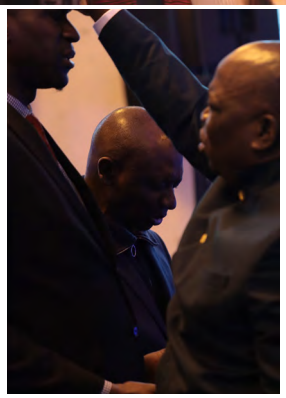

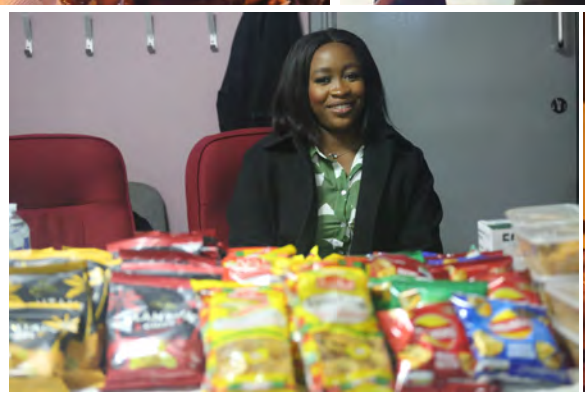

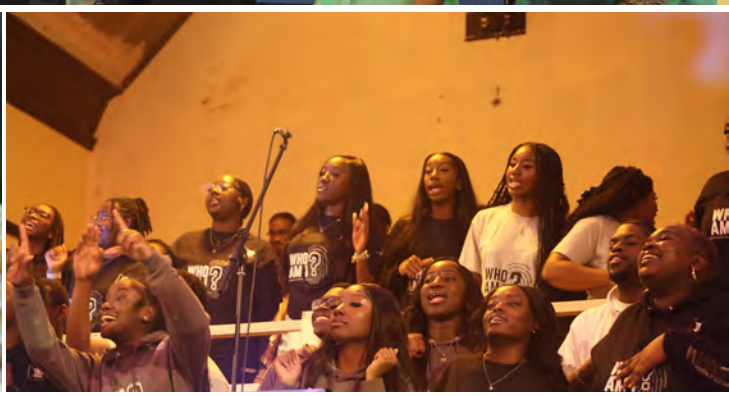

RY WEEKEND Away

Affluence in Spirit

From February 16th to 18th, the much-anticipated Weekend Away at Cefn Lea brought together nearly 400 delegates, including a record 60 alumni, for an unforgettable time of spiritual enrichment, fellowship, and divine encounters.

The weekend began with excitement as delegates arrived and settled into their chalets, greeted by a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The evening set the tone for the days ahead, as worship and prayers prepared hearts for a powerful experience.

Saturday: A Day of Wisdom, Transformation, and Divine Encounters

Saturday was a day of deep spiritual impartation and joyful fellowship. The morning started with a hearty English breakfast, energizing delegates for the powerful sessions ahead. Throughout the day, inspiring sermons and teachings were delivered by Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale, Pastor Femi Fenojo, Pastor Joe Nipah, Dr. Bayo Fapahunda, and Pastor Funmi Alawale. These sessions provided biblical insight on faith, wisdom, spiritual growth, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Delegates engaged in these teachings, taking notes and reflecting on their application in daily life.

In the afternoon, there was an opportunity to pause from the structured sessions and choose from a variety of activities. Some took part in the prayer walk through the scenic Welsh hills, spending time in personal reflection and connection with God. Others engaged in sports and inflatable games, strengthening bonds with fellow delegates in an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie. A monumental highlight of the weekend occurred during this time—over 50 individuals publicly declared their faith through baptism, a powerful and emotional moment as the community celebrated their decision. The evening session, Holy Spirit Ministration (HSM), was a time of intense worship, prayer, and divine encounter. As worship resonated through the hall, many experienced a deep personal connection with God and were uplifted by the move of the Holy Spirit. Hearts were stirred, faith was strengthened, and lives were forever transformed through this powerful session.

Sunday: A Grand Celebration of Faith

Sunday morning began with morning devotion and worship, preparing delegates for the final service of the weekend. The message, delivered by Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale, focused on forgiveness, renewal, and God's boundless grace. The service was a beautiful culmination of the weekend's spiritual journey, celebrating the record number of baptisms and the incredible impact of the past few days. Following the roast dinner, delegates gathered for the much-anticipated group presentations. Seventeen groups took the stage, each presenting a creative and insightful take on the Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit. This time of sharing was both inspiring and engaging, reinforcing the lessons of the weekend in a dynamic and memorable way.

A Weekend to Remember

Weekend Away 2024 was truly a time of spiritual revival, deep fellowship, and divine empowerment. Every moment was filled with wisdom, joy, and the undeniable presence of God. As we reflected on this incredible experience, we eagerly anticipated Weekend Away 2025, where God did even greater things!

GVM REPORT ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

[JUN-OCT 2024]

1. HOPE INTO ACTION:

Day of Prayer and Fasting: Since the start of the year 2024, the ministry has been involved in several activities of the Hope Into Action (HIA), including

- A day of prayer and fasting, with a focus on God's Power.
- HIA Annual Conference with over 430 people in attendance.
- Purchase, renovation and furnishing of property and training of volunteers:

During the period under review, the role of GVM in the HIA programme has been prominent. Six members of the ministry have signed up to serve as volunteers in the property purchased by an investor to accommodate people who are accepted by the HIA team. Their main role is to befriend the tenants and support them pastorally and in other practical ways, offering us a great opportunity to share the gospel with them.

After signing up for the programme over a year ago, it is pleasing to confirm that a property has now been purchased and fully renovated. GVM has contributed in immense ways in furnishing the property. The team of volunteers and other leaders, including the senior pastor have since undergone comprehensive training organised by the HIA team.

Currently, residents are being considered and our services will be required in the next few weeks or months.

2. THE MBLC & POLICE:

Custody Pastoral Support:

Since this ground-breaking initiative between the Nottinghamshire Police and the MBLC was launched at the Nottingham Custy Suites on 7th May this year, the Police custody pastoral support scheme has given room for pastors and other leaders, who have been vetted by the police to go into the custody suite to provide pastoral support to arrested young detainees of black and dual heritage.

Pastor Ezekiel and Pastor Joe have been involved in the running of the scheme and have had opportunities to share the values of the scheme on media channels including the BBC, Premier Christian Radio and UCB radio. The impact of the scheme is already being felt in reducing anxiety and hopefully helping to bridge the gap between the police and presumed offenders.

Other Activities and Achievements of the MBLC with the Police:

- Quarterly MBLC – Police Meetings: Addressing issues such as over-policing, stop & search, negative disparities within the police force, growing mistrust between the police and the black communities, etc.
- Quarterly strategic engagement feedback by the MBLC to the police
- A Cadet Base for MBLC Youth at Hyson Green.
- MBLC's involvement in people Panel for new police recruits and Police Custody Scrutiny panel.

3. MBLC & NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY BLACK HISTORY EVENT:

On Wednesday 16th October, MBLC organised a networking event under the theme MBLC & NTU Collaborative Networking Event: Building Social and Cultural Capital for Black Communities. The objective was to facilitate the building of socio-cultural connections and strengthen engagements and relationships with black communities in Nottingham, and other organisations that are championing the cause for racial equality in our region.

The event was hosted by the NTU and brought together over 50 community leaders, church leaders, young people and heads of various organisations. The MBLC used the opportunity to network with key stakeholders to create collaborative partnerships to develop inclusive policies around racial inequality issues.

Several organisational leaders were given the chance to present the progress that are being made by their organisations on race inequality issues.

4. CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL GOVERNORS SCHEME:

Through the inspirational leadership of the senior pastor, we had held several meetings with the Church of England Education sector on having black people serving in their schools as governors.

On Tuesday, 15th Oct GVM hosted a delegation from the Church of England Education sector in the county at GVC Nottingham,

with over 20 members of the church in attendance, at an information evening to educate participants on the benefits of becoming a school governor.

Following the session, 17 people have signed up to initiate the process to become school governors in the COE schools within the county, an initiative which is said to be the first of its kind in the nation.

GVC IN PICTURES

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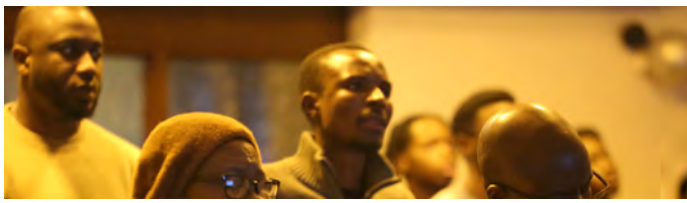

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PLEASE DONATE TO OUR YOUTH WORK

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager
Name of Bank / Building Society
Address

City & Postcode

Please pay: *God's Vineyard Ministries (RADICAL YOUTH) 292 Derby Rd. Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF*

Sort Code *...91 01 23. ...**Account Number** ...79986307... NATWEST BANK (UK)*

The sum of (in words) _____ Pounds (£)

On the_____ (day) _____ (month) _____ (year)

And thereafter every month until further notice in writing and debit my account accordingly.

Name of account-holder to be debited:
Account Number:
Sort Code:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Your Address
Tel Number:
Email address:

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I would like tax to be reclaimed on my donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. I am a UK tax payer and pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that can be reclaimed on my donation. *Please tick*

YES ☐ NO ☐

Please call 01159472486 if you have any queries. When completed, please return to God's Vineyard Church (Radical Youth) 292 Derby Road, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1QF

How to Support Radical Youth

1. Fill in the standing order form and return (ORIGINAL) to us by post
2. **Donate by Telephone** Please call 01159472486 / 07967797329
3. **Donate by Post** Cheque, Postal or Money Order Payable to God's Vineyard Church with ref to Radical Youth

For Office only

Join us in achieving our mission of "Empowering Lives and Building Society." All funds raised will be used to expand the church's reach into various aspects of our society.

Your contributions will help to ensure that all community activity, including work with kids in the city and youths across the country, is carried out.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation of as low as £2 or set up monthly payments. Simply fill out the standing form below to donate.

Book Reviews:

It's got what you need to start you on the right path and take you through to God's perfect will for you in a spouse. I'm sure if you read it over and over you'll gain something new!.The sincerity of this book will help you in getting your heart and actions right in order to receive all the good God has in store for you. **(Amazon Customer)**

This is basically the do's and don't about finding your partner. Still reading it, but so far every chapter I'm loving. A must read :) **(Dotun- GVC Member)**

This is a book I strongly recommend to every young person out there. I will also recommend this book to parents as well as youth leaders. This Book will transform your mind and give you insights about relationships, the do's and don'ts of dating. Every chapter in the book is a book on it s own, every chapter in the book is well dealt with and concluded. Teenagers,matured singles... this is the book we have been waiting for. **(Anonymous)**

BRANCH DETAILS

HEADQUARTERS

- **GVC Nottingham**

292 Derby Road, NG7 1QF (Opposite Savoy Cinema)
Tel: 0115 697 7067 I 07734957501
admin@godsvineyardministries.org
www.godsvineyardministries.org
Sunday Services: -
1st: 9am - 10:45am, 2nd: 11:30am - 1:15pm
3rd: 5:00pm - 6:30pm, 4th: 7:00pm - 8:30pm.
Sunday School 10:45am - 11:20am
Thursdays: Bible Study & Communion Service 7pm - 8.30pm

- **GVC Derby**

Suite 3, 158-162 Abbey Street, DE22 355
Tel: 07990957500
derby@godsvineyardministries.org
www.derby.godsvineyardministries.org
Sunday- Morning Service: 10:00am -12:30pm
Evening Youth Church: 6:00pm -7:30pm (Term Time)
Wednesday- Bible Study & Communion Fellowship 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday [term time only] Radical Youth Fellowship 7:00 - 8:30pm

- **GVC Leicester**

The Chapel - Portland Building, De Montfort University Campus,
Leicester, LE2 7GY
www.godsvineyardchurch-leicester.org,
Sundays 11:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesdays: Radical Youth Bible Study 7pm - 9pm.
Wednesdays - Corporate Prayers 7pm
Tel: Muyiwa Dada - 07858482400
muyiwadada@gmail.com

- **GVC Ibadan**

Orisu Ayo Complex,
Odo Ona, Apata, Ibadan.
Tel: 09134343811
gvc.ibadan@godsvineyardministries.org Sundays: 9

- **GVC Birmingham**

Musgrave Play Center, Musgrave Road,
Hockley B18 SHH
Tel: +447908718091
birminghamgvc@gmall.com
www.godsviney_ardministries-birmingham.org.uk
Sundays 11:00am-1:00 pm
Tuesdays: Birmingham Zoom Fellowship 7:00pm - 8:30pm

- **GVC Loughborough**

14 Cradock Street, LE11 1AH
Tel: 07734957502
gvcloughborough@godsvineyardministries.org
www.godsviney_ardchurch-loughborough.org
Sundays 10:00am - 12.30pm
Sundays: 5pm - 7:30pm (Term time - Youth church)
Thursdays: House Fellowship 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Friday: Teaching & Prayer 7:00pm - 8:00pm

- **GVC Abuja**

Papal Ground,
Kubwa Gwarimpa Express Way by Federal Housing FCT
Tel: 0707 042 2099
Sundays: 8.00am - 10:30am
Thursdays (Prayer & Counselling): 10:00am - 3:00pm

- **GVC Lagos**

Senators Suite &Towers,
No 2, Ali Adesanya Street, Oladipupo Estate,
Behind Bovas Filling Station, Ojodu Berger
Tel: 07066575931
gvc.lagos@godsvineyardministries.org
www.gvclagos.org
Sundays 9:00am - 11:30am

- **GVC London**

Pedlars Acre Hall,
1 opal street Lodon, SE11 4HZ
Tel: 07947797323, 07957336088
www.godsviney_ardchurch-london.org
gvclondon@godsviney_ardministries.org /
gvclondon12@gmail.com
Sundays: 6pm
Wednesdays: 7pm (virtual house fellowship)

Further Information

- **Monthly Vigil:** First Fridays of each month
- **Mid Week Services:**

Hold on Thursdays in Nottingham (other Churches on specified days)

- **Sunday Services:** Hold every Sunday
- **Prayer and Fasting:** 1st - 3rd of every month
- **House Fellowships** (On specified days)
- **Workers meeting** (Quarterly)

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1168046

Accounts

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2023

CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

CIO NO 1168046

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:	God's Vineyard Ministries
Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:	**1168046**
Principal Address	292 Derby Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF
Trustees	Dr O O Olubowale — Chairman Mr Kevin Price — Secretary Barrister Dennis Ekagha Pastor Jerome Obode Dr Jaf Abu
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 2 Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough LE11 5RB National Westminster Bank Plc 56 Churchill Square Brighton BN1 2ES Royal Bank of Scotland 13 Derby Road Nottingham NG1 5AA
Accountants	PVG Accounting Services 344 Moston Lane Manchester M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

God's Vineyard Ministries was originally a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission and governed by a Trust Deed dated 5th August 2001 and supplementary deed dated 14th May 2003 until 12th November, 2018 when it fully changed status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Generally trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by invitation as at when required and depending on their expertise and requirements of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

We arrange appropriate training both internally and through other voluntary training providers. The trustees and all involved in running the charity, including volunteers are always encouraged to acquire the necessary skills required for the achievement of the charity objectives.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Organisational structure

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of the report are set out above. The day to day responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all strategic decisions of the charity.

The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. All trustees including the senior pastor give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There are full time employees who are engaged in the administrative running of the Church office. The charity is also assisted by members who render voluntary services.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Principal Activities

Our objectives and principal activity is to promote the advancement of the christian faith, the relief of poverty to general public and promotion and fulfilment of various charitable causes within the local community and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees think fit.

The Charity pursues these objectives by operating at the headquarter church in Nottingham and across our satellite churches.

Mission statement

To minister to the total man through:

a) Church Planting: To have churches planted all over the United Kingdom and abroad.
b) Prison Ministry: Providing support and encouragement to offenders while in the Prison. Mentoring programs aimed at befrending ex-offenders to help and re-integrate them into the society.Skill development that can help them to be gainfully employed.
c) Ministry to the Homeless: Sharing God's love with the homeless and vulnerable people in the community.
d) Family Forum: Quarterly programmes which focus on relevant family issues; parenting, relationships, communication etc.
e) Youth Development &Capacity Building: Library open to students and others in the community, computer training specially designed to help equip the youth for employment, seminars, counselling on drug addiction, marriage, carreer etc.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits theyhave brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidiance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the advancement of the Christian religion and the relieve of poverty and sickness. The policy of God's Vineyard Ministries is to pursue objectives in the following ways:

1. Provision of Weekly Churc ces on Thursday and Sundays and to minister to physical,spiritual and material needs of the congregants.

2. Provision of services to individuals, families and community at large. The service includes a wide range of spiritual and social care.

3. Focusing on the material needs of certain members undergoing difficult financial situations.

4. Working with other Christian agencies and Churches in Nottingham, London, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Loughborough to advance the preaching of the Gospel.

5. Radical Youth outreaches in over 25 Universities in the United Kingdom at: Aston University(Birmingham) Bristol University, Derby University,Leicester University,Loughborough University,Manchester Univeristy, University of East Anglia,-Norwich Nottingham Trent Univeristy, Nottingham University(Headquater), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.

6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christain counselling, prayers and deliverance solely on the basis of our ability to provide appropriate help and regardless of race, colour nationality, religion,gender,age, legal status and personal history.

Development and Achievements in the Year

The charity's events were properly managed, executed and reviewed for its impact on members. Our charity continues to grow in Sunday morning attendance, youth and children's ministry. We minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our members and new comers in our midst. We have helped relief poverty and hardship amongst both regular and irregular congregants who are suffering from financial hardship due to unemployment and lack of financial resources.

The charity conducted crusades in the community to propagate the Christian tenets to non Christians.
The charity has not undertaken any large capital projects although it continues to search for appropriate site to increase its charitable activities.

Financial Review

The charity was able to raise a total income of £606,256 during the year under review.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of donations and gifts from congregants through the offering basket passed during church services and though bank standing orders. We have exercised our right to reclaim the tax on the donations and gifts received from the congregants and this has proved a steady and growing source of additional income.

Investment Policy

The Charity retains a significant amount in the savings account. The objective of the investment policy is to invest in cash at banks where the capital is protected. The charity currently has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in cash at banks where immediate access and security of funds is guaranteed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which equates to at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time.

The expenditure for 2023 is £604,747 and therefore the targeted reserves should be between £151,186.75 and £302,374 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserve policy was not met during this year.

Plans for Future Periods

In the near future, the charity plans to expand its operations and will continue our drive towards providing more benefits to our community The Charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements such as Work Based Academy comprising - Youth Employment,Sector based Academy, Adult Education and Training for not in Education or Employment for not in Education or Employment/Vocational Training.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees ' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and the followings:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Accountants

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information'.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

18th May, 2024

God's Vineyard Ministries
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the God's Vineyard Ministries for the year ended 31 ###

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilty to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Charity Act 2011;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)[b] of the Charity Act 2011; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners statement

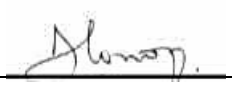
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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God's Vineyard Ministries
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 **Total Funds** £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		475,387	-	**475,387**	415,018
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		91,553	-	**91,553**	97,776
Building Fund		3,325	-	**3,325**	14,211
Youth Ministry		6,204	-	**6,204**	26,254
Magazine/Calender		115	-	**115**	1,073
Covenant Partner		24,222	-	**24,222**	3,217
Sundry Income		5,450	-	**5,450**	278
Job Retension Scheme Grant			-	**-**	4,500
Derby City Council Grant		-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants & Contracts		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		606,256	-	**606,256**	562,327
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	**2**	443,819	-	**443,819**	369,497
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	-	-	-
Charity activities	**3**	157,427	-	**157,427**	152,390
Governance Costs	**4**	3,500	-	**3,500**	3,500
Total resources expended		604,746	-	**604,746**	525,387
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains		1,510	-	**1,510**	36,940
Net movement in funds		1,510	-	**1,510**	36,940
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		807,778		**807,778**	771,136
Total funds carried forward		809,287	-	**809,287**	808,076

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on Pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**8**	884,141	918,099
Currents assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	54,286	52,218
Cash at bank and in hand		290,365	264,632
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(35,647)	(48,142)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,193,145**	1,186,807
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	**11**	(383,858)	(379,009)
Net Assets		**809,287**	807,798
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	**12**	809,287	807,778
Total funds		**809,287**	807,778

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 18th May, 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective 1 January 2015.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furthermore of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity , are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA (Statement of Financial Activities) on a of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estmated usage as set out in Note 4.

e. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments and Land and Building) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write of the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years.

Depreciation of Building is calculated to write off its cost over 50 years on a straight line basis.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund**	**2023 Total**	2022 Total
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations -Tithes and Offering	475,387	-	**475,387**	415,018
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	91,553	-	**91,553**	97,776
Building Fund	3,325	-	**3,325**	14,211
Youth Ministry	6,204	-	**6,204**	26,254
Magazine/Calender	115	-	**115**	1,073
Covenant Partner	24,222	-	**24,222**	3,217
Sundry Income	5,450	-	**5,450**	278
Job Retension Scheme Grant		-	**-**	4,500
Derby City Council Grant	-	-	**-**	-
	606,256	-	**606,256**	562,327

Total Resources Expended

2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

	Basis of Allocation	***Church Work***	***Support Cost***	***Governance***	**2023**	2022
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£
Staff Costs	Direct	194,805	-	-	**194,805**	169,441
Bank Charges	Direct	-	16,405	-	**16,405**	20,833
Administration	Direct	-	41,934	-	**41,934**	26,833
Professional Fees	Direct	-	3,990	-	**3,990**	5,595
Support Costs	Direct	-	143,049	-	**143,049**	110,704
Premises	Direct	-	43,637	-	**43,637**	36,091
		194,805	**249015**	**-**	**443,820**	369,497

3. Charitable Activities

Ministry	Direct	157,427	-	-	**157,427**	152,390
		157,427	-	-	**157,427**	152,390

4. Governance Cost

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	3,500	**3,500**	3,500
		-	-	**3,500**	**3,500**	3,500
Total Resources Expended		**352,232**	**249015**	**3,500**	**604,747**	525,387

5. Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	**2023**	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	39,778	40,407
Audit & Accountancy Fees	3,500	3,500
	43,278	43,907

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Pay Transactions

No member of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive/Senior Pastor received any remuneration during the year.

7. Taxation

As a charity, God's Vineyard Ministries is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have risen in the Charity.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Building	**Motor Vehicles**	**Equipment Furniture & Fittings**	**2023 Total**
			£	**£**
Cost				
At 1 September 2022	1,202,640	26,876	273,768	**1,503,284**
Additions in year	-		9,497	**9,497**
At 31 August 2023	1,202,640	26,876	283,265	**1,512,781**
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	333,603	13,857	241,403	**588,862**
Charge for the year	24,053	4,340	11,385	**39,778**
At 31 August 2023	357,656	18,197	252,788	**628,640**
Net Book Value				
At 31 August 2023	**844,984**	**8,679**	**30,477**	**884,141**
At 31 August 2022	869,037	13,019	36,043	918,099

9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	48,588	52,218
	48,588	**52,218**

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	3,500	3,500
Other Creditors	32,147	44,642
	35,647	48,142

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	**2023** **£**	2022 £
Mortgage Creditors	350,370	337,381
Barclays Bounce Back Loan	33,488	41,628
Long Term Creditors	**383,858**	379,009

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds **£**	**Designated Funds** **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds** **£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	884,141	-	-	884,141
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	344,651			344,651
Current Liabilities	(35,647)	-	-	(35,647)
Long Term Liabilities	(383,858)			(383,858)
Net Assets at 31st August 2023	**809,287**	-	-	**809,287**

13. Movements in Funds

	At 1 September 2022 **£**	**Incoming Resources [Inc Gains]** **£**	**Outgoing Resources** **£**	**Transfers** **£**	**At 31August 2023** **£**
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	807,778	606,256	604,747	-	**809,287**
Total Unrestricted Funds	807,778	606,256	604,747	-	**809,287**
Total Funds	**807,778**	**606,256**	**604,747**	**-**	**809,287**

God's Vineyard Ministries
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2023

			2023			2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income			**606,256**			**562,030**
LESS OVERHEADS						
Staff Costs						
Salary	176,612			148,781		
National Insurance	10,744			13,736		
Employer Pension Contribution	3,449			2,984		
Staff Costs - Lagos Church	4,000			3,940		
		194,805			**169,441**	
Premises Costs						
Light & Heating	18,551			9,297		
Rent & Rates	10,006			10,234		
Premises Repair & Maintenance	10,931			11,913		
Fire & Security	4,149			4,647		
		43,637			**36,091**	
Bank Charges						
Bank Charges	790			1,072		
Mortgage Interest	15,615			19,761		
		16,405			**20,833**	
Administration						
Printing, Postage and Stationery	5,324			5,420		
Telephone and Internet Charges	11,512			9,762		
Training	11,147			1,600		
Subscription Fees	2,160			727		
Hire of Premises	11,791			9,324		
		41,934			**26,833**	
Ministry						
Evangelism and Promotion	15,038			14,383		
TV Ministry & Media Expenses	3,017			5,432		
Youth Ministry	35,112			31,575		
Events, Retreats & Conferences	24,795			19,708		
Catering, Refreshment & Hospitality	16,431			11,592		
Gift to Charities & Visiting Ministries	10,466			30,946		
Welfare, Donations & Love Gifts	48,684			38,427		
Books, Tapes & Videos	3,885			327		
		157,427			**152,390**	
Professional Fees						
Legal & other fees	3,990			5,595		
Accountancy Fees	3,500			3,500		
		7,490			**9,095**	
Support Costs						
Hotel, Travel & Motor Expenses	69,605			42,142		
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	352			3,680		
Insurance	28,581			22,239		
Depreciation	39,778			40,407		
Sundry expenses	4,733			2,236		
		143,049			**110,704**	
			(596,750)			**(525,387)**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			**1,509**			**36,642**
Surplus brought forward			**807,778**			**771,136**
Surplus carried forward			**809,287**			**807,778**

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University of Nottingham

12th - 13th August 2023

Theme **LIVING FOR CHRIST**

DAY 1

The teens were welcomed into the GVM auditorium, marked on the register, and given name badges to help identify them and were then driven to the university on the church buses by Uncle Tolu and Pastor Moses. On arrival at the venue the first talk was 'What does it mean to live for Christ daily?' By Pastor Fenojo followed by Joy Alawale giving a talk on identity in Christ. After Lunch, Minister Derrick Osazemwinde gave a talk on peer pressure and FOMO (fear of missing out) followed by Q&A...

VINE TEENS SUMMER CAMP 2023

The teens played team building games and basketball at the David Ross Sports centre and afterwards they had some time to rest and reflect.

Mayowa Olubowale gave a talk on how to study with effective tips. The day was rounded up with team games led by Mayowa Olubowale which proved incredibly competitive.

DAY 2

Day 2 :After breakfast, the teens led worship and Pastor Muyiwa Olubowale preached on standing up and standing out - with examples from the book of Daniel. Six teenagers gave their lives to Christ during the altar call. Nottingham police cadet representatives also attended the Sunday session to give information about joining the Cadets. The camp was rounded up by group presentations based on Jeremiah.

The feedback received from the teenagers was really encouraging, many of them requested a Longer duration of the camp. many enjoyed the games, the talk section in the afternoon and would love more free time to socialise in the evening.

A total number of 34 Teens across all GVM branches attended this year's summer camp.

Vine Heritage Christmas and Carol Party

The spirit of joy and celebration overflowed within the walls of God's Vineyard Church during the Vine Heritage Children's Ministry's Christmas Party on December 9th, 2023.

With strong awareness of Isaiah 9:6, the church's youngest members experienced an afternoon of festive joy and Christ-centred celebration to the glory of God.

An external entertainer, echoing the creative gifts bestowed upon us by our Creator, hosted engaging games that had the children bubbling with excitement. Laughter and cheer filled the air, reflecting the joy that comes from the presence of God (Psalm 16:11). Amidst the fellowship, a shared meal created not just a sense of togetherness but also gratitude for the abundance God provides. The highlight was the exchange of gifts, a reminder of the ultimate gift of Jesus Christ, bringing smiles to the faces of the children.

It wasn't just the children who were entertained in the festivities—parents and the department teachers joined in the merriment, creating beautiful memories that will be cherished for years to come.

The Christmas Party is a testament to the vibrant and inclusive community fostered by the Vine Heritage Children Ministry, glorifying God through the simple acts of joy, generosity, and togetherness.

Merry Christmas

Celebrate the wonder and the joy of the holiday season

On the enchanting evening of December 17th, 2023, the Vine Heritage Children Ministry continued to glorify God at God's Vineyard Church Nottingham's Carol Night. The young talents, aged 3 to 11, showcased their love for God through soul-stirring performances, using their God-given gifts to offer praise.

With hearts full of devotion, the children sang an inspiring repertoire of songs. **"Born to Bring Us Joy"** echoed the biblical truth that the birth of Christ brings everlasting joy (Luke 2:10-11).
Other songs included **"LOVE"** - celebrating the unconditional love of God (1 John 4:16) and **"I Will Trust in You"** reflecting our devoted trust in God's Sovereignty (Proverbs 3:5-6). The uplifting song "Praise" followed the biblical command to praise God in all circumstances (Psalm 150:6).

Their angelic voices and heartfelt performances resonated through the sanctuary, creating an atmosphere of reverence and joy. The Children's participation in the Carol Night glorified God, showcasing not only their musical prowess but also the nurturing of a deep connection with sound doctrine from a young age. The event was a harmonious blend of youthful exuberance and profound worship, leaving the congregation moved and inspired by the faith of the Vine Heritage children.

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH: THE YEAR 2023 IN REVIEW

In the year 2023, we in GVC Loughborough can confidently say that the Lord heard our deep cry for help and granted us unique divine visitations that saw the church grow in different dimensions.

THE YOUTH CHURCH

In February 2022, the Lord led the leadership of the local church to start a weekly youth service. The GVC-Loughborough Youth Church was subsequently inaugurated on 13th February 2022, with about 30 students in attendance. Since then, to our great amazement and joy, the Youth Church has been growing in leaps and bounds, now recording between 60 and 80 young people in regular attendance each week; all to the glory of God.

The Youth Church services are held from 5:00-7:15pm during University Term Times and are mainly student led. Our student members are given the opportunity to showcase their gifts and talents, planning, and leading main aspects of the service, such as Praise & Worship, Bible Studies, Coordinating, Ushering, etc.

It has been our greatest joy to see many young people accepting Christ as their Lord and Saviour and experiencing significant transformation in living for Jesus. Many have enrolled in our discipleship programmes and are experiencing continued growth in their faith. The local church also provides solid support for the Radical Youth Society at Loughborough University, which currently has a membership of over 60 students, with a weekly average attendance of about 45.

THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Our morning family services also experienced some exciting moments. We continue to grow in numbers and in depth.

Our Family Fellowships meet up in small groups to study God's word, pray together, engage in social activities, and visit one another. Through the fellowships the Lord has blessed our local church with strengthened relationships.

It has been our greatest joy to see our children's church facilitating the growth of the kids to love God and enjoy the fellowship of the believers. Kudos to our dedicated children's teachers, who are making such invaluable input in their lives!

One important development in the year was the introduction of Teenage Bible Studies on Sunday mornings. The impact on the lives of the young ones has been phenomenal; all glory to God!

ANNIVERSARY AND INTERNATIONAL DAY

In May, the church celebrated its annual anniversary with the theme 'Ebenezer, Thus Far The Lord Has Helped Us' [1Sam 7:12]. During the anniversary, we reflected on the journey of the church so far, the battles and challenges we had gone through, the lives that have been impacted by the church, and how the Lord has proved Himself faithful through these journeys.

The senior pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale shared his own testimony of God's faithfulness and admonished the church to continue to place our faith in the Lord for the next phase of the vision the Lord has given us to fulfil in Loughborough. As part of the celebrations, we had a colourful International Sunday, where our different cultures were showcased to demonstrate our unity in diversity.

During the May anniversary, and in December 2023, several members of our Youth and Teenage groups made public declarations of their faith in Christ through water baptisms. What a joy to behold such beautiful and life changing moments.

For those who would like to worship with us, please contact the resident Pastor, Dr Joseph Nipah on 07734957502 or visit us at 10.00am - 12.30pm on Sundays for our Family Service, or 5.00 -7.15pm during university Term Time for our Youth Service; at 14 Cradock Street, Loughborough, LE11 1AH, United Kingdom.

The Lord bless you!

GVC DERBY: THE JOURNEY SO FAR- JANUARY 2024

By Akinola P. Akinyede (Pastor, GVC Derby)

"Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, For Yahweh has done great things."- Joel 2:21

As the new year 2024 dawns, we look back as a Church and people with great joy and profound gratitude to God for His awesome visitation and amazing works amongst us in the year 2023. As the scripture above says, we equally look forward with excitement and anticipation of the great things the LORD has in store for God's Vineyard Church (GVC) Derby and her people in the year 2024.

For the first time in the 17 years of existence of GVC Derby, through the great help of the LORD, the Youth Church evening service was held all through the year 2023, except during the easter, summer and Christmas breaks. The weekly Youth Church services which commenced in November 2022, held special events and sessions during the year 2023. Including special worship events called 'Spontaneous Worship' with 57 people in attendance in a single session, and a special relationship seminar called 'Jollof and Gist' with 59 people in attendance. During the course of the year, a total number of about 68 youths visited the evening youth services as first timers.

Amongst many other wonderful and glorious events, activities and evangelistic outreaches held in the Church during the course of the year, a family and community event in the park called 'Family Funday' took place in the late summer month of August. The event was a great opportunity for fellowship and evangelism, as Church members invited friends, colleagues, family members and community folks to join in the games, enjoy some food and fun in the park.

Glory Conference 2023, the 17th year anniversary celebration of GVC Derby with the theme "Greater Glory", inspired from Haggai 2:9, was held on Friday 27th and Sunday 29th October.

The conference commenced with a musical concert on Friday 27th with a celebration of praise, worship, and thanksgiving to the LORD, through songs, spoken words, and special ministrations.

Glory Conference was wrapped up with the Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 29th. In attendance to worship and celebrate with GVC Derby, was the founding and senior pastor of God's Vineyard Ministries, Dr Ezekiel Alawale as the guest minister. The Senior Pastor ministered on the theme of the conference in a sermon titled: Greater Glory. In his sermon, Dr Alawale gave some salient points such as 'Glory attracts both help and opposition' and 'Glory has weight'. He emphasised the need to engage the Word of God in order to experience greater glory. He also declared that 'The era of greater glory is here' for the Church and its members.

After the sermon, the Senior Pastor prayed for the Church leaders, together with the Youth Church and Radical Youth leaders in attendance. Then the cutting of the nicely decorated anniversary cake and a special session of thanksgiving to God for His goodness and marvellous works. The service was drawn to a close with benediction and prayer for the whole congregation by the Senior Pastor. About 122 people attended the Anniversary Weekend celebrations.

As we thank God for the year 2023, on behalf of GVC Derby, I echo the words of the psalmist: "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness."- Psalm 115:1

GVC BIRMINGHAM CHURCH 2023- YEAR IN REVIEW

By Owolabi ('Labi) Mebude (Pastor, GVC Birmingham)

We really thank God for 2023 here at GVC Birmingham. God was faithful to us. From the 30 days of fasting and prayer in January, to our anniversary in April, church Movie nights, various outreaches, and Christmas Carol Service in December.

The highlight for us at GVC Birmingham was our anniversary in April. **The Theme was Possession. It was a glorious service with the presence of our Senior Pastor Dr. Ezekiel Alawale.** Our father in Lord brought us a word that was transformation and explained to us our possession and how to possess them. At the end of his message, he led us into a time of prayers and prayed for the leadership of the church as well as members of the church. It was a service we couldn't forget in a hurry with countless testimonies from members and leaders rolling in after.

Furthermore, GVC Birmingham hosted its first night of glory since covid as well as 2 church movie nights. The night of glory was powerful and everyone who attended were blessed. The church movie night was an evangelistic event and was also a night of relaxing and chilling. It was good seeing everyone having fun together. 2023 ended with an outreach to Birmingham City Mission. We donated various household item and Minister Tosin and the family delivered it on behalf of the church. **One notable change in 2023 was Pastor 'Labi Mebude, who was the Pastor of the Church since April 2015 was transferred by the leading of the Holy Spirit to Pastor GVC London. Minister Bisi Adeyiga is now the Pastor of GVC Birmingham and also God is moving through him.**
We are honestly looking forward to 2024.

If you know anyone looking for church in Birmingham, kindly send them our way.

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH, LEICESTER

"...advancing from glory to glory."

A***s a church, we continue to celebrate the love of God over us as we testify that the Lord has perfected our year.*** The church is marching on, and the gates of hell cannot prevail over it! We look back on all that He has enabled us to accomplish individually and collectively, and we ascribe all glory and honour to Him.

