

**GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED: 31 AUGUST 2021**

**CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**

**CIO NO 1168046**

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**God's Vineyard Ministries**

**Reference and Administrative information**

**Charity Incorporated Organisation Name:** God's Vineyard Ministries

**Charity Incorporated Organisation Number:** **1168046**

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	Mr Kevin Price	Secretary
	Barrister Dennis Ekagha	
	Pastor Jerome Obode	
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## **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 befriending 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, career etc.

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**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 they have 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 guidance 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 Churches 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 University, University of East Anglia, -Norwich Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham University(Headquarter), Bradford University, Coventry University, Sheffield University etc.
6. Offering our services to anyone in need of spiritual help through free Christian 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 relieve 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 through 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.

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**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.

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**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 responsibility 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**

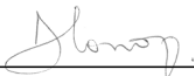
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(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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**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2021**

		<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>	Total
		Funds	Funds	<b>Funds</b>	Funds
<b>Notes</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Donations -Tithes and Offering		368,186	-	<b>368,186</b>	358,716
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim		87,971	-	<b>87,971</b>	83,943
Building Fund		14,869	-	<b>14,869</b>	20,052
Youth Ministry		4,675	-	<b>4,675</b>	30,756
Magazine/Calender		544	-	<b>544</b>	130
Covenant Partner		1,858	-	<b>1,858</b>	2,213
Sundry Income		278	-	<b>278</b>	848
Job Retension Scheme Grant		73,568	-	<b>73,568</b>	41,018
Derby City Council Grant		-	-	-	10,000
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>					
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities:</i>					
Grants & Contracts		-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>551,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>551,949</b>	<b>547,676</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	<b>2</b>	318,704	-	<b>318,704</b>	322,153
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold		-	-	-	-
<b>Charity activities</b>	<b>3</b>	74,595	-	<b>74,595</b>	130,250
<b>Governance Costs</b>	<b>4</b>	3,500	-	<b>3,500</b>	3,500
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>396,799</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>396,799</b>	<b>455,903</b>
<b>Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains</b>		<b>155,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,150</b>	<b>91,773</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>155,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,150</b>	<b>91,773</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		615,986		<b>615,986</b>	524,213
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>771,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>771,136</b>	<b>615,986</b>


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**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	<b>8</b>	914,423	935,372
<b>Currents assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>9</b>	30,675	26,218
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>289,989</u>	<u>102,766</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<b>10</b>	<u>(50,850)</u>	<u>(66,434)</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>1,184,237</b>	997,922
Creditors: amounts falling due over one year	<b>11</b>	<u>(413,101)</u>	<u>(381,936)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b><u>771,136</u></b>	<u>615,986</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General funds	<b>12</b>	771,136	615,986
<b>Total funds</b>		<b><u>771,136</u></b>	<u>615,986</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 21 May, 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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**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 basis of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on a basis designed to reflect the use appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage as set out in Note 4.

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**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 off 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**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>	<b>2020 Total £</b>
Donations -Tithes and Offering	368,186	-	<b>368,186</b>	358,716
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Job Retention Scheme Grant	73,568	-	<b>73,568</b>	41,018
Derby City Council Grant	-	-	<b>-</b>	10,000
	<b>551,949</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>551,949</b>	<b>547,676</b>

**Total Resources Expended**

**2. Costs of Generating Voluntary Income**

	<i>Basis of Allocation</i>	<b>Church Work £</b>	<b>Support Cost £</b>	<b>Governance £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Staff Costs	Direct	133,639	-	-	<b>133,639</b>	142,874
Bank Charges	Direct	-	28,960	-	<b>28,960</b>	30,484
Administration	Direct	-	25,203	-	<b>25,203</b>	35,689
Professional Fees	Direct	-	6,782	-	<b>6,782</b>	2,781
Support Costs	Direct	-	78,100	-	<b>78,100</b>	84,305
Premises	Direct	-	46,020	-	<b>46,020</b>	26,020
		<b>133,639</b>	<b>185,065</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>318,704</b>	<b>322,153</b>

**3. Charitable Activities**

Ministry	Direct	74,595	-	-	<b>74,595</b>	130,250
		<b>74,595</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,595</b>	<b>130,250</b>

**4. Governance Cost**

Professional Fees	Direct	-	-	3,500	<b>3,500</b>	3,500
		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,500</b>

**Total Resources Expended**

<b>208,234</b>	<b>185,065</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>396,799</b>	<b>455,903</b>
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**5. Net incoming resources for the year**

