

ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING FOR
A BETTER FUTURE



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INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the first Building For A Better Future (BBF) Annual Report.

In 2019 the Centre Church in Nottingham took huge strides forward in creating a vibrant, developing, exciting Church and Ministry Programme which we pray will be a strong foundation for moving forward into the future and building a strong, stable and lasting foundation for growth and development within the Congregation. Significant steps were taken to put The Congregation of Yahweh back on Nottingham City's map as well as to move towards re-establishing it as a National and International Centre of Ministry for the Congregation.

The 2 branches which operated in Nottingham (Notts City & Notts North) amalgamated their members and ministry to cement them as One Church in the City. This was not without its teething problems, but it has now been successfully integrated and has a single vision and programme.

The Building For A Better Future (BBF) ministry areas were brought together with qualified and gifted leaders working together to move the ministry of the Congregation forward, firstly in Nottingham, then towards the other regional branches. It is hoped this will develop even further throughout 2020.

The Nottingham Centre Church hopes to become a serious presence both within Nottingham and ultimately the UK. The Congregation's distinctive beliefs and practices seem to be drawing individuals and families in from the wider Christian Church who are looking for deeper teaching in holiness as well as people who see the Bible as One Book, with One Faith and One Doctrine, encapsulating the beauty and joy of 7th Day (Sabbath) Worship and the Feasts of Yahweh implemented from the beginning of Creation and locked into the Eternal Covenant of Divinity.

These are busy but exciting times. The vision of the Congregation is something that each member can contribute significantly to. We look to the Father for His ongoing direction and blessing on our lives and in our Church. We look to the day when the Holy Spirit draws all men to Himself and this nation is awash, once again, with the conviction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

May Yahweh help each of us to play our part in these last days, as the coming of Yahshua draws ever nearer.

If you have any responses to or questions about this BBF Annual Report, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. I would be happy to answer any questions or respond to any queries.

May Yahweh bless each of you as you take the time to absorb this information.

Jon Thornton

THE BUILDING FOR A BETTER FUTURE (BBF) MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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Isaac Bate



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Isaac Bate

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Nathaniel Ameyaw



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Media:

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Mosaic:

Daslie Nicholson



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Irene Smith

Prayer & Intercession:

Irene Smith

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Pauline Morris-McLeod



Pauline Morris-McLeod



Elliott Walker



Samuel McLeod

ASPIRE

*IS ACTIVELY SEEKING AND PREPARING
INTENTIONALLY WITH REGARDS TO EQUIPPING PEOPLE.*

The Aspire Academy has become the vehicle that is used to help children, young people and adults to discover their potential with regards to the music and worship ministry of the Congregation. It has been providing opportunities for the young in the church and the community to develop their creative potential since 2015.

Since the launch of the Academy we have seen several children and young people developing into competent musicians; others have become interested in dancing. Without the support of Aspire, this would not have happened.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Currently the Academy has students engaged in learning and personal development across the national church - in London, Blyth, Newcastle and the Midlands.

We have 5 children and young adults learning to play the drums and they are doing really well.

2 students are learning to play the piano; both are doing incredibly well. Another student has just signed up. We have 1 very dedicated student learning to play the trumpet. He has developed his skills so much that he is given opportunities to play as part of the worship team in our weekly meetings.

We currently have the potential for a youth band, which would include Daniel Amadi on the piano, Joel Larbi on the trumpet, and Priyenka Walsh and Isaiah Larbi on the drums. We are looking to include these students to showcase their learning in the weekly church services as often as it is suitable.

Over 2019 a number of students signed up to learn various instruments, but they chose not to continue. Ideally, we want to encourage others to take up different musical instruments to complement what we already have. We will be promoting this over 2020.

PLANS FOR 2020

We had hoped to restart the dance sessions in 2019 but, unfortunately, we didn't manage this. In 2020 we hope to provide some in-house dance sessions that will encourage the children and young people who are interested to dance in our church services.

The Academy has recently begun a 'Voices Together' group for anyone wanting to sing and develop their voice. It seems that those involved are finding this to be good on a personal level as well as lots of fun. This will be continued in 2020 with the hope of including the general community. We are also starting a children's singing group, 'Young Voices Together', in 2020 and already have 6 students who are eager to start.

Another aspect of the Academy is to provide Voice Training and Music Theory for members of our worship teams. A tentative date for a 6-week Voice Training programme has been set in early 2020. We are hoping to develop an online training programme for Music Theory which, hopefully,

will make it accessible for more people to engage in the learning.

In 2020 we want to continue with all the positive work that the Academy has been delivering and also to actively recruit more students through an Aspire 'Taster' Evening.

FINANCE

The Aspire Academy is financed from the national church funds – it supports students requiring financial help to cover the sessional fees up to 50%.

During 2019 we spent approximately £1400. For 2020 we will require at least £2000 as we plan to actively recruit other students to engage in learning.