The church continues to grow through the years and has stabilised its presence within the student communities of Leicester and De Montfort Universities and within the larger city of Leicester. The hunger for more of God has been unprecedented and the atmosphere of every of our services continue to herald the manifestation of the move of God. To the glory of God, the ministry has added immense value to the lives of its members over the years.

Its significant impact continues to be seen in the lives of the current students and graduates as they continue to reminiscence in what God did in and still doing through their lives. We are also delighted that we now have members who are no longer undergraduates having transitioned to postgraduate or working life while staying back in Leicester.

As a church we recognise that the days of the academic sojourn of the students are numbered and as such we swing into action as soon as the session starts. Apart from our Sunday services, we organise weekly discipleship meetings on the back of our evangelism and follow up efforts, bible study, prayers, and counselling meetings. We tailor every of these sessions to mentoring them to live a victorious Christian life amidst all the vices and distraction on campus and the community.

We joined in the ministries fasting and prayer sessions at the beginning of the year. It was a wonderful month for us to connect with God and commit the year unto the God.

We have enjoyed the mercies of God all through the year with a lot of testimonies in the lives of the members. The members did attest to the favour of God upon their academics and families.

In April, we had the worship night organised by the Radical Youths. Annually this event has become one that everyone looks forward to. There is always a lot of energy, publicity and prayers that goes into the programme.

Yearly, the programme has produced an atmosphere of lasting fulfilment and has become a point of testimony in the lives of the students.

During the last summer, we celebrated with a total of thirteen graduates and their families as they completed their courses and moved onto a new phase of their lives.

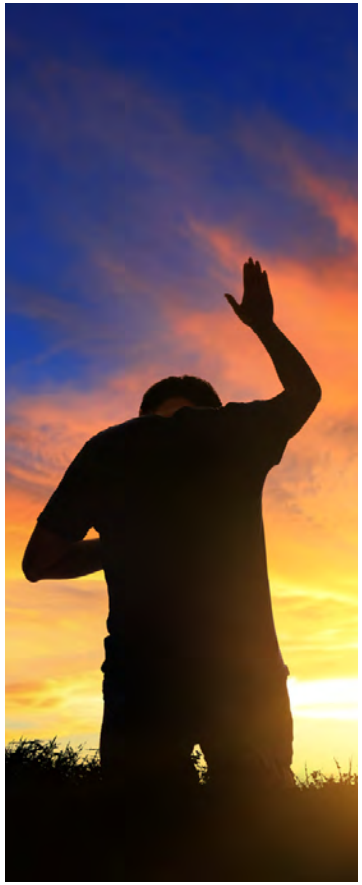
The church was ably represented by the pastor and other members. We wish them the absolute best of God for the future. In October, we welcomed the new students who recently just got admitted to the university. We first had our meet and greet meeting which provided a huge opportunity to meet and invite them to church.

To maintain the momentum to the start of the academic session, we held our worship experience 1.0 themed "Haven – come to a place of rest." This programme attracted a lot of the students and non-students, and it was an atmosphere of deep worship and divine encounter with God. Many of them has since settled in the church.

The last major programme of the year was our Christmas carol service. It was a graceful and wonderful time in His presence as we reminded ourselves the real reason for the season even amidst all the delightfulness of fun and feasting. We glorify God that our members have gone on to stand as a beacon of light in the work and marketplace and their exploits for Him continues to delight and encourage us.

Some have even gone into ministry of the service of God and their contentment to His call continues to be a testimony.We look forward to a new year 2024 with renewed resolve to be a beacon of light and a source of inspiration to as many that we come across. We would continue to undertake His purpose for our lives as we eagerly look forward to His will being accomplished in the lives of our people. We will surely continue to rise from one level of glory to another in HIM.

GOD'S VINEYARD CHRISTIAN CENTRE, LAGOS



Glory and blessings be unto our Lord Jesus Christ who was, is and is to come, Amen. ***Truly the Word of God is fulfilled in and through us when He (Jesus) said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail".***

Since my resumption as the Head Pastor of Lagos Church in August 2023, I have seen the gradual and consistent move of God in the life of the members and the growth of the church in the following areas discussed in the paragraphs below.

Most often when batons are changed, especially of church leadership, if care is not taken, it affects the sheep as some people come to church because of the pastor. But the case of GVC, Lagos was by the help of the Holy Spirit. Although we have many youths and when admission comes, they must return to their places of study amidst some other situations.

The month of October was when we as a church closed the church for about 30-45 minutes on a Sunday morning to walk round our church community in search of souls who are wandering around on such a worship day. We divided ourselves into groups of threes and fours. Not long after this event, we had four (4) people joined us from within the premises, most of whom are workers in the hotel facility we use. In November, we had the privilege to host our Radical Youth which was superb. We had almost 40-45 youths in attendance, part of which were ministers. It was a spiritual event worth remembering and having again.

Also, God has over the time added to our numbers per program. The set-man of this ministry, God's Servant Pastor (Dr.) Ezekiel and Funmi Alawale visited us in December 2023. We had numbers we have never had before through invite. It was an encounter that led to the ordination of Minister Esther Ajani of the GVC Lagos church, and about five (5) people who visited rededicated their hearts to God, while some others were by divine leading prayed for.

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This January,2024 has been dedicated solely to fasting and praying, and for us, our worker's retreat of the first quarter. We believe God is not finished with us yet. He has much in stock for us, Amen.

- **Long and healthy life, Pastor Dr. Ezekiel, and Funmi Alawale,**
- **Long and healthy life, God's Vineyard Ministries,**
- **Long and healthy life, God's Vineyard Christian Centre, Lagos, Nig.**

GVC
LONDON IS BACK

Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive {and} know it {and} will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert –
Isaiah 43: 19AMP

We thank God almighty for the relaunching of GVC London on Sunday 29th of October 2023. The thought of starting the church again started in June 12024 and God made it possible before the year in the space of 4 months.

We thank God for all the supports, prayer and everyone who came to celebrate with us. There were some difficulties but God helped us all the way. Over 30 people came to the first meeting and many joined the church from the first day and we have seen gradual growth and commitment from everyone.

We are a church filled with young adult ready to take London by storm. God as giving us a mandate to raise solider for the kingdom and to set London on fire for Himself.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday at 6pm and experience and atmosphere of Worship and God's undiluted presence. If you know anyone in London looking for a church, kindly send them our way.

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GOD'S VINEYARD CHRISTIAN CENTRE, ABUJA

It was a time of great visitation yesterday, Saturday October, 28th at GVCC Abuja LET YOUR LIFE COUNT Radical Youth Meal Outreach. It featured recreational activities - football, table tennis; time of praise/ worship and prayers; and then Word and ministration. Attendance was impressive, 40 people gave their lives to Christ and we fed about 250 people. To God be the glory! pictures of the event

The year 2023 has been for us a very fulfilling year and to God be all the glory. By the grace of God we have witnessed all round growth numerically and spiritually this year. God has also helped us leap over walls. He's been our Ebenezer. We had an evening outreach last two Sundays as a church and we witnessed a great turn out. We had monthly outreaches every last Sunday of the month. We were motivated to start skill acquisition activities in church.

We started training members, particularly the youths on basic computer appreciation. Many members now have started using their phones to do computer design. This we hope will help members develop employable skills with particular reference to the present harsh economic situation of the country. In line with this, a youth Corper was sent to help develop the curriculum and facilitate it. We still need more of them in other areas which include the children and teenagers section but we want to see how we can take it from here.

We brought some entrepreneurs and business people to handle some teachings in the month of october, the intention is to help members put their hands to work instead of remaining idle . Due to our financial state, we paused our monthly feeding activities which normally takes place last Saturday of every month. This normally follows youth recreational activities where we invite them from all quarters to engage with other friends in one

The church recorded a good number of families joining the church in recent times. We noticed also that many of them are not properly married while raising children. We started counselling for many of them and asked them to go and settle their fathers in laws.

By the first Saturday of December, 2023, we had a mass wedding for them which the Senior Pastor officiated.

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE 2023

THEME: WHOLENESS

Our annual Women of Excellence conference began on the 13th of October and ended on the 15th of October, the theme being 'Wholeness'.

Pastor Funmi Alawale opened the weekend by challenging us with a particularly important question - **What is wrong with you?** In her message she warned that if we do not acknowledge our brokenness, we will not be able to experience wholeness.

Once we acknowledge this, and surrender ourselves to God, we can be whole. However, if we leave our brokenness untouched and unaddressed, it can steal our destiny, peace, and joy.

Our second speaker on the first evening was Pastor Yemisi Ashimolowo. She encouraged and reminded us that our brokenness does not have to make us victims. Once again, we were empowered

PASTOR FUNMI ALAWALE

to stop covering up our brokenness and instead, allow the Holy Spirit to have access to our lives and heal us.

The breakfast meeting the following morning had over two hundred people in attendance. Lydia Bird, a licensed nutritionist, spoke to us about wholesome nutrition. Her talk generated an informative Q&A session with tailored advice and much need myth-busting. Many of us immediately began putting into practice some of the tips she shared about balance and wholesome nutrition.

Later that evening Pastor Yemisi spoke on the topic - 'Will thou be made whole?' She taught from the book of John chapter 5, about the man at the pool of Bethesda and how we were made whole. We were later blessed with a powerful presentation by the Women of Excellence in our Derby branch on the woman with the issue of blood. This was followed by teachings from Pastor Funmi about 'Wholeness in marriage.' Pastor Atinuke Adesanya rounded up the service with message titled 'In spite of pain, God has a plan.' She emphasised that no matter what we are going through in life, it is merely a phase. As we go through trials, God is with us every step of the way and He continually makes us complete in Him.

The last day of the conference saw the pre-teens and teenage choir blessing us with a special number. During the first service, Pastor Funmi preached on 'Steps towards Wholeness,' concluding by saying that our wholeness can only be complete in Christ. During the second service, Pastor Atinuke spoke on our various roles and the different caps we wear as women. She charged us to exhibit God's excellence in all these roles and the strategies we use in order to fulfil them.

The conference ended with two powerful Youth Church evening services. We bless God for His visitation during the conference, and we believe that what He did in our midst will be permanent in Jesus' name.

Youth!

Radical Youth

The Youth
MINISTRY

God's Vineyard Ministry operates a vibrant youth ministry which comprises the Youth Church and the Radical Youth Fellowship.

The Youth Church holds worship services at 5pm and 7pm every Sunday at the headquarters, GVC Nottingham during Term Time. Young people and students from all over Nottingham congregate on Sunday evenings to worship together.

The Radical Youth (RY) is a spiritual movement rapidly growing and currently based in over eighteen universities all over the UK, where university students worship God together at respective times during the week. The head of the Radical Youth and the youth ministry is Pastor Labi Mebude.

Radical Youth Leadership Training is an annual training programme where the newly chosen and returning leaders, both in the Youth Church and Radical Youth are trained on carrying out responsibilities for the roles given.

Currently there is an ongoing system to integrate the Radical Youth members into aspects of the GVM ministry via the Foundation School. The aim is to provide, as the name suggests, a sturdy base or solid foundation upon which their Christianity is established, so they can grow into strong and matured believers in Christ.

On November 18th - 20th, 2023 the Radical Youth Annual Let your Life Count Conference was held with the theme 'Growing In Grace'. . We had a variety of ministration & messages ranging from our very-own ministers and radical youth alumni. A variety of topics covering "The Importance of Relationships and forgiveness" ministered by Pastor Funmi Alawale, teaching us on what it takes to build a healthy relationship across the board in all our relationships, friendships, romantic and family relationships, healing broken relationship, healing from traumatic adverse past and becoming the light God intended for us to be in the world.

In addition, we had a concert on Saturday with incredible performances by Still Shadey, Day Three Music, Twin Sax, & our forever amazing radical youth Mass choir. Each performed marvellously throughout the concert. Senior Pastor Ezekiel ministered on the theme "Growing in Grace". **The senior Pastor Ezekiel taught us that to grow in grace we must grow in our faith, which comes through our continuous habitual fellowship with GOD, progressively consecration in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ.** Along with well-nourishing messages, other Radical Youth regions such as Preston, Lancaster, Nottingham, and Trent ministered through drama, dance, poet & rap performance. Each was presented with excellence. It was indeed a time of uplifting & blessed time again in the presence of God and fellow brethren.

This was Radical Youth's 20th conference and we had in attendance over 186 students from across the universities in the united kingdom . We give God all the glory as we have been blessed to hold this conference for the past twenty plus years. Looking forward to the RY Let Your Life Count Conference 2024.

All Glory to The Most High God.

The Theme for this 2023 Alumni weekend was Refresh.

Delegates were welcomed to the Alumni Weekend Away (AWA) and were directed to their rooms, allowed to settle in briefly. With Dinner first on the agenda delegates were able to get to know each other informally.

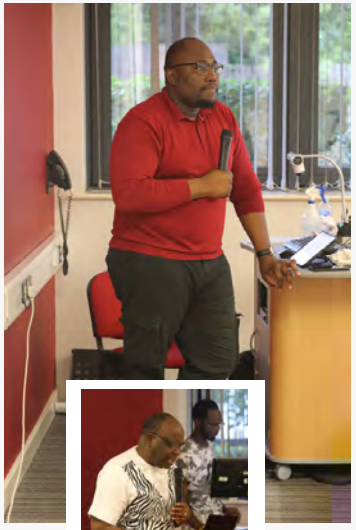
Pastor'Labi Medube took the first session which focused on the need to take time to refresh. Saturday morning kicked off with insightful talk on Refreshing by Pastor Joe.

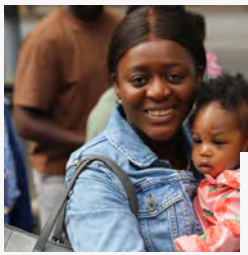
This was followed by three excellent talks on managing finances with practical tips by Sis Lydia Sedor, information on purchasing the first property by Vanessa Detokunbo Bello and how she started her Norma Candle business by Charmaine Adebare.

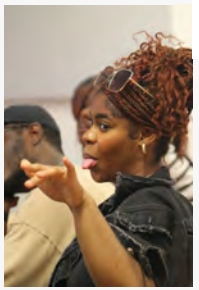
Delegates then had approx. 2 hours of free time which was used to either play games, sports, rest or pray as they desired. Counselling sessions were also made available with the Speakers and Ministers. The second half of the afternoon included a session on fellowship by Minister Bisi Adeyiga and prayer by Minster Tunde Adesogan.

The evening then progressed with Pastor Ezekiel Alawale leading a session on prayer and the spirit. On Sunday morning, delegates attended the service at GVC Nottingham and were specially greeted. They were also prayed for after the service by the Senior Pastor and encouraged to continue to engage. Some delegates returned to the University for lunch before returning home.

We had a total attendance of thirty Alumni







FEEDBACK

- Good engagement during the weekend with questions
- Time to socialise, rest and reflect.
- Truly relevant sessions with great verbal feedback to how helpful the attendees found it.
- Great Networking opportunity.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Holding a one-day event (Saturday only) in church and booking rooms for the few that may want to stay overnight or even ask them to book their own accommodations based on our own suggestions.

OUTREACHES, MISSIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY

Moldova! Where's that?

Moldova! Where's that? The first question I get when I talk about God's Vineyard Church Moldova. So let's first have a quick exploration of Moldova. God's Vineyard Church in Moldova is in Chisinău, a city that wears history like a well-tailored suit. As the capital of Moldova, a land nestled in the bosom of Eastern Europe, Chisinău breathes life into a tapestry of diverse cultures. This picturesque city, with its tree-lined boulevards and historical architecture, offers a serene backdrop for the convergence of different cultures and traditions. Moldova, a landlocked country, is known for its rich history; a hidden gem that resonates with a past shaped by Eastern European, Russian, and Ottoman influences, creating a captivating canvas for cultural convergence.

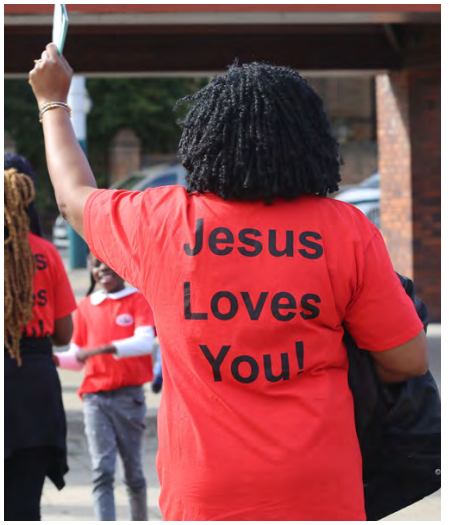
Moldova is characterised by its warm and welcoming people, and Chisinău is no exception.The city's multicultural atmosphere is further enriched by the presence of international students, including a growing community of Nigerians. The cultural exchange between the locals and international students is fast becoming a hallmark of Moldova's evolving identity. Moldovan cuisine, rooted in agricultural traditions, features a delightful array of dishes. The local cuisine offers a fusion of flavours, with traditional staples like mămăligă (cornmeal porridge) and placinte (pastries) coexisting with influences from neighbouring countries.

Romanian is the official language of Moldova, reflecting the country's historical ties to Romania, with the Russian language being the second language generally used in the country. However, the multicultural nature of Chisinău has made English a common language among the international community, fostering communication and understanding among diverse groups. Moldova's economy has seen growth in recent years, driven by agriculture, trade, and a burgeoning information technology sector. The immigrant community including the international students, becoming part of a dynamic global diaspora, contribute to the cultural and economic tapestry of Chisinău, forging connections between Moldova and Nigeria. This exchange extends beyond the academic realm, creating lasting bonds that benefit both nations.

Moldova shares borders with Ukraine to the east and Romania to the west, fostering close ties with its neighbours. The country has also sought closer integration with the European Union, aiming for economic and political cooperation.

Come to Macedonia and help us – The Birth of the Church

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Acts 16:9-10 (NIV).



Apostle Paul received the call to come to Macedonia, so the call came from a group of Nigerian students in Moldova for a Christian fellowship, and we answered. In the chilling January winter air of 2023, a spiritual revolution unfolded at the American University of Moldova (AUM) in the heart of Chisinău. Comprising mostly Nigerian international students, another body of Christ was born in Chisinău, Moldova.

The Church was inaugurated by our senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, on Sunday 29 January 2023, with over 40 people in attendance. This culminated in the appointment of Pastor Femi Odubore as the shepherd over the Church, and since commencing the work, the Church has had the privilege of enjoying the ministrations of several Pastors and Ministers from God's Vineyard Ministries, each having to make the journey to Moldova.

One of the evangelistic events that took place in the year was the Love Feast held on Sunday 22nd October 2023. This was an opportunity for the Church to gather in the outdoors to feast and be merry whilst also sharing the word of God.
In a world often marred by discord, and the church have had its fair share through the year,this dynamic initiative invites us to envision a future where unity isn't just a dream, but a vibrant reality—a reality painted with the brushstrokes of faith, diversity, and the boundless energy of the Spirit of the living God.

Under Pastor Femi's leadership, the first Worker's Retreat was convened between 26th to 28th June 2023, with Dr Joseph Nipah delivering key teachings and insight from the word of God on the theme "Sharpening God's Battle Axes" (Jeremiah 51:20, Ecclesiastes 10:10). Although knowledge of the local language is a challenge, the church continued to strive to keep the flame burning with the hope of extending the fellowship to other communities and the locals alike.

We give all thanks and glory to God almighty who is the sponsor of this great project, and ample appreciation to the staff and leadership of the American University of Moldova for allowing themselves to be used by God in this magnitude. Special gratitude to our senior Pastor, Dr. Ezekiel Alawale for his visionary leadership and also to the members of staff at the Church office, for their untiring support. We are looking forward with hope, and trust for greater things that God will do among His people and in the land. Praise God! Amen!!

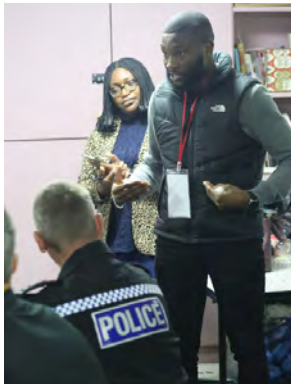
Majority Black led Churches(MBLC) Collaborations

- **The Police**
- **Statement on recent tragic deaths**
- **The Universities in Nottingham**

The Council, In Education: Nottingham Citizens & The Anglican Education Unit, The NHS, Through Mass Media – The Radio Etc... Working with the Police: to Identify areas of inequalities, Over-policing of Black People, Stop and Search, Negative Disparities Within the Police Force, Growing mistrust between the Black Community and the Police... Working with the Police: Efforts & Progress

Community Conversations: Building Trust and Confidence for the Black Communities:

Two events in March and April targeting different groups of Black people in our community – At God's Vineyard & Nottingham Trent University. **Over 150 black youth and over 20 police team in honest conversation**, Quarterly Meetings to discuss hate Crime Victims Support by the MBLC: Pilot Scheme, MOU on the Provision of Pastoral Support for Black People taken into Custody, etc MBLC Leaders Input in the use of Force Training, New Cadet Base for MBLC Youth, etc. Police Custody Pastoral Support MBLC's Responses to Various Situations



The Clifton Incident, The recent tragic deaths in Nottingham, Annual Parliamentary Breakfast. Radio discussions Diabetes among the Black Population, etc … Addressing Inequalities: Engagements with the Pro VC for EDI – University of Nottingham:

➢ *Working together to address hate crime against Blacks following recent incident*

➢ *Disparities in attainment gap*

➢ *Discrepancy in senior staff positions*

➢ *Membership on the UoN Chaplaincy Board and MBLC Chaplain, Etc…*

Nottingham Citizens:

➢ *Teacher Recruitment Efforts*

➢ *Enhancing awareness of community engagements, The NHS:*

➢ *Efforts to enhance EDI at NUH, Church Of England Education Unit & City Council*

Hope into Action

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

England & Wales - Charity number 1168046

Accounts

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2022

CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

CIO NO 1168046

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:	God's Vineyard Ministries
Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:	**1168046**
Principal Address	292 Derby Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF
Trustees	Dr O O Olubowale — Chairman Mr Kevin Price — Secretary Barrister Dennis Ekagha Pastor Jerome Obode Dr Jaf Abu
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	National Westminster Bank Plc 56 Churchill Square Brighton BN1 2ES
	Royal Bank of Scotland 13 Derby Road Nottingham NG1 5AA
Accountants	PVG Accounting Services 344 Moston Lane Manchester M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

God's Vineyard Ministries was originally a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission and governed by a Trust Deed dated 5th August 2001 and supplementary deed dated 14th May 2003 until 12th November, 2018 when it fully changed status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Generally trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by invitation as at when required and depending on their expertise and requirements of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

We arrange appropriate training both internally and through other voluntary training providers. The trustees and all involved in running the charity, including volunteers are always encouraged to acquire the necessary skills required for the achievement of the charity objectives.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Organisational structure

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of the report are set out above. The day to day responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all strategic decisions of the charity.

The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. All trustees including the senior pastor give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There are full time employees who are engaged in the administrative running of the Church office. The charity is also assisted by members who render voluntary services.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Principal Activities

Our objectives and principal activity is to promote the advancement of the christian faith, the relief of poverty to general public and promotion and fulfilment of various charitable causes within the local community and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees think fit.

The Charity pursues these objectives by operating at the headquarter church in Nottingham and across our satellite churches.

Mission statement

To minister to the total man through:

a) Church Planting: To have churches planted all over the United Kingdom and abroad.
b) Prison Ministry: Providing support and encouragement to offenders while in the Prison. Mentoring programs aimed at befrending ex-offenders to help and re-integrate them into the society.Skill development that can help them to be gainfully employed.
c) Ministry to the Homeless: Sharing God's love with the homeless and vulnerable people in the community.
d) Family Forum: Quarterly programmes which focus on relevant family issues; parenting, relationships, communication etc.
e) Youth Development &Capacity Building: Library open to students and others in the community, computer training specially designed to help equip the youth for employment, seminars, counselling on drug addiction, marriage, carreer etc.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits theyhave brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidiance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the advancement of the Christian religion and the relieve of poverty and sickness. The policy of God's Vineyard Ministries is to pursue objectives in the following ways:

1. Provision of Weekly Churc ces on Thursday and Sundays and to minister to physical,spiritual and material needs of the congregants.

2. Provision of services to individuals, families and community at large. The service includes a wide range of spiritual and social care.

3. Focusing on the material needs of certain members undergoing difficult financial situations.

4. Working with other Christian agencies and Churches in Nottingham, London, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Loughborough to advance the preaching of the Gospel.

5. Radical Youth outreaches in over 25 Universities in the United Kingdom at: Aston University(Birmingham) Bristol University, Derby University,Leicester University,Loughborough University,Manchester Univeristy, University of East Anglia,-Norwich Nottingham Trent Univeristy, Nottingham University(Headquater), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.

6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christain counselling, prayers and deliverance solely on the basis of our ability to provide appropriate help and regardless of race, colour nationality, religion,gender,age, legal status and personal history.

Development and Achievements in the Year

The charity's events were properly managed, executed and reviewed for its impact on members. Our charity continues to grow in Sunday morning attendance, youth and children's ministry. We minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our members and new comers in our midst. We have helped relief poverty and hardship amongst both regular and irregular congregants who are suffering from financial hardship due to unemployment and lack of financial resources.

The charity conducted crusades in the community to propagate the Christian tenets to non Christians.
The charity has not undertaken any large capital projects although it continues to search for appropriate site to increase its charitable activities.

Financial Review

The charity was able to raise a total income of £562,030 during the year under review. This is a remarkable increase considering the fact that the Job Retention Scheme grant received was only £4,500 as against the £73,568 in 2021.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of donations and gifts from congregants through the offering basket passed during church services and though bank standing orders. We have exercised our right to reclaim the tax on the donations and gifts received from the congregants and this has proved a steady and growing source of additional income.

Investment Policy

The Charity retains a significant amount in the savings account. The objective of the investment policy is to invest in cash at banks where the capital is protected. The charity currently has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in cash at banks where immediate access and security of funds is guaranteed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which equates to at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time.

The expenditure for 2022 is £525,387 and therefore the targeted reserves should be between £131,347 and £262,694.50 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserve policy was met during this year.

Plans for Future Periods

In the near future, the charity plans to expand its operations and will continue our drive towards providing more benefits to our community The Charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements such as Work Based Academy comprising - Youth Employment,Sector based Academy, Adult Education and Training for not in Education or Employment for not in Education or Employment/Vocational Training.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

Trustees ' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and the followings:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Accountants

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information'.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

10th June, 2023

God's Vineyard Ministries
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the God's Vineyard Ministries for the year ended 31 August 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilty to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Charity Act 2011;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)[b] of the Charity Act 2011; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners statement

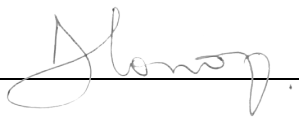
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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God's Vineyard Ministries
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 **Total Funds** £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		415,018	-	**415,018**	368,186
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		97,776	-	**97,776**	87,971
Building Fund		14,211	-	**14,211**	14,869
Youth Ministry		26,254	-	**26,254**	4,675
Magazine/Calender		1,073	-	**1,073**	544
Covenant Partner		2,947	-	**2,947**	1,858
Sundry Income		250	-	**250**	278
Job Retension Scheme Grant		4,500	-	**4,500**	73,568
Derby City Council Grant		-	-	-	-
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants & Contracts		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		562,029	-	**562,029**	551,949
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	**2**	369,497	-	**369,497**	318,704
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	-	-	-
Charity activities	**3**	152,390	-	**152,390**	74,595
Governance Costs	**4**	3,500	-	**3,500**	3,500
Total resources expended		525,387	-	**525,387**	396,799
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains		36,642	-	**36,642**	155,150
Net movement in funds		36,642	-	**36,642**	155,150
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		771,136		**771,136**	615,986
Total funds carried forward		807,778	-	**807,778**	771,136

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on Pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**8**	918,099	914,423
Currents assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	52,198	30,675
Cash at bank and in hand		264,632	289,989
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(48,142)	(50,850)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,186,787**	1,184,237
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	**11**	(379,009)	(413,101)
Net Assets		**807,778**	771,136
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	**12**	807,778	771,136
Total funds		**807,778**	771,136

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 10th June, 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

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God's Vineyard Ministries
Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective 1 January 2015.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furthermore of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity , are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA (Statement of Financial Activities) on a of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estmated usage as set out in Note 4.

e. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments and Land and Building) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write of the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years.

Depreciation of Building is calculated to write off its cost over 50 years on a straight line basis.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations -Tithes and Offering	415,018	-	**415,018**	368,186
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	97,776	-	**97,776**	87,971
Building Fund	14,211	-	**14,211**	14,869
Youth Ministry	26,254	-	**26,254**	4,675
Magazine/Calender	1,073	-	**1,073**	544
Covenant Partner	3,217	-	**3,217**	1,858
Sundry Income		-	**-**	278
Job Retension Scheme Grant	4,500	-	**4,500**	73,568
Derby City Council Grant	-	-	**-**	-
	562,049	-	**562,049**	551,949

Total Resources Expended

2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

	Basis of Allocation	*Church Work*	*Support Cost*	*Governance*	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	Direct	169,441	-	-	**169,441**	133,639
Bank Charges	Direct	-	20,833	-	**20,833**	28,960
Administration	Direct	-	26,833	-	**26,833**	25,203
Professional Fees	Direct	-	5,595	-	**5,595**	6,782
Support Costs	Direct	-	110,704	-	**110,704**	78,100
Premises	Direct	-	36,091	-	**36,091**	46,020
		169,441	**200056**	**-**	**369,497**	318,704

3. Charitable Activities

Ministry	Direct	152,390	-	-	**152,390**	74,595
		152,390	-	-	**152,390**	74,595

4. Governance Cost

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	3,500	**3,500**	3,500
		-	-	**3,500**	**3,500**	3,500
Total Resources Expended		**321,831**	**200056**	**3,500**	**525,387**	396,799

5. Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	**2022**	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	40,407	31,164
Audit & Accountancy Fees	3,500	3,500
	43,907	34,664

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Pay Transactions

No member of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive/Senior Pastor received any remuneration during the year.

7. Taxation

As a charity, God's Vineyard Ministries is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have risen in the Charity.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Building	**Motor Vehicles**	**Equipment Furniture & Fittings**	**2022 Total**
			£	**£**
Cost				
At 1 September 2021	1,202,640	9,517	247,043	**1,459,200**
Additions in year	-	17,359	26,725	**44,084**
At 31 August 2022	1,202,640	26,876	273,768	**1,503,284**
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	309,550	9,517	225,711	**544,778**
Charge for the year	24,053	4,340	12,014	**40,407**
At 31 August 2022	333,603	13,857	237,725	**585,185**
Net Book Value				
At 31 August 2022	**869,037**	**13,019**	**36,043**	**918,099**
At 31 August 2021	893,090	1	21,332	914,423

9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	52,218	30,675
	52,218	30,675

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	3,500	3,500
Other Creditors	44,642	47,350
	48,142	50,850

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	**2022** **£**	2021 £
Mortgage Creditors	337,381	363,101
Barclays Bounce Back Loan	41,628	50,000
Long Term Creditors	**379,009**	413,101

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds **£**	**Designated Funds** **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds** **£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	918,099	-	-	918,099
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	316,830			316,830
Current Liabilities	(48,142)	-	-	(48,142)
Long Term Liabilities	(379,009)			(379,009)
Net Assets at 31st August 2022	**807,778**	-	-	**807,778**

13. Movements in Funds

	At 1 September 2021 **£**	**Incoming Resources [Inc Gains]** **£**	**Outgoing Resources** **£**	**Transfers** **£**	**At 31August 2022** **£**
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	771,136	562,030	525,387	-	**807,778**
Total Unrestricted Funds	771,136	562,030	525,387	-	**807,778**
Total Funds	**771,136**	**562,030**	**525,387**	**-**	**807,778**

God's Vineyard Ministries
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2022

			2022			2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income			**562,030**			551,949
LESS OVERHEADS						
Staff Costs						
Salary	148,781			121,632		
National Insurance	13,736			6,000		
Employer Pension Contribution	2,984			2,604		
Staff Costs - Lagos Church	3,940			3,403		
		169,441			133,639	
Premises Costs						
Light & Heating	9,297			6,839		
Rent & Rates	10,234			2,002		
Premises Repair & Maintenance	11,913			36,171		
Fire & Security	4,647			1,008		
		36,091			46,020	
Bank Charges						
Bank Charges	1,072			1,066		
Mortgage Interest	19,761			27,894		
		20,833			28,960	
Administration						
Printing, Postage and Stationery	5,420			1,844		
Telephone and Internet Charges	9,762			8,001		
Training	1,600			5,187		
Subscription Fees	727			1,517		
Hire of Premises	9,324			8,654		
		26,833			25,203	
Ministry						
Evangelism and Promotion	14,383			9,116		
TV Ministry & Media Expenses	5,432			7,606		
Youth Ministry	31,575			8,364		
Events, Retreats & Conferences	19,708			6,504		
Catering, Refreshment & Hospitality	11,592			2,904		
Gift to Charities & Visiting Ministries	30,946			15,013		
Welfare, Donations & Love Gifts	38,427			24,926		
Books, Tapes & Videos	327			162		
		152,390			74,595	
Professional Fees						
Legal & other fees	5,595			6,782		
Accountancy Fees	3,500			3,500		
		9,095			10,282	
Support Costs						
Hotel, Travel & Motor Expenses	42,142			30,420		
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	3,680			582		
Insurance	22,239			13,624		
Depreciation	40,407			31,164		
Sundry expenses	2,236			2,310		
		110,704			78,100	
			(525,387)			(396,799)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			**36,642**			155,150
Surplus brought forward			**771,136**			615,986
Surplus carried forward			**807,778**			771,136

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WELCOME TO GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Here is a brief summary of who we are, what we are called to do, how we do it and how you can fit into this family. Our desire is to see you becoming a part of us and to find a place where you can serve God and fulfill your God ordained purpose on the earth.

WHO WE ARE

We are not just a conventional church. We are more than a church; we are a family. God's Vineyard Ministries is a God given vision, where God is the Gardener, Jesus is the Vine and we are the Branches. Through this relationship, we spread the gospel to the world and bear fruits that abide to serve as the Vineyard of God on earth (John 15).

OUR VISION

"To raise a people with a Kingdom mindset, to discover their purpose, maximise their potentials and influence their generation with the Gospel of Christ."

OUR MISSION

"Empowering lives and Building society"

OUR JOURNEY

God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) was founded in Nottingham, United Kingdom in 2001 by Dr. Ezekiel Olusegun and Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale, under God's leading and instruction. During this period, the Lord led Dr. Ezekiel to Pastor E.A Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, to submit under his spiritual leadership and mentorship.

Under Dr. Ezekiel & Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale's oversight as Senior Pastors of GVM, the Ministry now has 6 Churches in the United Kingdom.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

We believe that the Bible is the word of God: its doctrine is our doctrine.
We believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world, and rose up the third day for our justification.
We believe in Christ's second coming, the day of judgment and salvation of the faithful.
We believe salvation is obtained through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is by grace.
We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
We believe in the great commission: To go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all the people.
We believe in the efficacy of prayers in communicating with God through Jesus Christ.
We believe in life after death.
We believe in investing in the development of the younger generation

OUR IDENTITY

God's Vineyard Ministries is a praying church, and we are committed to raising a praying generation of young and old believers, who will put God's Kingdom first. (Matt 6:33).
We are also committed to raising a generation of people who will be heavenly conscious and earthly relevant.
Our identity is about seeking to help people discover their purpose and fulfill their destiny in God.

How we seek to achieve this:
By reaching UP,
By reaching IN and
By reaching OUT.

OUR GOALS

1. To draw many into the GVC family
2. To offer them the opportunity to have personal encounter with Christ and become true members of God's family *[Matt 28:19]*
3. To create a platform to disciple everyone who becomes a member into Christ-like maturity *[Matt 28:20; Col 1:28]*.
4. And prepare members for Christian service and missions *[Matt 22:39; 28:19]*.
5. With the ultimate objective of raising an army of believers whose sole aim is to glorify God in all things and make heaven *[Matt 22:37-38]*.

WHAT WE DO

- Youth work
- School outreach
- Community outreach [Prison Ministry, Food banks, etc]
- Work and career development
- Family and relationship development

WHERE YOU CAN FIT IN

- Men's fellowship - Known as 'Men of Radiance'
- Women's fellowship - Known as 'Women of Excellence'
- Youth Fellowship - Youth Church and Radical Youth (RY).
- Teenager's Fellowship - Known as 'Vine Teens'
- Children Ministry - Known as 'Vine Heritage'
- Couples Forum
- House Fellowships
- Various service groups across our branches.

