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Location: **London, UK**

Mission: **Pastoral ministry and church planting**



We thank God for how far He has brought us since the lockdown. Despite many challenges, we have continued with our ministry trusting in Him.

As the lockdown continues to be eased, we have decided not to rush to go back to church for several reasons.

- 1) The Newham Borough has one of the highest rates of infection
- 2) To prepare adequately with the required equipment following the government guidelines.
- 3) Most of the members are still fearing and even more so those with children and we want to give them time to gain some confidence.

The Newham transform faith organisation and the Stratford churches both of which we are members of have been very supportive. Through prayers, Church leaders have been supporting each other via Zoom. Food has been distributed to the needy through the faith group's food banks. The other challenge which emerged in the middle of the Covid-19 crisis is the racial tensions fuelled by what is happening in the USA.



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Again, the same groups have been very supportive and have created a forum where all can share past and present experiences. The Newham council in particular has been very keen on this and have also created a forum where all faith groups both Christian and non-Christian can share.

We continue to minister to the congregations through Zoom and Facebook.

The services for the youth and the children have also continued through Zoom and this has helped them to remain connected to each other. All our events scheduled for summer have been postponed till further notice.

Prayer Points

- God to grant us wisdom as we prepare to come out of the lockdown.
- That people will be able to overcome fear when the lockdown is over. That the racial tensions will not escalate in the future.
- That God will use the Zoom ministry to continue encouraging many during this time of lockdown.