

# THE STAGNER FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

*December-Year End Review  
2025 Prayer/Update Letter*

**“For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.”**

*1 Thessalonians 3:8*

Dear Friends and Fellow Labourers in Christ,

As we bring 2025 to a close, our hearts are filled with gratitude—not only for what the Lord has done, but for what He has sustained, strengthened, and established through His grace. This year has not been marked by ease, but by purpose; not by mere activity, but by fruit. We have seen the Lord answer prayer steadily and faithfully, often in ways that unfolded quietly month by month, yet now stand unmistakably clear as we look back.

## **A Year of Establishment and Strengthening**

Early in the year, much of our focus was given to securing and transitioning into the new church property in the Cynon Valley. What began as an urgent need became a clear testimony of God’s provision. Through a combination of sacrificial giving, a no-interest loan, faithful local support, and steady debt reduction, the Lord enabled us not only to acquire the building but to begin reducing the burden upon it. Month after month, the loan balance decreased, and by year’s end, we were able to testify that progress was being made in tangible, measurable ways.

Yet buildings are never the end goal—people are. Throughout the year, both church campuses, Cardiff and the Cynon Valley, experienced consistent stability and growth. While numerical increase was evident, what encouraged us most was the depth: believers becoming grounded, families strengthened, and a growing seriousness toward the Word of God and prayer.

## **Outreach with One Message, on Many Fronts**

One of the clearest developments this year was the way the Lord unified our outreach efforts. The schools, youth clubs, gym ministry, street outreach, and civic engagement did not function as isolated efforts, but as interconnected avenues for the same gospel message.

Our **primary school ministry** expanded significantly. Increased opportunities to preach in assemblies, teach Bible classes, conduct staff workshops, and participate in school events opened doors that continue to bear fruit. These efforts fed directly into **The Point youth clubs**, particularly in the Cynon Valley, where relationships formed in the classroom transitioned naturally into weekly gospel engagement. Parents expressed gratitude, students asked thoughtful questions, and the Word of God was welcomed with unusual openness.

The **gym ministry** also continued to grow steadily. Conversations that began around training became moments of prayer, Scripture, and spiritual counsel. The gospel was preached openly and unashamedly on the gym floor—often to those who would never step into a church building on their own.

Street preaching, leaflet distribution, and local outreach remained consistent throughout the year, saturating the surrounding communities with the Word of God. The seed was sown widely and faithfully.

## **Families, Discipleship, and Next-Generation Fruit**

This year was marked by visible fruit among families and young believers. We rejoiced in **baby dedications**, including Evelyn Sheppard and Arabella Zhang—clear reminders that the work of God continues from one generation to the next.

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Denise continued faithfully in the ladies' ministry throughout the year—discipling, counselling, and strengthening women both within and beyond the church walls. Her labour remains foundational to the health of our families and the stability of the ministry.

We were also encouraged by the development of men within the church—preaching opportunities, increased responsibility, and spiritual growth that point toward future labourers being raised up from within.

## Milestones and Special Seasons

Several key moments stood out as markers of God's goodness:

- The **grand opening of the Cynon Valley new building**, accompanied by special services and sweet fellowship.
- The **Fortify the Faithful Conference**, which exceeded expectations and strengthened pastors and believers alike.
- Preaching opportunities beyond our local churches, including ministry alongside faithful men labouring elsewhere in the UK.
- The publication of *Renewed – 66 Day Challenge to Total Transformation* and *Be Where Your Feet Are*, with all proceeds directed toward reducing the building debt.

As the year drew to a close, December brought a fitting culmination.

We hosted our **annual primary school Christmas concert**, where students sang traditional Christian Christmas hymns and concluded with a student-led

prayer that was biblically sound, sincere, and deeply moving. It was a moment that reminded us why these doors matter.

Both campuses experienced special Christmas services filled with sweet fellowship and encouragement. The **Cynon Valley Christmas morning service** was a blessing, and the **Cardiff carolling service** was well attended and richly encouraging.

We concluded the year with our final Sunday and Wednesday services centred on the theme that has guided us throughout 2025: **"Thrive."** Our people were challenged to move forward not merely surviving, but thriving—remaining steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord as we enter a new year.

## Thank You for Standing with Us

None of this would be possible without your faithful prayers and partnership. You have stood with us through acquisition and adjustment, growth and resistance, sowing and waiting. You have helped carry both visible victories and unseen burdens.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence—not in ourselves, but in the Lord who has proven Himself faithful at every step. The work continues, the doors remain open, and the call is still clear.

Thank you for labouring with us in South Wales. Thank you for standing fast. Thank you for helping us thrive.

Till the shout,



**BJ, Denise, Bailey & Hannah**

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Dear Friends,

We remain profoundly grateful for your steadfast prayers and support as our focus shifts from purchasing to reducing the debt on our new church building.

The Lord has graciously allowed me to publish two books: *Renewed – 66 Day Challenge to Total Transformation*(Romans 12:1–2) and *Be Where Your Feet Are*. Both are available at [www.bjstagner.com/books](http://www.bjstagner.com/books).

All proceeds are being directed toward the building debt. To date, £200 from book sales has already been applied to the loan. We are deeply thankful for your sacrificial support and continued prayers. Should the Lord lead you to give toward the reduction of this debt, we would be sincerely appreciative. Special thanks to a \$5000 gift from a faithfully supporting church in Florida.

Current Financial Picture:

- Loan balance: **\$84,150**
- Contribution from our local congregation: £7,195 (≈ \$9,500)

Every gift—large or small—moves us nearer to clearing this debt. Donations may be sent through our sending church; please note “UK Church Building” in the memo line.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and giving. Your partnership is invaluable, and together we continue advancing the gospel in South Wales.

### **Prayer Requests & Praise Reports**

- **Swift retirement of the church building debt**
- **Continued growth at both campuses to hold firm and increase (praise the Lord we reached our 10% increase for the year).**
- God’s continued blessing and care for our parents
- Ongoing provision and strength for our family in ministry
- More labourers to join us in the work
- Growth of multiple outreach ministries—physical and digital
- Several unspoken requests for salvation
- New visitors to continue returning and joining the churches