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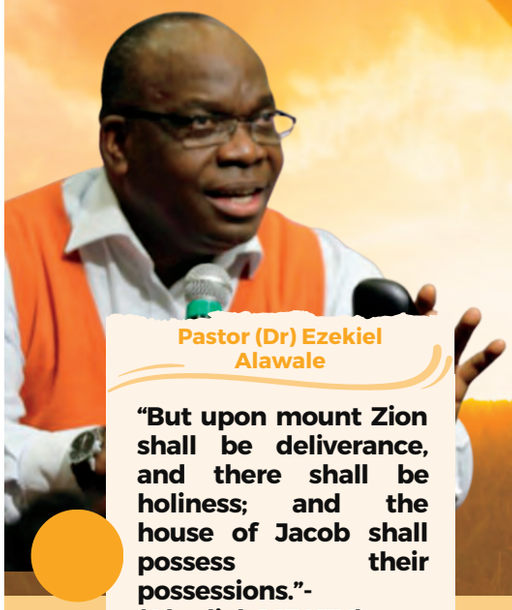

Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Alawale

"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."- (Obadiah 1:17 KJV).

This is the message the Lord gave to me for God's Vineyard Ministries this year; our prophetic word for the year 2023. It is a clear indication of what God intends to do in our families, in our individual lives, and in our churches

"God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act?
Has he ever promised and not carried it through?" - (Numbers 23:19 NLT).

In 1 Kings 18:1, 41 KJV, God sent Elijah to Ahab: "And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth."

"And Elijah said unto Ahab, get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain." The Rain came abundantly just as the Lord had spoken through His prophet Elijah. In the same measure,

God will surely act, He will assuredly carry through His promise to us this year. God's promise to us this year is to be fulfilled in threefold:

1. THERE SHALL BE DELIVERANCE

In the year 2023, the LORD promises to bring us into total liberty. He will set His church free; He will set our families free, and He will set our lives free. Bondages shall be broken; yokes shall be destroyed, and burdens shall be removed. The anointing of the Holy Spirit shall be poured upon us and work freely amongst us in Jesus' name.

This generation and the in-coming generations will be free to serve God. Our freedom will result from God's commitment, His mercies, and His investment in our lives. We should therefore use His investment to fulfil His purpose, and our freedom to advance His Kingdom.

This shall be our Testimony - "When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: Then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us; Whereof we are glad." - Psalm 126:1-3 KJV, Amen.

2. THERE SHALL BE HOLINESS.

"If you love the Lord faithfully, he will forgive your sins. If you respect and obey him, you will not do evil."- (Proverbs 16:6 EASY)

Living a life of holiness will qualify us for God's use, guarantee His presence as we go on our life's journey, grant us access to His divine guidance, and fullness of joy in His presence.

The consciousness of the Lord's presence among us should cause us to live in reverential fear of God and depart from iniquity. Because Jesus died and gave His life for us, He owns us, and we owe Him our lives. We must therefore make it our commitment to live consecrated lives to God. This is what God requires from each of us.

Galatians 2:20 EASY *says - "Christ died on the cross for me. It is like I died there with him. So, I do not live my own life anymore. Instead, Christ lives in me. The life that I live now in my body, I live because I trust what he has done for me. He has loved me so much that he died on my behalf."*

3. WE SHALL POSSESS OUR POSSESSIONS.

Our possessions in Christ include God Himself, the original destiny God has for us, our unclaimed or overdue blessings, God's promises, lost glory,

answered prayers, the heathen to be converted to God, our joy and peace, reaching the uttermost part of the world for the kingdom, and much more.

What should we then do to possess our possessions?

We must see God not only as our first choice, but our only choice to possess what He has promised us. When God becomes our possession, we become inheritors of all that God has.

HOW DO YOU MAKE GOD YOUR PORTION OR YOUR POSSESSION?

(A) It is a matter of the Heart -
David became a man after God's heart, shared God's heart, and had a passionate heart for God. -

"And the LORD said unto Samuel, how long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

But the LORD said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."- (1 Samuel 16:1, 3, 7 KJV).

David was not seeking to be a king, he was not chasing anointing, he was not craving for earthly possessions; he wanted God. God is interested in our heart; He wants our heart to long after Him.

And when He finds a heart that is loyal to Him, He shows Himself strong on their behalf (2Chro 16:9)

(B) Be ready to die for God - Whatever is not worth dying for is not worth living for. - "Then Paul answered, what mean ye to weep and to break mine heart?

for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."- (Acts 21:13 KJV). Just like Just like Apostle Paul, anyone that has chosen the Lord as his possession must be willing to go all the way with God, even to the point of death.

(C) Choose God above all else -
You must deliberately and intentionally choose Him, not as a last resort, not only in difficulty or lack.

God must be the only love of your life and it should be evident that you are in love with God.

You must say, like David in Psalm 16: 5-6 CEV - "You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe. You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright." Psalm 91:14-16 KJV says - "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

When life presents you with different options, always choose the Lord.

(D) Understand that God owns you –
You should live in the consciousness that you don't own yourself, your life is a gift from God. Remember the rich fool!!
You must stop the "I", "Me" and "Myself" attitude. "Know ye that the LORD he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."
- Psalm 100:3 KJV

(E) Live with the Revelation that God is sufficient for you –
It is wisdom to make God the prime pursuit of your heart. A story is told of a rich man who died and asked his son to pick only one item out of all his properties, after which his head slave would take the rest of the properties.

Picking the slave would mean owning the slave and all that the slave possessed. If you choose Jesus, then you have picked all that Jesus possesses.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. As for me, behold, my covenant is

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."-
Genesis 17:1-2, 4-8 KJV.

(F**) Submit to God absolutely and Obey Him completely -**
Adam, Eve, and King Saul all disobeyed God, they were not in total submission to His will, no wonder they lost so much. Isaiah 1:19 KJV says - "*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land*". The good of the land is available to only those who obey.

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; And lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path. Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the LORD, and depart from evil."- Proverbs 3:5-7 KJV.

"And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."
- 2 Corinthians 10:6 KJV.

There cannot be complete obedience if there is no absolute submission.

(G) Make God your pleasure and your delight -
"O God, thou art My God; early will I seek thee: My soul thirsts for thee, my flesh longs for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness Is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus, will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul follows hard after thee: Thy right hand upholds me."
- Psalm 63:1-8.

Like the psalmist, you must find pleasure in the person of God.

(H) Commit yourself entirely to Him and His service -
Your time, talents, and treasure, and indeed all that you have, must be given to God if you must possess your possession.

"Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD."- Numbers 32:11-12 KJV.

The thoughts of God should fill your heart with joy. This is irrespective of what He has or has not done.

Conclusion

For you to possess your possession, you must seek God's kingdom first. Make this your number one priority "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- Matthew 6:33 KJV

Also, you must pray like Elijah prayed; earnestly and fervently. "So, Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, there is nothing.

And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there was a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, go up, say unto Ahab, prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stops thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel."
-1 Kings 18:42-45 KJV.

We must learn to pray our word of prophecy into reality. We must align with God and pray according to His will to possess our possessions.

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Lastly

You must be expectant. "For surely there is an end; And thine expectation shall not be cut off."- Proverbs 23:18 KJV. While waiting, we must not be passive, but active; we must take actions by faith. We must believe God for all our Possessions. **"The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!"**
- 1 Thessalonians 5:24 MSG. AMEN.

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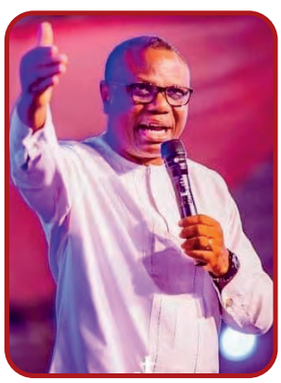

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PRINCIPLES FOR DOING GREAT EXPLOITS IN THE KINGDOM

In the same way that we cannot discuss certain sports without mentioning the legends of those games, we should aim to do exploits that are legendary for the Kingdom of Christ, to leave a lasting legacy to God's glory - Phillipians 3:12-14.

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These are the principles that will help us to get into the category of people who do great exploits for God.

Have a Vision for Life - Proverbs 29:18 - Without a vision, the people perish. When God wants to do something amazing with someone, one of the first things He gives that person is a vision of that thing. God paints a picture of the exploit in the heart of the person that He wants to use for that purpose (see Genesis 15:4). The vision God gives you will keep you going during tough times. We must have a vision for our lives, but we must also have a vision for heaven.

Have a Disciplined Life - 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
There are certain things that we must not do and places we must not go to, because they do not help us to run the race of our lives. These things or places might not be bad, but if they do not help you to run the race, it's best to abstain from them. There is a prize that we pay to do Kingdom exploits - see 1 Corinthians 9:27.

Have a Training Plan -

- It's important to have a routine. There must be things that you do consistently to build discipline, these include:Watch what you eat - Matthew 4:4 - consume the word of God. The more we eat the word of God the healthier we'll be.
- Exercise - James 2:17 - exercise your faith and build your faith muscles.
- Rest - rest your body and get the right amount of sleep at night. Also rest your soul – see Hebrews 4:1. Embrace the fullness of rest and don't fail to experience it.

Have a Coach -
Surrender and yield to The Holy Spirit who is our coach in life. The Holy Spirit should be your best friend.

Life is a Team Sport - Proverbs 11:14
Think about who is on your corner in the fight for life. Who are your counsellors? Who do you listen to? Who are you submitted to? Be yielded to wise counsel – see 1 Corinthians 15:33.

Be Ready for Some Setbacks - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9
Everyone in the Bible who performed great exploits experienced pain and setbacks. But we press on despite the setbacks.

Run with Passion -
Ask God to lead you to something that you have passion for. And when you have a passion for something, ask God if it's part of your calling.

Have F.O.C.U.S. ("Follow One Course Until Successful") - Hebrews 12:1-2.
What's your goal? Have you dealt with procrastination? To do great exploits you must stay the course and not get distracted.

Now let's Look at the exemplary character of those who do great exploits. Looking at David - a man who did many Kingdom Exploits, these are the key things that made him so powerful:

A Pure Heart -
God measures the heart. God will test you before trusting you. The tests or exams of life won't give you notice. Go about life having a consciousness of passing God's tests - even in the most mundane things. Avoid pride.

Gratefulness or Gratitude -
Be grateful in everything and in every way. Remember the race is not to the swift, it is to be helped.

It is not to the strong, it is to the supported. Ps 119:164 'Seven times a day I will praise you.' Gratitude is a weapon. Gratitude makes you unstoppable - don't toy with praise and worship.

Understand Spiritual Hierarchy - 1 Samuel 24:7
Honour those who God has given spiritual authority over you, including your biological parents. Don't use your platform to dishonour those who gave you the privilege.

Family Life -
Honour your spouse and children. Your family is your first Jerusalem. Your children are your first congregation.

Be Careful of Expired Mentors -
Be careful of competitive mentors. Be careful of parasitic proteges.

Excerpts from Kingdom Life Conference 2022, Theme: Kingdom Exploits

PARENTING: RAISING GODLY HERITAGE FOR THE PALACE

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"But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." ***II Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV***

Parenting is a great responsibility :

Babies come into the world with no instructions, and you pretty much have to make them up on your own. Parenting is complex; techniques that succeed with one child may fail with another. There is nothing simple about human beings of any age; we are very complex. Being a good parent and raising godly children is hard, especially in our world today. It becomes easier if we as parents walk in obedience to God, submit to the Holy Spirit, and be Christlike.

The movie 'Princess Diary' is a wonderful example that shows how a daughter can be trained and transformed into a princess - royalty. Everything ranging from: How to talk, how to carry themselves with respect, How to walk, how to comport yourself, etc. We must start raising our children right from the early stages of life. They need to be cultured, learn proper etiquette, how to comport themselves, how to dress decently and in order. It's not about your individuality, it's about the kingdom that you represent. Princes and Princesses don't just go anywhere. The association you keep is very important.

For us as parents this is our important and sacred duty in life. The spiritual wellbeing of our children should take priority over their material needs, their secular education and their preparation for worldly success. Our duty is to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness. Mothers, are you training your children? 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it' **Proverbs 22:6.**

Bringing up children is a purposeful and intentional job. It doesn't happen just because you send them to Sunday school. Jill Savage, in the book 'Professionalizing Motherhood', challenges mothers to take the job of raising children as seriously as any work-for-pay job.

As mothers, we have the power to make an astounding impact on our children for the kingdom of God. God has endowed us with the power of influence, and if rightly or positively used, we will begin to see a turn around in our world.

OUR FATHER IS THE KING OF KINGS, IF YOUR FATHER IS A KING THAT MAKES YOU A PRINCE OR A PRINCESS. WE ARE ROYALTY

We are Royalty -

We have been made priests and kings unto God. The problem is that not everyone recognizes that they are royalty. They've forgotten that they are children of God and have a royal heritage. They wander through life in rags rather than being sure of their identity in Christ. We can come alongside the people who do not realize they are children of God, and remind them who they are. And it is critical that we teach our children from an early age who they are in Christ. We must raise them to be children of the King!

To raise good children for the Palace

- You need to love each other as husband and wife, this gives them an ideal model of how to love God and other people.
- Parental example is central to the moulding of different facets of the child's development. Generally, children acquire the parents' character, and are formed in the mould of their parents' temperament. In many instances, they would love the same thing their parents love, and may even talk in the same manner.
- Active intervention of parents is required to direct and mould the will of the child. It is important to let them know that they are not the centre of the world, which later in life will make them do God's will and be able to put the needs of others before their own.

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- We have to prioritise our children's spiritual wellbeing over their worldly success - offer them Christlike example of love and harmony within the home, moulding the child's self will and striving continuously to become Christlike
- Make your family a priority; the highest priority after Christ. It is important that we are able to maintain a proper work-life balance. We cannot afford the cost of being absentee dads and mums. If you are busy, find a way to compensate for the family, e.g. blocking timeout to spend exclusively with the kids
- Tell your children of God's faithfulness
  - Deut 4:9-10

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'" Deuteronomy 4:9-10 NKJV.

Teach them about the lessons you've learnt in life; real life stories about God's faithfulness and His mercy to you. Children who are rightly taught the word of God will teach their own children.

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How do we teach our children?

1. **Be honest and patient with them:**

It's possible to overdo things. You cannot force Christianity down their throats; that could push them to rebellion

Family altar is very important. Give them an opportunity to be able to come to you and ask questions, don't just shout at them; open the scriptures to them and answer their questions.

Do your best to attend church services with them every Sunday morning. If you cut corners with your children, they will cut corners with theirs. If you compromise, they will compromise more. Be a good example to them, they are watching.

2. Love your spouse
We do our kids a favour, when we love our spouse. Psychologists tell us it is much more important for a child to know their parents love each other; it makes the child feel the love of their parents in themselves. Kids know instinctively when there's breakdown of love in marriage that there isn't much love left over for them

[Eph 5:28] *Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church.* Love her enough to be able to die for her. Treat your wife like a queen and your husband as a king. Keep courting her, go out on dates, find time for her, take a break, go out together, talk and listen to each other; it will help you to stay in love with each other. If she likes shopping, go with her once in a while. Even if you cannot afford much, just go round doing some window shopping.

3. Never discipline out of anger
3 John 4 "*I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in truth.*" The opposite is also true - it's heartache when they don't walk in truth Prov 22:6,

Eph 6:1-3 - Train them to be obedient - The importance of obeying mum and dad when they learn to obey their parents, they will learn to obey God."

Correct in love. Incredible Hulk said you won't like me when I am angry. If it's true for a cartoon character, how much more for a real life dad?

Put into consideration the stages of growth when applying discipline. Between the ages of 3 and 8 years, they ask a lot of questions. Don't be too busy to answer them; don't ask them to go away. You should be able to separate normal childish behaviour from disobedience.

Dr James Dobson in 'Dare to Discipline', talks of three strikes: On the first and second occasions you give warnings and grace. If there's a third time of the same disobedience then use corporal punishment or spanking which is also supported by the Bible; obviously not with a belt or cane,

but with e.g. with your hand so they can learn the right lesson from the experience. After spanking a child, call the child and explain why you spanked them, so they can fully understand why it was done. If you ever need to spank a child, do it in an age-appropriate way. Spanking or yelling at a child in anger will only do more damage to you and the child.

Practice more positive reinforcement as they get older. Withdrawal of privileges is also a good tool in teenage years. As they get older, introduce them gradually into taking up responsibilities like household chores.

4. Do not compare one with another:
No two children are the same in personality, so don't compare your kids with each other; deal with each child as they are made by God.

5. Help them discern God's will:
Teach them the way God wants them to go [Prov 22:6], taking into account the child's gifts, emotional makeup, personality, intellect, calling, etc. Help them to discern the path God has for them.

6. Prayer
We cannot over emphasise this. The prayer of parents establishes the foundations of the home. Your example of Godly living and genuine transformation is key to making your children want to follow or seek your God.

7. Teach your children about money:
This is one of the major elements in daily living. Teach them how to handle money.

Proverbs 3:9 “Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.” [NLT]. It’s important we teach this early in their lives. E.g. teach them the principle of tithing. It is important in learning how to handle finances responsibly. Let God be first in our budgets.

Jesus points us to the truth in Matthew 6:25-27, 31-33 that if God comes first in the stewardship of our material resources, all other bits and pieces will find their proper place.

To teach it, we must show it, set good examples and allow them to listen to us talk honestly with others. It’s important above all to provide a good learning environment for our children to learn properly

[2 Tim 1:5] The lessons taught Timothy were not from a textbook or theory, but from the overflow of their rich lives. They lived life with Timothy; their own deep relationship with Jesus Christ. Timothy saw their excellent character and understood their instructions as living principles.

Our homes are the most important schools our children will ever attend, and we are the most important teachers our children will ever have.

Let’s give our children wisdom for living.

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FAITH FOR EXPLOITS:

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Joshua 2: 1-19
[Emphasis on verses 9-11 NLT]:
***""I know the Lord** has given you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. **For we have heard how the Lord** made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. **And we know what you did to Sihon and Og,** the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. **No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God** is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below."*
Joshua 2:9-11 NLT.

Introduction

We cannot do exploits if we don't have faith and we cannot have faith if we do not have experiential knowledge of Him in whom we believe. What we know and how deep is what we know, is important.

Rahab was one of the people mentioned in **Hebrews 11** as the generals of faith who did exploits. All these people were able to do exploits with their faith because of their experiential knowledge of God.

….but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." **Daniel 11:32 KJV.**

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days [by Joshua and the sons of Israel].

By faith Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed along with those who were disobedient, because she had welcomed the spies [sent by the sons of Israel] in peace." **Hebrews 11:30-31 AMP.**

What is faith?:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 NKJV.

"NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." Hebrews 11:1 AMPC.

Faith is the currency in our relationship with God. Faith is the currency of transactions with God in heaven

Faith means trusting God with assured hope and having evidence for it through His word and personal experience and revelation, without seeing it with the physical eyes.

We can not please God without faith. **Hebrews 11:6** It's in the spirit.

For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation. **(Romans 10:10 AMP).**

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." **Romans 10:17 KJV.**

Faith is also based on the knowledge of God. Faith may not be concordant with the facts of life or what we are experiencing in life!

There are so many facts in our lives: challenges of finances, health, relationships, experience, pain, suffering, loneliness, disappointment, reports, academic qualifications, scarcity, job opportunities or lack of it, etc.

Facts are the reality of life and experiences. A fact is what we see, touch, know, feel, hear, or have or don't have. Everybody has experiences of the facts of life, Christian or not.

Faith is also a reality just as facts of life are.

The works of faith makes our faith overwhelm the facts of life and makes our faith more real, overpowering the facts.
Faith makes what we think inside overwhelm the realities of our physical situation and facts of our lives. This makes us act differently and take RISKS!

What are exploits?

- ***Notable deeds or feats, heroic and noble; accomplishing extraordinarily.***

God does exploits through His people to fulfil His purpose through us.
Philippians 2:13 'For it is God which worketh in you both to will and do of his good pleasure.'

- ***Bold or daring feat***

A feat: an achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength; mighty deeds, bold acts, great achievement, accomplishment, attainment, triumph, etc

- ***Acts of courage***

The ability to control fear and to be willing to deal with something that is dangerous, difficult, or unpleasant.
2Tim 1:7.
Joshua 1:6-7 Going ahead facing the situation even in the presence of fear; doing it while afraid; confronting the opposition.

- ***Moving the mountain***

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." **Mark 11:23-24 KJV.**

- ***Exploit is doing greater works***

Jesus promised us that we shall do greater works than he did: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."
John 14:12 NKJV.
"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father."
John 14:12 AMP.

What did Rahab know?
"Now before the two men lay down [to sleep], Rahab came up to them on the roof, and she said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the terror and dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted [in despair] because of you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan [on the east], to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. When we heard it, our hearts melted [in despair], and a [fighting] spirit no longer remained in any man because of you; for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath."
Joshua 2:8-11 AMP.

I ask you; what do you know?

- Rahab is named as one of the four most beautiful women the world has ever known, along with Sarah, Abigail, and Esther (Wikipedia). No wonder she was very popular with men of high class and calibre in the land of Canaan. She was an inn keeper but was into prostitution.
- The catalogue of her experiential knowledge through what she heard and knew, gave her no reason to doubt.

She became convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the God of Israel, is God in heaven and earth. Even the children of Israel were not as sure as she was. What was it about her faith that made her do exploits that are recorded amongst those that did exploits?

Acts of faith:

- She was a harlot in Jericho. The Hebrew word that was used to describe Rahab in Joshua 2:1 refers to secular or cultic prostitution, which is widely believed to have been an invariable element of Canaanite religious practices (Wikipedia). She was probably occultic.
- Her house was built on the wall.
- She was well known in Jericho. Everybody knew her, even the King!
- She heard about the God of Israel and believed what she knew.

*"**"I know the Lord** has given you this land," she told them. "We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. **For we have heard how the Lord** made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. **And we know what you did to Sihon and Og**, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! **No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God** is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below." Joshua 2: 9-11.*

She had heard about the miracle of drying up of the Red Sea and how Pharoah and the Egyptian army (strongest in the world at that time) was completely destroyed.

She had also heard about the destruction of Kings of Sihon and Og [Numbers 21:21-35].

***According to the Dakes commentary:** Sihon refused Israel passage, perhaps because he had heard of the resistance of the Edomites and Moabites and how Israel, instead of fighting, took another route. It could be that he expected the same thing to happen again. Simon's kingdom extended along the mountain range and plateau east of Jordan from the river Jabbok on the north to the river Arnon on the south.*

Sihon: Israel smote Sihon and possessed his land from Arnon to Jabbok- the whole of Heshbon and all the cities of the Amorites (verse 24-26).

Og: king of Bashan Numbers 21: 33-35. He was a giant and ruled over 60 cities. He had a special bedstead of iron, 18 feet long and 8 feet wide.

Israel destroyed him and all his people and took his land and cities. See record in Psalm 135:11, 136:20.

As a result of this victory, everybody was afraid of Israel e.g. Balak king of the Moabites, who solicited for Balaam to curse Israel in Numbers 22.

- The Cananite's were afraid of Israel even though they had armies and the wall of Jericho.
- Rahab Kept what she heard and knew in her heart
- She was thinking about it; told her immediate family
- Made up her mind not to follow the idol and Canaanite religious practices anymore.
- Confessed what she was thinking to the spies
- She was focused on the God of Israel
- Acted in faith, though dangerously
- She disobeyed and deceived her king.
- She helped the enemy!

Faith can not do exploits without Faith Acts or Works: So do we accomplish faith acts and works?

1. Experiential Knowledge about God:
2. Confess with your mouth what you believe, what you are thinking as you meditate on God's word.

- Saying: Say what you believe always. Never say anything contrary to what you believe.

Our confession creates an energy and force around us: positive or negative.

"We, having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;" 2 Corinthians 4:13 KJV.

- If you are fully convinced, then say it.

Be courageous. Don't be intimidated by the enemy or situations: Let your God intimidate the enemy on your behalf [Joshua 1:6-7)

We say what we believe. What we believe is what God says we are, and not what the world or circumstance say or people say: What we believe is a result of inner conviction that God is in control, no matter what we go through; and that is why we are always thankful.

3. Taking faith based risks: Rahab took a risk that could have resulted in loss of income and life - Acting in faith' obedience, Stepping out, not having a plan 'B', confronting the enemy and the mountain, etc. [Mark 11: 23-24].

4. Cast your care on the Lord. Abandon the cares of life in exchange for the care of God.

They did not care for their lives: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to answer you on this point. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let

5. Courage- confront your fears and doubts with God's word and your personal experiences. Control fear and do not let fear control you. 2 Tim 1:7.Doubt your doubt, Conquer your fear.

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Keep your eyes and ears out for Part 2

PRAYER

GVM PRAYER CONFERENCES 2022 (JANUARY & JUNE)

As a church family, we always start the year by waiting on the Lord through Prayer & Fasting in January from the 2nd to the 31st. We believe in starting a fresh season strong with God, making our requests known to Him and believing for a breakthrough in our individual lives.

The 30 days of Prayer & Fasting affords every member and family in the Church an opportunity to spend quality time seeking the Lord through daily Prayer meetings which usually ends with a 2 day prayer conference. The theme for the January 2022 edition was “Divine Presence for Kingdom Exploits‘’. The conference featured guest ministers such as Pastor Stephen Olayinka and Reverend Friday Bekee.

Furthermore, the ministry reignited the fiery altar once more at the halfway mark of 2022 with the ‘21 Days Prayer & Fasting’; also concluded with the June Prayer Conference featuring guest minister Apostle Ademola Olagboye from Reconciliation Bible Church Nigeria. The conference was deeply impactful as well as a blessing with over 200+ people (including young children, students and adults) in attendance. We also had a good online attendance

GOD'S UNUSUAL VESSEL

PASTOR OLAITAN ADESIYAN

To be an unusual vessel is to be careful; never take the office for granted; never wish to be another person; shine in your role; and help others burn for the LORD in their uniqueness.

Learn to be committed and consistent and you will see the nations flock towards you as you burn brightly for GOD.

Consider the family of Moses, GOD touched every member in a different. Both Moses' brother - Aaron and Sister - Miriam were necessary for Moses to function excellently in his assignment. Moses' mother did not just raise Moses, she raised his sister and brother as his supporters as well. Don't just raise a Moses, raise a Miriam as well. It takes grace to be that unusual.

Being an unusual person, you have to be strategic, you have to be wiser than your enemies. Moses' mother was strategic and courageous by not following the order of pharaoh but rather obeying GOD.

Aaron was anointed to unite the set man and the people. Aaron was anointed to bring the people and the set man together. The ears of Aaron were always on the ground, listening to the people because the set-man was always busy. An Aaron is the glue of any organisation; the people will not misunderstand the set-man.

Miriam led and when she spoke, people listened. So, if you are a Miriam, you need to understand your uniqueness. Every one of us wants to be Moses but we need the Miriams and Aarons, for each have their own unusual assignment. You are unusual being an Aaron, you are unusual being a Miriam. Be satisfied with who you are and do your assignment well.

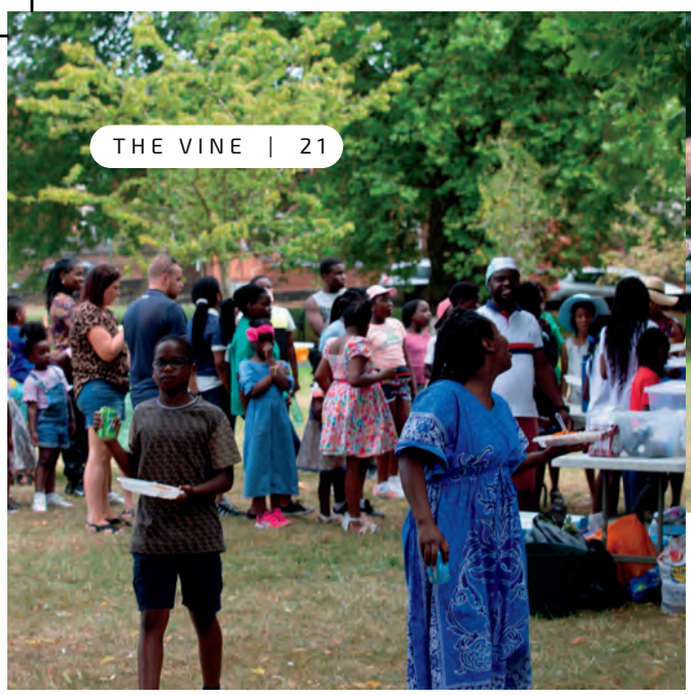
But be warned as an Aaron not push your Moses or the people away. Be careful of the anointing on your head if you are operating in an Aaron's office. Remember your garment, and your rod. Understand your uniqueness, the grace and the anointing placed upon you.

When you've discovered and understood your uniqueness, you must begin the next stage, which is your growth and development. Be consistent and committed to growth. Know what to do per season and per time.

You must take note of people that you surround yourself with, because they will be delighted in seeing and knowing you, and they'll celebrate your grace. Some of them will be so committed to seeing you run so successfully because that is their unusual assignment.

Moses was unusual but he needed Aaron to perform his own unusual assignment.

When Moses met Jethro, despite not having a father figure, he made use of his relationship with Jethro. As you journey as an unusual vessel, what you don't have begins to come around you to see how you can learn it from. Every resource that you need, GOD has placed in your way. It is only the treasure that God places in you that keeps and preserves your life.



FAMILY FUN DAY

HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.

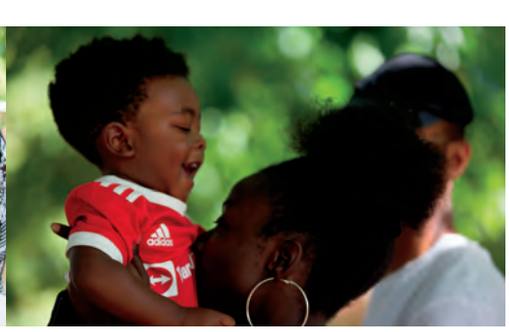
*V**s2.** It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; **Vs3.** As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.*
Psalm 133 (KJV)

F***amily fun day is an outreach initiative of the Men's ministry, created to reach out to the unsaved in the neighborhood as well as bring church members together (to interact and fellowship) in a relaxed atmosphere.*** This will promote integration and build a community where everyone is united for a singular purpose.

The church gathered at Radford Recreational Ground right behind GVC Nottingham Church for the 2022 family fun day and was real fun in every sense. The opening prayer was said by Pastor Ezekiel Alawale.

Church members were grouped into two teams, each of which included men, women, teenagers, and children. Team members were actively involved in a variety of events, ranging from race competition between men and women, tug of war, children hula hooping and other athletic games that teenagers participated in. There was more than enough food and drinks for everyone in attendance.

The children, coordinated by Mrs. Tope and Mr. Tomi were also split into teams and they passionately competed in different games such as tug of war and egg and spoon race. The children also enjoyed themselves on the swings and other outdoor activities at the park. ***The teenagers equally had a lot of fun.*** They played basketball, as well as joined in other competitions.



COMMUNITY OUTREACHES

As a charity, we are actively involved and engaged with the community. In 2018, under the chairmanship of Dr Ezekiel Alawale, the senior pastor of GVM, the MAJORITY BLACK-LED CHURCHES (MBLC), NOTTINGHAM was rebranded under a new core leadership team. Since then the MBLC has made a significant impact in the Nottinghamshire community.

AIMS:

Among others, the MBLC was set up …

1. To advance, champion, promote and encourage equality, diversity and fairness in strategic areas in the community; including health, business, sports, youth empowerment, leadership development, job creation, etc
2. To enhance spiritual growth amongst each other and our congregations by shared engagements
3. To foster unity amongst pastors and parishes by networking, coming together in fellowship and sharing each other's gifts for kingdom building.
4. To recognise, develop and create opportunities for new leaders within the Forum
5. Meet with senior leaders of public services and organisations in Nottingham to provide better opportunities for engagement with BME churches in Nottingham.
6. To promote love and peace by helping and supporting one another to grow our churches
7. To actively promote the integration of the BME community in Nottingham and the eradication of all forms of BME segregation.
8. To be a voice to the voiceless by addressing the various challenges facing the BME community; etc

ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND HOW FAR WE HAVE GONE?

Some of the recent MBLC engagements and achievements include

The Police:

Quarterly Co-Production meetings with Nottinghamshire Police, which have resulted in a number of initiatives, including:

- Involvement in People Panel
- Police Road Show with 32 young people from MBLC Churches
- Black History Month
- MBLC - Police 6-Week Cadet Taster Sessions in Jan-Feb 2022
- A statement on recent stabbing incident at the Meadows

The City Council:

Quarterly meetings with the leader of the City Council and his team

The Leadership of the Church of England:

Meetings with the Anglican Bishop of Suthwell – Bishop Paul and his team

Engagements with the University of Nottingham:

- Regular meetings with the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Chaplaincy team
- An MBLC Chaplain has since been appointed at University of Nottingham

MBLC's role to improve covid-19 vaccination uptake:

- Vaccination information sharing events via Zoom for MBLC Pastors and members of our congregations, as well as friends and families.
- Issued a statement on Covid-19 Vaccinations, in which we declared that the vaccines are safe and encouraged black people to take the vaccination.
- Offered our churches as Pop-Up vaccination Centres

NHS-CT Project:
COVID-19 disproportionately affected the BME communities. This only highlighted the existing socio-economic and health inequalities that exist within the community. The MBLC applied for NHS-CT funding and won a grant to work with the NHS on addressing these issues by recruiting a volunteer coordinator. The coordinator is working with volunteers to find out the reason(s) for vaccine hesitancy, reduce hesitancy and improve the rate of vaccine uptake among the BME community. We hope to use this model to address other health inequality issues.

Collaborations with various charities:

- Hope Into Action; 100 Homes; Open Homes; Pathway Housing; Nottingham City Prayer; etc.

Other areas where the MBLC is actively engaging with stakeholders to make changes include

Education:
There is a widening gap between the educational attainments of blacks compared to whites as they progress from age 4-5 to university. We are working with the education department to address these disparities. At the University of Nottingham, we have employed and are currently paying for the 1st Black Chaplain to address role model issues for BME which make up about 34% of its population.

Media:
There is an existing trust gap between the BME and the wider community. It is our desire that the press will collaborate with us in this initiative to build trust, promote equality, fairness, justice, and peace. To stem agitations and carve a new future for our community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED

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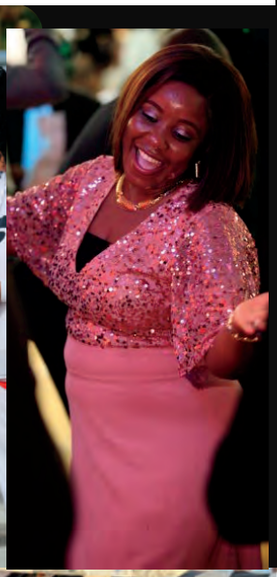
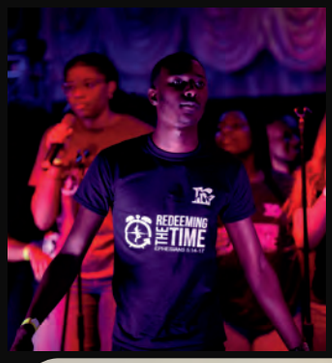
REDEEMING THE TIME

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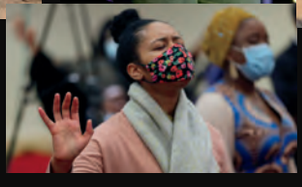

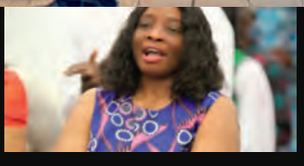

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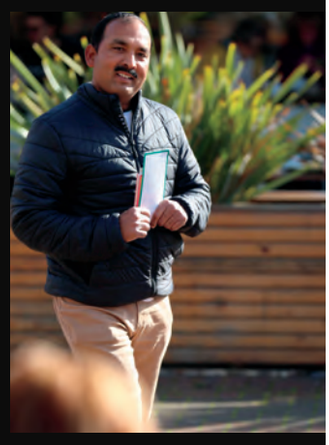
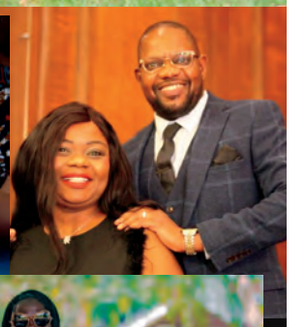
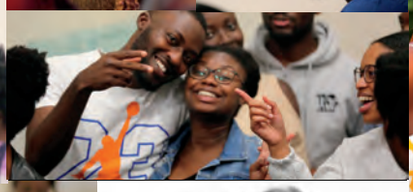
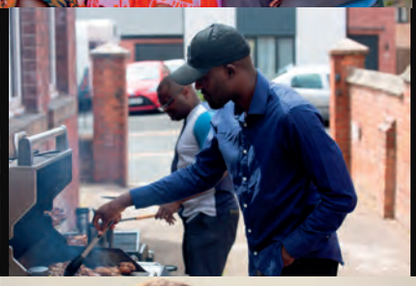








Women of Excellence Conference 2022

We give God praise for the success of the Women of Excellence 2022 conference. It was indeed a great and impactful meeting. The Conference started Friday, 14th October and continued on Saturday with a breakfast meeting, and ended on Sunday, 16th October 2022, after the 4th Service.

We had three guest ministers. Pastor Biola Adeyoola, Pastor Olaitan Adesiyan and Pastor Biola Obode.
Issues such as domestic violence, parenting, prayer, and nation building, were among the topics discussed during the conference.