<b>This is stated after charging:</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Depreciation	31,164	28,403
Audit & Accountancy Fees	3,500	3,500
	<b>34,664</b>	<b>31,903</b>

**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 arisen in the Charity.

**8. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Land &amp; Building</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Equipment Furniture &amp; Fittings £</b>	<b>2021 Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 September 2020	1,202,640	9,518	236,827	<b>1,448,985</b>
Additions in year		-	10,216	<b>10,216</b>
At 31 August 2021	<b>1,202,640</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>247,043</b>	<b>1,459,201</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 September 2020	285,497	9,517	218,600	<b>513,614</b>
Charge for the year	24,053	-	7,111	<b>31,164</b>
At 31 August 2021	<b>309,550</b>	<b>9,517</b>	<b>225,711</b>	<b>544,778</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 31 August 2021	<b>893,090</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21,332</b>	<b>914,423</b>
At 31 August 2020	917,143	1	18,228	935,372

**9. Debtors-Amounts falling due more than one year**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Sundry Debtors	30,675	26,218
	<b>30,675</b>	<b>26,218</b>

**10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Accruals & Deferred Income	3,500	3,500
Other Creditors	47,350	62,934
	<b>50,850</b>	<b>66,434</b>

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	<b>2021</b>	2020
	<b>£</b>	£
<b>11. Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year</b>		
Mortgage Creditors	363,101	381,936
Barclays Bounce Back Loan	50,000	-
Long Term Creditors	<b>413,101</b>	<b>381,936</b>

**12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds**

	<b>General Funds £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
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)
<b>Net Assets at 31st August 2021</b>	<b>771,136</b>	-	-	<b>771,136</b>

**13. Movements in Funds**

	<b>At 1 September 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources [Inc Gains] £</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>At 31 August 2021 £</b>
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>					
General Funds	615,986	551,949	396,799	-	<b>771,136</b>
Total Unrestricted Funds	615,986	551,949	396,799	-	<b>771,136</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>615,986</b>	<b>551,949</b>	<b>396,799</b>	-	<b>771,136</b>

**God's Vineyard Ministries**  
**Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income		551,949		547,676
<b>LESS OVERHEADS</b>				
<b>Staff Costs</b>				
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	
		<b>133,639</b>		142,874
<b>Premises Costs</b>				
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	
		<b>46,020</b>		26,020
<b>Bank Charges</b>				
Bank Charges	1,066		2,123	
Mortgage Interest	27,894		28,361	
		<b>28,960</b>		30,484
<b>Administration</b>				
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	
		<b>25,203</b>		35,689
<b>Ministry</b>				
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	
		<b>74,595</b>		130,250
<b>Professional Fees</b>				
Legal & other fees	6,782		2,782	
Accountancy Fees	3,500		3,500	
		<b>10,282</b>		6,282
<b>Support Costs</b>				
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	
		<b>78,100</b>		84,305
		<b>(396,799)</b>		(455,903)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>155,150</b>		91,773
<b>Surplus brought forward</b>		<b>615,986</b>		524,213
<b>Surplus carried forward</b>		<b>771,136</b>		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 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].

