

# News and Prayerletter

## Summer 2011



## New Grace Churches

A very warm welcome to the new Grace Churches joining us in September!

These are: St Mary's, Queniborough, Leicestershire (25%)  
Long Clawson Methodist Church, Leicestershire (25%)  
The Parish of Aston and Nechells, Birmingham (25%)  
Peterborough Methodist Circuit (100%)

This means that the Grace Project continues to grow. As each year passes we have been able to reach more children with the good news of Jesus!

## Interview Day

Please pray for our recruitment process which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at Kegworth Baptist Church. Each Grace Church is invited to send two representatives and it's a great opportunity for our member churches to meet each other and compare notes. The day will start for Grace Church members at 9:30am with refreshments, ready for a 10am start. Rachel will talk about how the Grace Project has developed and where it might be going in the future. There will be the opportunity to hear about our exciting Saturation Research Project – a real opportunity to make history and to demonstrate a strategy that enables church growth. Some of our Grace Workers will then do a presentation about their work. This will be followed by a buffet lunch with the interviewees.

## Gold Award



Here is the official picture of Grace Worker Ellen receiving the first ever Gold Award on behalf of Whetstone URC. It was presented in Eastbourne at the annual Children's Ministry Conference for excellent engagement with the community. Since then Ellen has arranged for a local group to come and decorate the family lounge and create a sensory garden next to the church.



## Recycling mobile phones and ink cartridges

Grace has recently joined a scheme enabling it to recycle old mobile phones and ink cartridges from computer printers. Items collected raise funds for Grace. There are two ways to recycle these items. Items can be put into a collection point or posted via a printed envelope. Our churches are being asked if they can host a collection point and an envelope dispenser.

## On Your Marks

'Biblefresh' in 2011 is a very successful campaign promoting the bible in this, the 400<sup>th</sup> year of the King James Bible. It is followed in 2012 by the Olympic theme 'On Your Marks'. This will be a fantastic opportunity for Christians to use interest in the Olympic Games for outreach purposes. Grace will be contributing by developing a series of school assemblies with a sporting theme. These will be published on the web and given to delegates attending the annual Children's Ministry Conference. We shall be selling assembly costumes that are economical and quick to put on.

## Spare Fabric Request

Does anyone have any spare fabric that they could give us for making assembly costumes? If so, please could you pass it to a Grace Worker? The costumes are very simple to make. If you have a sewing machine and would like to help make the costumes, we should be very pleased to hear from you!

## Prayer Requests

Please thank God for a year of fantastic ministry, for our assemblies, school clubs, holiday clubs and Toy Story events. We praise God that Grace continues to grow in spite of the recession.

Please pray for those considering applying to work for Grace and for Kevin H as he moves on to pastures new. After three years of dedicated service, he will be greatly missed.

Thank you!



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