On the first day, Pastor Biola Adeyoola ministered on the topic: **THE KINGDOM WOMAN:EMBRACING YOUR UNIQUENESS & FULFILLING YOUR CALLING.** She explained how unique we are with what GOD had created within us to glorify Him. She further expanded on that topic in the following four major points.

Lesson 1:
Our uniqueness starts with the truth that we do not all have the same name. God knows your name and He designed everything about you. Nobody can take them, for He made it just for YOU. **When God Relates to you, HE calls you by your name. Isaiah 43:1**

Lesson 2:
You were created for something, and that makes you unique, your purpose makes you unique. The person that knows you most, that knows you totally, that knows you in and out is GOD ALMIGHTY. HE is the best and only person that would help you know what HE placed in you. HE has a perfect knowledge of you. Psalm 139:13-16 NKJV

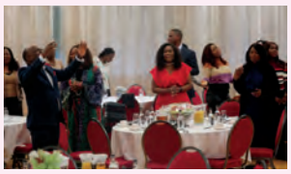
There's much more in GOD that we are yet to experience. There is so much more in GOD that He expects from you

Lesson 3:
Your purpose is for more benefit for GOD and mankind. Sometimes we can be heavenly relevant and earthly irrelevant. And sometimes we can be earthly relevant but heavenly irrelevant. GOD desires that we're both heavenly relevant, as well as earthly relevant.
Your purpose is not just for you alone, but for the world at large.

Lesson 4:
Once you've embraced your uniqueness and your calling, you must not give it up for anything else. God has intended that we will not just be unique, but also embrace our uniqueness.

Let's therefore make up our minds to align ourselves with GOD by embracing our uniqueness, and fulfilling our calling. If God wanted us to be the same, He would have created robots, to look and think and act the same.
You are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that's what makes you unique.

It was indeed an impactful weekend. We had time to ask questions at the end of each session and rounded up with a powerful prayer session led by pastor Ezekiel Alawale, for grace to venture out to do and become all that we learnt this whole weekend.



TESTIMONIES

"Psalms 107:21-22 "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank- offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy."

Throughout the year 2022 GOD has touched our lives in a variety of ways. This ranges from adding more years unto our lives, bringing a new life into this world, uniting two individuals into the blessed covenant of marriage, and giving us our daily bread & breath. Join us as we give thanks to GOD, He has been faithful in our lives.

Testimony of Successful Wedding and a Happy Marriage

"We thank God for the success of our daughter's wedding over the weekend. We thank God for Provision and help in all areas. Thank you GVC church for your prayers and support"**- Pastor Fenojo**

Testimony of Deliverance and Healing

"Thank God for healing both my father and brother, delivering my family from the wickedness of the enemy in 2022. God showed HIMSELF as healer, deliverer and put a new song in our mouth. Praise God". **- Minster Iye Achimugu**

"Thank God for delivering me from cancer."

"Thank God for delivering and healing my lower lumbar vertebrae and spinal injuries which affected my waist and knee making it difficult to stand and walk."- **Dr Ndukwe A. Dickson** (Men Of Radiance/ Prayer Group

Testimony of Academic Excellence

"Grateful to God on completion of a course, finished with an excellent result. I give God all the Glory"- Pastor Kemi Afolabi

Testimony of God for meeting expectations

"All my expectations for the year 2022 were met & accomplished., Thanking him ahead of what he will do in 2023. All Glory to God. Amen."- **Min Respect**

Testimony of Protection

"I return all the glory to GOD, for all he has done in my life and my family, for being part of the GVC family. Thank God for keeping me and my family in good health and condition to see the end of 2022"- **Mrs. Rosemary Sanctuary Department**

These are just a few… there're many more God has done in our lives and used to help us to achieve in the lives of our neighbours.. Your testimony is the key to someone else's prison. May we use not just our words but our lives to give thanks and proclaim to the world the goodness of GOD, as it says in the book of Ephesians "Live as children of light".

This year we celebrated most of our wonderful members' birthdays by inviting most of us to church together as one, coming together to give GOD the Glory, thanking HIM for keeping them and adding more years to their lives

First up some of our golden Jubilees

Pastor Mrs Pat Imade(right) with her husband. Pastor Mr Moses Imade (left) celebrating her 50th birthday.

Pastor Mrs Yinka Olubowale celebrated her 50th Birthday.

Mrs Kasayinga (left) standing with her husband Mr Richard Kasayinga (right) who also celebrated her 50th this year.

Mrs Respect U Celebrated her 40th birthday.

Mrs Doris Ebia celebrated how God delivered her and came through for her after a brain surgery.

These are just a few of our members who celebrated, we are sure many also celebrated this year.

"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south."
-PSALM 107:1-3 (ESV)

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HERITAGE

GVC CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE 2022 EVENT

Date(s):21-22 May 2022
Theme: Created for Exploits;
Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV) – *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.*

On Saturday 21 May 2022, the children department gathered to have a picnic at the Radford Recreation Ground (park behind the church premises) from 2pm to 4 pm. The children teachers arrived before hand to set up and secure the right spot in the park that allowed optimal monitoring of the children during the event. The park had already been surveyed prior to the event. **We took register of the children arriving from various GVC branches – we had a total of 59 children and 7 teachers.**

The picnic started with an opening prayer by Pastor Pat and safety rules were explained to the children. We then proceed with various fun activities including, warm up, football, waterchallenge, sprints, use of the playground facilities, badminton, and many more. Mid-way through these, we had a break for food (pizza, chicken, chips, snacks), drinks and ice-lollies. We concluded the event with a closing prayer, recounted the children to make sure every child was accounted for and waited for their parent to pick them up.

We believe the children had a lovely time during the Saturday picnic. **Some of the parents were present during the entire event and were very supportive in both caring for the children and participating in the fun activities.** Some other attendee of the park, both adult and children, enquired about our gathering and expressed very positive comments – it was a great opportunity to share about our faith and the church.

S**unday 22 May 2022** involved the children taking over most of the church second service (12 – 2 pm) at the GVC Nottingham premises. Over the past months and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the children of the GVC Children Ministry have been creating and rehearsing various activities with the sole goal of ministering on Sunday to the glory of God. ***The activities were based on our theme "Created for Exploits" and included bible recitation, spoken word, poem, choreography, drama, singing and a short sermon, all delivered by the children.*** All the children participated in at least one of these activities. The program was as follows:

1.Introduction – 5 min
2. Bible Recitation – 20 min
3. Spoken Word – 7 min
4.Poem – 5 min
5. Choreography – 7 min
6. Drama – 15 min
7. Songs (Choir) – 10 min
8. Sermon – 10 min
9. Cutting of the cake & Group photography – 15 min
10. Conclusion by Senior Pastor

Following a departmental meeting, the teachers shared that the Sunday ministrations went well and the children were all excellent. There were a number of difficulties we encountered and areas for improvement. Notes were taken and measure will be put in place for future event.

All in all, we give God all the glory. He has indeed been faithful to his word in Isaiah 54:13 – "All your children will be taught by the Lord". ***We are also grateful to the church leadership for the opportunity to celebrate the goodness of God in the lives of our children.***

God's Vineyard Ministry operates a vibrant youth ministry which comprises the Youth Church and the Radical Youth Fellowships. The Youth Church holds worship services at 5pm and 7pm every Sunday at the headquarters, GVC Nottingham during Term Time. Young people and students from all over Nottingham congregate on Sunday evenings to worship together.

The Radical Youth (RY) is a spiritual movement rapidly growing and currently based in over 18 universities all over the UK, where university students worship God together at respective times during the week. The head of the Radical Youth is Pastor Lab Mebude who is also the Youth Church leader.

Radical Youth Leadership Training is an annual training programme where the newly chosen and returning leaders, both in the Youth Church and Radical Youth are trained on carrying out responsibilities for the roles given.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY

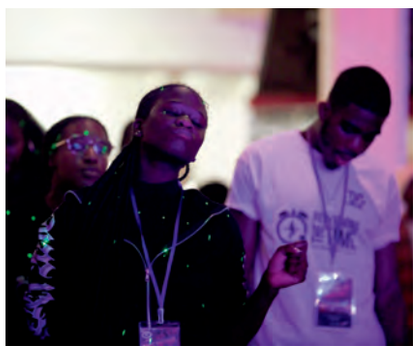
Currently there is an ongoing system to integrate the Radical Youth members into aspects of the GVM ministry via the Foundation School. The aim is to provide, as the name suggests, a strong base or strong foundation upon which their Christianity is established, so they can grow into strong and matured believers in Christ.

On November 18th - 20th, 2022 the Radical Youth Annual Let your Life Count Conference was held with the **theme 'Redeeming the Time'.** We had incredible performances by Ayo Israel, Day Threes Music, Twin Sax, the gospel duo Kim and Brenda & our forever astonishing radical youth Mass choir.

Each performed throughout the concert. In addition to exhilarating concerts, we had a variety of ministration & messages ranging from our very-own ministers and radical youth alumni. topics Ranging from our relationship with God and ourselves, studying techniques and tips to better network, figuring out our career paths.

Along with well-nourishing messages, other Radical Youth regions such as Preston and Lancaster and Nottingham and Trent ministered through drama, dance, poet & rap performance. Each was presented with outstanding and flavorful quality. It was indeed a time of restoration & redemption. ***This was Radical Youth's 19th conference. We give God all the glory as we have been blessed to hold this conference for nineteen years. Looking forward to RY2023.***

To God be the Glory



EMBRACE THE SEASON OF YOUR LIFE

PASTOR MUYIWA OLUBOWALE

LIFE:

Life is defined by time and seasons.
Life is a gift from God, and he has given us time to live and define our lives. God has given everybody the same time.

Time is a priceless commodity.

- The Greek word translated time:

Chronos: A period of duration. Quantitative. Calendar. Described in minutes, hours, weeks ,months, and years, decades, centuries, generations, etc.
Kairos: An appointed time at which an event happens or takes place. The set time. An appointed time. God sets this time. Eccl 3:11.
"You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to be gracious and show favour to her; Yes, the appointed time [the moment designated] has come."

PSALMS 102:13 AMP.

- Life is measured in time and how you use your time determines your success in life!

Everybody has time. Time is the only commodity common to man.
God has given all of us equal time to fulfil our purpose.
Time is divided into seasons by days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, generations.

Each season of life is made up of time and moments.

'Is a gift from God given to you to fulfil His purpose'- Dr Myles Munroe.

- God wants you to live your life and enjoy it!

"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)."

John 10:10 AMPC.

Time is very precious and is one of the most expensive things we have.
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- God has given us time to fulfil his purpose for our lives.

When you spend your time doing 'something' but not the right thing, you have lost valuable time and opportunity that you may not regain.
You must do the right thing at the right time in order to fulfil your purpose.

- **THE DEVIL ATTACKS YOUR TIME.** He is after your purpose not you really. That is why he attacks the time that you need to achieve your purpose. That's what he did to Joseph.

The devil steals, delays, diverts, and kills our time. Sometimes the devil will make you use your time the wrong way by doing the wrong things.

He ensures that you engage in activities, behaviours, habits etc. that wastes and devours your time so you have less time or no time to do the important and purposeful things in life.

This is why we need to redeem time by living carefully and living intentionally and purposefully.

Wikipedia defines time as:
'Kairos' is an ancient Greek word meaning 'the right, critical, or opportune moment.

In modern terms, kairos also means 'weather' or 'time'.

It is one of two words that the ancient Greeks had for 'time': the other being chronos. Whereas the latter refers to chronological or sequential time.

kairos signifies a proper or opportune time for action. In this sense, while chronos is quantitative, kairos has a qualitative, permanent nature.

Seasons:

Keep changing, whether four or two seasons depending on the northern or Southern hemisphere.

The end of one season ushers a new season.

Seasons are the fact of life.
Genesis 8:22""While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, day and night Shall not cease."" Genesis 8:22 NKJV.

"[The Lord] said, I will surely return to you when the season comes round, and behold, Sarah, your wife will have a son. And Sarah was listening and heard it at the tent door which was behind Him.

"He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding! **[Dan. 4:35.]"**

Daniel 2:21 AMPC.
"WHY [seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty] does He not set seasons for judgement? Why do those who know Him see not His days [for punishment of the wicked]? **[Acts 1:7.]"**
Job 24:1 AMPC.

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God created seasons:

- To order our lives.
- To get his purpose established.

To everything there is a season.
"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"
Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV

"Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses."
Ecclesiastes 3:1 GNB

"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, and day and night Shall not cease."
Genesis 8:22 NKJV

"He has made everything beautiful and appropriate in its time. He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]—yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what God has done (His overall plan) from the beginning to the end."
ECCLESIASTES 3:11 AMP

- Season and events or times within it precedes our Kairos (appointed time, the moment of action, the moment for fulfilment).
- God sets up events and experience in our seasons to bring about a Kairos which is necessary to achieve purpose.

We need to recognise Kairos potential and Kairos set up when going through the seasons of life.

It is not every event or experience that is Kairos related and that is why we need to be able to recognise and decipher as we embrace our seasons of life. We need revelation and discernment.

- The events that lead to 'a kairos moment can be (are usually set up by God):

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A challenge, An opportunity, An opposition, A situation, A need, A difficulty, An injustice, A shaking or awakening, A longing, emptiness, A famine.

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ECCLESIASTES 3:11 AMP
Seasons of life

Life is made up of seasons and each season is different.

- God makes us go through different reasons in life in order to achieve our purpose.

Seasons are a preparation for the future. Every season prepares you for the next one.

Seasons are periods of learning, preparation, maturity, and fulfilment of purpose.

Each season is unique and usually ushers you to the next one.

- ***THE DIFFERENT SEASONS WE GO THROUGH GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE EXPERIENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHO GOD IS.***

Types of seasons

1. ***Wilderness***
2. ***Promise land***
3. ***Singleness***
4. ***Marriage***
5. ***Sowing***
6. ***Harvest***

Each season is unique and has unique advantages, opportunities and challenges.

Each season is further subdivided into sub seasons.

The season before your Kairos is:
A preparation for your planned and divinely programmed open door.

A test of character, readiness, resilience, faith. Opportunity to use and fine tune your gifts and talents. Building up of your capacity for change and fulfilment

An assessment of your readiness for your breakthrough

An assessment of whether the Kairos is appropriate for the set time. Should it be delayed or executed at the set time.

Are you ready for what is about to come?

Season of Singleness:

You are single, Young, Full of energy ,Full of excitement ,Beautiful and handsome, Your mind is sharp and receptive… Read Next for the continuation.

Watch the full message on our Youtube Channel @ Gods Vineyard ministries.

RY WEEKEND AWAY 2022

Despite the current pandemic that has been amongst us, Weekend Away 2022 was a success with the help of The Almighty. There were numerous challenges in sight from 'Storm Eunice to coach delays 'but God made a way.

On Friday the departures took place from all regions and as we arrived, we were allocated to our chalets by the Alumni in charge. Friday evening at Cefa Lea was filled with Praise, Worship and social gathering from meeting new friends to catching up on old times.

Saturday was filled...

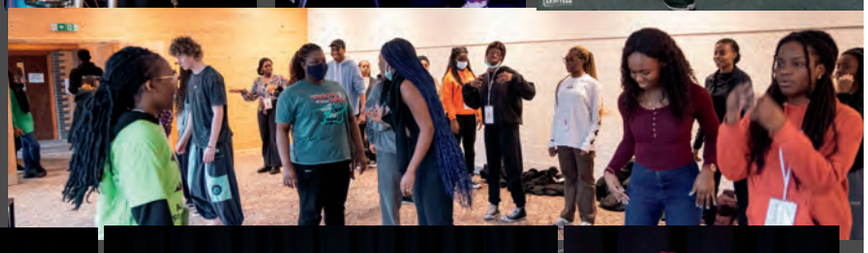
with excitement and different activities from Water Baptism, Terminator, Assault Course, Prayer Walk, Football Shout, Sumo Wrestling, Dance with Prisca, Inflatable Ball and including different selections of movies.

Personally, I participated in Prisca's dance class, and I was able to engage in dancing to gospel afro-beats whilst learning a new routine.

Radical Youth

Truly, Water Baptism was a beautiful experience seeing my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ following the path of Jesus Christ and many testimonies arose from the baptisms.

Afterwards, lunchtime consisted of 3 course meals, and we were separated into groups to present a presentation and eat within those groups. Afterwards, different events were preached on from Dysfunctional Home (inner Healing) to Living with Freedom. These sessions were truly a blessing as many questions and answers evolved from these topics. A relationship session took place were students and alumni were able to ask questions regarding relationship and modern dating



In the evening, Holy Spirit Ministration was held, and lives were truly transformed as spiritual gifts were birthed and chains were broken. Many people experienced spiritual encounters and there were numerous testimonies at the end. Afterwards, praise night took place as many individuals rejoiced and thanked God for victory.

Lastly, Sunday was the final day which consisted of Praise and Worship, Unforgiveness (topic), Testimonies, Lunch, Group Presentations, and Departure.

I can truly testify that Weekend Away 2022 was a blessing as lives were touched and transformed tremendously. If you have not been to Weekend Away yet, I highly recommend as you will not 'Understand the Experience until you Experience the Experience.' Come to Weekend AWAY 2023 and your life will never remain the same. **God bless you.**

Radical Youth

Attendance
TOTAL: 300

RY ALUMNI WEEKEND AWAY 2022

1st July 2022– 3rd July 2022

The Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire

Delegates were welcomed to the Alumni Weekend Away (AWA) and were registered at a centralised reception point, directed to their rooms, given a map of the grounds and allowed to settle in briefly. With Dinner first on the agenda delegates were able to get to know each other informally. The first official session was the introduction session, ice breakers further familiarised the delegates with each other. The first talk by Minister Ope set the weekend off to a promising start with the topic being Focusing On Christ.

Saturday morning...

kicked off with worship and prayer followed by an insightful talk on fixing your eyes by Senior Pastor. After a short break, there were successive sessions on personal finance and business, housing and a small group discussion on challenges faced in the workplace.

Delegates then had approx. 2 hours of free time which was used to either play games, sports, rest or pray as they desired. Counselling sessions were also made available with the Speakers and Ministers. The second half of the afternoon included a session on the relationships by Pastor Funmi Alawale. The evening then progressed with Pastor Muyiwa Olubowale leading a session on prayer and the spirit.

On the final morning, we had a church service with the word on keeping the momentum given by the Senior Pastor. The delegates were then given a talk on being part of RY and RY Alumni going forward led by Ebun and the AWA team and given time for oral feedback.

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Join us in achieving our mission of **"Empowering Lives and Building Society."** All funds raised will be used to expand the church's reach into various aspects of our society.

Your contributions will help to ensure that all community activity, including work with kids in the city and youths across the country, is carried out.

You can make a one-time or recurring donation of as low as £2, or set up monthly payments. **Simply fill out the standing form below to make a donation.**

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR YOUTH WORK

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager
Name of Bank / Building Society:
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Please pay: *God's Vineyard Ministries (RADICAL YOUTH) 292, Derby Rd, Lenton, Nottingham NG7 1QF*

Sort Code *….01 01 23….****Account Number*** *….79986307…. NATWEST BANK [UK]*

The sum of: (in words) _____ Pounds (£)

On the_____ (day), _____ (month), _____ (year)

And thereafter every month until further notice in writing and debit my account accordingly.

Name of account-holder to be debited:
Account Number:
Sort Code:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Your Address
Tel Number:
Email address:

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I would like tax to be reclaimed on my donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. I am a UK tax payer and pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that can be reclaimed on my donation. *Please tick.*

YES ☐ NO ☐

Please call 01159472486 if you have any queries. When completed, please return to God's Vineyard Church (Radical Youth) 292 Derby Road, Lenton, Nottingham. NG7 1QF.

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1. Fill in the standing order form and return (ORIGINAL) to us by post
2. **Donate by Telephone** : Please call 01159472486 / 07947797323
3. **Donate by Post**: Cheque, Postal or Money Order Payable to God's Vineyard Church with ref to Radical Youth

For Office only

4. Add name of donor to donor database (MS Access)
5. If the donor wishes to be gift aided then ensure this info is recorded on the donors' database.

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WITH US EVERY
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SERVICE TIMES: 9AM, 11:30AM, 5PM & 7PM
CONTACT: 07734957501
@godsvineyardministries

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Jesus is Lord !
HOUR OF
REFRESHING
IS BACK - EVERY THURSDAY
7PM - 8.30PM
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PRESENTS
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James
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CHARLTON, LONDON, SE7 8NQ
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COUPLE £5

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the WhatsApp camera to
join this community

MORNING
Prayer
NON-STOP PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST
5AM-6AM
https://bit.ly/gvcry
Meeting ID: 885 6657 1363
Passcode: GVCRY
WAKE
A FRIEND
UP TO PRAY
today

BRANCH DETAILS

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292 Derby Road, NG7 1QF
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admin@godsvineyardministries.org
www.godsvineyardministries.org.uk
Sunday Services:
1st: 9am - 11am**, 2nd:** 12noon - 2:00pm
3rd: 5:00pm - 6:30pm**, 4th:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm.
Sunday School: 8:30am
Sunday School: 11:30am

- **GVC Derby**

Suite 3, 158-162 Abbey Street, DE22 355
Tel: 07990957500
derby@godsvineyardministries.org
derby.godsvineyardministries.org
Sundays: 10.00am -12.30pm
Wednesdays: [Term Time only] Radical Youth Fellowship 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Thursdays: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

- **GVC Loughborough**

14 Cradock Street, LE11 1AH Tel: 07734957502
gvcladmin@godsvineyardministries.org
www.godsvineyardchurch-loughborough.org
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Sundays: 5:00pm-7:00pm Youth church (Uni Term Time)
Thursdays: House Fellowship 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Friday: Teaching & Prayer 7:00pm - 8:30pm

- **GVC Abuja**

Papal Ground
Kubwa - Gwarimpa Express
Opp Federal Housing, Kubwa FCT
Sundays: 8:00am-10:30am
Thursday: Prayer and Counselling 10:00am-3:00pm

- **GVC Leicester**

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07858482400
muyiwadada@gmail.com
www.godsvineyardchurch-leicester.org
Sundays: 2:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday Radical Youth Meeting: 7pm - 9pm
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- **GVC Birmingham**

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Hockley B18 5HH
07947797323
birminghamgvc@gmall.com
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Sundays: 11:00am-1:00pm
Mondays: [term time only] Radical Youth Birmingham Fellowship
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Tuesdays: Radical Youth Aston fellowship
6.30pm- 8:00pm (Term time only)

- **GVC Lagos**

Senators Suite &Towers,
No2 Ali Adesanya Street,
Oladipupo Estate, Behind Road Safety office or Bovas Filling Station, Ojodu Berger
08058248424
Sundays: 9am to 11:30am
Midweek service: Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm
Choir Rehearsals: Saturdays 3pm - 5pm.

Monthly Vigil: **First Fridays of each month**
Mid Week Services: **Hold on Thursdays in Nottingham (other Churches on specified days)**
Sunday Services: **Holds every Sunday**
Prayer and Fasting: **1st – 3rd of every month**

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GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2021

CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

CIO NO 1168046

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:	God's Vineyard Ministries
Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:	**1168046**
Principal Address	292 Derby Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF
Trustees	Dr O O Olubowale — Chairman Mr Kevin Price — Secretary Barrister Dennis Ekagha Pastor Jerome Obode Dr Jaf Abu
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 2 Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough LE11 5RB
	National Westminster Bank Plc 56 Churchill Square Brighton BN1 2ES
	Royal Bank of Scotland 13 Derby Road Nottingham NG1 5AA
Accountants	PVG Accounting Services 344 Moston Lane Manchester M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2021

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

God's Vineyard Ministries was originally a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission and governed by a Trust Deed dated 5th August 2001 and supplementary deed dated 14th May 2003 until 12th November, 2018 when it fully changed status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Generally trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by invitation as at when required and depending on their expertise and requirements of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

We arrange appropriate training both internally and through other voluntary training providers. The trustees and all involved in running the charity, including volunteers are always encouraged to acquire the necessary skills required for the achievement of the charity objectives.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Organisational structure

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of the report are set out above. The day to day responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all strategic decisions of the charity.

The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. All trustees including the senior pastor give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There are full time employees who are engaged in the administrative running of the Church office. The charity is also assisted by members who render voluntary services.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Principal Activities

Our objectives and principal activity is to promote the advancement of the christian faith, the relief of poverty to general public and promotion and fulfilment of various charitable causes within the local community and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees think fit.

The Charity pursues these objectives by operating at the headquarter church in Nottingham and across our satellite churches.

Mission statement

To minister to the total man through:

a) Church Planting: To have churches planted all over the United Kingdom and abroad.
b) Prison Ministry: Providing support and encouragement to offenders while in the Prison. Mentoring programs aimed at befrending ex-offenders to help and re-integrate them into the society.Skill development that can help them to be gainfully employed.
c) Ministry to the Homeless: Sharing God's love with the homeless and vulnerable people in the community.
d) Family Forum: Quarterly programmes which focus on relevant family issues; parenting, relationships, communication etc.
e) Youth Development &Capacity Building: Library open to students and others in the community, computer training specially designed to help equip the youth for employment, seminars, counselling on drug addiction, marriage, carreer etc.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Our Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits theyhave brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidiance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the advancement of the Christian religion and the relieve of poverty and sickness. The policy of God's Vineyard Ministries is to pursue objectives in the following ways:

1. Provision of Weekly Churc ces on Thursday and Sundays and to minister to physical,spiritual and material needs of the congregants.

2. Provision of services to individuals, families and community at large. The service includes a wide range of spiritual and social care.

3. Focusing on the material needs of certain members undergoing difficult financial situations.

4. Working with other Christian agencies and Churches in Nottingham, London, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Loughborough to advance the preaching of the Gospel.

5. Radical Youth outreaches in over 25 Universities in the United Kingdom at: Aston University(Birmingham) Bristol University, Derby University,Leicester University,Loughborough University,Manchester Univeristy, University of East Anglia,-Norwich Nottingham Trent Univeristy, Nottingham University(Headquater), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.

6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christain counselling, prayers and deliverance solely on the basis of our ability to provide appropriate help and regardless of race, colour nationality, religion,gender,age, legal status and personal history.

Development and Achievements in the Year

The charity's events were properly managed, executed and reviewed for its impact on members. Our charity continues to grow in Sunday morning attendance, youth and children's ministry. We minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our members and new comers in our midst. We have helped relief poverty and hardship amongst both regular and irregular congregants who are suffering from financial hardship due to unemployment and lack of financial resources.

The charity conducted crusades in the community to propagate the Christian tenets to non Christians.
The charity has not undertaken any large capital projects although it continues to search for appropriate site to increase its charitable activities.

Financial Review

The charity was able to raise a total income of £551,949 during the year under review. This amount includes the Job Retention Scheme grant received from the government to support small businesses and charities during the Covid-19 period.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of donations and gifts from congregants through the offering basket passed during church services and though bank standing orders. We have exercised our right to reclaim the tax on the donations and gifts received from the congregants and this has proved a steady and growing source of additional income.

Investment Policy

The Charity retains a significant amount in the savings account. The objective of the investment policy is to invest in cash at banks where the capital is protected. The charity currently has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in cash at banks where immediate access and security of funds is guaranteed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which equates to at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time.

The expenditure for 2021 is £396,799 and therefore the targeted reserves should be between £99,200 and £198,399.50 in general funds. The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the trustees are confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserve policy was met during this year.

Plans for Future Periods

In the near future, the charity plans to expand its operations and will continue our drive towards providing more benefits to our community The Charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements such as Work Based Academy comprising - Youth Employment,Sector based Academy, Adult Education and Training for not in Education or Employment for not in Education or Employment/Vocational Training.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2021

Trustees ' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and the followings:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Accountants

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information'.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

21 May, 2022

God's Vineyard Ministries
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the God's Vineyard Ministries for the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilty to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Charity Act 2011;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)[b] of the Charity Act 2011; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Dorcas Olowoyo FCA, FFA/FIPA
PVG Accounting Services & Consultancy Ltd
344 Moston Lane
Manchester
M40 9JS

God's Vineyard Ministries
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 **Total Funds** £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		368,186	-	**368,186**	358,716
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		87,971	-	**87,971**	83,943
Building Fund		14,869	-	**14,869**	20,052
Youth Ministry		4,675	-	**4,675**	30,756
Magazine/Calender		544	-	**544**	130
Covenant Partner		1,858	-	**1,858**	2,213
Sundry Income		278	-	**278**	848
Job Retension Scheme Grant		73,568	-	**73,568**	41,018
Derby City Council Grant		-	-	-	10,000
Activities for generating funds:					
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities:					
Grants & Contracts		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		551,949	-	**551,949**	547,676
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	**2**	318,704	-	**318,704**	322,153
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	-	-	-
Charity activities	**3**	74,595	-	**74,595**	130,250
Governance Costs	**4**	3,500	-	**3,500**	3,500
Total resources expended		396,799	-	**396,799**	455,903
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains		155,150	-	**155,150**	91773
Net movement in funds		155,150	-	**155,150**	91,773
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward		615,986		**615,986**	524,213
Total funds carried forward		771,136	-	**771,136**	615,986

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on Pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**8**	914,423	935,372
Currents assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	30,675	26,218
Cash at bank and in hand		289,989	102,766
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(50,850)	(66,434)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**1,184,237**	997,922
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	**11**	(413,101)	(381,936)
Net Assets		**771,136**	615,986
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	**12**	771,136	615,986
Total funds		**771,136**	615,986

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 21 May, 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective 1 January 2015.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furthermore of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity , are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA (Statement of Financial Activities) on a of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estmated usage as set out in Note 4.

e. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments and Land and Building) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write of the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years.

Depreciation of Building is calculated to write off its cost over 50 years on a straight line basis.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund	**Restricted Fund**	**2021 Total**	2020 Total
	£	**£**	**£**	£
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Derby City Council Grant	-	-	**-**	10,000
	551,949	-	**551,949**	547,676

Total Resources Expended

2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

Basis of Allocation		***Church Work***	***Support Cost***	***Governance***	**2021**	2020
		£	**£**	**£**	**£**	£
Staff Costs	Direct	133,639	-	-	**133,639**	142,874
Bank Charges	Direct	-	28,960	-	**28,960**	30,484
Administration	Direct	-	25,203	-	**25,203**	35,689
Professional Fees	Direct	-	6,782	-	**6,782**	2,781
Support Costs	Direct	-	78,100	-	**78,100**	84,305
Premises	Direct	-	46,020	-	**46,020**	26,020
		133,639	**185065**	**-**	**318,704**	322,153

3. Charitable Activities

Ministry	Direct	74,595	-	-	**74,595**	130,250
		74,595	-	-	**74,595**	130,250

4. Governance Cost

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	3,500	**3,500**	3,500
		-	-	**3,500**	**3,500**	3,500
Total Resources Expended		**208,234**	**185065**	**3,500**	**396,799**	455,903

5. Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging:	**2021**	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	31,164	28,403
Audit & Accountancy Fees	3,500	3,500
	34,664	31,903

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Pay Transactions

No member of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive/Senior Pastor received any remuneration during the year.

7. Taxation

As a charity, God's Vineyard Ministries is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have risen in the Charity.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Building	**Motor Vehicles**	**Equipment Furniture & Fittings**	**2021 Total**
			£	**£**
Cost				
At 1 September 2020	1,202,640	9,518	236,827	**1,448,985**
Additions in year		-	10,216	**10,216**
At 31 August 2021	1,202,640	9,518	247,043	**1,459,201**
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2020	285,497	9,517	218,600	**513,614**
Charge for the year	24,053	-	7,111	**31,164**
At 31 August 2021	309,550	9,517	225,711	**544,778**
Net Book Value				
At 31 August 2021	**893,090**	**1**	**21,332**	**914,423**
At 31 August 2020	917,143	1	18,228	935,372

9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	30,675	26,218
	30,675	26,218

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	3,500	3,500
Other Creditors	47,350	62,934
	50,850	66,434

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	**2021** **£**	2020 £
Mortgage Creditors	363,101	381,936
Barclays Bounce Back Loan	50,000	-
Long Term Creditors	**413,101**	381,936

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds **£**	**Designated Funds** **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds** **£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	914,423	-	-	914,423
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	320,664			320,664
Current Liabilities	(50,850)	-	-	(50,850)
Long Term Liabilities	(413,101)			(413,101)
Net Assets at 31st August 2021	**771,136**	-	-	**771,136**

13. Movements in Funds

	At 1 September 2020 **£**	**Incoming Resources [Inc Gains]** **£**	**Outgoing Resources** **£**	**Transfers** **£**	**At 31August 2021** **£**
Restricted Funds:	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	615,986	551,949	396,799	-	**771,136**
Total Unrestricted Funds	615,986	551,949	396,799	-	**771,136**
Total Funds	**615,986**	**551,949**	**396,799**	**-**	**771,136**

God's Vineyard Ministries
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2021

			2021			2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income			**551,949**			547,676
LESS OVERHEADS						
Staff Costs						
Salary	121,632			129,633		
National Insurance	6,000			7,443		
Employer Pension Contribution	2,604			3,367		
Staff Costs - Lagos Church	3,403			2,431		
		133,639			142,874	
Premises Costs						
Light & Heating	6,839			9,831		
Rent & Rates	2,002			2,401		
Premises Repair & Maintenance	36,171			12,186		
Fire & Security	1,008			1,602		
		46,020			26,020	
Bank Charges						
Bank Charges	1,066			2,123		
Mortgage Interest	27,894			28,361		
		28,960			30,484	
Administration						
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,844			4,267		
Telephone and Internet Charges	8,001			10,392		
Training	5,187			2,462		
Subscription Fees	1,517			1,952		
Hire of Premises	8,654			16,616		
		25,203			35,689	
Ministry						
Evangelism and Promotion	9,116			11,608		
TV Ministry & Media Expenses	7,606			6,029		
Youth Ministry	8,364			48,585		
Events, Retreats & Conferences	6,504			16,959		
Catering, Refreshment & Hospitality	2,904			11,781		
Gift to Charities & Visiting Ministries	15,013			15,679		
Welfare, Donations & Love Gifts	24,926			19,223		
Books, Tapes & Videos	162			386		
		74,595			130,250	
Professional Fees						
Legal & other fees	6,782			2,782		
Accountancy Fees	3,500			3,500		
		10,282			6,282	
Support Costs						
Hotel, Travel & Motor Expenses	30,420			37,517		
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	582			899		
Insurance	13,624			14,366		
Depreciation	31,164			28,403		
Sundry expenses	2,310			3,120		
		78,100			84,305	
			(396,799)			(455,903)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			**155,150**			91,773
Surplus brought forward			**615,986**			524,213
Surplus carried forward			**771,136**			615,986

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WELCOME TO GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Here is a brief summary of who we are, what we are called to do, how we do it and how you can fit into this family. Our desire is to see you becoming a part of us and to find a place where you can serve God and fulfill your God ordanied purpose on the earth.

OUR MISSION

"Empowering lives and Building society"

WHO WE ARE

We are not just a conventional church. We are more than a church; we are a family. God's Vineyard Ministries is a God given vision, where God is the Gardener, Jesus is the Vine and we are the Branches. Through this relationship, we spread the gospel to the world and bear fruits that abide to serve as the Vineyard of God on earth (John 15).

OUR JOURNEY

God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) was founded in Nottingham, United Kingdom in 2001 by Dr. Ezekiel Olusegun and Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale, under God's leading and instruction. During this period, the Lord led Dr. Ezekiel to Pastor E.A Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, to submit under his spiritual leadership and mentorship.

Under Dr. Ezekiel & Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale's oversight as Senior Pastors of GVM, the Ministry now has 6 Churches in the United Kingdom.

OUR VISION

"To raise a people with a Kingdom mindset, to discover their purpose, maximise their potentials and influence their generation with the Gospel of Christ."

OUR CORE BELIEFS

- We believe that the Bible is the word of God: its doctrine is our doctrine.
- We believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world, and rose up the third day for our justification.
- We believe in Christ's second coming, the day of judgment and salvation of the faithful.
- We believe salvation is obtained through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is by grace.
- We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the great commission: To go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all the people.
- We believe in the efficacy of prayers in communicating with God through Jesus Christ.
- We believe in life after death.
- We believe in investing in the development of the younger generation

OUR IDENTITY

God's Vineyard Ministries is a praying church, and we are committed to raising a praying generation of young and old believers, who will put God's Kingdom first. (Matt 6:33). We are also committed to raising a generation of people who will be heavenly conscious and earthly relevant. Our identity is about seeking to help people discover their purpose and fulfill their destiny in God.

How we seek to achieve this:
By reaching UP,
By reaching IN and
By reaching OUT.

OUR GOALS

1. To draw many into the GVC family
2. To offer them the opportunity to have personal encounter with Christ and become true members of God's family [Matt 28:19]
3. To create a platform to disciple everyone who becomes a member into Christ-like maturity [Matt 28:20; Col 1:28].
4. And prepare members for Christian service and missions [Matt 22:39; 28:19].
5. With the ultimate objective of raising an army of believers whose sole aim is to glorify God in all things and make heaven [Matt 22:37-38].