THANK YOU

We want to say a big thank you and appreciation to EVERYONE who has supported Aspire by providing finance, time and skills so that children and young people can have the opportunity to learn and develop lasting skills and talents. Also, kind regards to all the tutors that have taught and are teaching our students and doing an excellent job.

CONCLUSION

There is potential in all of us which needs nurturing and developing, and the Aspire Academy aims to support this to ensure that, as a church, we will always have musicians, singers, dancers, worship leaders and lead musicians.

Shearon Walker



DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

The Discipleship Groups (apart from 2) have been running for about 14 months. After a period of bonding and settlement within the groups, the majority continue to function as intended. As always, there have been a few teething problems, but these continue to be resolved. Discipleship Groups function as a mid-week connection for members within the church to learn, share and have fellowship for the purpose of building one another up.

Throughout the year the members have revisited the sermons of the two main Feasts (Tabernacles and Unleavened Bread) and have benefitted from this.

Although predominantly made up of Congregation members, the groups are also open to those wanting fellowship within their local communities. This has worked with some. Pastoral care has also recently been absorbed into the Discipleship Groups. Early signs suggest this is something that needs to be continually promoted and encouraged.

Discipleship Groups are a great asset in that they can be a gateway into the Congregation. They can also be a window for those wanting to see a vibrant group of people that embodies Yahshua as they live life together and serve through mutual love and respect for one another.

Isaac Bate



EVANGELISM

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Over the year, the evangelism team worked primarily in the Bulwell area undertaking street outreach in Bulwell town centre and the Crabtree estate. Alonzo James took a prominent role and dedicated himself to going out every Sunday to minister Yahshua to the community. The rest of the team was active in supporting Alonzo and alternated going out. This work was also supported on different occasions by members of the church who came alongside and ministered to people in the community. We will continue to strive to re-establish ourselves in the Bulwell area through running home and community groups, leaning on the Alpha style course to introduce people to considering faith. In October 2019 we began to run Alpha at the Crabtree Community Centre and have now started a course in a home in Broxtowe. We aim to broaden our reach in this area in 2020.

PRISON OUTREACH

Asher Jacobs was very busy throughout 2019 establishing relationships with HMP Ranby and HMP Stocken. He has had to overcome some barriers in making inroads to contribute to the services held in HMP but has begun to make some breakthroughs. The inmates are asking for more of a Pentecostal, upbeat type of service so the ministers are in discussion with Asher. We pray this will open the door for us to take an active role in prison ministry. The Congregation of Yahweh is building a positive relationship with HMP Sudbury and led a church service in December 2019. This was a big success with more dates to lead services to be confirmed for 2020.

FAITHBUILDERS

Nathaniel Ameyaw and Micah Green have been leading the Faithbuilders group sessions which ran every Wednesday 7-8.30pm. A good uptake of young men and women attended, and we shared some wonderful times ministering Yahshua and having great fellowship, but this dropped off and was only for a season. Due to low attendance the Faithbuilders team (including Elliott) carried out some street outreach promoting the group to NTU students. This also gave us the chance to promote the student lunch that COY put on. We had some really good discussions with them and on the day of the lunch we had 1 student who came and shared in fellowship.

Overall, we have been getting out and familiarising ourselves with the different ways of ministering to people and have also been building the confidence to be bold. The team is definitely mobilising, and we look forward to what Yahweh will do in 2020

Nathaniel Ameyaw



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

2019 was a year in which the Overseas Department was redefined within the Congregation, bringing the various strands of international work under a ministry heading of 'The International Development Department'.

The current team spearheading this ministry is Jon Thornton, David Townsend and Beverly Nembhard.

One particular focus in 2019 was the encouraging of stronger relationships and a network of fellowship and communication across the international branches of The Congregation of Yahweh – particularly in the UK, USA, Jamaica and Kenya. It is understood that many of our younger ministers and members are not familiar with their counterparts in these countries, unlike our older ministers/members who have developed very strong connections over the years. Beverly Nembhard is responsible for forwarding this area of ministry so if you are interested in being part of this network programme please speak with her.

The Missionary Fund now has a new name – the 'International Development Fund'. For many years this fund has largely supported the work taking place in Kenya. The Kenya Ministry team is currently working with 18 branches across the country, as well as reaching out to other countries throughout East Africa who are getting in touch, asking for teaching and training. In this BBF Annual Report you will find a specific report provided from the Kenya Congregation. I am sure you will enjoy reading this and be blessed as you understand where your money has gone.

In 2020 the focus of the International Development Fund will change, and you will find the new direction for the fund below.

Various ministry trips were made throughout the year. In January 2019 Jon Thornton and David Townsend visited Malawi through the support of Village Foundations; this was followed up by a further visit in June by Jon Thornton. In August the Walker family were able to visit the USA, and in December Alcot Walker and David Hayes made a 3 week visit to Kenya. Reports and presentations of these visits can be made available on request.