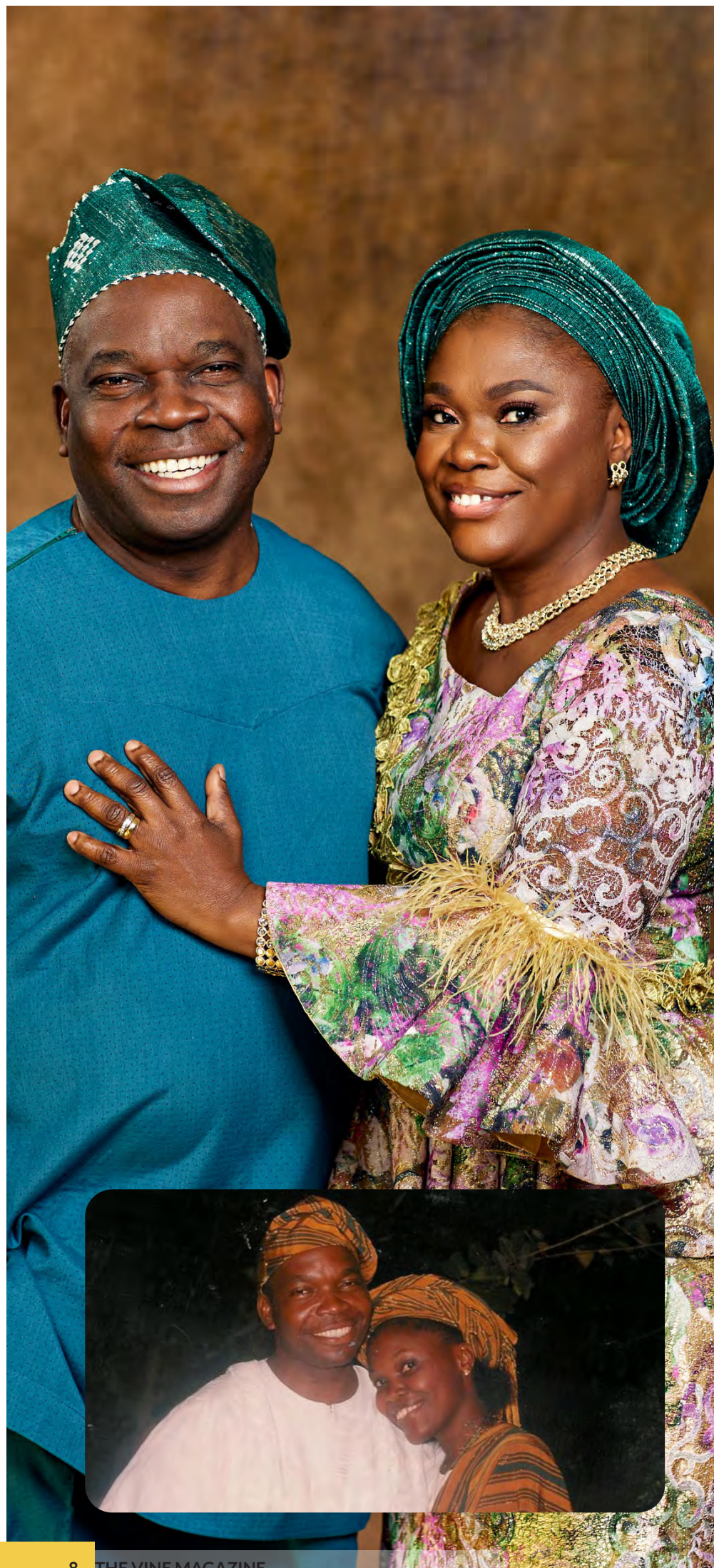
## WHAT WE DO

- 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.





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.*



# KLC2022



## 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 Ajatomobi

Rev Samson Ajatomobi, 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.

### 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.

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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.**





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



# 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





# 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 Ebum 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 Ebum 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.

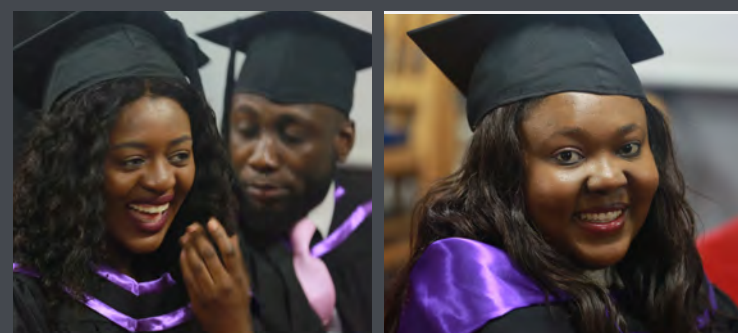
We were also joined by Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, who closed the evening off in a time of prayer and also did an Altar call.

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.



# 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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## 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 £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 lockdowns 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

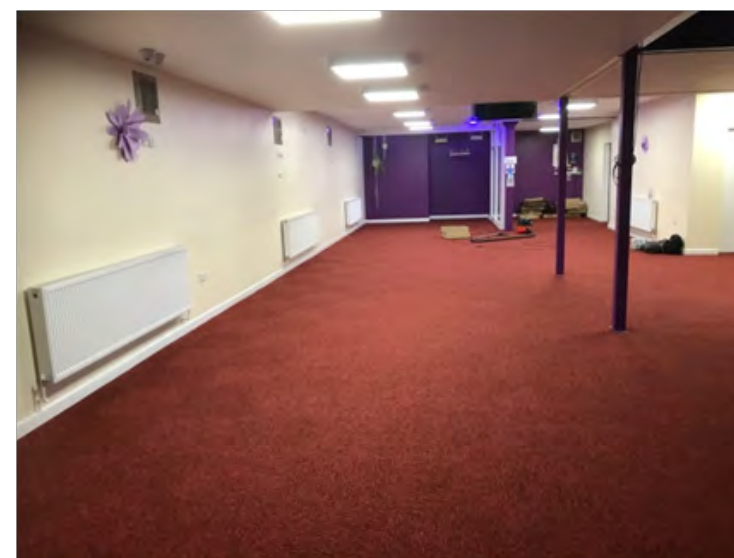
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