WHAT WE DO

- Youth work
- School outreach
- Community outreach [Prison Ministry, Food banks, etc]
- Work and career development
- Family and relationship development

WHERE YOU CAN FIT IN

- Men's fellowship - Known as 'Men of Radiance'
- Women's fellowship - Known as 'Women of Excellence'
- Youth Fellowship - Youth Church and Radical Youth (RY).
- Teenager's Fellowship - Known as 'Vine Teens'
- Children Ministry - Known as 'Vine Heritage'
- Couples Forum
- House Fellowships
- Various service groups across our branches.

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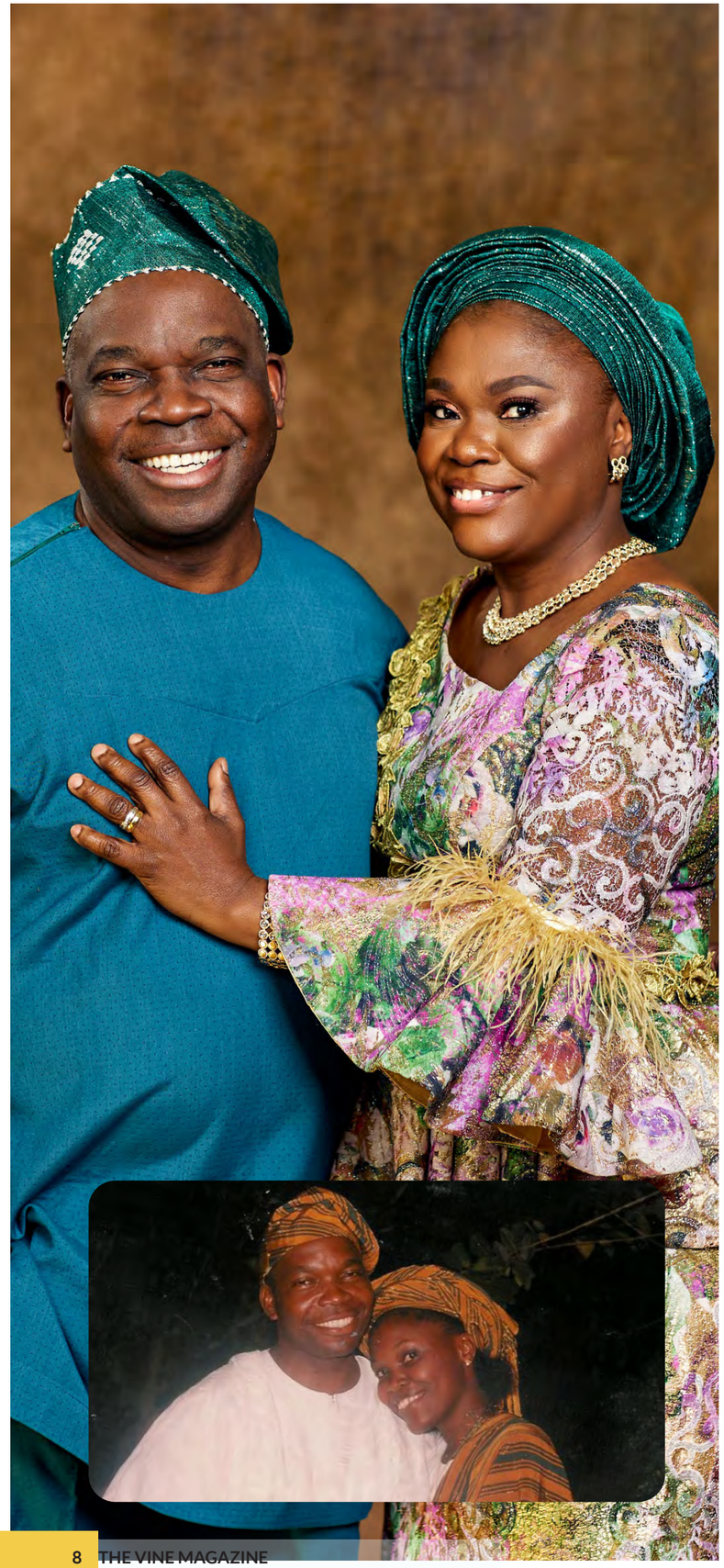

Dr Alawale started his early family life and career in Niger State Nigeria, where he worked at the General Hospital alongside his wife, who was also working at the time in the same hospital. He left Niger state in 1987 and later joined Jokotola Memorial Hospital for two years as a Medical officer. In 1989, he began his postgraduate surgical training with University of Ife Teaching Hospital and later completed the training at the University College Hospital (UCH) Ibadan.

Dr Alawale Lectured in Surgery at UCH and the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; where he was the chief resident surgeon. He was later appointed a consultant in Pediatric Surgery after his Fellowship in 1995. In 1996, he worked briefly in the Pediatric Surgery Unit in a hospital in Mannheim, Germany and later returned to Nigeria in 1997, after God spoke to him that Germany was not the place for him.

In February 1998, he took a study leave from the University of Ibadan to further his studies in pediatric surgery in the United Kingdom.

Ministry Years

In 1989, Dr Alawale was the head of the Prayer unit at the Chapel of Grace Ile-Ife, Osun State Nigeria. He was also the Intercessory unit leader and Sunday school teacher while in UCH Ibadan.

In January 1994, he joined the Sword of the Spirit Ministry and was ordained an Assistant Pastor

in the same year. In 1995, he was ordained a full pastor and was responsible for planting several church branches while in the Ministry. He pastored Covenant Chapel Bodija before finally leaving for the UK to further his studies.

He received the call to pioneer God's Vineyard Ministries in 2001, while working as a Pediatric Surgical Registrar, at Royal Alexandra Children Hospital, Brighton, UK.

God's Vineyard Ministry

Dr Alawale and his wife, Dr Olufunmilayo Alawale, founded God's Vineyards Ministries, popularly known as GVC; with its headquarters in Nottingham, UK, in March 2001. They co-pastor the Nottingham church. Due to the demands of long distance weekly travels from Brighton to Nottingham, Dr Alawale made the decision to give up his Surgery career and retrain as a General Practitioner under the VT Scheme for another three years in Mansfield. This was to give him the liberty to relocate to Nottingham and also to free his weekends to focus more on the work of the Ministry

God's Vineyard Ministries currently has six branches in the United Kingdom and two branches in Nigeria (Lagos and Abuja). The Ministry also has a heart and calling towards the youth; with a vibrant and fast growing youth ministry, popularly called 'Radical Youth', currently established in 26 universities in the UK, and still growing.

The Ministry hosts several annual conferences and events; including the Kingdom Life Conference, Women of Excellence Conference, Let Your Life Count (Youth) Conference, Prayer Conference, Young People & Singles Forum, and Youth Weekend Away.

Alongside his pastoral calling and duties, Dr Alawale currently works as a General Practitioner. He and his wife are blessed with three lovely Children; Tosin, Toyin and Tomi, and two beautiful granddaughters.

*Pastor. (Dr) Ezekiel Olusegun Alawale, *MBBS, (Ibadan), FWACS, FRCS (I) **
Senior Pastor GVM and Chair-person MBLC Nottingham.

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Brother Gbile Akanni

Brother Gbile Akanni heads the Living Seed Ministry located in Gboko, Nigeria, which is committed to turning believers into disciples. The ministry is trans-denominational and reaches into every strata of the nation.

He is the author of many books and has published life changing magazines. His Ministers' Leadership Retreat, which takes place in December every year, is attended by 15,000 leaders from all walks of life. Brother Gbile travels extensively and his authoritative teaching is deeply challenging and life-changing, and he has a deep desire to see a mighty visitation of God in these crucial times.

Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo

Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo, a graduate of English, is a woman with deep insight into God's word. She is in high demand as a Conference and Seminar speaker. Her weekly Television Broadcast (The Woman) reaches many homes.

She is also the convener of the annual "Woman In Conference", "Mother's Summit" and "Women On The Winning Edge", to mention a few. She is the Vice-President of Agape Christian Ministry and she is married to Bishop Felix Adejumo, the president of Agape Christian Ministries Inc., Akure, Nigeria.

KINGDOM LIFE CONFERENCE 2022

Pastor Agu Irukwu

Pastor Agu is the senior pastor of The Redeemed Christian Church Of God, Jesus House London. Having read law at the University of Warwick, he began his legal career as a barrister and then progressed into investment banking. He was ordained as a pastor in 1993 and became senior pastor of Jesus House in April of the following year, two months after the church was set up.

Rev Samson Ajetomobi

Rev Samson Ajetomobi, is an Agricultural Engineer by profession and a member of several professional bodies of managers. He is a televangelists and the *President of The Men of Issachar Vision Incorporated* (MIV),which commenced in 1989 and the Overseer of the Redemption Faith Churches is a man called by God with the mandate to reach the unreached at all cost and reawaken the Church to her responsibilities.

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Why Some Couples Are Not Enjoying The Blessings of Marriage

Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo

God's Vineyard has a deep commitment to the marriage institution. Every year the couples forum committee helps to facilitate programmes aimed at strengthening marriages. Just to mention a few, in 2021, a Singles and Couples Conference was held from **14th-16th May, with the theme 'Back To Eden'.** There was also a couples breakfast on the 13th of November 2021, with focus on certain qualities that make-up a healthy marriage, namely; good communication, transparency, mutual-respect, intimacy, etc. A special dinner session was also held for couples who have been married for up to 5 years.

The following article features some of the highlights from Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo's message at the 'Back To Eden' conference. She spoke on what marriage is, The five phases of marriage, benefits of unity in marriage and what a man and woman want or desire from each other.

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Marriage could mean different things to different people. To some it is a necessary evil; doing it because it has to be done. To some, a social contract dictated by traditional and societal beliefs; to others an organised relation, a business transaction, etc.

What is Marriage:

Marriage is a gift of God [Genesis 2:18]. Adam never asked for a wife, nor did Eve a husband; HE gave them to each other. Marriage is a covenant relationship not a contract; it is for life. Marriage is a mystery that is meant to be unravelled [Proverbs 30:19]. It's a divine calling.

Marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman. In a marriage relationship both parties seek to give and to receive satisfaction of healthy needs, desires and expectations. It is not about perfection; it's about progress, where both choose to be the right person, choose to contribute, choose to please GOD. It's not a one-way traffic, neither is it a 50/50 affair; it is 100/100. Marriage is sweet based on the cutlery you use. It is the highest level of friendship anyone can ever experience.

Marriage goes through different stages. Friendship with your partner is an absolute key to a long-lasting marriage. Marry your friend! Marry someone you know and like very well. Always speak to your heavenly Father [GOD] about whoever you might be interested in for marriage. Ladies, don't marry a man because of what he drives; marry him because of what drives him.

Your spouse is someone you associate with on all levels, psychologically, financially, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and all [Genesis 2:25]. Your spouse is somebody who knows your faults and accepts you just as you are, but helps you grow to who you could be. But be careful not to marry a parasite, for they'll suck the life out of you. As we rise on the ladder of success, honest feedback becomes rare.

Your spouse is meant to tell you the truth, to help you realise the purpose of God for your life.

Your spouse can be transparent, honest and vulnerable with you. You can count on them in times of crises. A good spouse will stand for and by you

A good marriage is not a master-servant relationship. Husbands, your wife is not inferior to you. You were not created to dominate her. If you want to know how to treat your wife in the right way, just look at how Jesus treats you.

Five Phases Of Marriage

The honeymoon phase: You're both excited and deeply in love with one another, spending time exploring each other, a period of intimacy and love, practising every single thing you learnt about being a wonderful husband and wife. It is intended by God for this phase to last forever.

Reality phase: Life is dawning on you, and slowly but surely you realise the flaws and shortcomings of your spouse. Welcome to the University of Marriage! Each marriage is unique; you cannot compare it with another, you build it with one another. No one else can build but you. At this stage the humanity of your spouse shows up. Marriage is whatever you make out of it; no one wants a liability in their marriage. You must help each other during this phase and ensure that you let no one's opinion dictate the reality of your marriage.

I am not a fool or 'what about me' phase: This phase is loaded with tensions and most couples separate because each one is trying to find out what they want in life; who they are aside from this marriage, individual legacies. Hence most couples begin to act selfishly, which might have a negative impact on the marriage, causing a lot of tension. This phase requires a lot of prayers, understanding, sacrifice, selflessness, etc. Identify the root of the problem and deal with it properly.

Teamwork or Cooperation phase: Couples working together to better understand each other, sorting out the issues and the problems by sitting down to discuss practical steps on how to better solve the problems. It requires lots of prayers, understanding, and endurance. Consistent effort is put into building your home, raising your children, improving your finances, furthering your careers. If you get it right, it's a wonderful accomplishment.

Gracious phase: You have an in-depth understanding of each other as well as yourself. You've done it all, you've seen all there is of your spouse. It's a beautiful stage. Ageing together, sit back to watch your children and grandchildren thrive. Here you enjoy the compound interest of the hard work and effective planning together you've put into your marriage. This is a beautiful and blissful phase.

What a man wants from a woman

Respect: Every man has ego; rich or poor, tall or short, every man has an ego. Also fulfilling sexual relations: Wives, do not take your husband for granted; make it your commitment to make him enjoy your union sexually.

Furthermore, a man wants a decent and neat woman; an intelligent, hospitable, forgiving and Godly woman. A non-arrogant, submissive woman. Submission is strength; not subjugation.

What a woman wants in man

Someone to look up to; a friend not a boss, a decent man. A man who validates her both in public and in private. A man that speaks her love language, meets her needs, defends and protects her

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COUPLE'S CORNER

PRECIOUS AND AJI THOMAS

Short story line: How we met

We met at a mutual friend's fundraising event. On a flight from Italy, Aji randomly met a long-time friend of Precious, who later invited him to an occasion organised to support family and friends. Both of us were completely unaware that our common friend actually prayed to God that we would connect at the event.

How I knew she was the one

After the event, I picked up the conversation with her a month later – yeah slow, right?! Anyway, we started getting to know each other. I had my resolve with God not to make a decision until He directed me. As I prayed, and we spoke over a vast range of topics, I realised her hunger for God and the overwhelming peace of God in my heart.

What I did when He spoke to me

Aji made his intentions clear right from the first date. This gave me some reassurance that he had good motives and he wasn't interested in casual dating but a long-term relationship. As we started having regular communication, I prayed and asked God to guide me and also to dissolve the relationship if it wasn't His will.

What role did parents and mentors play

We both came to the table with clear ideas of what to look for in a godly spouse. Parents, mentors, pastors, and Christian friends had enormous impact in the way we approached the relationship and made our choices.

The build-up to marriage

Following our introduction, we took enough time to prepare for the marriage. When all was said and done, we had undertaken counselling with three different ministries (though, this wasn't intentional), read and discussed various books on marriage, prayed and fasted together, spoken with mentors and models, attended Christian singles retreat, and discussed as many life topics as we could think of.

Any challenges?

We could say COVID-19, although we eventually realised it was a blessing in disguise for us – in all things we are learning to place our complete trust in God. Another challenge was around where to build a home as we initially lived far from each other and both wanted a change. Words and pages wouldn't be enough to testify of God's goodness and how we both ended up in Nottingham and especially at GVC.

How the marriage counselling went - Was it helpful in any way?

Marriage counselling helped in shaping our understanding of God's intent for marriage as well as providing principles and practical examples to help us build a thriving relationship. We strongly recommend counselling before any marriage in our 'modern' world.

What have we learnt in these early days of our marriage?

Communication is key! We are each other's best friend and being on the same wave-length just makes it an absolute joy to be married. The first year is special in its way and we tackle issues immediately as they arise, making sure we build a solid and Godly foundation for the future.

Advice to soon to be married

There is safety in counsel; bible-based counsel. We also realised that preparation time was important, while taking time to know and really understand each other. Above all, you need God, so be sure you are in-tune and listening.

OPE AND EBUN ADEJUYIGBE

Short story line: How we met

Ebun: We actually met at God's Vineyard Church. Ope was here visiting during his last Sunday in Nottingham and after the church service he walked up to me to introduce himself. After a brief conversation, he asked for my number. I was rather reluctant but couldn't think of a good reason to say no at the time, so I gave it to him. He later told me I had 'distracted him throughout the service'. He'd spotted me backing up during the praise and worship and then had gone to find out who I was.

How did you know Ebun was the one?

Ope: When I saw Ebun, I knew she was the one immediately; something in me resonated with her even though I'd never met her. I was advised by my mentor earlier in the year to pray about my choice of wife, and during the process of prayer, I felt led to the story of Isaac and Rebekah as a picture of how I would meet my wife. I equally had a perception about the time period in which I would meet her. When it was time, things happened in exactly the time period and in the manner in which I had perceived. Additionally, I had a very specific description of what the person would look like. I remember describing them to my Aunt a week before I met Ebun and was chastised for greatly narrowing my options, but in the end God was simply at work in me to will and to do His good pleasure

What exactly did you do as the man and what did she do when you spoke to her?

Ope: I silenced my fears and went to speak to her! I knew I didn't have much to lose if she said no to me at that point. After I'd spoken to her, she told me she would let me know when she was ready for a call at a later date - this took about a week. I was very honest with Ebun from the start about where I saw the relationship going and who I thought she was to me.

What role did parents and mentors play

Ebun: Both our mentors and parents played big roles in the process for us, by praying along and giving Godly advice. My mentor was able to advise me on questions to ask and behaviours to observe when we went on our first date. Also my parents were able to give further confirmation regarding my choice in Ope. God had spoken to them 18 months previously about the process of marriage and they both knew things about Ope's character before they'd even met him, which they just confirmed in person. Both sets of parents were incredibly supportive of our decisions and the quick progression of our relationship - we can't thank them enough!

Ope: My mentor was also very supportive in providing Godly counsel about managing the relationship and the boundaries we should maintain during the engagement period.

In the build up to the marriage, were there any challenges?

Both: In truth, compared to many couples we don't think we had many challenges, as the process was very quick for us: less than a year from when we first met to when we got married. The main 'challenge' we faced was to reassure people we knew what we were doing. The decision making was very easy for us as we had both felt we heard God on the matter and other godly people confirmed it. Having two sets of godly parents made things much easier. They were able to

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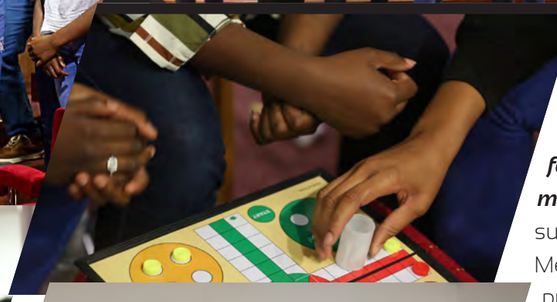


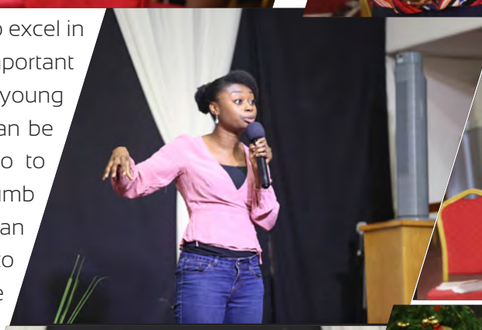
Vine Teens

Summer Camp 2021

by Joanna Mwansa

GVM Vine Teens had their annual summer camp on Saturday 14th August 2021. This was an exciting event because the teen did not get to do anything last summer due to the global pandemic. Although the summer camp happened as a one day event in the GVM auditorium rather than a residential trip away from home for a few days, the teenagers still enjoyed it. We had a total of 29 teens which included 20 teens from GVM Nottingham, 4 teens from GVM Loughborough, 2 teens from GVM Derby and 3 visitors.

The Vine Teens teachers agreed that the camp would go on this year following Covid guidelines, and we also decided to make it free because we understood that some parents have more than one teenager attending the camp; we simply wanted to make it accessible to all. God's Vineyard Ministries sponsored the event to cover food, drinks and snacks for the whole day. GVM believes in empowering the teenagers to live an enriched Christ centered life; we want them to excel in every area of their lives. It is important to lead them to Christ from a young age so that the foundation can be set, as they grow up and go to university it's easy to succumb to peer pressure and to lead an ungodly life. We want them to remain in Christ at every stage of their lives.



Vine Teens summer camp began at 10am till 6pm, it was a day of worship, seminars, games and activities. We had 4 guest speakers and 2 Vine Teens teachers lead us in the seminars. The first seminar was led by ***Mr Opeyemi Adejuyigbe, he spoke about a 'New heart and a new spirit' focusing on*** King David, the aim of this was to encourage the teenagers to have a renewed heart and mind through the Holy Spirit and he ended the session with an Altar call.

The second seminar was led by Vine Teens teacher ***Dr Ebun Adejuyigbe, she focused on emotional and mental health,*** discussing topics such as depression and anxiety. Mental health difficulties are very prevalent within teenagers with alarming suicide rates in the last 2 years. "There were 5,691 suicides in England and Wales in 2019, that is 321 more compared to the year before." – Samaritans. Then Dr Ebun also gave helpful ways in which they can look after themselves and also how God wants them to have a healthy mind and soul.

The third seminar was on academic excellence led by ***Mrs Tope Osaze and Miss Mayowa Olubowale, an ex-Vine Teen who spoke to the 3 teenagers going to university in the year 2021.*** Tope spoke to the teenagers about excellence and diligence in their studies and how the Grace of God and planning in advance can really help them to excel. She also gave tips on how they can improve in their exams and also learn how to utilize their teachers. Mayowa focused on the university journey, as someone who is still in university and was able to share some helpful tips for those who are preparing to start.

Our final seminar was split into two sessions, male & female. Female session led by Miss Joanna Mwansa and male session led by Minister Clive Burton. These sessions were focused on relationships with self and others. ***Minister Clive focused on Identity, and understanding the basic temperaments*** which will allow us to have healthy relationships with others. ***Joanna focused on self-esteem and how that can affect how you relate with people and then gave biblical truths*** on how God wants the teens to see themselves through His own eyes. She also explored boundaries and how they can set healthy boundaries within their friendships groups so that people will never take advantage of them.

We were also joined by Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, who closed the evening off in a time of prayer and also did an Altar call.

As you can see from the topics explored during the day, we wanted to make sure that we address matters that relate to the teens and to give them a chance to ask questions and to reflect on some of the things they may need to change in their own lives. We hope that it wasn't just a one day event for them but an event that will help them to make better decisions which will align them with their God given destiny.

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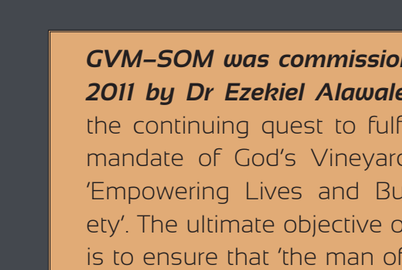
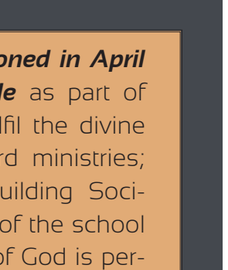
God's Vineyard Ministry's School Of Ministry (GVM-SOM)

GVM–SOM was commissioned in April 2011 by Dr Ezekiel Alawale as part of the continuing quest to fulfil the divine mandate of God's Vineyard ministries; 'Empowering Lives and Building Society'. The ultimate objective of the school is to ensure that 'the man of God is perfected, thoroughly furnished unto every good work'. The school has since graduated over 130 students, who are serving in various capacities in the Kingdom of our Lord. The school currently boasts of a number of high quality academic staff and a research board.





SOM Graduation Ceremony at the Kingdom Life Conference in March 2020

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Mr Olawale Ogunmola- GVM Administrator: 07734957501, admin@godsvineyardministries.org

Course Structure:
The course structure is a modular system involving the following arrangement:

- The programme can be completed within one or two years
- Class lectures are supplemented by "home Studies."
- Each module is usually thought in four sessions, on Tuesday nights, 7.00-9.30pm
- One week breaks between modules, with a longer break from Dec to Jan
- On-Line facilities are available for distant students for the entire duration of the course.

Course Content:

- Leadership
- Introduction to Counselling
- Foundation Theology
- Old & New Testament Surveys
- Church Administration
- Introduction to Biblical Doctrines
- Mission, Evangelism and Revival.
- BibliologyandHermeneutics(Understanding the Bible & Biblical Interpretation)
- Pastoral Ministry and Homiletics

Date and Time:
The academic year of the GVM-SOM runs from May to February each year. However, as a result of the modular nature of the course, students can join the programme at any stage within the year and work through the modules.

Cost:
The only cost students are eligible to pay is £200 to cater for stationery and administrative costs. Payment can be made by instalments. The course is subsidised by God's Vineyard Ministries.

We wish to use this opportunity to encourage everyone, who desires to play a leading role in the Kingdom and influence our society with Godly virtues to contact the leadership of the school to take advantage of this great opportunity that God has blessed us with.

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH:
THE YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW

The year 2021 began with increases in Covid-19 cases leading to nationwide lock-downs that greatly impacted on the activities of the local church. However, in March 2021 when conditions were eased, the church bounced back with fresh zeal and enthusiasm. To the glory of God, the church has grown stronger ever since.

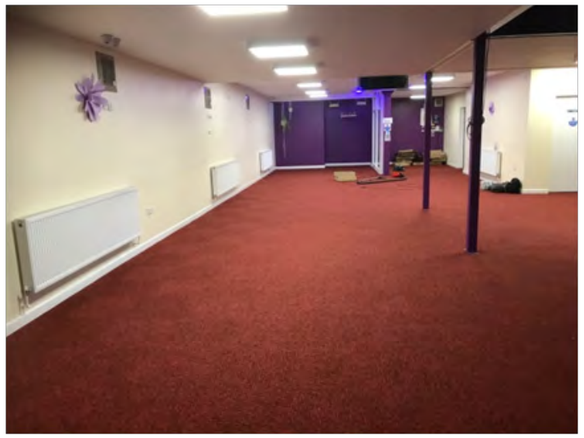
CHURCH BUILDING WORKS:
Within the year, through the generous giving of members and partners, the Lord immensely provided the needed resources to continue with the refurbishment of the church property on Cradock Street. Carpets were laid, screens were fixed for projections, and several other mini projects were completed. 14/14A Cradock Street is indeed a testimony of God's faithfulness and provision.

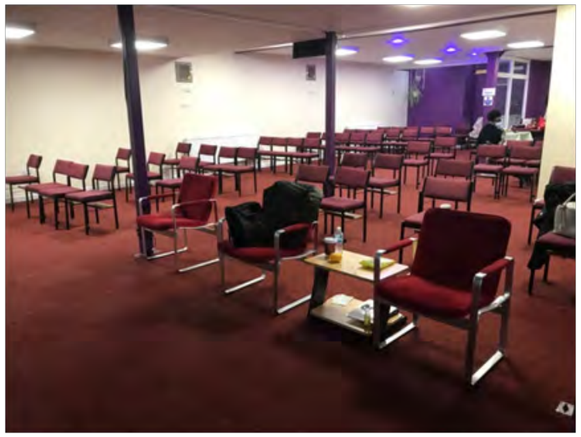
COMMUNITY OUTREACH:
GVC Loughborough recognises that God performed the miracle of the church property to empower the local assembly to better fulfil His purpose in Loughborough. Among other things, the church is constantly reminded that one of its key purposes is to take the gospel into the community where we have been located. To the glory of God, this reminder has given birth to a renewed focus on evangelism. The church has been actively driving this core agenda of God, through town centre outreaches and other special programmes, aimed at reaching our immediate environs with the good news.

INTERNATIONAL DAY:
As a result of the intermittent lock-downs due to Covid-19, the church could not hold its annual variety weekend to celebrate its anniversary as usual. However, we had a colourful International Sunday, where our different cultures were showcased to demonstrate our unity in diversity.

THE YOUTH:
GVC Loughborough has a sizable student membership. On the third Sunday of each month during University Term Time, our student members are given the opportunity to showcase their gifts by 'Taking-Over the Service'. On those special occasions, the youth are made to plan and lead main aspects of the service such as Praise & Worship, Bible Studies, Coordinating, Ushering, etc.

The local church also provides solid support for the Radical Youth Society at Loughborough University, which currently has a membership of over 50 students, with a weekly average student attendance of about 35. During the first term of the academic year,





CURRENT LOOK OF THE GVC LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCH HALL

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GVC LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE OUTREACH

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL DAY

CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE AT 2021 CAROL SERVICE

the fellowship, among others, enrolled in the Freedom in Christ Course; a discipleship program that seeks to establish the believer's identity in Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

It has been our greatest joy to see our children's church grow in the grace of our Lord to love God and enjoy the fellowship of the believers. In a recent Bible competition between the children and some members of the adult church, we were pleasantly surprised when the children scored the same points as the adults. Kudos to our dedicated children teachers, who are making such invaluable input in our children!

CHILDREN PERFORMANCE AT 2021 CAROL SERVICE

OTHER MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES:

The Women Ministry in GVC Loughborough also experienced a revival in various ways. Pastor Evelyn O-Nipah effectively mobilised the women for various activities to enrich the lives and services of the women in the church.

The Men's Ministry: The effectiveness of the Women ministry had a ripple effect on the men, who also got together on a number of occasions to learn about things peculiar to them.

Loughborough Churches Partnership (LCP): GVC Loughborough also played a significant role in LCP; an alliance of churches with the aim to unite churches to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ together.

What can we therefore say to these things! Ebenezer; hitherto has the LORD brought us!!

For those who desire to worship with us, please contact the resident Pastor, Dr Joseph Nipah on 07734957502 or visit us between 10.00am and 12.30pm on a Sunday, at 14/14A Cradock Street, Loughborough, LE11 1AH, United Kingdom.
The Lord bless you!

Reflections on GVC Derby's : 15 Year Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

by Akinola P. Akinyede (Pastor, GVC Derby)

I'm sure we would all agree that 2021 had been an exceptionally challenging and traumatic year in more ways than one. However, at God's Vineyard Church (GVC) Derby, we are filled with praise, gratitude and thanksgiving because of what God had done for us throughout the course of the year, and what He continues to do for us. In the year 2021, GVC Derby celebrated its 15th Anniversary, also known as 'The Glory Conference' (see John 1:14), on November 7th. The theme for the celebration was 'I Will Restore'; taken from Joel 2:23-29.

The Anniversary Thanksgiving Service commenced with prayer, praise, worship, and thanking God for how far He had brought us individually and collectively as a Church. This was followed by a warm welcome and announcements from Pastor Akinola Akinyede (Pastor, GVC Derby), including a series of special renditions carried out by some members of the Church. As a Church, we also welcomed a number of visitors and first timers to the occasion; it's always a joy and great privilege to be given the opportunity to minister to first timers. A poem rendition was delivered by Sonia Odudu, one of the teenagers in the Church.

This was followed by a lovely and highly captivating performance of a well known Christian song ('My life is in your hands'- Kirk Franklin) by a number of our children in the Church. After this, was a special Spanish poem; a duet recital, performed by two of our teenage members (Masters Destiny and Choice). A powerful and edifying sermon was preached by the Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale, the one to whom God gave the vision to start a GVC branch in Derby 15 years ago. In his message titled: ***'I will restore',*** the Senior Pastor stated that God wants to restore what you have lost, missed opportunities, what the enemy has stolen and destroyed, amongst others. This was followed by a special thanksgiving session with high praises and dancing to God for bringing us through another anniversary celebration.

The Senior Pastor then performed the closing benediction, after which the Church members helped themselves to refreshments and enjoyed some fellowship time. As a Church we are thankful to God for the way He has blessed and used us to positively impact our community for His Kingdom in 2021. Furthermore, as we enter a new year, we are expectant that God will do even greater works through us to help bring salvation to our community and raise up many disciples for Christ.

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GVC Birmingham Church 2021- Year In Review

By Owolabi ('Labi) Mebude (Pastor, GVC Birmingham)

We thank God for all the activities of GVC Birmingham in 2021. Due to covid 19 protocols and restrictions, physical service started on Sunday 21st of March 2021. The church celebrated her 12th year anniversary in April; it was a low-key event, with focus on thanksgiving; appreciating God for keeping the church and all members including students through the pandemic. The Senior Pastor graced us with a short virtual fatherly thanksgiving message and prayer for the church as we celebrated God's mercy. The peak moments for GVC Birmingham in 2021, were in October when we held a welcome service for new students and our Christmas carol service in December.

The welcome service in October officially welcomed new students into church, as well as introduced the GVM vision, activities and church leadership to our new members. We wrapped the welcome service with good refreshments for all. Over 8 new students attended and 5 of those became permanent members of the church to the glory of God. Christmas Carol in December was another highlight of 2021, with the children's church presentation, 4 visitors and a time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with Christmas gifts from the church for all attendees and good refreshments after service.

Overall 2021 was indeed a fair year for us at GVC Birmingham, 3 new families joined the church during the year and we celebrated the birth of a baby boy and a christening ceremony. Also church members and leaders testified about promotions at work, new and better job offers, graduation with outstanding results (Undergrad and masters), etc.

In summary, we thank God for the leadership of GVC Birmingham, as well as, our entire membership, visitors and the Senior Pastor for the support in 2021. We look forward to a greater 2022 and all that God will do through the church!

GVC LONDON: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Alfredo Bampoe (Pastor, GVC London)

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

In spite of the challenges the church has experienced since the onset of Covid-19 in 2020, we still want to thank God for how far He has brought God's Vineyard Church, London. Although the Church could not hold her annual anniversary celebration in 2020 due to COVID-19 outbreak, we had the amazing privilege of celebrating a wedding ceremony.

On Saturday 3rd October 2020, GVC London celebrated the wedding of Chloe and Ayodeji. The marriage was a testament of God's goodness in their life and we pray that more weddings will follow in years to come in Jesus Name.

This clearly showed us that in the midst of uncertainty, God is still sovereign over everything.

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GOD'S VINEYARD (YOUTH) CHURCH, LEICESTER

"...the Lord has perfected our years"

God's Vineyard Church, Leicester was birthed under the divine vision of God through the dynamic leadership of our senior pastor, Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Alawale in October 2013. "GVC Leicester" as it's popularly called is a vibrant and inspirational youth church. A community of sold-out youth, who are passionate about their Christian faith and happily sharing them with people in their sphere of influence.

The church has a vision to build Christian character and values in the lives of young people by the systematic study and examination of the word.

The church continues to grow through the years and has stabilised its presence within the student communities of Leicester and De Montfort Universities. The hunger for more of God has been unprecedented and the atmosphere of our services continue to herald the manifestation of the move of God. To the glory of God, this ministry has added immense value to the lives of the students over the years. Its great impact continues to be seen in the lives of the graduates, as they continue to reminisce about what God has been doing in and through their lives while on campus.

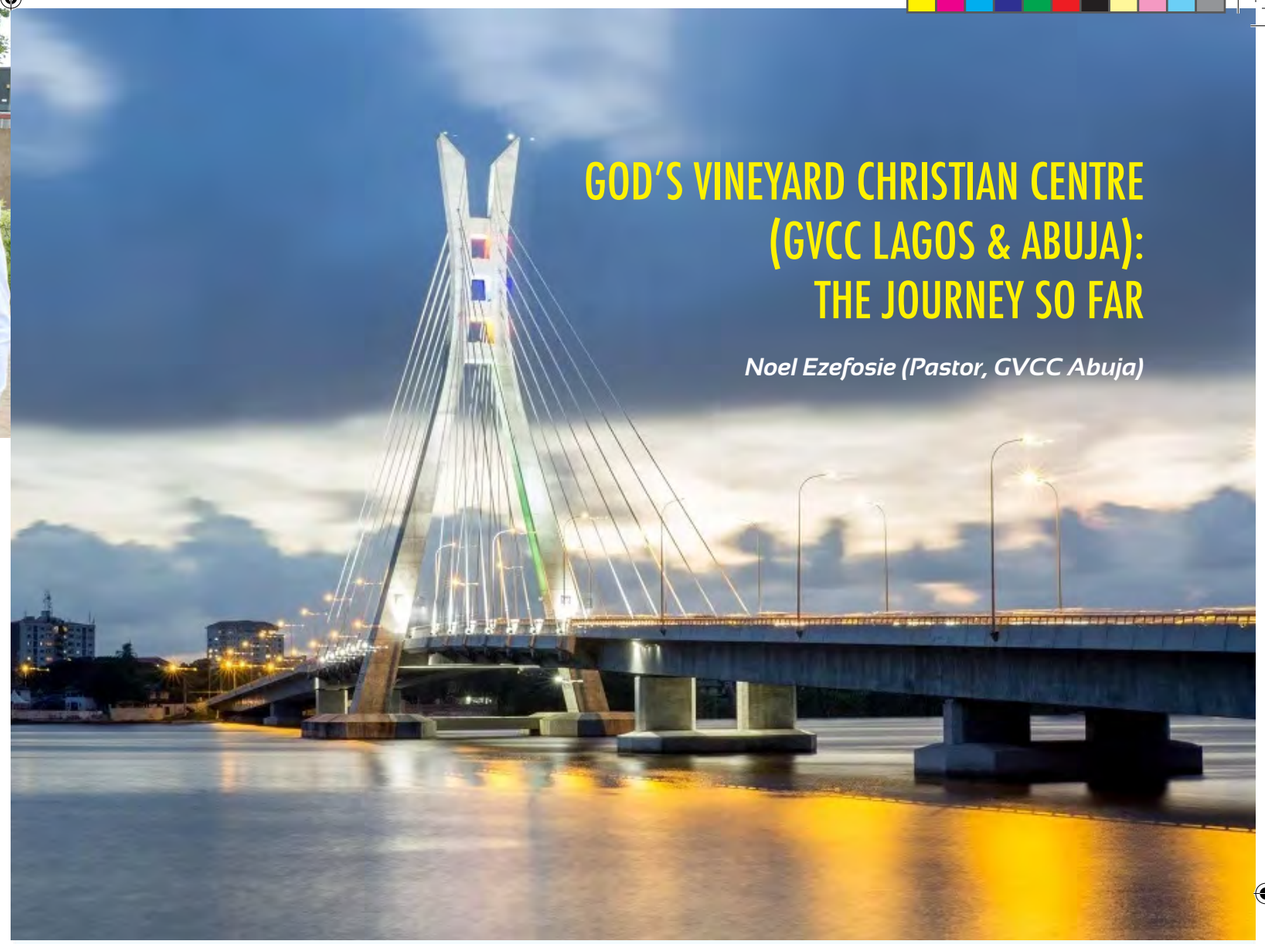
As a church, we always recognise that the days of the academic sojourn of students are numbered; as such, we swing into action as soon as the session starts. Apart from our Sunday services, we organise weekly discipleship meetings on the back of our evangelism and follow up efforts, bible study, prayer and counselling meetings. We tailor all these sessions to mentor them to live victorious Christian lives in the midst of all the vices and distractions on campus. Furthermore, bi-weekly men and women fellowship meetings are conducted to provide an atmosphere, where generic issues are discussed and resolutions made in light of the word of God.

