

GOSPEL CHURCHES FOR WALES

Gospel Churches for Wales is an initiative being undertaken by AECW to plant Gospel churches in key centres of population and to assist smaller Gospel churches in their witness and ministries.

AECW is the largest fellowship of evangelical churches in Wales. We recognise our responsibility to address the spiritual needs of Wales.

THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF WALES

Wales has experienced decades of spiritual decline. The historic denominations have been decimated by a departure from biblical truth and a failure to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Wales.

Most people in Wales have no contact with a Gospel church. Families and younger people are a priority. The challenge of taking the Gospel to Wales requires the energy and resources of many churches.

As a fellowship of churches we recognise the urgent needs of the day and are committed to addressing them together. We recognise the importance of concerted and sustained prayer as we seek to take the Gospel to Wales.

Church Planting

There are places where it would be good for a Gospel church to be planted in both urban and rural communities.

Church Strengthening

Some AECW churches are small and need help in term of personnel and finance to continue. The cost, in terms of personnel and finance, of sustaining an existing church is much smaller than planting a new church. We are also happy to consider assisting small non-AECW churches which have a nucleus of faithful believers and who are open to being helped.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The AECW Coordinating Committee, in consultation with Clusters, seeks:

- to identify areas for possible church planting
- to identify smaller churches in need of assistance
- to make known the need for men called and commended by their churches to undertake these ministries
- to assess the personnel and financial needs of each project which will be attempted
- to make known to the AECW churches and Christians the current projects in order to encourage prayer and financial support
- AECW churches and Christians wishing to support a project will be given information about how they can support it in prayer and finance

Normally financial support is given directly to the project or church.

AECW is willing to assist, if necessary, in handling finance for church planting projects in their early stages.

Regular prayer letters giving up to date news of the church planting ministries or church strengthening projects are sent to supporting churches and Christians and to the wider fellowship of AECW.

The aim in all situations is to move towards viability in terms of personnel and finance. A recent example of this is The Bay Church in Cardiff which began as a church plant in 2003, with the assistance of churches and Christians from AECW, and is now fully established as an independent church.



'Yn llwgi, heb ei difu'
'On fire, but not consumed'

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church strengthening initiative of AECW