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,

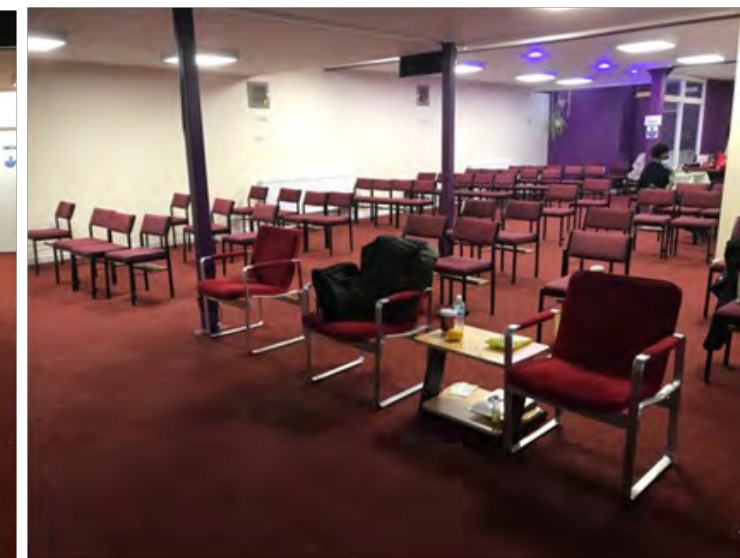
we had a colourful International Sunday, where our different cultures were showcased to demonstrate our unity in diversity.

## 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



CURRENT LOOK OF THE GVC LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCH HALL



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.

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 lockdowns due to Covid-19, the church could not hold its annual variety weekend to celebrate its anniversary as usual. However,

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,





GVC LOUGHBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL DAY



CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE AT 2021 CAROL SERVICE



GVC LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE OUTREACH

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.





## 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

Birmingham



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.





## 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.

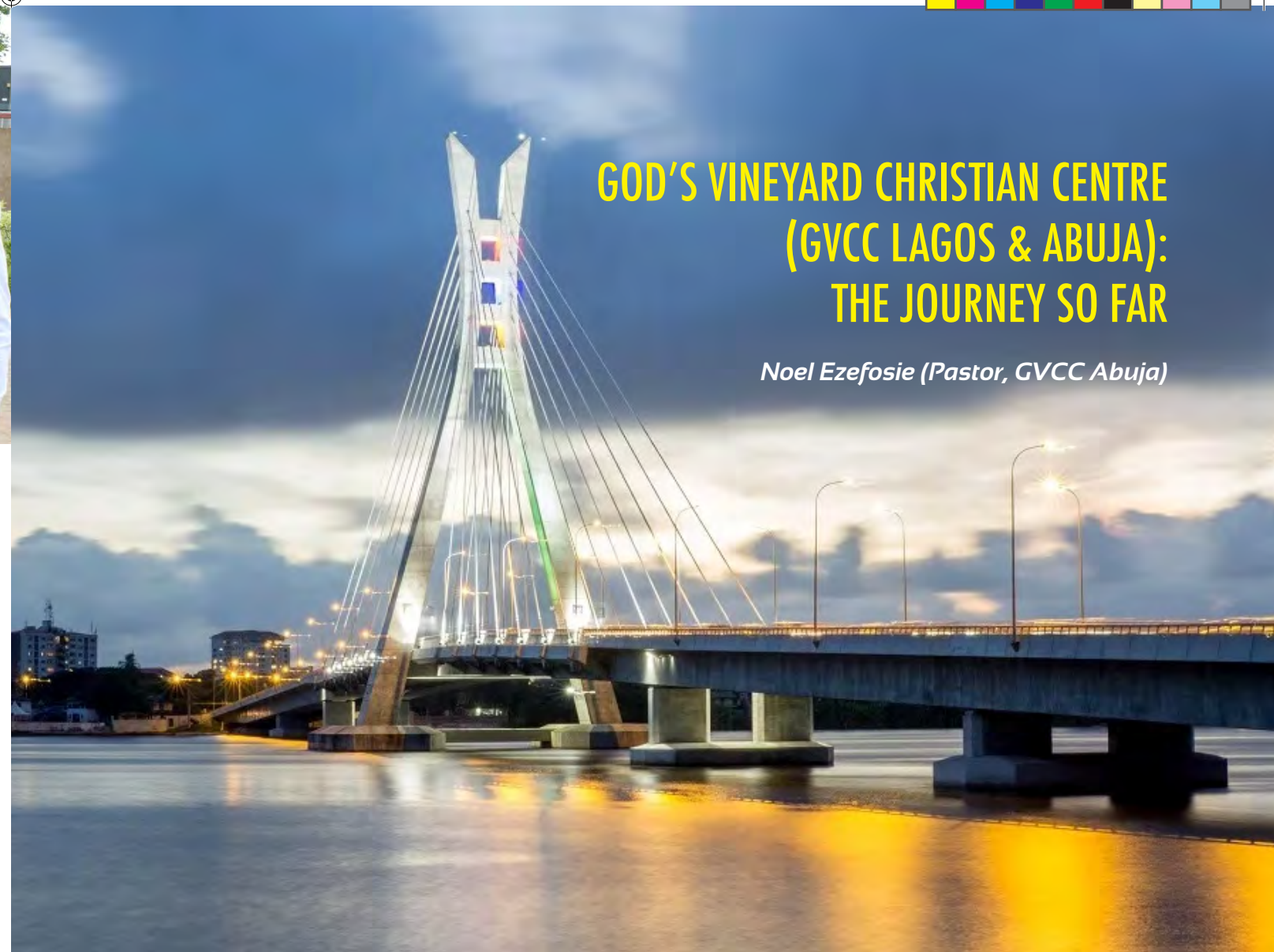
A youth church service schedule isn't complete without the organisation of singles and relationship seminars. Our yearly Valentine special event has proven to be one of the most sought after programmes on campus. This event brings together a panel of couples to answer burning questions relating to pre-marital 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 Ezezosie (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.

