

# THE STAGNER FAMILY



***“Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.” Ecclesiastes 11:1***

Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

Five years have gone by since moving to the United Kingdom, specifically to south Wales. Over the years we have planted two churches, established multiple youth clubs and continued to develop unique and innovative outreach methodologies whilst employing every opportunity to make a difference in the lives to those in our sphere of influence. Herein, is where the rubber meets the road and what every aspect of missions is about... Lives. People's lives and where they will spend eternity. Throughout our time in Wales we have seen many people saved and even more helped in ways one letter could not contain. First and foremost, it is the Lord Jesus Christ who deserves every ounce of credit, glory and praise. He also deserves the honour for allowing the opportunity for us to invest our life, our entire life into the lives of other people. Success, in our society, is judged and measured in different ways often through formulas based upon feelings and opinions. When it comes to measuring success for souls, there is only one equation which is not one with a sum of quantity, but rather a product of quality.

We live and serve the Lord in a land which is and has been oppressed Spiritually for decades, of which we are now seeing the fruit in the darkest way I can personally think. For decades on end, education has taught the children there is no God and somehow, over billions and billions of years a single cell organism evolved into a complex multi-celled human being. Within the teaching, our young people have been indoctrinated with the idea of when their life ends here in this world, there is nothing afterward, just blackness, nothing. Any one with a drop of common sense can work out what would come next, if what the teachers are teaching is true that we came from nothing and when we die we go to nothing, then simple deduction will conclude 'we are nothing and there isn't anything that matters.' This may sound simple or outrageous to you, but this is the crop which has been sown for a hundred plus years and the harvest has come in. In the last 8 weeks, I have personally dealt with families and individuals who have lost a loved one to

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suicide, all under the age of 50 and all (but one) completely unexpected. After a little research, I found out suicide in 2017 there were approximately 5,821 registered deaths by suicide in the United Kingdom, equating to an average of 16 suicides per day in the country. Suicide is the single biggest killer of men under the age of 45 in the country. Just two weeks ago I was preaching the funeral of a friend's brother who took his own life, whilst in the car with one of the funeral directors they told me six funerals were scheduled in just 5 days, all a result of suicide.

Simply put, we need your prayers as these cases are continuing to rise, it drives me even more to make a difference in the lives of the souls the Lord has placed in our life and the area of which He has chosen for us to be an influence through the gospel to see souls blessedly born again. Which brings me to a praise report, we had a funereal yesterday for a 76 year old man, who is the father of a friend of mine. For the last few years, I have been trying to get an opportunity to visit with him, but the door had never been opened. Four weeks ago, I received a call from the son, who said they were now beginning "end of life" procedures with his Dad. I asked if I could now visit and he quickly and graciously agreed. After being in the room for a few minutes, we began to discuss the end, needless to say, he gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Over the next four weeks we would meet many times, praying and reading the Scriptures. It turns out, his uncle pastored for 42 years in the very building where we planted our first church (Saron Chapel). I am fully convinced it was the prayers of his uncle, some 50+ years ago which were answered on that Friday afternoon in the hospital when John received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. So true is the word of God when we are told to "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

Thank you very much for your dear partnership of sacrifice and support in the great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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