THE AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To network and develop individual relationships between members and ministers, *(particularly the younger generation)* within existing International CoY Branches, in conjunction with the International Congregation of Yahweh (ICY).
2. To send ministers/members to overseas countries for the purpose of developing close networks and supporting ministry.
3. To produce and provide much needed teaching and training material to international churches who are part of and connected to CoY, as and when needed.
4. To work very closely with Village Foundations, having birthed the original concept, and to offer ongoing support as and when required to this 'adopted' charity of CoY.
5. To respond to new international enquiries, building positive relationships and determining needs and levels of support required, and so fulfilling our mandate to 'disciple all nations'.
6. To implement and promote an application process that will assess, support and monitor individuals wishing to engage on an overseas missions' experience through The Congregation of Yahweh.
7. Through Village Foundations, send much needed educational resources, medical equipment, clothing, farming and sports equipment, to developing countries by container.
8. To maintain good relationships with existing charities/organisations working overseas, independently of, yet closely linked to, The Congregation of Yahweh e.g. Missions Ministries in Faith (MMF) in Bosnia and Young Citizens of Rwanda (YCR), supporting as and when able at the discretion of the International Development Department (IDD).
9. To raise funds, and to look at humanitarian and income generating projects that will support the foundational aims and objectives of IDD - to care for the poor, to preach the Gospel and to nurture in the Faith.



THE AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To provide financial support to individuals who have been asked by The Apostolic Council and/or International Development Director, to visit Churches and/or Missions Projects Overseas for the purpose of...
 - *establishing/planting new Churches/projects.*
 - *supporting, assessing and monitoring spiritual/practical needs and progress for Churches/projects.*
 - *providing teaching and training for both ministers and members of overseas Congregations, as required/requested.*
2. To produce relevant materials for the purpose of teaching and training of ministers and members from Overseas Congregations. This could be online teaching/courses or the printing and sending of literature and/or relevant documents.
3. To make practical provision for 'widows, orphans and the fatherless' as the Scriptures exhort, in countries either currently in touch with CoY UK, or in places suffering as the result of environmental disaster – at the discretion of the IDD.

NOTE:

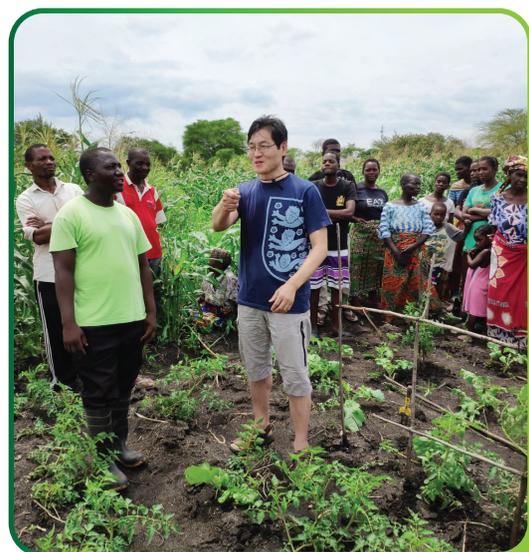
- Village Foundations will be producing a separate Annual Report for its activities during 2019. Please ask if interested.
- If you are interested in experiencing an overseas Missions experience, please speak to Jon Thornton who will be happy to take you through the application process to see if you might be suitable, and which place might be an appropriate Missions post for you to engage with.
- The IDD team is currently recruiting members, primarily for the purpose of helping to develop a profile/picture of what is happening in India and the rest of Africa (outside of Kenya & Malawi). Currently there are dozens and dozens of requests coming in from different parts of Asia and Africa, asking for support in ministerial teaching and training. If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting ministry then don't hesitate to get in touch.



FINALLY...

I would like to say a massive thank you to all members and supporters who have faithfully and willingly given to the International Development Fund and/or Village Foundations throughout 2019. Without your constant support none of the good and inspirational work the Congregation does, could be carried out. Know your pennies and your pounds contribute to an enormous amount of work/ministry done throughout the world. Never underestimate your contribution however large or small – it is hugely appreciated, not just by the IDD team, but more importantly by the hundreds and thousands of people whose lives are made bearable and whose ministry is made possible because of what you give.

Jon Thornton



THE COY KENYA REPORT FOR JANUARY – JUNE, 2019

INTRODUCTION

The political climate in Kenya has allowed the CoY leaders to move freely to different regions and hold ministerial activities. Meetings, seminars, and rallies were held in different regions. All praises go to Yahweh for the peace being enjoyed in Kenya currently.

In this period, the CoY Kenya leadership has been reevaluating the Mission and Vision of the congregation in order to plan for activities in line with them. The leaders have held meetings which are resulting in refocusing the ministerial efforts in each region. We pray that these two items, Mission and Vision, can be grasped by the whole national congregation for us to move forward effectively in unison and harmony.

THE COY KENYA SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Reports from the regions indicate some growth in membership and there are plans of opening up new fellowships in places like Nyandarua, Murang'a and Narok. Discipleship and evangelistic efforts are ongoing in many CoY congregations and are bearing fruit of spiritual growth, to the existing members and new members joining the fellowships in different regions.

STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

We in Kenya, are very grateful for the way Yahweh has helped us to acquire plots for about 75% of the CoY fellowships. Members have donated plots or raised funds to buy such plots. The most recent ones is the Nairobi Joska plot which was donated to the CoY by a member from the Kiambu region.

In all congregations there is some ongoing development. This takes the form of either building a kitchen or store room, building a meeting hall, fencing a plot, digging latrines and constructing bathrooms, buying plastic chairs to replace benches, installation of water supply and electricity, etc.



The Nairobi CoY fellowship continues to put more structures in the National Centre plot i.e. the perimeter fence is complete with a gate, 4 toilets, urinal and a temporary storage room. The main hall is still under construction needing plastering, doors, windows, floor etc. This work is being done in phases as contributions towards the loan repayment takes top priority for the Kenya national congregation.

The Nairobi CoY is aggressively seeking for buyers for plots that will help repay a major portion of the loan for the National Centre plot.

PASSOVER AND NATIONAL FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, 2019

This feast was held in Kamuchege. All the regional congregations were well represented. The feast started with bread-breaking and the theme of the feast was **'The Family'**. These were the lessons that were taught : Biblical Marriage, What to Consider for Marriage, Effective Parenting, Marriage Conflicts, Family Planning and Communication in Marriage. Other activities in the feast included youth meeting, children ministry, couples meeting and three days of open air preaching. The facility in Kamuchege could not accommodate all the people so the leadership had to hire other places for men to sleep. The comments from the members were that the theme was very appropriate in these days of family break ups and children turning to social media instead of seeking counsel from parents. At the end of the feast five people committed their lives to Yahweh and were baptised.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The Pentecost celebrations were held in each region on 9th June, 2019. At the Nairobi region, the 3 congregations were represented at the celebrations that were held in the National Centre plot. The hearts of many believers are very excited at Yahweh's choice of the place to put His Name. It is not only central but is accessible from different directions in the environment of Nairobi. The message for the day was "Having the Mind of Yahshua."

National Youth Leaders' Seminar: This seminar was attended by youth leaders and their patrons from all the regions of CoY. It was held on 29th and 30th June in Kamuchege. The lessons that were taught were as follows: The Characteristics of a Youth Leader, The Role of a Youth Leader as a Shepherd of the Youth Members, Vision and Mission of the Youth Group and activities that are necessary to bring about spiritual growth in the youth group. All in attendance were excited as they testified how much they were equipped to go and serve other youth members in their region and local congregations.



MINISTERIAL JOURNEYS

ONE: In February two Pastors travelled to Homa Bay to check on the brethren in that area. They were able to meet one of the brethren but the leader of the group had travelled out of his area at that time. The objective of the journey was to assess how committed the group was to the teachings and the faith of CoY. The brother they met was able to attend the national Passover feast in Kamuchege. In a meeting with him, it became clear that the leader of the group had joined another church. This brother was encouraged to continue holding home fellowship every Sabbath with his family for the time being.

TWO: Five CoY ministers have visited some brethren in Dundori in Nyandarua County. The hosts belong to Congregation of Yahweh, Jerusalem. The group is very interested to know what the CoY doctrines are. The two groups have met in two different forums and the third one will be held on September 1. Some of them have a desire to know the truth and so do we. We are seeking Yahweh to guide us on our way forward with these brethren.

Prayer Requests:

- Thanks to Yahweh for the peace in Kenya and for giving His people the opportunity to accomplish His glory.
- Pray for the brethren who are getting old and sickly. Seek for Yahweh's healing and the CoY Kenya ability to assist their families in taking care of them.
- Pray that the CoY Kenya members will receive financial ability to meet their family needs and also support the Congregation's projects.
- Pray that the Regional Overseers will acquire motorcycles to alleviate the problem of using public means in their extensive travels within their respective regions.
- Pray that Yahweh will continually anoint the CoY shepherds as they seek to ground all believers (children, youth and adults) under their care, in the CoY beliefs and lifestyle.
- Pray that ready, genuine buyers will be found to buy the Nairobi CoY plots.
- Pray that Yahweh will continue to provide funds for the ongoing construction work at the National Plot.

THE COY KENYA REPORT FOR JULY TO DECEMBER, 2019

INTRODUCTION

The Congregation of Yahweh, Kenya, has continued to carry the ministry forward with Yahweh's help. In all the local congregations discipleship, in the form of Bible study, has been going on to ground members, both adults and children, in Yahweh's revealed truths. Evangelism has been taking place through the forum of open air or one on one efforts. As a result, a few new believers have joined our fellowships. In Narok region, they have started new fellowships. The challenge is having trained shepherds to care for them.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES REPORT

2019 Feast of Tabernacles was held in different regions. The Narok and Bomet regions met in Kaplalech area. Nyandarua region held the Feast at Kabati. Nairobi and Kiambu regions, plus a few sisters from Nakuru, met in Kamuchege. The teachings focused on topics that some of our members and believers from other churches frequently raise questions about. The theme was, 'Uniqueness of the CoY' – Part 3. The lessons were as follows:

- The Future of Man
- Ministerial Gifts
- Women in Ministry Parts 1 and 2
- The Feasts of Yahweh
- Counting towards Pentecost
- Must the Teachings come from Jerusalem, Israel, today?

