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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2018. Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our work here in Gran Canaria. We as a local church family may be small in number but we rejoice that with you, together, we are all part of God's great family. This is something that continues to be highlighted to us by visitors of various nationality and background and also as mentioned in our last newsletter by the viewing of our services online. We continue to be amazed and blessed by what God has done and is continuing to do with His work here yet we are boldly striving and seeking to see more.

Weekly meetings

We continue to meet every Sunday @ 10:00am in Playa del Inglés (PdI) and 12:30pm in Puerto Rico (PR). Also each Tuesday @ 4:00pm (PdI) and each Thursday @ 7:00pm (PR). Although some Sundays we may be few in numbers, overall attendance levels at both services are good and showing signs of growth. In recent months we have been encouraged by the numbers attending the Tuesday and Thursday meetings. We understand that it is not about numbers and it is a transient community of holiday makers, winter residents and locals but our hearts desire is to see more being reached and touched by the power of God's Holy Spirit and His word. It has been a great encouragement recently to hear testimonies from returning visitors of how God ministered to them whilst previously with us and to hear accounts of answered prayer.

Remember that you can join with us online each Sunday as we stream our 10.00am service from Playa del Inglés on Facebook. You do not have to be a Facebook user to view our page or watch the videos, so if you haven't as yet, go to www.facebook.com/englishchurchgc and check it out. Our Facebook page is also where you will find the most up to date news about what's going on.



Lydia Prayer group



Our Lydia ladies prayer group continues to meet monthly and has strengthened and blessed those who attend. In March, Mary and Julie attended the Lydia Fellowship International prayer conference in N. Ireland. They met with Lydias from many different countries to meditate on God's word and pray for His will to be done in the nations. To build upon this and strengthen links, some Lydias from Ireland are coming to Gran Canaria to lead a 2 day conference in Playa del Inglés on the 12th & 13th October. More details will be available soon.

New home found!

As reported in our last issue, the apartment in which Gavin and Julie had been living was being sold and they had to move out at the end of March not knowing where they would be living. Thanks to good friends, they were provided with temporary rental accommodation in Puerto Rico until they could find a suitable long term lease. After much prayer and seeking they have found a new place and will be moving to San Fernando on the outskirts of Playa del Inglés in August. They are very grateful to everyone for their support and prayers for God's provision.



Church development and growth

It is the desire and duty of the oversight team to seek ways and means of bringing about the development and growth of the church here in GC. We believe our principle mission is to the English-speaking visitors and residents alike. We strongly believe God is preparing to move his church forward and see it grow here in GC. As our resources and skills are limited we know that we need help to fulfil this call. With these points in mind 3 members of our oversight team, Gavin, Julie and Mary, recently attended the European conference of a church partnership group called Four12Global. This was hosted on the Isle of Man by Living Hope Church. Whilst at the conference, Gavin and Julie rekindled some old friendships and along with Mary, made new ones. The oversight team's plan is to further consider what Gavin, Julie and Mary learned at the conference and to investigate if we should build upon these links established. We feel that God is preparing to move us into a new season. We would ask you please to join with us in prayer as we seek His direction in how best to take the next forward step.

Thank you for supporting the work of the church in Gran Canaria prayerfully, practically and financially; you are a very valued and important part of the ministry here.

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