

HARRINGAY UNITED CHURCH-BAPTIST
Annual General Meeting
January 26, 2014.

Departmental Report – Alpha Course

What we did last year:

In 2013 we organised one Alpha course between April and July. The course was well attended. We had 9 guests and many helpers from among us. The number of volunteers last year was a record breaking since the start of Alpha course in HUCB over 10 years ago. We had many helpers who were not able to attend every week but they came as and when they were able. There were those who could not come but cooked food from home for one, two or more sessions. There were those who came to set up tables for the evening, those who came to wash up dishes and tidy up the place for the following day use. There was a Spirit of unity that we enjoyed each week and looked forward to the following one. We were surprised at the end how fast the course went.

The course consisted of 10 talks, looking at topics including 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' with a Saturday away. The Saturday away focussed on the Holy Spirit including “who He is”, “what He does and how he helps us every day”.

The course was scheduled in the evening so that it did not interfere with anybody’s daily activities. We met at 7 O’clock for dinner followed by a video talk and a group discussion and questions about the video talk. The series of interactive sessions were in an informal, fun and friendly environment which made everyone (guests and helpers) present feel welcomed.

Soon after the course we all witnessed the baptism of two of our guests. Currently we are still in touch with most of our guests and they come to church every now and again. We thank God for all His favour on us in work of His salvation.

Looking to the Future:

It is our desire to run Alpha course in this church for at least ones a year as one of our means to spread the gospel in fulfilment of the Great commission (Matthew 28:18-20). We are planning to run another Alpha course this year. The course is scheduled between May and end of July.

Prayer Points:

- 1) Thank God for all our guests and helpers last year
- 2) Thank God for the lives of those He has saved through this course in HUCB and across the globe.
- 3) Pray that God will stir up hearts of those who will see this year’s Alpha course advertisement to attend, to hear and receive the invitation of God through Jesus Christ for salvation.
- 4) Pray for the involvement of church members and friends in running of this year’s course as in last year.
- 5) Pray for God to transform the lives of those who would come for better and for the Glory of God.

