

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

### **UK APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GOD 7TH DAY**

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The years of COVID brought challenges for the church but with the help of God we came through beautifully. Some of the brothers and sisters were ill but are now much better. We had fewer meetings in buildings and more meetings online which brought in more souls than would have attended church meetings. Many who lived far away joined the online services and our work had seen much progress. A new type of our Christian ministry developed and our fellowship grew. Prayer fellowships increased and we prayed for homes, families, communities and nations, in particular for our own country; for the many needs as prices sky-rocketed and many people had been asking for prayers for their many needs. We gave many people hope from the scriptures in 2022 in these difficult times.

Our bible studies went from strength to strength as the scriptures offered guidance and encouragement and people had been looking to God for help. Many sick people asked for prayers for their conditions.

#### ***OUR MINISTRY IN THE UK***

Our evangelistic teams continued to proclaim the gospel message, and distributed free gospel tracts, bibles and booklets to those who asked for them. New people received help from the Lord and voluntarily joined the teams.

Our ministry shared fellowship with other churches online and this had been a great blessing as churches came closer together in the work of the Lord. We found that the united fellowship and prayers brought good results.

#### ***MINISTRY OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN***

Young people attended our services online and were encouraged to take part. Some of them are gifted and we did our best to be good mentors and examples for them.

#### ***THE YOUNGER CHILDREN***

The adult leaders of the Youth Department continued to work with the younger children. They were taught bible stories and songs and they enjoyed being a part of church life and looked forward to coming to the church meetings when we had them.

#### ***BOOKS AND LITERATURE***

Dr Lake's books continued to be a blessing to all who read them, both at home and abroad. People reported how informative and encouraging the books had been to relatives and friends. Dr Lake had been writing Christian articles on various subjects from the bible and these brought blessings to our churches. The books and articles she writes are faith-building and helped to encourage and build up the faith of churches at home and abroad. Ministers used portions of Dr Lake's books and her articles to help with teaching in their ministry. She writes to minister to the needs of all; not only for spiritual growth but also for help and encouragement in everyday life.

We continued to offer free bibles and Christian literature to anyone who requested them. As in previous years, our organization received enquiries from overseas ministries requesting that

we help them with teaching materials. We encouraged them to go to our website where there is a lot of studies of which they could avail themselves and we advised them to log in to our online services and teachings.

***HELPING AT FOOD BANKS***

Besides the spiritual side of our ministry we have helped, as necessary, at food banks to serve donated food to the very needy.

God blessed our ministry in 2022 and our members continued to be faithful in their service of the Lord.



Dr D Lake

**Trustee**

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