Many parents, children and teachers are not able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles because schools in Kenya are in session. This, however, does not change the programme of the Feast and at the weekends attendance is high in all centres.



This year's Feast had many incidents that required members attention, such as the burning down of the house of one of our brothers and several deaths in members' families. Members responded in a way that brought both glory to Yahweh and respect for the CoY. The surrounding communities were impressed by the love shown to the affected people both in word and deed.

EVENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE REPORT

1. NAIROBI REGION

The Nairobi region which comprises 3 fellowships, namely Joska, Dagoretti and Nairobi Central, met in Dagoretti on 20th July 2019. The word for the day was on obedience to Yahweh's commands. When Yahweh gives a command, He does not expect us to pray to Him that we may get the power to obey Him. We can choose to obey or not, but we cannot choose the consequences of our choices. Those are automatic.

2. REGIONAL YOUTH RALLIES

In all regions August is time for Youth Rallies. In this forum the youth are taught relevant topics which concern them. The regional patrons and the youth plan for the National Youth Rally that is held in December each year and hosted by a different region each time.

3. ALL SHEPHERDS' SEMINAR

This seminar was held in Kamuchege from 19-21 November 2019. It was very well attended from all regions. The Vision, Mission and Core values of CoY Kenya were discussed at length and it was agreed that these discussions should trickle down to the regions and even to the local congregations. All members must be clear 'Why We Exist as a Congregation.' Time was also spent laying down the desired Accounting Procedures in each CoY congregation and the need to be accountable in this area as it portrays our integrity as a body of believers. In this meeting each region gave spiritual as well as structural development reports, and shared future plans and prayer items



Nairobi Regional Fellowship at Dagoretti

4. COUPLES' SEMINAR FOR KIAMBU AND NAIROBI

The Nairobi and Kiambu regions held a one-day Couples' Seminar in Kamuchege. The seminar was well attended from the two regions. We had speakers from outside CoY. The theme was 'Family Life'. They ably highlighted the areas where problems come from in marriage, for example, lack of: communication, courtesy/respect, commitment, compliments, character acceptance, consistency, compatibility, and lack of celebration of marriage. When these issues are not handled well in a marriage relationship, many problems crop up frequently.

5. PASTORS ALCOT WALKER AND DAVID HAYES VISIT

On 3rd December 2019, Pastors Alcot and David arrived in Kenya. This time they did not travel to the CoY Kenya regions as they did in previous visits. They held meetings with the National Overseer, Regional Overseers and Lead Ministers. There were long discussions concerning the relationship between CoY UK and CoY Kenya. The responsibilities of each group concerning the relationship were clearly laid down. Some of the meetings took place in Nairobi and others in Kamuchege. During their visit they met the CoY Kenya youth in a rally in Kasuku. They also fellowshiped with the Nairobi and Kiambu region believers as they held their inter-regional fellowship.

6. 2019 NATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

This was held in Kasuku within the Nyandarua Region. The youth attended the meeting in large numbers. The theme of the rally was 'Youth with a Mission (Purpose)'. The youth patrons had prepared various topics from the theme and many young people were blessed by the teachings. Discipline was very good and so the rally was a blessing to the planners as well as those who attended.

Pastors Alcot and David were able to visit the rally for two days. They encouraged the young people to serve Yahweh faithfully by sharing their experiences on their journey of faith when they were young. The youth went home after spending the Sabbath in Kasuku with a new testimony of Yahweh's goodness and blessings. Some gave very touching testimonies of how Yahweh has continued to open doors for them as they devotedly continue to obey His commands.



Nairobi-Kiambu Couples' Seminar at Kamuchege



All Shepherds' Seminar at Kamuchege



National Youth Rally at Kasuku



Lead Ministers with Alcot and David

7. SHEPHERDS' SEMINAR WITH PASTORS ALCOT AND DAVID

This was a one-day seminar with Lead Shepherds at Kamuchege on 12th December 2019. The seminar was well attended, and shepherding benefits and challenges were shared. The relationship between CoY UK and the CoY Kenya was discussed and all were encouraged to strengthen the bonds we have with each other.