A youth church service schedule isn't complete without the organisation of singles and relationship seminars. Our yearly Valentine special event has proven to be one of the most sought after programmes on campus. This event brings together a panel of couples to answer burning questions relating to pre-marital relationships and the dynamics of Christian dating and engagements, all to the edification of the students.

Another major highlight of every year is the graduation of the final year students in our fellowship. We have been privileged over the years to celebrate with over 350 students and their families, as we wished them the very best of God for the future. These occasions are fondly remembered to be full of joy, appreciation and testimonies. We glorify God that our students have gone on to stand as a beacon of light in the work and marketplace, and their exploits for Him continue to delight and encourage us. Some have even gone into ministry of the service of God, and their contentment with His call continues to be a testimony.

We are also delighted that we now have members who are no longer undergraduates; having transitioned to postgraduate or working life while staying back in Leicester. The church is forever grateful to the faithfulness of God all through the years, as we continue to seek His purpose and will for our lives.

We would conclude that if you live or you are on an academic sojourn to Leicester, or maybe you have a son, daughter or siblings coming to Leicester, we encourage you (or ask them) to join us, as we are a church on a journey with God and He is taking us far!



GOD'S VINEYARD CHRISTIAN CENTRE (GVCC LAGOS & ABUJA): THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Noel Ezefosie (Pastor, GVCC Abuja)

The journey started with the formation of GVC CONNECT Fellowship in Nigeria by the leadership of God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) Nottingham. This came at the time the UK government stopped granting post study work visas to international graduates from UK Universities. As a result of this, a lot of Nigerians started coming back home to avoid staying back illegally in the UK after their visas expired.

The inaugural fellowship of GVC CONNECT was launched in Lagos by the leadership of GVM UK on Sunday, 25th November 2012 at Sweet Sensation, Ikeja. The aim was to connect past and present GVC families together; to provide spiritual, social and professional networking opportunities among the brethren who are now back home in Nigeria, having fellowshipped in different capacities with God's Vineyard Ministries while in the UK.

In February 2013, at a meeting with the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale in Lagos, the vision of establishing God's Vineyard Ministries in Nigeria, particularly in Lagos and Abuja was discussed. Immediately, a monthly afternoon Sunday fellowship commenced in Sister Rolake (Nee Akinsola's) house at Badore, Lagos. In July the fellowship venue was relocated to the Community Development Foundation Training Complex, Ikosi GRA, Ketu.

HOMECOMING GATHERING 2013

Homecoming Gathering 2013, the first of its kind was held from August 29th-September 1st to welcome the fresh graduates and members of Radical Youth Fellowship returning home after successfully completing their studies in the UK. During this event, the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale officially commissioned GVCC weekly Sunday Service in Lagos on 1st September. The event attracted a lot of our brethren within Lagos and its environs with over 90 people in attendance, it was indeed a time of celebration. The Church later relocated to Akoka area.

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GVCC Nigeria Homecoming photos.

GVCC ABUJA

In 2014, the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale saw the need for GVCC to commence in Abuja, and in the first quarter of the year, GVCC Abuja commenced Sunday Services under the leadership of Minister Noel Ezefosie.

Prior to that, following the meeting with Senior Pastor in Lagos in February 2013 when he shared the vision of establishing God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) in Nigeria, Pastors Chijioke Elekwachi and Noel Ezefosie began holding informal meetings with identified alumni of GVC and Radical Youth in Abuja with a view to laying appropriate foundations and working out modalities for moving the vision forward.

Later on, the fellowship meetings were scheduled to be held monthly on the 4th Sunday of every month at 3pm at the Conference Room of Oxford Hotels Zone 4, FCT. Besides, special seminars, dubbed 'LET YOUR LIFE COUNT SEMINARS' were held with the senior pastor in attendance. Topics such as 'Maximising your life'; 'Making a difference'; 'Living for purpose'; 'Diligence' etc, were explored. The seminars attracted a lot of young people from Abuja.

At the turn of 2014, regular Sunday church services were launched and GVCC became a church in Abuja. GVCC Abuja's inaugural Sunday service was held on Easter Sunday morning. There were obvious challenges after the fellowship became a church. While several new people were joining in, some older members were leaving. This was for a number of reasons; including some members relocating to the UK, Canada, some relocating to take up new job roles outside Abuja, while some left to join their mother churches.

The greatest challenge for GVCC Abuja at the initial stage was the remoteness of the venue. Due to the nature of the city, it was difficult and expensive for people who do not have their own means of transport, to get to Church. So, a lot of money was spent on transport fares to help members get to Church.

In October, 2018 the Church relocated from Oxford Hotel to Sandralia Hotel. Today by God's grace, GVCC Abuja has regular membership and maintains regular activities including house fellowship, prayers and evangelism. We have functional units/departments and leaders.
The Church is growing in numerical strength and a number of new families have been added to the Church. God also blessed us with a Nissan Bus which has been very useful in conveying people to and from Church. At the last Church service held before COVID-19 lockdown, the hall was packed to capacity. The church is currently trusting God for a bigger hall in the same facility. Our vision is to move from that hall to our own property in no distant time. We thank God for what He is doing in us and in Nigeria.

GVCC LAGOS

Pastor Adeola Olugbenga

From the days when GVCC Lagos relocated to Akoka till where the church is today, we can only testify that the Lord has been faithful to us in various ways; to just itemise a few...

1. The Church recently relocated to a very conducive place of worship, where we have unlimited access.

2. The Lord made adequate provision of funds available to pay for the lease of the property. While we are enjoying the new facility, we are still trusting Him for our own permanent place of worship.
3. Within a relatively short period of time, we have experienced God's faithfulness in the lives of many of our members. Testimonies of promotions, breakthroughs at work, visa acquisition, new job opportunities, divine healings, car dedications, house warming, etc, abound in our midst; all to the glory of God.

By the grace of God, we intend to take the land for Jesus and break new grounds by extending the church into our neighbourhood. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to make our place of worship a place of impact; where the hopeless receive hope, the sorrowful become joyful, lives are transformed, and souls are won into the Kingdom.

We also intend, by the help of God, to make the church a citadel of power and glory; where champions in various spheres are raised and trained to take the city of Lagos for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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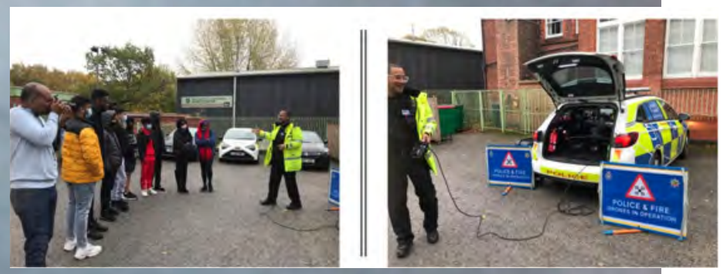
COMMUNITY OUTREACHES AND INVOLVEMENT

MBLC Leaders



THE POLICE AND MBLC TEENAGERS

POLICE/MILITARY TRAINING WITH MBLC YOUTHS

As a charity, we are involved and engaged with the community. In 2018, under the chairmanship of Dr Ezekiel Alawale, the senior pastor of GVM, the ***MAJORITY BLACK-LED CHURCHES (MBLC), NOTTINGHAM*** was rebranded under a new core leadership team. Since then the MBLC has made a significant impact in the Nottinghamshire community.

AIMS:

Among others, the MBLC was set up

1. To advance, champion, promote and encourage equality, diversity and fairness in strategic areas in the community; including health, business, sports, youth empowerment, leadership development, job creation, etc

2. To enhance spiritual growth amongst each other and our congregations by shared engagements

3. To foster unity amongst pastors and parishes by networking, coming together in fellowship and sharing each other's gifts for kingdom building.

4. To recognise, develop and create opportunities for new leaders within the Forum

5. Meet with senior leaders of public services and organisations in Nottingham to provide better opportunities for engagement with BME churches in Nottingham.

6. To promote love and peace by helping and supporting one another to grow our churches

7. To actively promote the integration of the BME community in Nottingham and the eradication of all forms of BME segregation.

8. To be a voice to the voiceless by addressing the various challenges facing the BME community; etc

ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND HOW FAR WE HAVE GONE?

Some of the recent MBLC engagements and achievements include

The Police: Quarterly Co-Production meetings with Nottinghamshire Police, which have resulted in a number of initiatives, including:

Involvement in People Panel

- Police Road Show with 32 young people from MBLC Churches
- Black History Month
- MBLC - Police 6-Week Cadet Taster Sessions in Jan-Feb 2022
- A statement on recent stabbing incident at the Meadows

The City Council: Quarterly meetings with the leader of the City Council and his team

The Leadership of the Church of England: Meetings with the Anglican Bishop of Suthwell – Bishop Paul and his team

Engagements with the University of Nottingham:

- Regular meetings with the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Chaplaincy team
- An MBLC Chaplain has since been appointed at University of Nottingham

MBLC's role to improve covid-19 vaccination uptake:

- Vaccination information sharing events via Zoom for MBLC Pastors and members of our congregations, as well as friends and families.
- Issued a statement on Covid-19 Vaccinations, in which we declared that the vaccines are safe and encouraged black people to take the vaccination.
- Offered our churches as Pop-Up vaccination Centres

NHS-CT Project:

COVID-19 disproportionately affected the BME communities. This only highlighted the existing socio-economic and health inequalities that exist within the community. The MBLC applied for NHS-CT funding and won a grant to work with the NHS on addressing these issues by recruiting a volunteer coordinator. The coordinator is working with volunteers to find out the reason(s) for vaccine hesitancy, reduce hesitancy and improve the rate of vaccine uptake among the BME community. We hope to use this model to address other health inequality issues.

Collaborations with various charities:

Hope Into Action; 100 Homes; Open Homes; Pathway Housing; Nottingham City Prayer; etc.

Other areas where the MBLC is actively engaging with stakeholders to make changes include

Education: There is a widening gap between the educational attainments of blacks compared to whites as they progress from age 4-5 to university. We are working with the education department to address these disparities. At the University of Nottingham, we have employed and are currently paying for the 1st Black Chaplain to address role model issues for BME which make up about 34% of its population.

Media: There is an existing trust gap between the BME and the wider community. It is our desire that the press will collaborate with us in this initiative to build trust, promote equality, fairness, justice, and peace. To stem agitations and carve a new future for our community.

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Women of Excellence Conference 2021:

IMPACT

We were made to know that we are God's Masterpiece, created to do good works. We are light bearers, we are not a secret to be kept. No more excuses,

We give God praise for the success of the Women of Excellence Conference - 2021. It was indeed a great and impactful meeting.

The Women of Excellence Conference started on Thursday, 7th October, in the evening and ended on Sunday, 10th October 2021. The theme of the conference was IMPACT, with three guest speakers ministering.

Pastor Funmi Alawale gave a short welcome message – encouraging everyone to thank God for preservation of life and for making it possible for us all to be part of this year's conference, in spite of the challenges of Covid-19. There was an exclusive time of thanksgiving for all that God has done in the midst through the year. Pastor Funmi assured everyone that God is set to do something great and is willing to set us on fire unto greater works in the year ahead through the teachings of the conference.

Her welcome message also illustrated clearly the need for every believing woman to be a woman of impact. This, she explained, was because we are here to affect our world. We are the light of the world and the world is waiting for our manifestations as daughters of God. The devil is out to steal, kill and destroy, and we are the only ones who can stop him. We have been raised by Jesus to be 'the saviours' of our world. However, for us to be instruments in God's hands to impact our world, God will need to encounter us first. Jesus encountered the disciples, even though they were unlearned, ignorant men, they were able to turn their world around for Jesus.

She rounded up her welcome message with 2 Chronicles 16:9a, encouraging everyone to keep their focus on God, open their hearts to God and be ready to obey His instructions as He releases them to us. She encouraged us to not permit distractions, be expectant and let faith arise in us.

The night was set in motion by another powerful message from Pastor Mrs Ashimolowo on the topic: The Place of Women in Leadership. We were made to know that we are God's Masterpiece, created to do good works. We are light bearers, we are not a secret to be kept. No more excuses, it's time for us to arise and shine. There is so much in us as women than we know. God will grant us understanding of who we are and all that He has put in us, for the world around us.

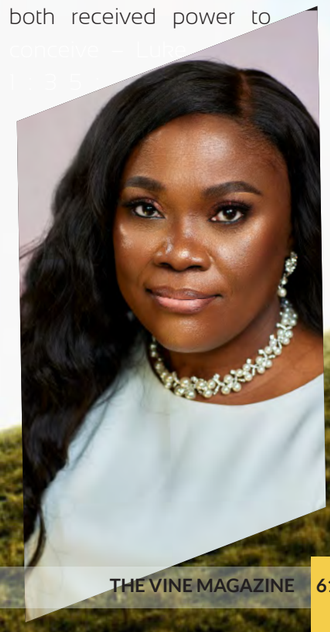
We were made to know that as women, we are complementary partners and the quality of a leader has never been gender dependent. The need to work on ourselves as women and stir up the gifts in us were emphasised. She discussed the traits of a good leader and used Deborah as a case study for good leadership. She ended her message with this – 'when you take your place, the world will respect you, remember you, recognise you and you will be rewarded'.

The first night ended with the second message by Pastor Mrs Dolapo Adelakun on the topic: Making Impact in the Kingdom. She made it clear that impact is about force, you can't do anything without force.

To live a meaningful life, one must force their way through. The Kingdom of God that we belong to, is not in words, but in power. It operates in power and so for us as Christian women, to get results we must begin to concentrate on the dimension of power.

Pastor Adelakun further emphasised that even the kingdom of darkness operates in power as seen in Ephesians 6:12, that we wrestle against powers. Your enemy is powerful, you cannot be a weakling. We cannot use our polished English language or our degrees to fight the devil; we will need to pull him down with power. There is a spiritual dimension to everything in life, everything in life is about power.

Using various scriptures, she made it clear that we get born again by power – John 1:12 KJV; we get healed by power – Mark 3:12-15 KJV; we need power to get wealth – Deuteronomy 8:18 and Ecclesiastes 9:11; we also forgive by power – Matthew 9:6; we conceive by power - Mary the mother of Jesus and Hannah both received power to conceive – Luke 1:35 and 1 Samuel 1:3-5



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Hebrews 11:11; we overcome by power – Luke 10:19; and we witness Christ to people by power – Acts 1:8

She concluded her message by the fact that even our prayers are answered by power; answers to prayers are according to the power you generate in the place of prayer. We generate power in the place of prayer, studying the word and giving. She shared examples of some powerful women in the Bible, such as the Shunamite woman, Mary, who broke her alabaster box to worship Jesus, etc. She rounded up the session with a powerful prayer releasing the grace to pray and study the word of God upon everyone.

On the 2nd night, Friday, 8th October, Pastor Mrs Dolapo Adelakun again ministered to us on the topic 'Living a Life of Impact: Your Influence in the Marketplace.

She explained how the Church is a place for refuelling, a place of gaining knowledge and power. We are, however, expected to go after refuelling – 'Go ye into all the world. We are to go and make an impact wherever we find ourselves as children of God – in the marketplace, whether in the office, hospital, doing our businesses – wherever we are representing God to the people we work with.

God wants us to operate in dominion; He wants us to prosper and take authority in the marketplace. There was an emphasis on the fact that it will take light to see the riches in the secret places.

Pastor Adelakun went ahead to discuss the 7 types of people in the marketplace.

1). Elymas the Sorcerer as seen in Acts 13:8-11 – this kind of people are in the marketplace; they operate in the dark spirit realm. To make an impact in the marketplace, you have to stop them. You have the right to cause such to be blind for a season.

2). Beast of Ephesus – 1 Corinthians 15:32. They are human beings in the physical but in the realm of the spirit, they are beasts. These are territorial spirits. Let them know how mighty your God is, don't be intimidated by them, take your place; before they attack you, attack them. They are all around us and they want to stop you from prospering. So stop them!

3). Persons without bodies – Ephesians 6:12: To win battle against such agents, you need divine enablement and divine insight and strategy.

4). Herodias – Mark 6:14-29: The wives of powerful people. They take delight in cutting the heads of servants of God.

5). Fine Ladies who are possessed:
6). Alexander the Coppersmith: Always fighting whatever views come from you.

To be able to overcome in the marketplace, know that God wants you to be a blessing. You cannot afford to be quiet in the marketplace, and you will not allow people around you to intimidate you. Take your place and take charge in the realm of the spirit. God has blessed us with spiritual gifts and these gifts have been given to us to profit within the marketplace. We are to generate power to be a terror to the kingdom of darkness.

The second speaker on the Friday night was Pastor Mrs Fola Achudume, who spoke on the topic 'Impactful Living: Fulfilling God's Plan and Purpose for Your Life

She introduced the topic with emphasis on the fact that life is about making an impact, influencing people and touching lives. There is that note of difference and uniqueness to our lives and we are here to impact our generation. She defined impact as the ability to have an effect on someone's behaviour, the capacity to build a legacy, so your life does not die with you, your life outlives you. Pastor Achudume discussed the role of 4-M Words to impact the lives of people in our lives. These include...

Your MISSION in life: You cannot impact if you have not discovered purpose. Locate your mission in life; why am I here? She encouraged us to step out of mere existence to the realm of impact. Jeremiah 1:5,10;

To make an impact, you have to be intentional. When there is the right mindset, people will join you, there are destiny that are atttached to you.

Acts 9:36-42

Dorcas' life was considered, she impacted the lives of people around her, so much so that the people cried to the servant of God, saying she must not die, see what she did for us. When you don't locate your mission in life, you can be displaced just as Vashti was displaced in Esther 4:14. Everyone of us has an assignment in life and a place of impact is a place of blessing.

The power of the MIND: To make an impact, you have to be intentional. When there is the right mindset, people will join you, there are destiny that are attached to you. All that you need to make an impact is in you. Proverbs 30:24-28; Philippians 4:8

It is important you look unto God, not on your limitations; your help comes from Him, stop thinking negatively. It limits your relevance and the impacts you can make on earth.

MANAGEMENT: Ecclesiastes 3:1-3. She laid emphasis on the need to be able to manage our time and our moment very well. Wisdom is a major aspect of management. There is time for everything and it's important we develop ourselves.

She ended up with the place of our MARRIAGE the 4th M, and then concluded with some pillars to impacting lives. These included the need to...

Kill our beast, all the beasts that could stop us – flesh, fear, deal with offences, shyness, complexity, verage mind-set, unforgiveness, every negative voice on the inside, etv

Not let your pain hinder you, deal with sorrow, bitterness

Organise your life, and to let God order your life also. Set your priorities right.

Life is not a 'run alone' affair; maintain relationships, and collaborate with others.

Saturday's programme started with a seminar on Raising Impactful Children in the 21st Century. The guest speaker was Sharon Mullins-

Women of Excellence Conference 2021:

IMPACT

Answers to prayers are according to the power you generate in the place of prayer, studing the word and giving

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Women of Excellence Conference 2021:

IMPACT

Without purpose, life becomes an experiment or a haphazard journey that results in frustrations.

Banton, A Social Worker with a wealth of experience. She has been able to raise godly children in this land.
She started her talk with a quote "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots and the other wings" [Wolfgang Goethe].

Sharon laid emphasis on the fact that there is no perfect parent, child or family. There is a myth - allow the children to do what they want, they will learn from their mistakes. It is important that you are intentional about parenting. Critically look at the parenting you received and the aspects of it that you will not want to bring into your own style of parenting.

The Bible says 'Train up a child on the way to go and when he is old he will not depart from it'. TV, Society and School have a part to play, but you are the first teacher for your children. There was an emphasis on the fact that the fathers also have vital roles to play in the lives of their children, and as much as possible mothers have to do their own part.

She also spoke on the importance of introducing Christ to them early in life, as it's easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. We are the role models to our children, they are looking at us and will do what we will do and not what we say.

The last session for the day was taken by Pastor Yemisi Ashimolowo on the topic 'Making an Impact: Living the Life of Your Dream'. She emphasised that the only way to be at peace with yourself and to live the life of your dream is to live the life you are created to live, and to stop running from your purpose. To impact our generation, there is the need to die to self, die to our plans or our timing and die to our reputation. We need to acknowledge God in all our ways. (Romans 8:28; Ephesians 2:10).

Parenting is a privilege, it is not a right, so it's important we apreciate the privilege and do it well. Parenting is a gift

Purpose as defined by her, is an intended result for life; why something exists. Everything in life has a purpose. Without purpose, life becomes an experiment or a haphazard journey that results in frustrations. Purpose is what fuels life and makes a person passionate. It gives our existence meaning.

Purpose is important in life. To get to your destination in life, you must understand the purpose. The greatest tragedy in life is a life without purpose. Purpose empowers perseverance, creates joy and sustains contentment.

Pastor Yemisi highlighted some key points using the life of Joseph as seen in Genesis 37:6. We saw that Joseph's dream brought hatred from his brethren, he was sold into slavery and later went to prison, because he made up his mind to please God. However in all that he passed through, he had the right attitude. There is a need to be diligent, take risks, take a step of faith, be committed, be daring, be devoted, invest in your dreams, pay the price; there is no glory without story. Do not be complacent, so you don't settle for less, also don't blame other people. Your association will affect your dreams so be careful of people you allow around you. Develop a winning attitude.

Saturday night ended with the last message 'Parenting & Social Vices in the 21st Century' by Pastor Fola Achudume. The scripture for the message was 2 Timothy 3:1-5. She first highlighted behaviours that are generally considered to be unhealthy behaviours in the society and social vices. Some of them are robbery, kidnapping, occultism, drug addiction, rape, indecent dressing and premarital sexual activities. She also discussed the major causes of social vices – peer pressure, broken homes, social media, and technology, among others.

She emphasised that parenting is a privilege, it is not a right, so it's important we appreciate the privilege and do it well. Parenting is a gift.

The Conference ended with Sunday Services: Pastor Funmi ministered on Being A Woman of Impact at home, using Proverbs 14:1 as the anchor scripture. It was made clear that Satan hates the woman and he is seeking every possible way to stop the woman. So as women, we have a battle to fight and so it's important that we take the challenge to fight for our home. This we cannot achieve in our own power, so we need God in this battle. It is therefore important that our personal relation with God is taken very seriously. As a woman, you are a help suitable for your husband, so there is a role we have been called to play in the lives of our husbands, the help suitable for him and the crown. The good news is that the Holy Spirit is our helper. It was indeed an impactful weekend, we had time to ask questions at the end of each session and rounded up with a powerful prayer session led by pastor Ezekiel Alawale, for the grace to become all that we learnt over the weekend, and to venture out to do the great exploits God is depending on us to accomplish.

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TESTIMONIES

"I want to thank God for his goodness in my life. With HIS help I was able to get my driving licence. All Glory be to GOD."

Precious Igbinedion

"1 Chronicles 16:8 "Give thanks to the Lord. Call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done."
Over the year 2021 GOD has touched our lives in a variety of ways, here are some insights to GOD being faithful in our lives.

"Safe-keeping . protection & provisions in 2021. Increase in number in 2021. For making good HIS promises to our household; Thank You God. We are grateful."

Sunday & Blessing Oyedemi's family

My GCSE grades, I finished with all A stars. It was difficult to maintain momentum and to continue learning during lockdown, God gave me strength and I persisted

Esther Daminabo

Had a job interview for a higher role at my work place and passed. God granted me favour and worked out everything for my promotion

Evelyn O.Nipah

Thanking God almighty for journey mercies top Ghana and back . For a successful celebration in honour of our mum, in keeping myself and my siblings with strong bonds even till this day. To GOD be the glory

Lydia Sedor

As a family October has been a month of celebrations for us. God added another year to Derrick's life last week and our son Malachi turned one year old on the same day. We also celebrated 4 years of marriage on the 19th Oct. We want to thank God for fulfilling His promises to us. He promised that by our 4th year anniversary, we would carry our Own child and celebrate his birthday in a home of our own. He has been faithful to His Word.

Mrs Tope Osaze

Glory To God in the highest my saviour who destroyed the weapon of covid formed aganist and snacthed me out from its clutches. Hallelujah to the Lord God Almight

Mrs Chidinma Favour Ndukwe

These are just a few... there're many more God has done in our lives and used to help us to achieve in the lives of our neighbours.. Your testimony is the key to someone else's prison. May we use not just our words but our lives to give thanks and proclaim to the world the goodness of GOD, as it say in the book of Ephesians "Live as children of light".

RY ALUMNI WEEKEND AWAY 2021

Radical youth alumni weekend away 2021, a gathering of previously radical youth university students now graduates and professionals in their respective fields gather together from across the nation to fellowship to build networks and maintain relationships as they journey away from the student back into the realms of society.

This year 2021 alumni weekend away however was held virtually, meaning attendees joined the via zoom. Kicking off with worship and prayer followed by the first beneficial and applicable talk on igniting the fire of the Holy Spirit by Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale. Then followed series of series of interesting and practical talks on ***Serving God outside of church, starting a side hustle and buying your first home presented by Minister Derrick, Mrs Tope Osaze, and Mr Godwin Wood. Flowing into an interesting an LGBTQIA discussion session*** with the attendees being put in small groups to discuss set questions within their break out rooms.

During the feedback session, the various things discussed within small groups were summarised for the wider group through a nominated spokesperson.

At the end of each session, everyone was encouraged to ask questions for the Q&A allowing the attendees to gain answers to questions they had asked for any speakers who spoke.

Senior Pastor Ezekiel with the help of the Alumni choir, led extended prayer with worship attendees being able to raise prayer points and pray in agreement with the pastors and the whole team. We had a total number of 44 people in attendance of which 70% were 2021 Radical Youth Graduates. It was as a matter of fact a wonderful time we had together.

44
in attendance

70%
2021 RY Graduates

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THE YOUTH MINISTRY

God's Vineyard Ministry operates a vibrant youth minitry which comprises the Youth Church and the Radical Youth Fellowships. The Youth Church holds worship services at 5pm and 7pm every Sunday at the headquarters, GVC Nottingham during term time. Young people and students from all over Nottingham congregate on Sunday evenings to worship together

The Radical Youth (RY) is a spiritual movement rapidly growing and currently based in over 18 universities all over the UK, where university students worship God together at respective times during the week. The head of the Radical Youth is Pastor Lab Mebude who is also the Youth Church leader.

Radical Youth Leadership Training is an annual training programme where the newly chosen and returning leaders, both in the Youth Church and Radical Youth are trained on carrying out responsibilities for the roles given.

This training also took place in 2021 in both June & September 2021 tailored to the latest set of leaders elected into regions across the country, but due to Covid, it was all virtual via Zoom. Covering a range of topics from, developing a vision, vessel that God uses, preventing stress, intimacy with God. Planning an event, growing your fellowship, and many more.

These topics cover both the spiritually and functional attributes of a leader, developing your character in leadership. Building up the character of these leaders, equipping and strengthening the leadership structure across the regions preventing the rise of faulty leadership. The overall feedback form those who we rabe to attend was positive hinting at being equipped with the necessary knowledge to guide them in their new roles.

This year 2021 we had exciting results from the amount of students who signed up and joined the radical youth societies with each respective university. With over 100 sign ups in Nottingham, Nottingham Trent and Norwich each and other regions ranging between 45 -70 students signed up. This is a big win as the impact on covid -19 on each region led to steep decline of students who joined radical youth, as it cancelled the physical meeting of universities freshers fair and fellowship meeting. But to God be the Glory in this 2021 across board, each region showed a huge increase of students who joined radical youth.

Currently there is an ongoing system to integrate the Radical Youth members into aspects of the GVM ministry via the Foundation School. The aim is to provide, as the name suggests, a strong base or strong foundation upon which their christianinty is established, so they can grow into becoming strong and matured believers in Christ.

On November 18th - 21st, 2021 the Radical Youth Annual Let your Life Count Conference was held. It's theme 'Chosen Generation' was taken from 1 Peter 2:9. A lot of regions could not attend due to the Covid restriction, nevertheless we still had a wonderful time. Lateral flow tests were made mandatory

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England & Wales - Charity number 1168046

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIALSTATEMENTS YEAR

ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2020

CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION

CIO NO 1168046

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:	God's Vineyard Ministries
Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:	**1168046**
Principal Address	292 Derby Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 1QF
Trustees	Dr O O Olubowale — Chairman Mr Kevin Price — Secretary Barrister Dennis Ekagha Pastor Jerome Obode Dr Jaf Abu
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 2 Bishop Meadow Road Loughborough LE11 5RB National Westminster Bank Plc 56 Churchill Square Brighton BN1 2ES Royal Bank of Scotland 13 Derby Road Nottingham NG1 5AA
Accountants	PVG Accounting Services 344 Moston Lane Manchester M40 9JS

The trustees present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing

Document

God's Vineyard Ministries was originally a charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission and governed by a Trust Deed dated 5th August 2001 and supplementary deed dated 14th May 2003 until 12th November, 2018 when it fully changed status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Generally trustees are appointed by Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by invitation as at when required and depending on their expertise and requirements of the charity.

Induction and training of new trustees

We arrange appropriate training both internally and through other voluntary training providers. The trustees and all involved in running the charity, including volunteers are always encouraged to acquire the necessary skills required for the achievement of the charity objectives.

Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Organisational structure

The trustees who served during the period and up to the date of the report are set out above. The day to day responsibility for the running of the charity lies with the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Board of Trustees who are ultimately responsible for all strategic decisions of the charity.

The trustees meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. All trustees including the senior pastor give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There are full time employees who are engaged in the administrative running of the Church office. The charity is also assisted by members who render voluntary services.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Principal Activities

Our objectives and principal activity is to promote the advancement of the christian faith, the relief of poverty to general public and promotion and fulfilment of various charitable causes within the local community and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the trustees think fit.

The Charity pursues these objectives by operating at the headquarter church in Nottingham and across our satellite churches.

Mission statement

To minister to the total man through:
a) Church Planting: To have churches planted all over the United Kingdom and abroad.
b) Prison Ministry: Providing support and encouragement to offenders while in the Prison. Mentoring programs aimed at befrending ex-offenders to help and re-integrate them into the society.Skill development that can help them to be gainfully employed.
c) Ministry to the Homeless: Sharing God's love with the homeless and vulnerable people in the community.
d) Family Forum: Quarterly programmes which focus on relevant family issues; parenting, relationships, communication etc.
e) Youth Development &Capacity Building: Library open to students and others in the community, computer training specially designed to help equip the youth for employment, seminars, counselling on drug addiction, marriage, carreer etc.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers OurAims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits theyhave brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidiance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The Focus of Our Work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the advancement of the Christian religion and the relieve of poverty and sickness. The policy of God's Vineyard Ministries is to pursue objectives in the following ways:

1. Provision of Weekly Churc ces on Thursday and Sundays and to minister to physical,spiritual and material needs of the congregants.

2. Provision of services to individuals, families and community at large. The service includes a wide range of spiritual and social care.

3. Focusing on the material needs of certain members undergoing difficult financial situations.

4. Working with other Christian agencies and Churches in Nottingham, London, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Loughborough to advance the preaching of the Gospel.

5. Radical Youth outreaches in over 25 Universities in the United Kingdom at: Aston University(Birmingham) Bristol University, Derby University,Leicester University,Loughborough University,Manchester Univeristy, University of East Anglia,-Norwich Nottingham Trent Univeristy, Nottingham University(Headquater), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.

6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christain counselling, prayers and deliverance solely on the basis of our ability to provide appropriate help and regardless of race, colour nationality, religion,gender,age, legal status and personal history.

Development and Achievements in the Year

The charity's events were properly managed, executed and reviewed for its impact on members. Our charity continues to grow in Sunday morning attendance, youth and children's ministry. We minister to the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our members and new comers in our midst. We have helped relief poverty and hardship amongst both regular and irregular congregants who are suffering from financial hardship due to unemployment and lack of financial resources.

The charity conducted crusades in the community to propagate the Christian tenets to non Christians.
The charity has not undertaken any large capital projects although it continues to search for appropriate site to increase its charitable activities.

Financial Review

The charity was able to raise a total income of £547,676 during the year under review. While this is an increase of £37,582 when compared to 2019 figure, it is not an increase in donation but Covid-19 Grant received from the government for Job Retention Scheme and Small Business Support to Derby Church.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently by way of donations and gifts from congregants through the offering basket passed during church services and though bank standing orders. We have exercised our right to reclaim the tax on the donations and gifts received from the congregants and this has proved a steady and growing source of additional income.

Investment Policy

The Charity retains a significant amount in the savings account. The objective of the investment policy is to invest in cash at banks where the capital is protected. The charity currently has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid funds in cash at banks where immediate access and security of funds is guaranteed.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity at a level which equates to at least 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies which may arise from time to time. The trustees have set this as a target, and are satisfied that the church is in a position to meet its financial obligations, fund its activities and continue to grow.

Plans for Future Periods

In the near future, the charity plans to expand its operations and will continue our drive towards providing more benefits to our community The Charity plans continuing the activities outlined above in forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements such as Work Based Academy comprising - Youth Employment,Sector based Academy, Adult Education and Training for not in Education or Employment for not in Education or Employment/Vocational Training.

Trustees ' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and the followings:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

Prepare the financial statements on going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for the safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure of Information to the Accountants

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information'.

This report has been prepared,

By order of trustees:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

8th May, 2021

God's Vineyard Ministries
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the God's Vineyard Ministries for the year ended 31 August 2020

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibilty to:

examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the Charity Act 2011;

follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)[b] of the Charity Act 2011; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent examiners statement

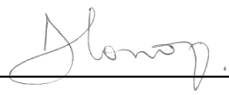
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities, have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8th May 2021

God's Vineyard Ministries
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 **Total Funds** £	2019 Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		358,716	-	**358,716**	363,588
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		83,943	-	**83,943**	61,422
Building Fund		20,052	-	**20,052**	41,972
Youth Ministry		30,756	-	**30,756**	40,424
Magazine/Calender		130	-	**130**	776
Covenant Partner		2,213	-	**2,213**	2,211
Sundry Income		848	-	**848**	821
Job Retension Scheme Grant		41,018	-	**41,018**	-
Derby City Council Grant		10,000	-	**10,000**	-
Activities for generating funds:		-	-	-	-
Investment Income					
Incoming resources from charitable activities:		-	-	-	-
Grants & Contracts					
Total incoming resources Resources		547,676	-	**547,676**	511,214
expended					
Cost of generating funds	**2**	322,153	-	**322,153**	344,529
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold					
Charity activities	**3**	130,250	-	**130,250**	120,176
Governance Costs	**4**	3,500	-	**3,500**	3,000
Total resources expended		455,903	-	**455,903**	467,705
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains		91,773	-	91,773	43,509
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of Funds		91,773	-	91,773	43,509
Total funds brought forward		524,213		524,213	480,704
Total funds carried forward		615,986	-	**615,986**	524,213

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on Pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

God's Vineyard Ministries
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	**8**	935,372	956,152
Currents assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	26,218	35,226
Cash at bank and in hand		102,766	30,777
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(66,434)	(107,816)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		**997,922**	914,339
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	**11**	(381,936)	(390,126)
Net Assets		**615,986**	524,213
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	**12**	615,986	524,213
Total funds		**615,986**	524,213

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 8th May, 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr O O Olubowale
Chairman

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God's Vineyard Ministries
Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed assets investments at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective 1 January 2015.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furthermore of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity , are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA (Statement of Financial Activities) on a of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estmated usage as set out in Note 4.

e. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments and Land and Building) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write of the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years.

