

# **Amnos Newsletter**

Autumn 2013



Giving thanks to God and rejoicing together with the graduates and new students at the Graduation & Induction Service.

## Proud Graduates of Amnos

28 September 2013 was another special day for Amnos. It was the day when some 170 people gathered to give thanks to God for the four graduates, who successfully completed the 12-month course. 38 modules were taught in the classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays from 07:45-16:30. As well as 13 written assignments, the graduates had done practical outreach on Saturday afternoons during term times. Furthermore, they did internship training at hosting churches for 8 weeks.



With the Principal: Emmanuel Adeshina, James Njung'e, Kalbi Massey & Sarah Daniels (from L to R), holding their Certificates.





After completing such intense training, they were duly awarded a Certificate in Church Planting and Pastoral Ministry. It was a real blessing to hear their testimonies of being motivated and feeling equipped to plant or revitalize churches.

#### **Committed New Students**

The Service was also the Induction of our eight new students: Ann-Marie Spence, Eunice Olusoga, Henrietta Elegunde, Petros Tolessa, Sarah Muriritirwa, Sue de Beer, Sunny Opeyokun and Winky Newman. Our numbers are slowly growing, but most importantly, they are extremely committed to the Lord. The decision to join the course takes huge consideration and some have made necessary changes to their working lives in order to study at Amnos this year. We are humbled and feel responsible when students show such levels of commitment.

Please continue to pray for our graduates as they prepare for church planting or revitalising. Pray also for the new students that the Lord would enlarge their vision and equip them in a most profound and practical way for their pastoral ministries in future.



One of the highlights of the service was a piano recital by Dr Aija Kim, an internationally acclaimed concert pianist. She played two pieces of music to congratulate the graduates and new students. Her recital was fitting for the occasion as she too devotes herself to serve the Lord with her talent as an itinerant missionary.

Her music, the challenging sermon by Ps Peter Jordan, Senior Pastor of Sawyers Church, and the testimonies of the graduates will soon be available on our website.

## **New Academic Year Has Started**

We had a very good start to the new academic year, enjoying getting to know each other; hearing testimony of how God brought each one to faith and into our midst. The group has bonded well and we look forward to a good year together!

After a two-day Orientation, lectures have begun. Rev Jack Hawkins from Canada taught the module on Building Community, and led the Preaching Seminar. It was encouraging to see the gifts and passion as we listened to the students' 'practice-sermons' as a part of the module. Other topics to be covered in the Autumn Term include 'Church Planting Essentials', 'Raising Leadership through Discipleship', 'Principles of Church Planting in Acts', 'Evangelism and Effective Methods', 'Evangelistic Preaching', and 'Biblical Geography'.



Rev Jack Hawkins with the class for his Preaching Seminar

We are thankful to God for the visiting lecturers, many of whom are returning having taught in the previous two years. Pray for the Lord's blessing on them as they sacrificially join the vision of Amnos by equipping our students passionately.

Gants Hill United Reformed Church has approached us to support them with evangelistic manpower in their

endeavour to revitalise the church. Please pray that the power of the gospel would be manifested as the students and staff go out for door-to-door outreach around Gants Hill Church on Saturdays, and that many would join this church.

The students took a field trip to Leicester where they saw many historic church buildings that are now being used as places of worship for other religions. Having seen a snapshot of the reality of church decline in the UK, the students pray more fervently for the UK.



• Bonding together by appreciating God's story in each one's life

# Arise Campaign (8-21 July 2014)

The Arise Campaign is an intensive evangelism training and practical outreach to support hosting churches. Visit our website for details, brochures and booking form: <u>www.amnosministries.org/arise</u>.

Please register your interest early either to participate in the Campaign or to invite an outreach team to work for your church. Pray for this new and



fresh initiative for next year that we would not only pray for labourers but also recruit them to work in the harvest fields in the UK.

Thank you for standing with this ministry of Amnos with your prayers and finance. We thank God for your love for Jesus and involvement in restoring the honour of the name of the Lord Jesus in the UK and Europe.

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