8. THE NAIROBI AND KIAMBU INTER-REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP

This is an annual fellowship that was held in Dagoretti in 2019. Pastors Alcot and David were present at this event. The meeting was well attended. The message for the day was 'Yahweh's Desired Marriage'. It was stressed that this kind of marriage needs to have Yahweh as its foundation. We need to hear His voice, have sexual purity and have guidance from godly men and women if we desire a good foundation for our marriages. Both adults and the youth were admonished to keep themselves pure in all areas of life.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING ITEMS

- Thanksgiving to Yahweh for sustaining CoY Kenya with a passion to reach out to others for Yahweh's Kingdom.
- Pray for the youth that their determination to live for Yahweh will help them to overcome temptations from peer pressure around them.
- Pray that Yahweh will bring more people to believe the message of salvation as CoY Kenya reaches out to them.
- Pray that efforts to buy property for building meeting halls in different regions will bear fruit.
- Pray that Kenya will continue to have peace that enables ministerial travels to happen peacefully.
- Pray for provision of more shepherds to take care of new fellowships that are opening up.
- Pray that Yah will provide finances for the needs of Coy Kenya.



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Blyth	79.45	40.31	39.50	46.40	26.50	65.94	43.50	35.60	15.05	35.35	27.50	101.04	556.14
Chelmsford/London	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	660.00
Hitchin	165.00	207.00	140.00	175.40	140.00	170.00	210.00	160.00	174.50	160.00	165.00	212.56	2079.46
Nottingham	267.25	247.27	274.90	279.51	245.60	359.70	388.30	264.42	395.45	1232.29	342.15	317.75	4614.59
Other	75.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	66.00	40.00	75.00	55.00	35.00	50.00	35.00	35.00	631.00
TOTAL	641.70	604.58	564.40	611.31	533.10	690.64	771.80	570.02	675.00	1532.64	624.65	721.35	8541.19

VILLAGE FOUNDATIONS 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Blyth	67.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	90.82	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00	869.82
Chelmsford/London	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	55.00
Hitchin	10.00	30.00	5.00	30.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	5.00	55.55	5.00	5.00	185.55
Nottingham	105.00	671.18	447.59	1160.00	668.88	655.00	55.00	341.40	229.68	290.36	242.05	68.00	4934.14
Other	1005.00	705.00	5.00	5.00	55.00	1464.24	105.00	185.00	55.00	55.00	5.00	105.00	3749.24
TOTAL	1192.00	1483.18	534.59	1267.00	805.88	2201.24	257.00	632.22	364.68	475.91	327.05	253.00	9793.75

MEDIA DEPARTMENT

It's safe to say that 2019 was a very challenging but rewarding year for the Media Department. The team may be small in number, but we have a vast knowledge of experience and are dedicated in what we do; for that, I am truly grateful. The role is not about just sitting in the audio booth being a button-pusher, it's so much more than that. It's all about helping people to experience Yahshua by creating excellent, distraction-free environments and working with other Departments i.e. Creative Arts/Worship. We set the stage, both literally and figuratively, for people to hear (whether sung or spoken) the most significant message of all time – the Gospel.

The Media Department covers such a vast array of areas which include sound engineering, multi-media, live streaming, videography and photography. The team has so many ideas but at present we are only able to deal with bite sized pieces. For those who attend the Nottingham City Congregation, you will be aware that one of the main challenges we faced last year was with the computer constantly crashing in the middle of worship or the displaying of PowerPoints etc. This was as a result of the computer being old, but also, it not being able to cope with the number of programmes we were trying to operate at any one time. As a result, a new computer was purchased and built to our own specification in order to support the work we are doing now as well as what is in store for the next phase of 'Building For A Better Future'. We also purchased new software called 'Worship Extreme', which is an easy to use app that allows us to create presentations that include song lyrics, videos, images, PowerPoints, YouTube videos and much more. Needless to say, more training is required in this area in order for us to utilise its full potential and this will be happening throughout the coming year. In February 2020, we met with Rock-Tech Projects Ltd. They are a company who have developed an industry-leading approach to acoustic, sound, lighting and video consultancy for churches and venues. They demoed LED screens and offered advice and suggestions for the main hall to help support our vision, which again is in line with the next phase of Building For A Better Future.

At present the audio booth is quite small and hosts a number of computers, a mixing desk and at least 3 operatives at any one time. We are in the process of receiving quotes in order to expand this area to facilitate more equipment. If, at any time, you want to know more about what goes on



in the booth, then come and have a chat and someone will take you through this. Also, have you taken a good look at the drum booth? This is a project that was co-worked alongside the Music Production Team. It not only contains the loudness from the crashing of the drums, but it supports with the live recording on the new worship songs/album.

With regards to sound engineering, we are in the process of looking at various ways of storing sermons from our local weekly meetings. Over the last few weeks we have been saving them to Google Drive. It is hoped that this link can be shared with individuals or added to any of our Media Platforms i.e. Facebook, the COY Website, as a way for people to stay connected and hear the Word of Yahweh. We have been able to trial this with Jemrose Walker in Rwanda.

Week after week our preachers spend countless hours reading, studying and praying. They do it for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of speaking life changing truths, not only to members of our Congregations, but to any visitors who walk through our doors. What they have to say is not only valuable, it's vital. If you're at church, you have the privilege of benefiting from the hard work that goes into preparing and delivering a sermon. But is one delivery enough? The Media Department wants to be able to store and share these valuable resources with the Congregation and the Web. For 2020, this is a big focus area for us. We want to produce high quality music and teaching recordings for all social media platforms.