Depreciation of Building is calculated to write off its cost over 50 years on a straight line basis.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations -Tithes and Offering	358,716	-	**358,716**	363,588
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	83,943	-	**83,943**	61,422
Building Fund	20,052	-	**20,052**	41,972
Youth Ministry	30,756	-	**30,756**	40,424
Magazine/Calender	130	-	**130**	776
Covenant Partner	2,213	-	**2,213**	2,211
Sundry Income	848	-	**848**	821
Job Retension Scheme Grant	41,018	-	**41,018**	-
Derby City Council Grant	10,000	-	**10,000**	-
	547,676	-	**547,676**	511,214

Total Resources Expended

2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income

	Basis of Allocation	*Church Work*	*Support Cost*	*Governance*	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Staff Costs	Direct	142,874	-	-	**142,874**	157,652
Bank Charges	Direct	-	30,484	-	**30,484**	32,585
Administration	Direct	-	35,689	-	**35,689**	49,040
Professional Fees	Direct	-	2,781	-	**2,781**	762
Support Costs	Direct	-	84,305	-	**84,305**	81,229
Premises	Direct	-	26,020	-	**26,020**	23,261
		142,874	**179279**	-	**322,153**	344,529

3. Charitable Activities

Ministry	Direct	130,250	-	-	**130,250**	120,176
		130,250	-	-	**130,250**	120,176

4. Governance Cost

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	3,500	**3,500**	3,000
		-	-	**3,500**	**3,500**	3,000
Total Resources Expended		**273,124**	**179279**	**3,500**	**455,903**	467,705

5. Net incoming resources for theyear This is

stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation	28,403	31,145
Audit & Accountancy Fees	3,500	3,000
	31,903	34,145

6. Trustee Remuneration & Related Pay Transactions

No member of the Board of Trustees, Chief Executive/Senior Pastor received any remuneration during the year.

7. Taxation

As a charity, God's Vineyard Ministries is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have risen in the Charity.

8. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Building	Motor Vehicles	Equipment Furniture & Fittings	2020 Total
			£	£
Cost				
At 1 September 2019	1,202,640	9,518	229,203	**1,441,361**
Additions in year		-	7,624	-
At 31 August 2020	1,202,640	9,518	236,827	**1,448,985**
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2019	261,444	8,701	215,065	**485,210**
Charge for the year	24,053	816	3,535	**28,403**
At 31 August 2020	285,497	9,517	218,600	**513,613**
Net Book Value				
At 31 August 2020	**917,143**	**1**	**18,228**	**935,372**
At 31 August 2019	941,196	818	14,138	956,152

9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sundry Debtors	26,218	35,226
	26,218	35,226

10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Accruals & Deferred Income	3,500	3,000
Other Creditors	62,934	104,816
	66,434	107,816

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	**2020** **£**	2019 £
Mortgage Creditors	381,936	390,126
Long Term Creditors	**381,936**	390,126

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	General Funds	**Designated Funds**	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Tangible Fixed Assets	935,372	-	-	935,372
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current Assets	128,984			128,984
Current Liabilities	(66,434)	-	-	(66,434)
Long Term Liabilities	(381,936)			(381,936)
Net Assets at 31st August 2020	**615,986**	-	-	**615,986**

13. Movements in Funds

	At 1 September 2019	**Incoming Resources [Inc Gains]**	**Outgoing Resources**	**Transfers**	**At 31August 2020**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Restricted Funds: Total	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Funds	524,213	547,676	455,903	-	**615,986**
Total Unrestricted Funds	524,213	547,676	455,903	-	**615,986**
Total Funds	**524,213**	**547,676**	**455,903**	-	**615,986**

God's Vineyard Ministries
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2020

			2020			2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income			**547,676**			511,214
LESS OVERHEADS						
Staff Costs						
Salary	129,633			146,715		
National Insurance	7,443			7,779		
Employer Pension Contribution	3,367			3,158		
Staff Costs - Lagos Church	2,431					
		142,874			157,652	
Premises Costs						
Light & Heating	9,831			10,378		
Rent & Rates	2,401			1,691		
Premises Repair & Maintenance	12,186			9,423		
Fire & Security	1,602			1,769		
		26,020			23,261	
Bank Charges						
Bank Charges	2,123			3,812		
Mortgage Interest	28,361			28,773		
		30,484			32,585	
Administration						
Printing, Postage and Stationery	4,267			1,941		
Telephone and Internet Charges	10,392			9,958		
Training	2,462			1,530		
Subscription Fees	1,952			1,860		
Hire of Premises	16,616			33,751		
		35,689			49,040	
Ministry						
Evangelism and Promotion	11,608			12,692		
TV Ministry & Media Expenses	6,029			10,547		
Youth Ministry	48,585			43,082		
Events, Retreats & Conferences	16,959			20,977		
Catering, Refreshment & Hospitality	11,781			5,004		
Gift to Charities & Visiting Ministries	15,679			12,180		
Welfare, Donations & Love Gifts	19,223			14,886		
Books, Tapes & Videos	386			808		
		130,250			120,176	
Professional Fees						
Legal & other fees				762		
Accountancy Fees	2,782			3,000		
	3,500				3,762	
		6,282				
Support Costs						
Hotel, Travel & Motor Expenses	37,517			34,432		
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	899			464		
Insurance	14,366			14,166		
Depreciation	28,403			31,145		
Sundry expenses	3,120			1,022		
		84,305			81,229	
			(455,903)			(467,705)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			**91,773**			43,509
Surplus brought forward			**524,213**			480,704
Surplus carried forward			**615,986**			524,213

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FEATURED ARTICLE BY
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SENIOR PASTOR

PARENTING

PASTOR (DR) FUNMI ALAWALE

21 IREEFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP

TESTIMONIES,
WEEKEND AWAY, ALUMNI

LIFE + HEALTH + BUSINESS + SERVICE + WORSHIP + YOUTH + OUTREACH + ETC

Dr. Ezekiel Alawale is a General Practitioner. He is the senior pastor of God's Vineyard Ministries. He holds two fellowships in both the West African College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. He and his wife, Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale founded God's Vineyard Ministries in March 2001, whilst he worked as a Registrar in Paediatric Surgery of Royal Alexander Hospital for sick children in Brighton U.K and his wife working as Clinical Specialist in Respiratory Physiotherapy with the University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottingham.

Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale is currently the resident pastor of God's Vineyard Church Nottingham. She also oversees the Women of Excellence Ministry of GVM. The couple both believe that the gospel is the hope of humanity and this is reflected in the mission statement of the ministry – 'empowering lives and building Society'. They both are persons of prayer, who have intense love for God and are passionate about sharing the gospel and impacting the next generation. Pastor Ezekiel oversees the Ministry alongside his wife and they are blessed with three grown up children, Tosin, Toyin and Tomi.

Dr. O. O. Olubowale MBChB, MSc, FWACS, FRCSI, FRCS (Gen Surg) is a Consultant Oncoplastic Breast Surgeon with the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, based at Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Doncaster. He qualified as a Doctor in 1992 and was registered as a specialist with the GMC in December 2008. He is married to Yinka and they have two children, Mayowa and Joshua. Pastor Muyiwa, as he is fondly called, is very passionate about the gospel. He oversees the Music, Children and Teenage Ministries, and the Workers Directorate of GVM. He is a member of the Ordination Committee and he is also the Chairman of GVM Board of Trustees

Dr. Joseph O. Nipah trained and worked for several years as a Senior Research Scientist in Ghana, Ivory Coast and England. He is now in full time ministerial service. He is married to Evelyn and they are blessed with three children, Theo, Michelle and Kwame. Pastor Joe, as he is affectionately called, is a teacher by calling and he is the Head Pastor of the Loughborough church. He is the Director of Training, Research and Development of God's Vineyard Ministries. He oversees the GVM School of Ministry, the Ordination Committee, the Prison Ministry, The Sunday School, House Fellowship and Discipleship Units of the Ministry

Pastor Owolabi Mebude Popularly known and called as P. Labi is the Youth Pastor of God's Vineyard Ministries. He oversees the Radical Youth Fellowship (The Youth arm of the Ministry) currently active in 26 universities in the United Kingdom. He also pastors God's Vineyard Church Birmingham. 'Labi Mebude studied Bio-Medical Science at Nottingham Trent University and graduated in 2010 with BSc (Honours). 'Labi was ordained as a Minister in God's Vineyard Ministries on the 22nd day of March 2009 and took up an appointment as a full time Minister after his graduation from the University. In March 2017, he was appointed a Senior Pastor in the ministry. He is married to Ade-

SNIPPET FROM GVC'S 2021
KINGDOM LIFE CONFERENCE

Revival is God invading your soul with His fire, revival sets the soul ablaze for God. When we are in the midst of revival you will zeal, you will find passion because revival ignites a divine flame in the soul of God's people. Without revival we see people who are foot dragging conserving the things of God. revival is the spirit of God at work in the human soul. Revival is a fresh baptism of fire in the human soul, once the fire starts it sets you running and active for God. Act2:3 Nobody receives the fire of God and remains the same.
Hebrews 1:7

Revival is the arrival of God, it comes when God arrives in the midst of His people, God is the giver of life, so when God shows up life emits as we have concluded that revival is bringing back to life. God is the author of life, when He shows up life is released everything that were dead responds to His presence. Revival is God in operation, and that happens only when man has bowed. True heaven sent revival always conquered man before God. True revival puts man aside, people are humble before God, people get saved with little effort, healed with little effort, people experience God with daily devotion.

GVCC LAGOS TODAY

By David Jaiyeola (Pastor, GVCC Lagos)

When I joined God's Vineyard Christian Centre (GVCC) Lagos in May 2017, I met only 2 regular members. This was possibly due to the frequent changing of pastors, but by the grace of God, we now have about 60 members. By the inspiration of God, we have introduced special programs such as 'HELP FROM ABOVE' Praise and Prophetic Prayer program which comes up every 2nd Saturday of the month coupled with other youth friendly programs. We also ensure our messages are tailored to meeting the needs of the people.

The Lord has been faithful to us in various ways:

1. The Church has relocated to a very conducive place of worship with unlimited access for our use.
2. Provision of funds to pay for the lease of the property, while we trust Him for our permanent place of worship.
3. Within the space of 3 years, there have been 7 children christenings and dedications.
4. Testimonies of promotion, breakthroughs at work, visa breakthrough, job opportunities, divine healings, car dedications, house warming etc, abound in our midst. All to the glory of God.

Going forward, we want to intensify our efforts in reaching out to students within the vicinity of the Church, especially students of Yabatech College of Technology. Though we have a few of them in the choir already. By the grace of God, we intend taking the land for Jesus and breaking new ground by extending the church into our neighbourhood. By the help of the Holy Spirit we intend making our place of worship a place of impact; where the hopeless receive hope, the sorrowful become joyful, lives are transformed, and souls are won into the Kingdom.
We also intend by the help of God to make the Church a citadel of power and glory; where champions in various lives' endeavours are raised and trained to take the city of Lagos for the Lord Jesus Christ.

GVCC ABUJA: 2013 TILL DATE

By Noel Ezefosie (Pastor, GVCC Abuja)

Following the meeting with Senior Pastor in Lagos in February 2013 when he shared the vision of establishing God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) in Nigeria, Pastors Chijioke Elekwachi and Noel Ezefosie began holding informal meetings with identified alumni of GVC and Radical Youth in Abuja with a view to laying appropriate foundation and working out modalities for moving the vision forward.

GVM work in Abuja started with monthly fellowship meetings scheduled for 4th Sunday of every month at 3pm at Conference Room of Oxford Hotels Zone 4, FCT. We also had several LET YOUR LIFE COUNT SEMINAR with the Senior Pastor in attendance. Topics such as 'Maximising your life'; 'Making a difference'; 'Living for purpose'; Diligence etc were explored. The seminars attracted a lot of young people from Abuja.

At the turn of 2014, regular Sunday Church service was launched and GVCC became a Church in Abuja. GVCC Abuja Inaugural Sunday service was held on Easter Sunday morning. It started off well, with people coming to Church, but not like when we were meeting during the monthly fellowships. New people were coming but many older members were leaving, this was for a number of reasons; including some members relocating to the UK, Canada, some got jobs and relocated outside Abuja, while some left to join their mother churches.

The greatest challenge for GVCC Abuja at the initial stage was the remoteness of the venue. Due to the nature of the city, it was difficult and expensive for people who do not have a car to get to Church. So, a lot of money was spent on transport fares to help members get to Church.

In October, 2018 the Church relocated from Oxford Hotel to Sandralia Hotel. Today by God's grace, GVCC Abuja has regular membership and maintains regular activities including house fellowship, prayers and evangelism. We have functional units/departments and leaders.

The Church is growing in numerical strength and families have been added to the Church. God also blessed us with a Nissan Bus which has been very instrumental in conveying people to Church. At the last Church service held before COVID-19 lockdown, the hall was packed full and we are trusting God for a bigger hall in the same facility. Our vision is to move from that hall to our own property in no distant time. We thank God for what He is doing in us and in Nigeria.

DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

By Pastor Olumuyiwa Olubowale

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Cambridge dictionary meaning of character is the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual. Character is who we really are not who we act to be and not who people think we are!

Christian Character is living out God's nature that is engraved within. It is living out God's perfection that is within. Christian character must be cultivated, developed and taught and added to our faith.

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge"- 2 Peter 1:5 NKJV.

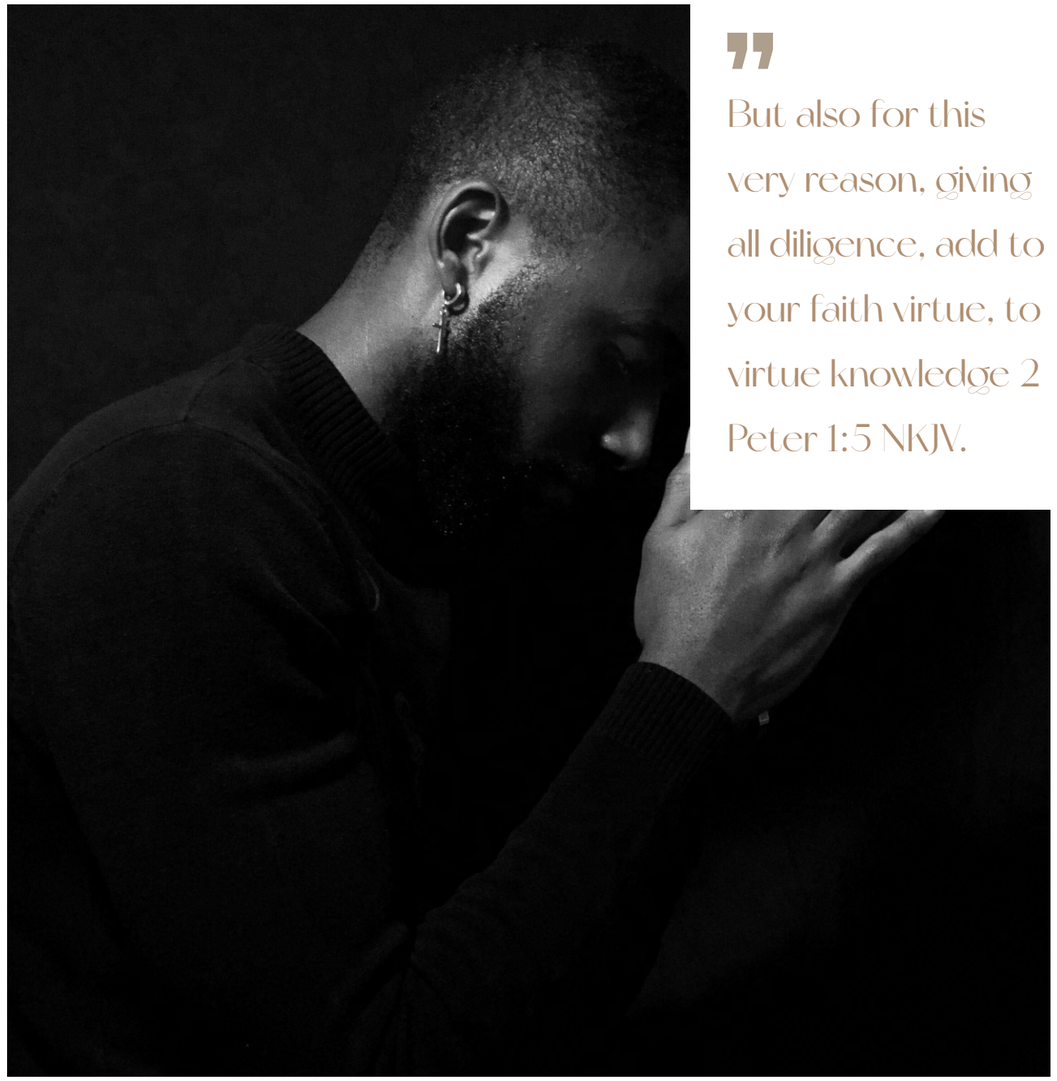
We add it by cultivation, development and teaching it. It is the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that are the agent of cultivation of our behaviour. The Holy Spirit builds in us distinctive qualities that resemble the core values of God and therefore conviction to behave like him.

The word Virtue in that verse is translated to mean moral excellence, christian energy and character.

Character is like a garden that must be cultivated by removing the weeds constantly and nurturing the flowers so that they can flourish. 2 Peter 1:5-9 MSG., Matthew 5:48 AMP.

WHY IS CHARACTER IMPORTANT?

Character helps you maintain the identity of Christ and keep your values in focus at all times. Christian character makes you stand out.



> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge 2 Peter 1:5 NKJV.

Therefore select out from among yourselves, brethren, seven men of good and attested character and repute, full of the [Holy] Spirit and wisdom, whom we may assign to look after this business and duty. (Acts 6:3 AMP).

Christian Character is what makes our life a reflection of God, his righteousness and spiritual life. All things are legitimate [permissible–and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable, and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. (1 Corinthians 10:23 AMP).

Character is what shapes how we behave and keeps us from compromise.

Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]. (Hebrews 13:5 AMP).

WHAT CHARACTER IS NOT:

Character is not a substitute for talent and gifting. We need to

cultivate character so that our gifts will shine and continue to shine and become relevant. Our gifting and talent is charisma but Christian character is different from charisma and gifting. Charisma is a compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others. Charisma will attract people, but Character will keep them. Charisma will open doors but character will keep the doors opened. Character will help us to build solid and long lasting relationships.

Christian character is what validates our charisma and gives probity and integrity to what we show and profess. Character is not image building because that is putting up a show!

Charisma must be combined with Christian character for us to live as true disciples of Christ The Lord. Jesus had both charisma and character and that is why he is our example. He learnt and cultivated his character by the things that he suffered.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;"- Hebrews 5:8 KJV.

HOW DO WE DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER?

1. Develop your personal Integrity by the help of the Holy Spirit.

INTEGRITY:
Cambridge dictionary defines integrity as

"the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles that you refuse to change."

"Then the [other two] commissioners and the satraps began trying to find a reason to bring a complaint against Daniel concerning the [administration of the] kingdom; but they could find no reason for an accusation or evidence of corruption, because he was faithful [a man of high moral character and personal integrity], and no negligence or corruption [of any kind] was found in him." Daniel 6:4 AMP.

"Therefore, brothers, choose from among you seven men with good reputations [men of godly character and moral integrity], full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task." Acts 6:3 AMP.

"Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause."" Job 2:3 NKJV.

FIVE ELEMENTS OF INTEGRITY:

- **Honesty:** telling the truth or able to be trusted and not likely to steal, cheat or lie: be truthful and act so, learning to be a person of your word, truthful, loyal, and sincere. Colossians 3:9 KJV.
- **Transparency**: can see through clearly, open and has no secrets, nothing to hide!. Compare Stephen in Acts 6:3 with Ananias and Sappira in Acts 5:1-11.
- **Consistency:** steadfast adherence to the same principles, course, form regardless of the situation facing you, firm in resolution and faith, no compromise, no double life. You are the same person at home, at work, in church, when driving etc.
- **Responsibility:** Having an obligation to do something. To be dependable. Taking responsibility for your actions and not making excuses. Keeping your promises, honouring your commitments, being faithful and reliable.
- **Simplicity:** Easy to understand and easy to deal and relate with, not a complex personality, not complicated, approachable and easy to get along with, not easily offended. What you are inside is what we see on the outside. No dichotomy of behaviour and persons.

You need to develop a habitual walk with the Holy Spirit, so that the Holy Spirit can work on your character until it becomes the character of Christ. The more you live your life under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the more you embrace and imbibe his character. Galatians 5:16-17 AMPC.

2. DEVELOP DILIGENCE, DISCIPLINE AND EXCELLENCE: (CENTRE OF CHARACTER)

''Work is doing it, diligence is doing it well and discipline is doing it well everyday'' -Dave Ramsay.

A) DILIGENCE:

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Proverbs 22:29 KJV.

Diligence is careful and persistent work or effort, working hard, being persistent, not becoming weary, enthusiastic, to keep going and not looking back. Steady application of effort. It is an essential building block of good character.

We must learn to be diligent at work, at home, in prayer, in the Word, in fasting, in ministry, church, family etc. Be full of passion in whatever you do. Serve with zeal and passion.

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;" Romans 12:11 KJV.

"For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." Psalms 69:9 KJV.

"never lagging behind in diligence; aglow in the Spirit, enthusiastically serving the Lord;" Romans 12:11 AMP.

For you to fully fulfil any assignment allocated, you must be passionate about it. Passion is what will let you stop at nothing to get the work done. Without passion, your best will be to do as you are told; you consider your assignment as somebody else's business.

B) DISCIPLINE:
Discipline is defined as training that makes people more willing to obey or more able to control themselves. We need to train ourselves! A lot of Christians are trying to control others but not themselves!

"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified." I Corinthians 9:27 NKJV.

"But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 AMP.

Self control is a fruit of the spirit.

THE TWO AREAS WHERE DISCIPLINE IS REQUIRED ARE:

i) Spiritual

- Making God priority in your life: Personal, home, family, work and everywhere:
- Habitual Personal devotion: Quiet time every morning, prayer, study God's Word, regular praying in the spirit. Habitual means done regularly, repeatedly, constantly.·
- Operate your life on a higher standard than others, based on God's word- like Daniel.

All things are legitimate [permissible–and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable, and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. (1 Corinthians 10:23 AMP)

- Daniel was dedicated to strong spiritual discipline which was evident to the chief of the Eunuchs and the King and the other two governors and 120 satraps etc. Daniel had a good understanding of the scriptures, the season and times.
- Avoid blending in with the world or else you will soon forget your values and who you are. Daniel knew that the time in Babylon was only temporary and that God will bring them back home after prophecy has been fulfilled.
- Regular prayer and fasting life for maintaining and building your faith.
- Commit to serving in the Kingdom of God. It sets you for promotion and spiritual maturity and development of character.
- Develop a disciplined church habit and lifestyle. Don't be late to church, respect God.
- Work on the fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23.
- Develop and live on strong moral and spiritual values- moral excellence that the people of the world can not compete with.

"And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]." Romans 12:2 AMP.

- Stop personalising your weakness. Deal with besetting sins and habits. Make sure you do not have anything to hide, e.g. anger, character flaws and weakness etc, sin that easily besets.

PUT OFF:

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy commu-

nication out of your mouth." Colossians 3:8 KJV.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1 NLT.

Deal decisively with any character flaw that you have with the help of the Holy Spirit and become accountable to a mentor. Don't hide it from your spouse and your Pastor. Mortify them. Actively and deliberately deal with issues related to:

- Sexual immorality: masturbation, pornography, adultery, fornication.
- Addictions: sex, drugs, gambling.
- Inappropriate and unhealthy associations and relationships.
- Do not be equally yoked with unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- Love of money.
- Telling lies.
- Negative generational/inherited traits and tendencies e.g. polygamy, etc
- (Hebrews 13:5 AMP.)
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II) SECULAR OR NON SPIRITUAL:

- Have disciplined and excellent work ethics like Daniel. Go beyond what is required. Go the extra mile and avoid eye service. (Colossians 3:22). Don't be persistently late to work. Don't be lazy at work. Constantly personally audit your outcomes and results and evaluate what you need to do to be better and do not allow others to evaluate you before you do it yourself.
- Develop all necessary skills and do not use spirituality to make up for lack of skills and incompetence.
- Have a plan for CPD- Continuous Personal Development.
- Develop excellent people skills and relations.
- Do not compromise on your values, ethics and core beliefs.
- Health discipline:

C) EXCELLENCE:

Excellence is the quality of being outstanding and extremely good at what you do.

- It is doing something to a very high standard, paying attention to detail and going the extra mile.
- Excellence is doing all things to a very high standard.
- Excellence is doing the best you can and more!
- Excellence is distinguishing yourself from others.

So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble]. (Philippians 1:10 AMP).

3. DEVELOP INNER STRENGTH AND COURAGE INNER STRENGTH COMES FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.

"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man," Ephesians 3:16 NKJV.

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit," Jude 1:20 NKJV.

"If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small." Proverbs 24:10 NLT.

Our strength is tested in times of crisis. How we behave is a result of how much strength and resilience we have developed before then. This is important especially in the times of challenges. This is the real test of character. How you behave and act when you are faced with challenges and difficulties that are more than you.

Courage is not the absence of fear but the ability and strength to act out your conviction when faced with fear or challenge. Daniel in chapter 6 had the courage to be consistent and act out his conviction in spite of the King's decree to worship the image. (Joshua 1:6-7 NKJV).
Learn not to give up but always see things through and be a finisher and not a quitter.

4. LEARN TO TREAT PEOPLE WELL.

Treat all persons well and with humility including your close relatives, spouses, children, coworkers, people above and under you and people you do not know. How you treat people is a reflection of how good your character is. Be humble and don't think of yourself more highly than others.

"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." Romans 12:3 NKJV

Humility in the inner self is true humility as opposed to humility of the outward which is usually rehearsed and inconsistent. Live and accept life as a privilege.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond-servant, and coming in the likeness of men." Philippians 2:5-7 NKJV.

ALWAYS WALK IN LOVE!

"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." Ephesians 5:2 NKJV.

Be nice to people. The fruit of the spirit must be evident in how we relate with people including how we speak.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Colossians 4:6 KJV.

Be gracious and merciful when you are right and others are wrong. Never retaliate or revenge.

5. MAKE YOUR LIFE AND ACTIONS ACCOUNTABLE TO A SPIRITUAL MENTOR.

Mentors help to provide guidance, encourage, support, give examples, set goals, offer prayers and correction e.g. Paul.

"PATTERN YOURSELVES after me [follow my example], as I imitate and follow Christ (the Messiah)." 1 Corinthians 11:1 AMPC.

- Every Christian should have spiritual mentors who are able to help change your behaviour in a positive way and censor your important life decisions and should be able to call you to order. You must make yourself accountable to your spiritual mentors.
- Moses was Joshua's mentor and he did everything Moses said to him to do. Deuteronomy 34:9, Joshua 1:7.
- Timothy was mentored by Paul, Lois his grandmother and Eunice his mother.
- Everyone should have a spiritual, marriage, career mentor and be accountable to them. 1 Pet 3:1 AMP, Titus 2:3-4 KJV.

6. SELF DENIAL AND CRUCIFYING THE FLESH.

"And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also]." Luke 9:23 AMPC.

Self denial– Deny yourself, your flesh and kill the appetites and cravings by self discipline.

Stop feeding your flesh, but with prayer, study of God's Word, fasting, counselling, put your flesh under- But I keep my body under and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway 1 Cor 9:27.

SET BOUNDARIES AND RESPECT THEM.

Make yourself accountable to someone more spiritual. Every believer should have someone in their life who can tell them what they are not doing well and they will listen and change their ways.

7. DEVELOPING A CONTRITE HEART AND A BROKEN SPIRIT.

The heart is the centre of our soul.

- The condition of our heart determines how we respond to the Word of God! Let us be careful so that our hearts do not become unresponsive to God's Word by making excuses!

- It is our responsibility to prepare and condition our heart right.
- The Holy Spirit helps us to condition our hearts but we have a part by walking with him and responding to His promptings, leadership and control.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise. (Psalms 51:17 NKJV).

HOW TO START AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

By Pastor Olumuyiwa Olubowale

Starting a business is by no means an easy adventure, and if you have started a business, you will notice that more effort and tenacity is required to maintain and grow it. During the current pandemic, a lot of businesses have seen opportunities to grow as they were able to identify solutions to problems. Zoom, a popular tech firm we all know, has been around for a long time but it was during this pandemic that they were able to seize the moment and their share value rose up significantly to an all-time high. They have stayed up since the outbreak of the pandemic.

So how can anyone set up a successful business during the pandemic? I will share my story, my observations and the Christian principles that I have learnt so far.

MY STORY:

when I was about 10 years of age, I developed the love for making things. I used to make light powered by batteries, sometimes I will make a living room out of matchstick boxes. What I really loved most out of all the interests I had as a child was farming. I grew up in a rural set up in Nigeria and we had some spare land around us.

I remember growing vegetables, yam, cocoyam roots, maize etc I also had chickens and rabbits that I reared. I derived great joy from this, not because I was paid for doing it, but, for the delight of seeing my family and neighbours eat out of it.
Why am I sharing this with you? Over the years, I have seen that God knew us from inside out; in Jeremiah 1:5 – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations". This made me realise that God has placed something special in all of us, right from the time we were created.

My interests as a child were the signs of the gift God has placed in me. As I grew up over the years, I lost touch with my farming and building skills. I have forgotten about all those things I loved to do and create as a little child, because they were just like child's play to me.

I went on to study Mechanical engineering at university, I thought I was going to become a design engineer; manufacturing new technologies. Despite my A-levels, undergraduate and master's degree qualification in engineering, I still found myself gravitating towards running my business, and guess what I have reconnected with those passions that I had as a child.

I love it when my business can take away other people's stress. Whenever we are unable to provide a satisfactory service to any of our customers, I usually feel sad and that feeling is so bad that I have to establish a method to prevent any future occurrence where our customers are not pleased. It was not long ago that I realised what I used to enjoy as a child were the things I am now enjoying as I run my business.

I have learnt that God has put in all of us something special, just like I am discovering God's passion in my own life. For those of you whom God has given the heart to run a business and to offer credible solutions to others, it is necessary to know that God has already deposited what you need in you, it is called passion. This is where you need to start from.

MY OBSERVATION AND CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES:

success means many things to different people. I have had to get to grip with the fact that God's definition of success is not what we term as success. Here are a few things I have learnt about businesses that are successful

1. MONEY IS NOT SUCCESS
after many years of running my business I have learnt that most companies who are making large profits year on year do so on the back of multiple loans. This

means that what you see on the outside is not always the reality. Do not base your decision to start a business on how you think others are succeeding.

2. DON'T BE A RICH FOOL

the rich fool in Luke 12:13-21, said to himself in verse 19– "Then I'll say to myself, "You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself". The only reason many people want to set up a business is to be able to amass wealth so that we can retire in our 30s and go on holiday anytime we want for as long as we wish. I am sorry for people who think like this because even billionaires cannot afford this kind of lifestyle, as there are a lot of issues that they have to deal with daily. The bigger the business, the tighter the management required to keep the business operation effective.

God sees most business owners as rich fools because a lot of businesses plan so well to protect their wealth but they fail to realise that only God is in control of the overall affairs of the world. This pandemic has wiped away trillions of pounds from many businesses, but yet I still see God showing me what I need to do to grow our business and how to be relevant with our target market more than ever.

3. GOD CARES ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Like all other areas of our lives, God cares about your business. He cares about the type of business you should start and He has a very high standard to which any business should be run. I know many Christian friends who will openly deny alcohol, but they will happily sell it in their shops, some may even sell cigarettes because that is what their customers are asking for. After learning that God is interested in my business, I am learning to rely on Him as the sole decision maker in the business. If God hates anything, I must hate it too. If there is ever any conflict between what I want and what God wants, I usually cry for help because God knows what is best for me and He has never been wrong. I use this method to check my motive and to make sure I am still allowing God to run my business.

4. GOD SEES THROUGH YOUR BUSINESS

If you have already gotten a business or are about to start one, please go through the above points to make sure that you have your business conducive for God. In Daniel 2:47-

"The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.""

I can testify to this, as I personally have experienced God's interventions each time I am in trouble and I go to God for understanding.

There has been times when I failed to go to God, I tried to solve the issues myself but I thank God because He helped me in the end to learn fundamental lessons (part of which I have shared above) about how to run a business to last the test of time and how to survive in a climate where others have failed. If God is the revealer of secrets and you rely on Him for these precious secrets that can make your business grow and to stand out, then He will not disappoint you.

5. FINALLY, THERE IS NO SINGLE MAGIC PRESCRIPTION FOR ALL BUSINESSES,

you need the Holy Spirit to guide you through each phase of running your business. He is the spirit of God and He can always be on ground with you as you run your business. I have to say that when you choose to rely on the Holy Spirit, you must do so all the way or not at all. With the spirit of God living in you, He can reveal to you the true purpose of your business. Do not for once think a business is a business so you can find any avenue that seems profitable to establish yourself there. If God will grant your business success, it must be because you have aligned your business to match God's purpose in your business sector.

I hope you are inspired to start your own business? To summarise my points, God has a set purpose for your life and you can start to discover this purpose by turning to God who knows you inside out. You need to first devout your life to Him and let God know that you want Him to make out of you whatever he has planned for your life the moment He created you.

Handing such authority to God sets a good foundation to building any business that God will quicken your heart to build. Don't forget, it is God who will build the business through His holy spirit in you, you are only His representative.

COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CHURCH IN 2020

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES BEFORE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Year 2020 in God's Vineyard Ministries was our year of 'Increase', inspired from Psalm 71:21- "Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side."

The year commenced with 30 Days Prayer & Fasting, which was observed by God's Vineyard Churches in the UK and Nigeria. This was followed by the Youth Weekend Away in Cefn Lea, Wales with over 400 youths and 20 pastors in attendance at the retreat.

In March, the annual conference of God's Vineyard Ministries, known as the Kingdom Life Conference (KLC 2020) was held at the headquarters in GVC Nottingham from 12th-15th. This was the last major programme in the Ministry before COVID-19 lockdown, with full participation and attendance as members of God's Vineyard Churches across the UK gathered in Nottingham for the conference.

The following week, immediately after KLC 2020, the United Kingdom went into a national lockdown for the next 4 months because of Coronavirus outbreak. This meant that churches were closed for worship services, conferences, programmes and any other events for the entire duration of the lockdown.

The term "Virtual Church" became prominent and popular during the lockdown as services were broadcasted and streamed live online via Facebook, Youtube and Mixlr with mainly the Senior Pastor, alternating pastors and selected multimedia personnel coming to church to conduct services and broadcasting it online.

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES DURING NATIONAL LOCK-DOWN DUE TO COVID19 OUT-BREAK

During the the first national (UK) lockdown from Mid-March to Mid-July 2020, God's Vineyard Churches across the UK and Nigeria were shut and did not hold live services in line with government regulations in the UK, Nigeria and across the world.

Sunday services and mid-week 'Hour of Refreshing' were therefore broadcast from the headquarter Church in Nottingham, with members of God's Vineyard Church across the UK, Nigeria and friends all over the world connecting online via Facebook, Youtube and Mixlr.

The Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, however did emphasise that though the country was under lockdown, 'Ministry and ministering must continue'. To this effect, regular and weekly Church activities such as House Fellowship meetings, Prayer meetings, Pastors meetings, Leaders meetings, Units and Departmentals meetings, Discipleship classes, and pastoral care continued via online platforms such as Zoom and telephone conferencing during the lockdown.

The engagement of virtual media for hosting and facilitating Church services, programs, events and meetings did enable God's Vineyard Ministries to continue to function effectively during the lockdown. With special occasions such as Naming ceremonies, Wedding ceremonies officiated by the Church during the lockdown.

Though the lockdown was meant to be a period of depressing stagnation and setback in the life of the Church, the nation, and the entire world, God Almighty did turn it around as a time of lifting and moving forward for the God's Vineyard Ministries and all of her members. To this, we celebrate the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and give Him all the glory, praise, honour and thanks

21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP

John C Maxwell (A Summary)

John Maxwell is one of the world's foremost authorities on leadership. John has trained millions of people and written over 50 books. Like many other authorities on leadership, John would agree that leadership is about setting direction, aligning people, motivating and inspiring people.

However, in his book "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" published in 2007, John breaks down leadership even further.

Each of the 21 laws has its own chapter in which John shares his personal stories and biographical sketches of some of history's greatest leaders. A quick look at each law is as follows:

1- THE LAW OF THE LID.
It states that there is a lid on or limit to our potential that is determined by our leadership ability. As we grow our abilities as a leader, we automatically grow our abilities to impact the world. If our leadership abilities

stagnate, so does our ability to make a bigger impact. The more we work on the lid that limits us as a leader, the more effective we become.

