

AGM report – Junior Church – (24 January 2016)

What we did last year (2015)

- As usual the highlight of the year was our annual camping trip to Isle of Wight to join youths from other churches. Our young ones were blessed by the programmes and activities, which were designed to challenge and develop their faith and walk with the Lord. Some of them developed new (and hopefully) enduring relationships with some of the other youths at the camp. A good example of this is the now well established link between our youth group and the youth group from Watford Elim Pentecostal church. The latter organise an annual weekend event (Battlefield) which our youths are invited to and often attend.
- 3 of our young ones (from the mini-warriors group) were baptised in 2015 following making a commitment to Christ, we give all the glory to our heavenly father.
- In Oct 2015, we celebrated Halloween with our alternative 'Hallelujah Night' party, which was themed - Sea Creatures. The children (and the junior church workers) dressed in Sea Creature costumes. We had great fun playing games and taking part in numerous competitions including dance and quiz. Both the winners and all the children got prizes.
- Throughout the year, the children were taught the fundamentals of our faith, using the interactive, age appropriate material - 'Go Teach'. The aim is that at the appropriate time God will enable them to make a commitment to Christ.
- Several meetings were held by the workers to discuss, plan and pray for the work with the children.
- The year ended with a performance by the children of a Christmas song titled 'Thank God for Christmas' written by one of the Junior Church workers (Lydia Jangdhari), at the December family service. It was a joy to watch.

Looking to the future:

- We will continue to teach our young ones the way of our Lord and the expectations of our faith.
- We hope to organise outings for the young ones as none took place last year. Although the older ones (the youths) had a few outings the younger ones did not.
- Some of the workers will be attending a weekend away training /conference in Eastbourne organised by HandinHand Children ministry from 5-7 February 2016.

Prayer points:

- For God's continued grace and enabling for the junior church workers
- For wisdom as we plan the work the Lord wants us to undertake with the young ones
- For more workers to join the team (some of the current workers are elderly and would benefit from having respite on a regular basis).
- For the young ones to come to a knowledge of Christ and make a personal commitment to Him at the appropriate time.
- For protection and journey mercies as we travel to Eastbourne, and for the Lord to accomplish His desired outcome in those attending this training.
- For the name of the Lord to be gloried in all the activities planned this year, including the IOW camping trip, the Hallelujah Night party, the proposed outings and Christmas activities for 2016.