We have been working on live streaming, mainly at Feast times. Visually, this has improved over the last year and is currently being trialled during Sabbath meetings on various devices. Sermons continue to be saved on YouTube. Since we began streaming in April 2016, we have received 13,497 views. Throughout 2019, we had a total of 4391 views and 60 new subscribers on YouTube, taking our total number to 199. Our audience is predominantly UK viewers, followed by the US, Jamaica, Spain, Poland and Indonesia. Again, going forward, this is an area we will continue to focus on in 2020.

Nathan Blair also joined the team last year. He, too, brings a fountain of knowledge and has been working with the Music Production Team to research cameras for the area of Videography and Photography. Our vision is to create stylish videos for promoting events; supporting teaching and activity groups; providing stunning photographic images for publications.

The Media Department has a lot of work to do and excellence is something we will be striving for in order to bring glory to Yahweh. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Sharon Gobey



MOSAIC

GENERAL

The Mosaic Programme was launched at the Feast of Unleavened Bread (April 2019) with a view to starting the curriculum in the September, patterning ourselves on the standard academic year of 2019/2020.

VISION

Our vision was for 6 students to embark on the course for the year, moving through the studies at an individual pace to complete the Level 1 programme. The ultimate goal - to reach ordination.

To date, 6 students have enrolled and are working through the first module. Unfortunately, personal commitment has prevented one student from continuing further, but it is hoped this is just a postponement of the course and not a drop out!

NEW COURSES 2020

This year will see us launching new courses presented by lecturers to add variety to the self-study element of courses already available.

STAFF

I am currently managing the curriculum myself but working with associate writers Alcot Walker and Susan Goodinson to produce course material.

Daslie Nicholson



THE ARK

This year we have proceeded with the internal refurbishment of the Ark. This has included plastering and insulating the walls and ceiling, laying new flooring, fitting central heating, complete electrical rewiring, replacing doors and other joinery work, fitting intruder and fire alarms. All this had to be done by professionals but, working alongside, were many Congregation members who gave of their time freely.

I would particularly mention Martin Liles who spent some weeks painting, Scott Henshaw who has spent many late evenings doing a whole range of necessary jobs, Ray and Susanna Hayes who tiled the kitchen and Barnabas Townsend who fitted all the toilets, created the kitchen out of a beer cellar and did many jobs too numerous to mention.

We also thank all the others who have given their time to bring the Ark up to a place where it can be used. During 2019 we were able to use it for several functions and the children meet there every sabbath.

At the end of 2019 we had spent £82,848 on the refurbishment. This was only possible because we had received £129,007 towards this work and the creation of the offices. We are so grateful to all those who have contributed and, in many cases, continue to give. As the final touches are being completed in 2020, please pray that this building will be used effectively to reach out to the community around the Church.

David Hayes

NOTE FROM BBF LEADER

In 2020 the work done from The Ark will come under the ministry heading of 'Community Development'. This new ministry area will be headed by Stuart and Jasmin Myles-Wilson, working together very closely with Paulette Linton. The Community Development Team will work very closely with the Evangelism Department.

We look forward to some exciting initiatives being developed from this building. We pray that many new people from the community will be reached by providing projects which meet their particular needs. Through The Ark we will introduce interested individuals to the Congregation.





WORSHIP & MUSIC PRODUCTION

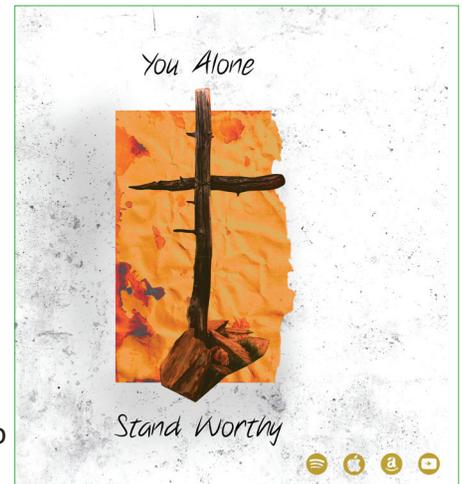
2019 saw the worship team experience a year of growth. It is my belief that as we head into this new decade, the worship team will continue to grow and develop in our worship to the Most High.

The year started off with us gathering together at our first Team Night where we discussed some things that we'd hoped to achieve over the course of the year. Although some things have been pushed to 2020, I believe that we are trusting in Yahweh's right timing to accomplish our goals and aspirations for this ministry area. Indeed, one thing that I have taken away from this year is that we need to ensure that our vision is from Yahweh!

Early on in the year we had some great Team Nights to which we brought in external people who delivered sessions. These included Daniel Newcombe, Freddie Kofi, and Andre Chambers. Overall these were deemed a success and have made an impact on our team. However, due to the many commitments that members have, Team Nights have had to be restructured. In 2020 there will be just 3. It is our hope that with this change we will see more fruit in what we do as a community. We aim to ensure that Team Nights are all about relationships, encouraging, developing.

