

## NIGERIA = December 2008

A reflection on our time in Gboko, Nigeria attending the Retreat led by Gbile and Sade Akanni.



Hot, dusty, brown, yet colourful.  
White teeth, enormous smiles and love flowing.  
Helping hands meeting our every need.

Passion expressed in worship,  
in avid concentration on the Word of God.  
Response with tears, loud "Amen's" and prayer  
– both noisy and silent.

Friendship, love, connection between the nations.  
New relationships made,  
old judgemental barriers dismantled  
- as we focussed on Jesus.

Faith evident in so many ways  
15,000 fed and watered by God for 3 days  
and no mention of money.

New buildings still being finished  
as we waited for the first meeting to begin.  
Old classrooms, painted, restored and cared for.

We thank God for our brothers and sisters in Peace House Team who demonstrate a life style which is so saturated with Jesus. It is possible to forget you are in Africa and think it could be heaven.



An atmosphere of peace, of presence, of rest  
So much activity and movement of people.  
No evidence of stress.

The focus was Jesus – For from him  
and through him and to him are all things.  
Jesus first and Jesus last.

Jesus the one who will show us greater things  
Jesus the one who changes us  
- as we gaze on him and reflect His glory.  
Jesus the one who meets every need  
Jesus our all in all.

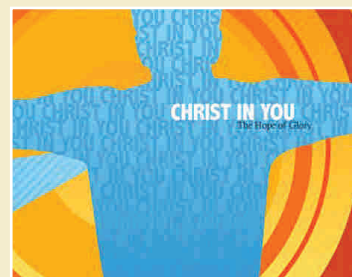
## CHRIST IN YOU = in Wrington

In early Autumn I was asked to meet with a small group of ladies drawn from various churches in the village of Wrington, not far from our home. They asked me to speak on "Christ in You". The message was radical, as I sought to confront each one with the need to die to self and to be born again into the life of Jesus.

Many had never heard this in their traditional churches, and I wanted to be sure they had been to the cross and understood that death and resurrection must occur within an individual in order to have "Christ in You".

The principle of dying to self and letting Jesus live his life through us is powerful and life changing. The response was very positive and the teaching brought about understanding that it is not through hard work that we please God, but by carrying Jesus wherever we go and letting His life shine out – exciting and simple – yet so profound. As Galatians 2:20 puts it, *"I have been crucified with Christ, I no longer live, Christ lives in me."*

Joyce writes:



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IAN AND ROSEMARY ANDREWS.  
ANGELA YOUNG.

### WHEN AT HOME

Living Waters Church meets on  
Sundays at 9.30 & 11.30 am  
Clevedon School, Valley Road  
Clevedon, North Somerset

### TRAVELLING MINISTRY AND SPECIAL EVENTS

19 - 23 JANUARY  
Developing the New  
222Trust website

26 JANUARY  
Churches Together in Clevedon  
United Service, Baptist Church  
6.30pm

4 FEBRUARY  
Special Prayer Event  
Living Waters Church  
Clevedon 7 pm

7 FEBRUARY  
Prayer Day 10am - 3.30pm  
Towards Revival in the UK  
Birmingham

13 & 14 FEBRUARY  
Elders Days Away  
Broadway, Worcester

4 - 16 MARCH  
With Chrissie Chapman  
and African Revival Ministries  
in Burundi & Rwanda

19 & 26 MARCH AND 2 APRIL  
"Investing in Children"  
Three Teaching Seminars  
Kingdom Faith SW, Taunton

LATER IN APRIL  
Visit to Youth Life  
Tajikistan, Central Asia