2- THE LAW OF INFLUENCE.
Influence is the power or capacity to produce a desired result. Maxwell refers to this law many times throughout the book. The true measure of leadership is influence- nothing more, nothing less. Influence is what helps fulfill the goals and dreams of the leader and without influence, a leader lacks the ammunition to reach the destination.

3- THE LAW OF PROCESS.
Leaders are learners and their capacity to develop and improve their skills distinguishes leaders from their followers. The learning process is ongoing and a result of self-discipline and perseverance. To quote Maxwell,

"If I need to be inspired to take steps forward, then I'll attend an event. If I need to improve, then I'll engage in a process and stick with it."

Maxwell asks the questions

"What is one little thing you can do more of that would have a positive impact on your life or your business? And is there something you can stop doing that will have the same kind of impact?"

Both are important as we strive to get a little better every day.

4- THE LAW OF NAVIGATION.
Anyone can steer a ship but it takes a leader to chart the course, carefully, seeing where they want to go and charting the most effective course to get there. This holds true for individual leaders and for leadership teams. To quote Maxwell

"If the leader can't navigate the people through rough waters, he is liable to sink the ship."

5- THE LAW OF ADDITION.
The law of addition focuses on advancing others, not ourselves. Leadership is an act of service to others and the true leaders focus on creating value for others. The best place to serve is where we can add the most value to others. Leaders add value to others by valuing others and relating to what others value. True leaders ask "How can I serve?" Because they are focused on service, it's not so much about "What's in it for me."

6- THE LAW OF SOLID GROUND.
The solid ground is solid character, living with integrity, authenticity and discipline. Trust is the foundation of leadership. It is earned or it isn't. Character is the source of trust. We build our character by being scrupulously honest, even when it hurts. To be authentic, we must be ourselves with everyone, not pretending to be something that we aren't. Discipline comes from doing what needs to be done whether we like it or not.

7- THE LAW OF RESPECT.
We must be strong and worthy of respect if we want people to respect us, to have a high opinion of us and be willing to follow our lead, because people naturally follow people with leadership skills and traits stronger than they possess. People follow others who possess leadership traits they respect and admire and consider more worthy of respect than themselves.

8- THE LAW OF INTUITION.
Great leaders have intuition, the sense that they should head in a certain direction. Intuition is the power to discern the true nature of a person or situation. Like any other leadership quality, intuition can be developed. Leadership intuition is really that inner thought or perception to make a particular change in an organization, or to know what to do at a particularly challenging time. To trust oneself, one's insights, one's instincts.

9- THE LAW OF MAGNETISM.
Maxwell describes leaders as magnets. They are constantly attracting followers and often attracting new leaders to themselves. It is because of this that organizations experience growth. However, we attract people like ourselves, so if we want to attract great people, we must ourselves be great.

10- THE LAW OF CONNECTION.
Connection is to bring or to join one thing to another, to hit it off, to be on the same wavelength. Establishing a connection with another person is vital in leadership. A CEO who fails to emotionally connect with his people is on the road to failure because we must connect with others before we can expect them to follow. As Maxwell says "Leaders touch a heart before they ask for a hand."

11- THE LAW OF THE INNER CIRCLE.
It states that those closest to us will determine our potential as a leader. They should be people who have our best interest at heart, who want to see us succeed, and hold us accountable. Our strength as leaders comes partially from what we know. It also depends on the skills of our inner circle and how closely connected our inner circle is to each other. An example of the law of the inner circle comes to us from Mother Teresa, who said

"You can do what I can't do. I can do what you can't do. Together we can do great things."

12- THE LAW OF EMPOWERMENT.
So many of us are limited by our unwillingness to give up something either because of wanting to hoard knowledge and skills to ensure job security, resistance to change, or lack of self-worth or low self-esteem. In order to empower others, we must first trust ourselves and then trust others to follow through managing processes and performing the tasks.

13- THE LAW OF THE PICTURE.
People do not do what they hear, they do what they see. Leaders lead by example. Therefore, we must embody our ideals to create a picture of what will inspire people to follow our lead.

14- THE LAW OF BUY-IN.
Getting support for our ideas, vision and strategy requires others to buy-in to us first before deciding to support our ideas, vision and strategy. In the words of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf,

"Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy."

The law of the buy-in causes people to take one of these actions: to look for another leader when they do not buy-in to the leader or the leader's vision; to look for another leader when they do not buy-in to the

leader, but do buy-in to the vision; to seek to change the vision when they buy-in to the leader, but not the vision; or to support the leader and the vision when they buy-in to both.

15- THE LAW OF VICTORY.
Leaders find a way for the team to win. True leaders have a passion for victory. Winston Churchill is one of the finest examples of someone who inspired victory. His most famous quotes are

"Never, never, never give up!", "The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory!"

A victory that comes from finding a way for the team to win may be having no Plan B or going from Plan A all the way through the alphabet to bring our vision to life and do what we're here to do.

16- THE LAW OF BIG MO.
If we've got all the passion, tools and people we need to win, we're in trouble if we can't get things going. Big Mo is "Momentum" and momentum is a close friend of effective leaders. When we have no momentum, even the smallest tasks seem insurmountable and small problems look like huge obstacles. On the other hand when we have momentum on our side, the future looks bright, obstacles appear small and troubles seem unimportant. Creating momentum requires someone who has a vision to assemble a good team and motivate others. Momentum starts with energy and enthusiasm to create and celebrate small wins to show consistent progress which is a powerful motivator.

17- The Law of Priorities. Many people are so busy that they can't get anything important done. They are unfocused and this can only lead to failure. Focusing on what is most important is so much more effective than being busy. Becoming laser focused on a clear vision leads to more success, faster, even when what has to be done is difficult or even painful. We've all heard of the 80/20 rule. It says that 80% of our activities will lead to 20% of our results and that 20% of our activities lead to 80% of our results. The key is to identify the 20% of our activities that bring us the highest return on our investment and get rid of or delegate the rest of the activities. Once we understand our focus, we can prioritize our to-do list and make things happen faster.

18- THE LAW OF SACRIFICE.
Leaders trade freedom for responsibility. In any organization of more than one person, the larger the organization gets and higher we go, the more we need to be willing to give up. A leader must give up to go up. Maxwell says

"It is easier to go from failure to success than it is to go from excuses to success."

Without sacrifice, there is no improvement. The question then is,

"Am I making excuses or am I willing to make the sacrifices to get me from where I am to where I want to be?"

19- THE LAW OF TIMING.
When to lead is as important as what to do and where to go. Not all moments are created equal, effective leaders know when to seize the moment, when to move forward and when to back off, what to improve and how radical those improvements should be. Higher level leaders often see opportunities and risks before others see them. They see more clearly and completely than others see, and see farther than others see. This allows them to start planning sooner, see more options, and prioritize for what lies ahead both in the short and long term.

20- THE LAW OF EXPLOSIVE GROWTH.
A strong leader recognizes that developing leaders around him/her will exponentially create a larger group of leaders. The Law of Explosive Growth states that leaders who attract followers grow by addition, whereas leaders who develop leaders grow by multiplication. Maxwell calls this "Leader's Math".

21- THE LAW OF LEGACY.
Leaders who leave a lasting legacy leave an indelible imprint on our hearts because they chose to make an impact on the world. Maxwell contends that leaders who practice the law of legacy are rare. But the ones who do practice the law of legacy leave a legacy of succession in their organizations, family, friends and the world as a whole. How does this happen? These individuals lead with tomorrow as well as today in mind; they create a leadership culture within their organizations; they pay a price to assure lasting success; they value team leadership above individual leadership; and they realize that the leader's lasting value can only be judged based on how well the organization is doing after the leader is gone. In other words, those leaders who leave a solid legacy choose a life of significance, not just a life of success.

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INCREASE- A KINGDOM CONCEPT BY REV. FRIDAY BEKEE (FRIDAY 13/03/2020)

TEXT: PSALM 71:21
Increase means to make or become progressively greater. Maybe in number, amount, strength, measure, and intensity. It also means to multiply by propagation or by production of young ones.

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."- Matthew 13:31-32:

In that passage above, when Jesus was teaching the parable of the Kingdom, He said "the Kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed." Though this seed is the smallest and the least of all seeds, but when it is grown (i.e. when it increases), the Bible says it became the greatest.

The Kingdom of God always begins in a little form, but it is never expected to remain small forever. Anytime God wants to do a thing, He may start small, but it does not stay small. God has put in us the potential to grow and increase. What makes a small seed to suddenly become the greatest is because it went through a process of growth or increase.

THE SCOPE OF INCREASE

1-) Productivity
God expects us to increase in our productivity, He intends for our labour and efforts to be productive and to yield in abundance. God expects us to be fruitful, not to labour in vain, God will cause your labour to yield for you. (See Genesis 1:28)

2-) Potentials
"Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."- Leviticus 26:4

When the earth drinks of the

rain from heaven, its potential is released. There is an increase that belongs to the earth, and it is waiting for rain from heaven, for it to manifest. There is something in you that is waiting for the rain from heaven to manifest. Until you yield your increase, the people around you may not receive the blessings out of your life. You carry increase on the inside, though it may not be seen now, but it is there, it is the potential that God has put in you.

3-) Greatness or Honour
This is another sphere of increase. "Thou shalt increase my greatness, ..."- Psalm 71:21 When you became a Christian, a seed of greatness was planted into your spirit. When you receive Jesus, the genetic code of greatness is birthed in you. There is greatness in you that is not yet seen, but in this season of increase, your greatness shall increase. Though Jesus had a prophetic destiny of greatness (see Luke 1:32), it could not be released until the Holy Spirit came upon Him (see Luke 3:22). It is the Spirit of God in you that will release the greatness in you.

Again, the Kingdom is like a mustard seed, at the beginning before this increase comes, it could be despised, dishonored, and relegated. But when it is grown and the forces of increase begins to work on it, then the glory, honour and the beauty begins to manifest.

4-) Wealth and Riches
"..... thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land."- Job 1:10 The increase of his house refers to his riches and wealth. Which means, when God chooses to increase you, your greatness will increase, your honour will increase, your wealth increase, your productivity will increase. It is all about the Kingdom; the reason God will increase you is because of His Kingdom. This is why God causes His rain from Heaven to come upon you.

When the children of Israel left Egypt, God loaded them with gold and silver, because He knew that the Israelites would require this for carrying out His projects, such as the building of the tabernacle and the initiation of the priesthood.

5-) Joy
"You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy;"- Isaiah 9:3

One area of satanic contention and manipulation in the lives of God's people is their joy. Some of the challenges we have in life is because satan wants to drain away our joy, and scripture says the joy of the Lord is our strength. Joy is different from happiness. Happiness may be a product of your circumstance, but joy is the fruit of the spirit. In our world today, there is so much depression and suicide, because satan is tampering with the joy of the people. The Bible says weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. May the Lord increase your joy in Jesus name. Amen.

6-) Faith
"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!""- Luke 17:5 (NIV)

Faith grows, faith can rise, faith can increase. When your faith grows, those things that intimated you before, you will begin to intimidate them; those things that you run away from, will start to run away from you; the things that you were afraid of before, will soon become afraid of you. In this season of increase, I pray to God; that your faith shall increase in Jesus name-Amen!

7-) Wisdom
"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man."- Luke 2:52

Jesus increased in wisdom, Solomon increased in wisdom, God expects us to increase in wisdom also. I pray that insight, understanding, prudence, revelation, knowledge, discernment shall increase in you in the name of Jesus. You can't build a house without wisdom, so, for us to build the Kingdom of God, we need the wisdom of God.

8-) Favour
Esther had favour with the King. A kingdom is established by favour; to grow a kingdom, we need favour. If God's Kingdom will be established and will prosper in our hands, we need a progressive increase of God's favour. Favour open people's hearts to you, it opens doors for you. If you don't have favour with people, your gifting would not be able to influence them, because they won't listen to you.

"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."- Acts 2:47 One of the things that brought daily increase to the church was favour. The community fell in favour with the church and people were added to the Church.

9-) Authority
Authority refers to government, it also refers to power, it refers to rulership.

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, ..."- Isaiah 9:7

Authority increases, power increases. God will increase the measure of His power and authority over your life. An officer in the army has a level of authority, and when he is promoted, his level of authority increases with each promotion.

'OUR TESTIMONIES ABOUNDS MUCH MORE' WHAT THE MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY

As God increases the measure of your authority and the measure of the government upon your shoulders, you will discover that the measure of your productivity in the Kingdom increases.

-10-) Numerical Increase
"The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children."- Psalm 115:14

This scripture is not talking about your size, it is not talking about your weight, it is talking about your number. I pray that God will increase you, He will increase the number of your converts. That's God's intention and design for the Church; that your converts will bring converts. God never intended for anyone of us to be saved alone. When God saved Noah, Lot, Rahab and Cornelius, he saved them and members of their families.

So we must understand the Kingdom Concept of Increase, that, when God increases you it is because of the Kingdom. Everything we acquire in this world will pass away, but there are things that will not pass away: the souls of men saved are eternal. May God give you souls in the name of Jesus.

-11-) Increase in the Word
"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly;"- Acts 6:7

May the Word of God increase in your life, may it increase in our Church, may it increase in our community. I pray there will be increase in revelation, increase in insight, increase in understanding, there will be a revolution of the Word of God. May the knowledge of the Lord increase, may it cover the earth as the waters. God intends to increase His Word in you, so that your life may overflow and bless others.

"So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."- Acts 19:20

Increase prevails; there is a limit to the resistance against it. Whatever situation you find yourself, you shall prevail, you shall be on top in the name of Jesus Christ.

DEALING WITH THE DEVIL'S SCHEME BY APOSTLE ALFRED TB WILLIAMS (SATURDAY 14/10/2020)

TEXT: EPHESIANS 6:10

Everyone who is born again has been rescued from the dominion of darkness, and have been elevated to the Kingdom of God. The laws of the Kingdom of God are enforceable in the dominion of darkness, but never vice-versa. Therefore, we are governed by the laws of the Kingdom and never by the rules of the dominion of darkness.

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."- 2 Corinthians 10:3 (NIV)

Strongholds here is talking about your mindset as it's what the devil attacks. Here are some fundamental principles that can sustain your destiny and bring you to fulfilment of God's purpose for your life:

1. **Dedication:** You need to be dedicated to your decision with God. Dedication is to do things wholeheartedly with that thing in mind. You must not allow the enemy to hinder it.
2. **Devotion:** You must be devoted to God above all things in your life. Devotion is loyalty, faithfulness, steadfastness. Whatever you devote yourself to is what you serve.
3. **Diligence:** Diligence is to be conscientious. Think deeply before you utter a word, so you don't destroy what God is doing for you.

"The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen."- Isaiah 14:24

God has a great purpose for you, and the plans of God for you is according to his purpose.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW REGARDING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU:

1. God's knowledge of you predates your conception:
2. God's purpose for you predates your birth
3. God appointed you before you were born

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

God has a plan for you which was formulated before you were born.

KEY POINTS FROM JEREMIAH 29:11:

1. Only God knows the plans He has for you."However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" -- the things God has prepared for those who love him." - 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)
2. God's plan for you is to prosper you.
3. God's plans are not to harm you: we may suffer during the course of fulfilling our destiny. It is not to harm you, but a course of learning.
4. God's plan is to give you hope and a future.

In God's hand lies the power to fulfil His plans for your life.

Don't allow circumstances contrary to your thoughts to unbalance you. You must have confidence in God's plan. The plan of God is not to harm you. Though you may suffer pain, it will not harm you. You must be wiser than the devil to fulfil destiny

WHAT IS PURPOSE
The vision and belief that underpins the values you hope to create for yourself. It can also be defined as the reason or motive behind your action. Purpose leads you to destiny. If you live a life without purpose, you can't fulfil your destiny.

PURPOSE IS THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR EXISTENCE:
1. Purpose guides your decisions and strategy towards your greater values.
2. Purpose aligns your team towards a common goal.
3. Purpose gives rise to courage to effect positive changes: purpose drives innovation.

For God to bless what you're doing, your purpose must be in line with God's.

"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever."- 1 chronicles 28:9 (NIV)

Purpose drives innovation, and innovation means transformation or departure from the norm. Innovation gives birth to creativity, and creativity succeeds through collaboration.

A plan without purpose comes to nothing, and strategy without purpose shall be thwarted. When you leave God out of the equation of your life, you will end up a failure in life.

A man of purpose can never fail. A life without a goal is an aimless life. A life without a purpose is an unfulfilled life. A life without daily self-examination is a frustrated life.

EVERYDAY ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:
1. Why am I alive today?
2. What is my purpose for living?
3. What are the tasks before me today?
4. Does my task today align with my ultimate goal in life?
5. Are your goals aligned with God's purpose for you?

GVM SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION:
GVM–SOM was commissioned in April 2011 as part of the continuing quest to fulfil the divine mandate of God's Vineyard ministries; 'Empowering Lives and Building Society'. The ultimate objective of the school is to ensure that 'the man of God is perfected, thoroughly furnished unto every good work'

The school is under the leadership of the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, who is the President of the Institution and an implementing body; including Dr Joseph Nipah, the Director of Training and Dr Femi Fenojo, the Principal of the institution. Following the setting up of the board in 2011 to design a Diploma awarding curriculum to equip God's children for the work of the Kingdom, the school has since graduated over 120 students, who are serving in various capacities in the Kingdom of our Lord. The school currently boasts of a number of high quality academic staff and research board.

COURSE STRUCTURE:
The course structure is a modular system involving the following arrangement:

- The programme can be completed within one or two years
- Class lectures are supplemented by "home Studies."
- Each module is usually thought in four sessions, on Tuesday nights, 7.00-9.30pm
- One week breaks between modules, with a longer break from Dec to Jan
- On-Line facilities are available for distant students for the entire duration of the course.

COURSE CONTENT:
- Leadership
- Introduction to Counselling
- Foundation Theology
- Old & New Testament Surveys
- Church Administration
- Introduction to Biblical Doctrines
- Mission, Evangelism and Revival.
- Bibliology and Hermeneutics (Understanding the Bible & Biblical Interpretation)
- Pastoral Ministry and Homiletics

DATE AND TIME:
The academic year of the GVM-SOM runs from May to February each year. However, as a result of the modular nature of the course, students can join the programme at any stage within the year and work through the modules.

COST:
The only cost students are eligible to pay is a £200 to cater for stationery and administrative costs. Payment can be made by instalments. The course is subsidised by God's Vineyard Ministries.

We wish to use this opportunity to encourage everyone, who desires to play a leading role in the Kingdom and influence our society with Godly virtues to contact the leadership of the school to take advantage of this great opportunity that God has blessed us with.

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WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE 2020.

The 2020 edition of God's Vineyard Ministries annual Women of Excellence Conference was held during the COVID-19 outbreak across nations of the world. Thankfully, it was held (from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th October 2020), when the UK Government had lifted the 1st National lockdown and churches were permitted to reopen in line with social distancing, health and safety guidelines.

The theme of the conference was 'The Warring Women', inspired from Jeremiah 51:20- "You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;"

Speakers at the conference were: The Host: Pastor (Dr) Mrs Funmi Alawale, and guest speakers: Pastor (Mrs) Dolapo Adelakun (Victory International Church, Ibadan, Nigeria), and Pastor (Mrs) Atinuke Adesanya (Grace to Grace International Church, UK).

The conference which was both actual and virtual had participants in attendance at God's Vineyard Church, Nottingham observing government guidelines on social distancing and safety measures, with many other participants connecting via the virtual broadcast platforms such as YouTube, Facebook & MixLr.

Pastor (Dr) Mrs Funmi Alawale and Pastor (Mrs) Atinuke Adesanya delivered their messages in person during the conference, whilst Pastor (Mrs) Dolapo Adelakun delivered her messages virtually from Nigeria.

It was indeed an impactful, spiritually equipping and life transforming encounter for all participants at the conference. All glory to the name of the Lord!

COUPLES CORNER

THE YEAR 2020: COU-PLES FORUM-

BY MINISTER BISI ADEYIGA

On February 14, 2020 while we were having the first couples' event of the year (The Couples Ball), little did we know that a pandemic was going to ravage what was the normal way of life for many months. We had good fun and had a wonderful 3 course meal with over 100 people in attendance. But more importantly, the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale gave a mind-blowing talk that buttresses the importance of harmony within the institution of marriage. He pointed out some of the effects of marital disharmony, leading to teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, domestic violence, extramarital affairs, etc. The main point of the talk explored the bedrock of marital harmony:

· An understanding that God is the bedrock of marital Harmony
· There are principles that fosters marital Harmony which are stated below:

He emphasised the principles that fosters marital harmony, such as Mutual Respect, Willingness to Learn, subjection to Christ, letting go of the past and letting God lead the couple into the future. It was a great night; couples were rocking it out on the dance floor and beautiful pictures were taken at the couples photo booth afterwards.

Then came March 2020; the month that heralds the events that will make the year 2020 go down in history as the year that changed many businesses, organizations, lives and even marriages. Lives were lost to the virus and many were seriously ill. Consequently, governments of countries around the world were saddled with the responsibility of curbing the spread of the deadly virus and the primary strategy adopted was to restrict people's movement via national lockdowns. The implication was that people had to spend more time at home with their families and spouses. While this helped foster family bonds, a large number of couples were struggling under the weight of living with their partners 24 hours a day, 7days a week.

For example, in Wuhan where the first incident of the virus occurred, The Global Times, a Chinese tabloid reported that the rate of divorce doubled after the lockdown was lifted. The same trend was beginning to evolve in the US.

While the UK had not recorded a massive rate in divorce, the rate of calls to domestic violence hotlines increased in April and as a church we could not afford to fold our arms and watch our homes and marriages become victims of the pandemic. Thus, God's Vineyard Church Couples Ministry decided to host two online programs to help couples deal with issues that may likely affect their union especially during the lockdown. The 1st was a general meeting for all couples, regardless of how long they have been married. It was titled, "COVID-19: keeping your marriage safe and sane". The 2nd was a program mainly for people married under 5 years. If you didn't attend the meetings or you were simply not aware of them, don't beat yourself up; I'm going to highlight the important bits of the meetings in this article. I believe the wisdom nuggets

shared in those meetings will prove to be useful for couples, not only during the lockdown, but also for the rest of our marriages.

At the First Program, the staggering statistics about marriages in the UK was one that leaves little to imagination if we do not fight for our marriages by putting the required work in.

· According to the Telegraph in June 2020, the number of calls to domestic violence helpline went up by 80%.
· According to the national statistics, behavioural issues has been the major reason for divorce over many years as shown in the image below:

It was obvious that the major issue we needed to deal with to avoid being part of the statistics is behavioural issues especially during the lockdown. Hence we looked at the following issues:

a. . Communication: Sounds like a cliché but couples must communicate effectively to deal with conflicts in marriage.

I. Communicate your feelings: We live in a situation we've not all experienced before and there is the need to communicate how we feel regularly to each other.
II. Communicate with the intent to resolve issues: We should be able to communicate with the intent to listen and find ways to resolve our differences.
III. Find ways to agree: First, agree that it's okay to disagree without affecting the relationship. Second, be ready to agree that you are wrong when you are.

b. Structure: Have a proper structure that takes off pressure from both parties.

I. Structure for kids: Because many of us now work from home with the children, it is important to have a structure to keep them sane and from being a source of pressure on the relationship. Children thrive better within a structured environment.
II. Work/life Balance: As many now work from home, avoid blurring the line between working hours and family time. Take turns with who stays with the kids or do house chores.

c. Time: Schedule time for what's important; this is not a holiday.

I. Time alone with God: The only thing that strengthens the moral compass of a Christian and helps shape his/her behaviour is his/her walk with God. Maintaining a consistent fellowship with God is paramount to the success of our marriages
II. Time with God together: The couples that pray together stick together. It's important to bring the individual experience with God into the union.
III. Romantic time together: Consciously plan romantic times alone. It strengthens your relationship.

d. Finance: Talk and plan your finance together. Don't let money be the source of argument especially during this economic downturn.

The **Second Program** for **'Marriages under 5 Years'** focused on "Building a Marriage that last a Lifetime". We explored important keys to a lasting marriage. It is important for young couples to build a solid foundation at the early years of their marriage. Communication, relationship with God, romance and finance are some of the most crucial fundamentals young couples need to build a solid foundation around.

Most couples start their union on the premise that they have the following characteristics in their relationship. It is therefore important for young couples to nurture those characteristic:

a. Compatibility: Compatibility does not necessarily mean you are the same; it means you complement each other well. Couples need to ensure they are complementing each other to build a strong union together.
b. Common Interest: Having a common interest in marriage is great. So is showing interest in the things that are of interest to your spouse in order to reduce tension and arguments.
c. Cultural difference: Some couples have cultural differences. As couples, you should learn to appreciate the cultural background of your spouse and understand it's likely to be the basis for their views and some of their actions. This shouldn't be the source of tension and argument.
d. Communication: Couples must understand that one of the keys to a successful marriage is healthy and effective communication. There must be regular communication and no subject should be off-limit.
e. Spirituality: For Christian marriage, relationship with God is the most important component of marriage that needs to be developed. It provides the moral compass within the relationship. A Christian marriage should therefore be triangular as shown below:

Having discussed that, it was noted that there are a few pitfalls young couples must watch out for and adequately discuss these issues to avoid problems.

- Lack of trust or Insecurity.
- Still thinking and acting like a single person.
- Unrealistic expectations that have not been discussed.
- Lack of intimacy.
- Keeping Secret.
- Financial management.

Lastly, young couples were offered strong advice on how to deal with conflicts:

1. Deal with disagreement as soon as possible. Don't push it under the carpet if it's an issue.
2. Attack the problem and not the person.
3. It's better to deal with and confront each other privately. Avoid public confrontation at all cost.
4. Be willing to understand the other person's point of view.
5. Be willing to admit wrong and forgive each other's offence.

Overall, the engagement and outcome of the programs were really good. So when next you are invited to one of these events, don't hesitate to attend. The marriage that works needs to be invested in.

PRECIOUS AND AJI THOMAS

SHORT STORY LINE: HOW WE MET

We met at a mutual friend's fundraising event. On a flight from Italy, Aji randomly met a long-time friend of Precious, who later invited him to an occasion organized to support family and friends. Both of us were completely unaware that our common friend actually prayed to God that we would connect at the event.

HOW I KNEW SHE WAS THE ONE

After the event, I picked up the conversation with her a month later – yeah slow, right?! Anyway, we started getting to know each other. I had my resolve with God not to make a decision until He directed me. As I prayed, and we spoke over a vast range of topics, I realized her hunger for God and the overwhelming peace of God in my heart.

WHAT I DID WHEN HE SPOKE TO ME

Aji made his intentions clear right from the first date. This gave me some reassurance that he had good motives and he wasn't interested in casual dating but a long-term relationship. As we started having regular communication, I prayed and asked God to guide me and also to dissolve the relationship if it wasn't His will.

WHAT ROLE DID PARENTS AND MENTORS PLAY?

We both came to the table with clear ideas of what to look for in a godly spouse. Parents, mentors, pastors, and Christian friends had enormous impact in the way we approached the relationship and made our choices.

THE BUILD-UP TO MARRIAGE

Following our introduction, we took enough time to prepare for the marriage. When all was said and done, we had undertaken counselling with three different ministries (though, this wasn't intentional), read and discussed various books on marriage, prayed and fasted together, spoken with mentors and models, attended Christian singles retreat, and discussed as many life topics as we could think of.

ANY CHALLENGES?

We could say COVID-19, although we eventually realized it was a blessing in disguise for us – in all things we are learning to place our complete trust in God. Another challenge was around where to build a home as we initially lived far from each other and both wanted a change. Words and pages wouldn't be enough to testify of God's goodness and how we both ended up in Nottingham and especially at GVC.

HOW THE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING WENT - WAS IT HELPFUL IN ANY WAY?

Marriage counselling helped in shaping our understanding of God's intent for marriage as well as providing principles and practical examples to help us build a thriving relationship. We strongly recommend counselling before any marriage in our 'modern' world.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT IN THESE EARLY DAYS OF OUR MARRIAGE?

Communication is key! We are each other's best friend and being on the same wave-length just makes it an absolute joy to be married. The first year is special in its way and we tackle issues immediately as they arise, making sure we build a solid and Godly foundation for the future.

ADVICE TO SOON TO BE MARRIED

There is safety in counsel, bible-based counsel. We also realized that preparation time was important, while taking time to know and really understand each other. Above all, you need God, so be sure you are in-tune and listening.

OPE AND EBUN ADEJUYIGBE

HOW DID YOU MEET?

Ebun: We actually met at God's Vineyard Church. Ope was here visiting during his last Sunday in Nottingham and after the church service he walked up to me to introduce himself. After a brief conversation, he asked for my number, I was rather reluctant but couldn't think of a good reason to say no at the time so I gave it to him. He later told me I had 'distracted him throughout the service'. He'd spotted me backing up during the praise and worship and then had gone to find out who I was.

HOW DID YOU KNOW EBUN WAS THE ONE?

Ope: When I saw Ebun, I knew she was the one immediately, something in me resonated with her even though I'd never met her. I was advised by my mentor earlier in the year to pray about my choice of wife and during the process of prayer, I felt led to the story of Isaac and Rebekah as a picture of how I would meet my wife. I equally had a perception about the time period in which I would meet her. When it was time, things happened in exactly the time period and in the manner in which I had perceived. Additionally, I had a very specific description of what the person would look like. I remember describing them to my Aunt a week before I met Ebun and was chastised for greatly narrowing my options but in the end God was simply at work in me to will and to do his good pleasure.

WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU DO AS THE HUSBAND AND WHAT DID SHE DO WHEN YOU SPOKE TO HER?

Ope: I silenced my fears and went to speak to her! I knew I didn't have much to lose if she said no to me at that point. After I'd spoken to her, she told me she would let me know when she was ready for a call at a later date - this took about a week. I was very honest with Ebun from the start about where I saw the relationship going and who I thought she was to me.

WHAT ROLE DID PARENTS OR MENTORS PLAY?

Ebun: Both our mentors and parents played big roles in the process for us by praying along and giving Godly advice. My mentor was able to advise me on questions to ask and behaviours to observe when we went on our first date and my parents were able to give further confirmation regarding my choice in Ope. God had spoken to them 18 months previously about the process of marriage and they both knew things about Ope's character before they'd even met him which they just confirmed in person. Both sets of parents were incredibly supportive of our decisions and the quick progression of our relationship - we can't thank them enough!

Ope: My mentor was also very supportive in providing Godly counsel about managing the relationship and the boundaries we should maintain during the engagement period.

IN THE BUILD UP TO THE MARRIAGE, WERE THERE ANY CHALLENGES?

Both: In truth, compared to many couples we don't think we had many challenges as the process was very quick for us: less than a year from when we first met to when we got married. The main 'challenge' we faced was to reassure people we knew what we were doing. The decision making was very easy

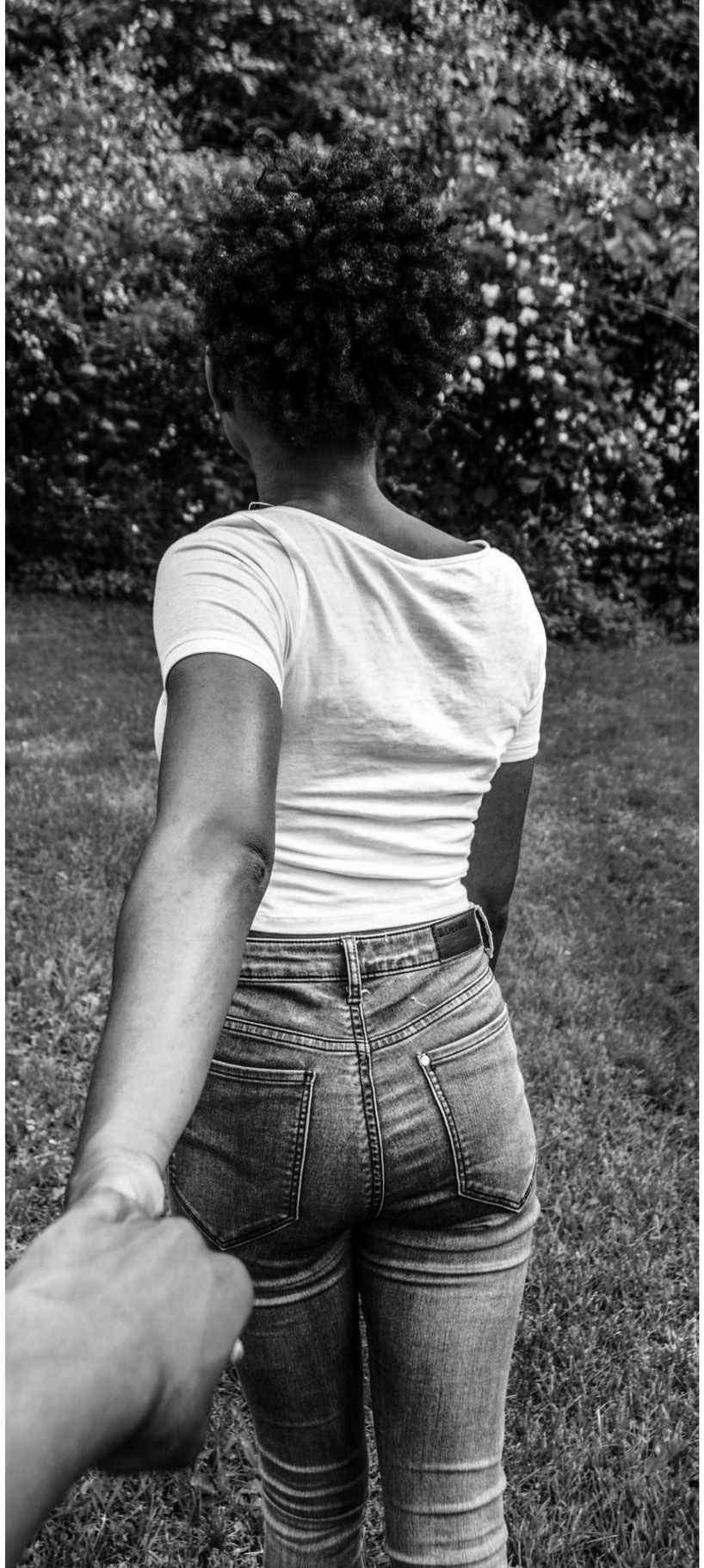
for us as we had both felt we heard God on the matter and other godly people confirmed it. Having two sets of godly parents made things much easier- they were able to understand the unique aspects

of our relationship and they also had peace of mind that God was involved and so they were incredibly supportive.

TELL US ABOUT THE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING- WAS IT HELPFUL IN ANY WAY?

Both: The marriage counselling was delivered in a group format with 5 other couples. It was a mixture of face to face and online sessions on Skype due to the pandemic. We really enjoyed the discussions that came from the topics in the curriculum. They were helpful to cover topics of conversation and go though the engagement period in a purposeful manner, ensuring all the important conversations were had before the marriage. Being part of the group also meant we were able to benefit from other perspectives and learn from other experiences as well as our own.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT IN THIS SHORT TIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MARRIED?



TESTIMONIES 2020

1. Testimony by Oluwatoyin Kazeem: Marriage Restored
Thanking God for His goodness and mercy towards me and my family. A year ago during 2018 Kingdom Life Conference, I cried to my father in heaven to sort me out in the area of my marital life. Knowing fully that He hates divorce. I was stuck, ageing and loneliness was eating me up.
In His mercy and love toward me, HE came through for me by repositioning me back to where I was rejected 15 years ago. I am here this morning to appreciate the King of Kings, who has done this thing for me. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in my sight.

2. Testimony by MR Samuel & MRS. Charmaine Adebare : Supernatural Increase in the midst of the pandemic
Thanking God for providing MR. Samuel with a new job. Able to get legally married and doing our blessing. For buying our first home together. For keeping our family members through the year.

3. Testimony by Opeyemi and Ebunoluwa : Thanking God for His faithfulness and Divine Settlement
Thanking God for Our Marriage, new jobs, new house and establishment. Joshua 21:45 "Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled."
We got Gods words before these things come and they came out just as God promised them.

4. Testimony by Nicki & Papa Owusu: Divine Protection
We thank God for His divine protection over the Owusu family and for keeping us safe from January to December and for guidance over our extended family.

5. Testimony by Mrs. Tye Achimuye:: Divine Favour and settlement
I am thanking God for removing stamp duty. I asked for a Holy Spirit dsicount as we bought a house, God exceeded my expectation and changed a national law for me

6. Testimony by MR Derrick & MRS Tope Osaze: Total Restoration and Open doors
Thanking God for restoring completely in our family what has been lost. Our son, who God had promised to us, Malachi, was born this year without complications on Derrick's birthday. Also for safe delivery of our nephew. Opened doors and new beginnings in various area of our lives as a family. We are trusting God that next year will continue to be a year of testimonies for us

7. Testimony by Bro Dele FAGBUARO: Deliverance from untimely death and divine health
I want to thank God for spearing my life and delivering me from a curse of untimely death in my family. At the prayer conference God gave a word of prophesy through His servant , Pastor Esther Aluko and I have come back to return all praise to God for confirming His word and for sparing my life. To Him be all the praise.