2019 also saw Notts North and Notts City combining. This has allowed us to incorporate both worship teams to provide more variety and also to give opportunity for people to not be consistently serving every week. I hope that, through this, people will be more equipped and refreshed to pour out on Sabbaths!

As we entered the latter part of the year, we became more and more aware of the growing importance of including children and young people in our worship. Because of this, we began to involve the young in our worship teams. In particular, Imogen Henshaw and Amelle Wilks have



been such a blessing, showing their hearts for the Saviour. It is our belief that by including children in our worship they will feel a sense of belonging so that when they become teenagers/young adults, they will feel comfortable in leading the Congregation in worship.

Thursday Rehearsals were put on hold towards the end of the year. This was due to Youth Night starting up on Thursdays and the expected teething problems that would come with that change. Now that it is up and running, we will be re-introducing Thursday Night rehearsals. The positive effect these rehearsals had was clear as they gave us a space in which we could really prepare ourselves for Saturdays. Yahweh deserves the best and this is one way in which we can ensure we give that to Him.

As we enter the new decade, I am more excited than ever before to be a part of leading this ministry area. I believe that the best is truly yet to come for worship! I count it as such a privilege to be a part of such a wonderful team.

We will not stand still!
We are a team that is on the move!!

Elliott Walker



YOUTH LINK

YOUNG EXPLORERS & YOUTH WARRIORS

In 2019 Youth Link was given a target to have 20 Young Explorers (YE) and 20 Youth Warriors (YW) in regular attendance.

By the end of 2019 we had 15 YW on the register. Of these, 10 were in regular attendance.

We had 35 YE on the register. 15-20 of these children were in regular attendance each week. For 2020, we are aiming for 40 young people/children in each group. We are working with the Evangelistic Team to help us to meet our goals.

Please note that the majority of the young people who are currently attending are from the community, not the church.

The launch of YE and YW went very well and we have now decided to call the night on which these 2 groups operate – Youth Night.

YOUTH SABBATHS

These have been very well attended and the young people have expressed their joy at being able to participate. They are looking forward to being involved in many more during 2020.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

This discipleship process is beginning to take off and about 15 young people are currently registered.

However, we are struggling to get enough Key Workers to support the young people. This role involves keeping in touch with the individuals and making time away from church to touch base with them. It is a unique position and, as you can appreciate, young people need to be matched carefully with a Key Worker to ensure the best for both parties.



NEW GENERATION BIBLE STUDIES

These have begun to be used but not as effectively as we would like them to be. There has been a push in the various groups to get people on board with them. We have also suggested to parents that they could use them with their children to assist them in learning the Bible together.

PRAYER PARENTS

This was something that I believe Yahweh laid on my heart at the beginning of 2019. As far as I am aware from the feedback that I receive, most people are still praying for the child/ren allocated to them. It is my hope that more people will be included in this over the next month or so.

NATIONAL EVENTS

The annual events of both Ablaze and Ignite were both very successful in 2019, however we are a lot more organised this year and look forward to further growth and more young people attending these events in 2020.

TO CONCLUDE

The youth and children's work is growing slowly but surely. We now have consistency in the staffing of the various groups and have a lot of parental support for what we do. We had more children and young people registered at the end of 2019 than we did at the beginning, which is progress.

Pauline Morris-McLeod



IN SUMMARY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Ministry Leaders who give of their time and energy to help forward this amazing BBF Vision. This vision is the foundation on which the Centre Church will be able to establish itself in the City of Nottingham and, once established, will be able to reach out to other parts of the UK, sending individuals and teams to spread the gospel and teach those who are searching the ways of Yahweh as outlined in Scripture.

The one area that is not highlighted in this report is possibly the most important – the Ministry of Prayer & Intercession. Irene Smith has, for years, been responsible for heading a small group of people who see it as their ministry to engage in matters of prayer & intercession for ministers, ministries and churches alike. Without this we would have no confidence that we would be able to build and to grow.

2019 saw the implementation of the 'Prayer Lab', which gives an opportunity to people from every community across the UK to send in prayer requests to a dedicated team of people who engage in prayer on behalf of those who need it and request it. The small, informative leaflet which gives contact details to the enquirer is available to every church and every member to make use of. This will also be part of the 'armoury' of the Evangelism Team as they go into the streets of our cities.

Without the very generous support from church members this BBF Vision would not be possible. I would like to thank all members from the local churches who have given willingly and freely of their time, finances and prayers - it is very much appreciated. It is people like you who make the real difference in what we are or are not able to do. We hope that you will continue to rally behind this great cause in the coming year and help make a positive difference in the lives of those in need of a Saviour, and who seek to explore the Faith rolled out in the Scriptures.

If you would like to contribute more or get involved in some way with any of the outlined ministries in this report (especially prayer), please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jon Thornton:

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