### **HOME COMING 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.





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.





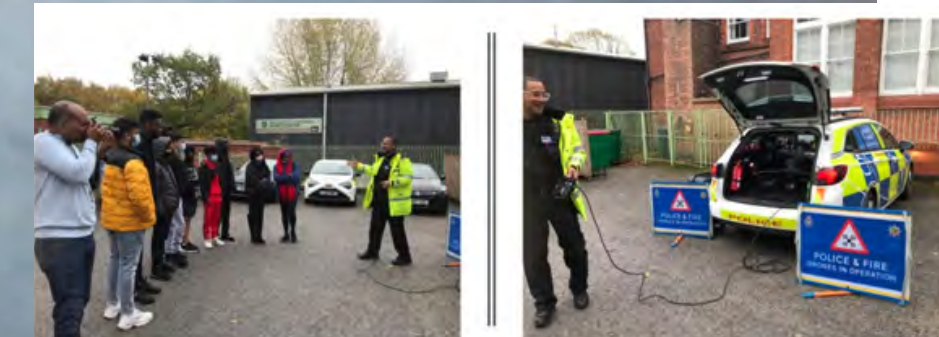


## COMMUNITY OUTREACHES AND INVOLVEMENT

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.





# 2021 IN PICTURES







## Women of Excellence Conference 2021:

# IMPACT

**W**e 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'.

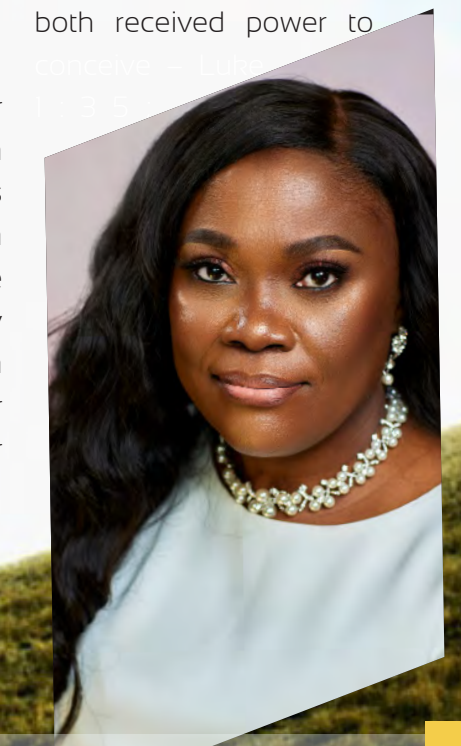
The first night ended with the second message by Pastor Mrs Dolapo Adelakun on the topic: Making Impact in the Kingdom. She made it clear that impact is about force, you can't do anything without force.

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



*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,*



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 attached 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, average mind-set, unforgiveness, every negative voice on the inside, etc  
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, studying the word and giving



# 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

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

2:10).

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*

"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 against and snatched me out from its clutches. Hallelujah to the Lord God Almighty

*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.

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# THE YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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 from 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 christianity 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

