

HARRINGAY UNITED CHURCH-BPATIST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21-02-2010

2009 REPORT

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1. What we did last year:

- We changed the format of the teachers' meeting from monthly to quarterly – first Saturday of the month (we combine the meeting with prayer and fasting as we deliberate and discuss pertinent issues). Our Lord has been very merciful and faithful and we have seen many answers to our prayers.
- A combined sleepover involving the older and younger ones, which was reported to be beneficial for many of the young ones.
- We continued with the normal Sunday meetings, where the children are taught the basics of the Christian faith, with a view to encouraging them to make a commitment at the appropriate time. We use the "Go Teach" material as our main resource.
- Hallelujah Night – an alternative to Halloween night, - we had hoped for a greater involvement from the youth group but due to another event in another church they were unable to attend. Nevertheless we had a great time – with games, bible quiz, disco and lots more. Most people came in fancy attire.
- There was greater participation (mainly through pastor's encouragement) in the life of the church by the young ones – through songs either in groups or solos, taking part in dramas/plays and also other activities in the family service.
- We rounded the year off with a Christmas party (Pastor's idea), which proved to be a great hit with all the young ones.

2. What we plan to do this year:

- Continue with the normal Sunday teachings tailored to the needs of the various age groups –starting with knowledge of God, building up to a commitment and personal ongoing relationship with his son - Jesus Christ.
- We plan to review the format of future combined sleepovers to ensure that it caters more effectively for the needs of those attending.
- Camping trip (the younger ones missed last year's due to the swine flu issue).
- Continue to look for opportunities for joint ventures with other churches including attending events organised by them and vice versa, especially over the summer.
- Do most of the ground work to establish a Junior Church/Youth Choir, with a view for greater involvement of the Junior Church in family service (carry over from previous year).
- Hallelujah Night – October, with the Youths hopefully playing the major role in planning and delivery.
- Make more efforts to organise outings for the younger ones.
- Find and attend appropriate training to equip the teachers.

3. Our prayer points/requests:

- For guidance and direction from the Lord as we seek for His will to be done in the lives of the young ones and for the most effective ways to impact them for Him.
- God's grace, sustenance and Wisdom for the volunteer workers (Sunday school teachers)
- More volunteers – but also thank the Lord for His mighty provisions – we had about 2 people who volunteered to assist occasionally.
- Journey mercies to the Isle of Wight camp and for the lives of those attending to be richly impacted by the Lord. Guidance for the Camp leadership as they plan and execute the programmes. Safety of all attendees throughout the duration of the camping.