



Lengthen the cords

“Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.” Isaiah 54v2

This is the text we have chosen for our yearly theme at East Birmingham Baptist Chapel and for the overall work our family is engaged in here in the UK. We are praying earnestly for the Lord to do this two-fold work in 2025: Lengthen the cords - expanding our overall work in our church, our city, our nation, and around the world; but also strengthen the stakes - we are desiring to grow stronger as a church family and we want to work towards better organization in our church and ministry work and see more labourers involved in the work.

God has been good to us since the planting of our church in 2016, and we have grown as a church to the point where we are in need of larger oversight and organization. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom as we seek to appoint church deacons in the next few months to help take on the growing responsibilities of the church. We are also planning on registering as an official UK charity before the end of the year. These are exciting next-steps as our church transitions from a church-plant to an established church.

As we grow into a more established church, we are playing for wisdom in the work of church-planting in our local region of England. We are already sending some of our men out to regularly preach at churches that are currently without a minister and are struggling to survive. It is our prayer that God would preserve these churches and provide labourers to work in them and see them built-up once again. Would you please pray for us that more of the men in our church would be called of God to preach the Gospel?

Homeless Outreach

We thank the Lord for many blessings over the past few months. It's been a great encouragement seeing new and recently converted church members wanting to get involved in our evangelistic ministries, such as our weekly homeless outreach. This ministry is now being completely run every week by volunteers from our church. Every Friday night, these volunteers prepare large portions of food and travel to the city centre to serve meals to between 50-100 homeless people. We also have volunteers on hand to pass out Gospel tracts and John/Romans. After the meals are served, all the volunteers go around and speak to people about their souls. Please pray that many lives would be transformed from this ministry.



Church Anniversary

Last November, East Birmingham Baptist Chapel celebrated our 8th church anniversary with a special weekend. On Saturday evening, we held a missions dinner and voted to begin supporting two new missions projects as a church. On the Lord's Day, we had a special guest speaker, Mr. Roland Burrows, who was instrumental in helping Ashlie and I come to England. We took a church photo (below) to help us remember this special occasion. Please pray God will keep us and grow us for many more years, until Jesus comes!

