

# **Amnos Newsletter**

# Spring 2017



# **Church Planting by Amnos Graduates**

We are delighted to inform you that Pastor Gemechisa Hordofa, a 2016 graduate, is holding the Birth Service of his church on Saturday 25 March in North London. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> church plant by an Amnos graduate. Another graduate is planning to launch a church plant in May and two others are also preparing to do so later this year. The way our graduates plant churches is primarily through direct evangelism, by sharing the gospel at door-steps, on streets and at parks in the neighbourhood. They gather together those who accepted Christ and who showed openness to the gospel, and then set up Bible studies and attend prayer meetings for 6-12 months. They officially launch the church plant when the time is right.



The first church plant by an Amnos graduate (Liverpool, 18.5.2014)

We admire their courage and commitment to starting churches even if no church supports them with people and finance. We praise God for his faithfulness to our graduates. Please pray that the Lord Jesus will guide and bless the endeavour of all the graduates in evangelism and church planting. Many graduates are proactive in evangelism. A graduate has memorized Romans 1-8, the entire book of Galatians, and is now memorizing Ephesians.

#### **Recruiting New Students for 2017-18**

We are in the process of recruiting students for 2017-18, which will start on Thursday 5 October. Please recommend our course to those who are keen on learning evangelism, planting churches or helping churches grow through proactive evangelism and sacrificial pastoral work. Please encourage them to contact us. It would be great if they could come to one of our **Open Days on 11 March and 3 June**, from 2-4pm at Amnos. There we will explain the course and the ethos of Amnos Church Planting School.

#### **The Five-Year Review of Amnos**

We have had the Five-Year Review, first with the graduates, then with the lecturers, and finally with the Trustees. It was a very helpful process to look back over the first five years of Amnos and to look forward to another five years to come. We received much affirmative feedback as well as many practical suggestions.

We reaffirmed the vision of Amnos as "Bringing the UK and Europe Back to God" as we focus on "The Re-

evangelisation of the UK and Europe". Both graduates and lecturers identified our DNA as (1) church planting and growth through direct evangelism (2) the balanced training in Theology, Practice and Passion (3) prayer and



evangelism initiatives for the UK and Europe (4) partnership with local churches for their growth and revitalisation.

Please pray that God would lead Amnos to another level in the coming years, as we implement the feedback from the Review. Pray also that He would send us staff and volunteers to develop our various ministries.

## **INTERCEDE** has entered into the 6<sup>th</sup> Year



INTERCEDE is a monthly prayer meeting of churches in Brentwood, Essex, UK, hosted by Amnos since February

2012. It has now entered into the 6<sup>th</sup> year. We have been praying for our nation and for our town of Brentwood.







Whether the gathering was big or small, we always experienced the Lord's presence. It has been a real privilege to intercede for our nation to return to God. We want to see more people and churches praying fervently for the UK. Please contact us if you want to receive the card(s) or the e-version of "Ten Prayer Points for the UK".

## Arise 2017 in July

Following on from the practical evangelism training and

fruitful outreach in 2015 and in 2016, we are organising the third Arise campaign. Arise 2017 will be held during 9-19 July 2017. After intensive evangelism training for



9 - 19 July 2017 at Amnos Brentwood, Essex, UK

four days (9-12<sup>th</sup>), the delegates will be sent to UK hosting churches in small groups of 8-10 people from

13-19<sup>th</sup> July. The Arise teams will carry out evangelistic work in support and partnership with the hosting churches. The hosting churches will prepare themselves to use the Arise teams for their maximum benefit as they reach their communities with the gospel.

"A once-in-a-lifetime experience that has helped me to become a better communicator of the gospel" A delegate to Arise 2016

Roy Crowne of HOPE Together, Gavin Calver of the Evangelical Alliance UK, Mark Ritchie of 73<sup>rd</sup> Trust, and Mickey Walker of Operation Mobilisation are among the speakers and trainers.

"Surprising, exciting, fruitful and inspiring experience. I was encouraged by the Arise team. [They were] a well-trained and disciplined army of God with clear focus on evangelism" A pastor of a hosting church 2016

We already have 17 churches, including four in Wales, who would like to invite the Arise teams. Some seven to nine churches in America have indicated sending people to support the UK churches with evangelistic manpower. For details and to apply, visit <u>www.arise-europe.org</u>.



An Arise team and hosting church members in Wales during Arise 2016

Please pray that we would recruit at least 160 people in order to support the hosting churches. Pray that many people in the UK would hear the gospel and receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We want to spread the gospel widely and diligently, and also reap a harvest as we sow the seeds. Pray also that the orientation for the hosting church pastors on 20 March will serve well for them to prepare their churches.

Thank you for your interest in the ministries of Amnos and for your prayers and support.

Love from the Amnos family.



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