

## Gospel Arts Manna 2010 Report

The year 2010 has been a year where Gospel Arts Manna (GAM) has seen wonderful blessings all round in terms of growth. Therefore, is happy to report on the following (summaries in bold italic):

### Community Workshops:

- Harpenden Carnival – 7 hours. Volunteer Story-Teller was Mark F.
- Daylight Club for the Disabled – 4 hours,
- GAM at Watford Live Arts Beecham Grove Baptist Church – 4 hours. Assistant Volunteers were Comfort T, Betina I, Helen B.
- Youth Workshop – 8 hours. Stacy for Hip Hop Class, Caragh B for Dance Class, Betina I for Class Assistant, Vyvyan W for Transportation.

Gospel Arts Manna gave a total of 23 hours to running Community Workshops in 2010.

### Community Choir Classes:

GAM held a total of 65 Gospel Manna Community Choir (GMCC) Classes. There were 17 Thursday classes volunteered for 60 minutes each and there were 48 Tuesday classes volunteered for 90 minutes each. This gives a total of 89 hours of voluntary workshops during the year.

### Community Choir Events:

GAM provided the GMCC who took part at events held in the following churches: Basildon, East Ham, Bury St Edmunds, Willesden, Colchester, London Russian Speaking, Central London, Chatham, St Albans, Clapton, Welling Kent. GMCC took part in two community events: Watford Live Arts & Watford Palace Theatre. GMCC also provided gospel music for two weddings: Northwood Wedding, Latimer Wedding. Total 15 Community Choir Events.

### Private Singing Tuition:

During 2010, a total of 14 students signed up for one-to-one private singing tuition: 12 students are Beginner Singing Students, 1 Intermediate Singing Student and 1 Advanced Singing student. The number of classes has ranged from 1 to 19 classes per student throughout the year. The length of lessons varied between 30 minutes and 60 minutes per lesson. Total of 78 private singing tuition classes.

### Sermons Preached:

During 2010 Colin & Susan have been asked to preach at 6 churches: Stonebridge, Stratford, Bath, Harlow, Clapton and Yate.

### Private Piano Tuition:

During 2010, Gospel Arts Manna was privileged to work with tutor and musician A Adams. He has regularly taken part in our events and the rehearsals for them. It was during our 2010 AGM that GAM voted to increase our activities to promote our musicians and other artistic members. Therefore, GAM provided A Adams with three students who had come to us requesting more musical tutorship. These students were Tony A, Rachel J and Solomon T. Total 3 new students.

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### New Members:

Gospel Arts Manna is continuing, by God's grace to grow. Most GMCC rehearsals are attended by newcomers. Plus we have had new musicians take part in our events. Total 37 new GAM members.

### CRE:

It was decided not to take part in CRE during 2010. Gospel Arts Manna members felt this would better serve our status in 2012, God willing.

### New Policies:

Gospel Arts Manna has now produced two more working policies, namely:

- Children's Protection
- Young People's Protection

These are designed for all those who lead out in community workshop programs.

### Network Groups:

Gospel Arts Manna is pleased to say that during 2010 it has actively networked with the following organisations:

- Cleveland Watkiss
- New English Orchestra
- Watford Live Arts
- Pump House Theatre
- Watford Community Choir
- The Daylight Club
- Leisure Connection
- Harpenden Carnival
- Mama Chill
- Revelation TV
- Clapton Community Project
- Poetess Nova Blake
- Church of God In Christ (COGIC)
- Neasden Methodist Church
- Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Ruach Church Ministries
- (Sanctuary Art of Sound Ltd)
- Ujima Radio Morning Study
- Westfield Children's Centre
- Andy Rumble for Children in Need
- Community Sounds Bristol

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### Sponsorship:

2010 saw the first funding being won by Gospel Arts Manna. This was provided by Pro-Action Children's Trust and was to provide workshops for young people from the community.

### Student Developmental Projects & Appointments:

Susan:	Carl Ferguson Recording, Solo at Rose Nwosu Party, Solos in Yate, Workshop in Harlow, Solos in COGIC.
Caroline:	X Factor Audition
James:	X Factor, Local Pub Solos
Caragh:	Taught Dance Class, Sing Star, Plan B Video
Mavis:	Montenegro Singing Evangelist
Comfort:	Watford Palace Theatre group singing - Windrush
Julie:	Watford Palace Theatre group singing - Windrush
Vyvyan:	Watford Colosseum Lead Soloist, X Factor Audition, Sing Star, Camp Meeting Lead Solo.

### Recording Project:

Earlier in the year Gospel Arts Manna was approached by Stacy Hart AKA Mama Chill to assist her in her project to produce two singles in which she wanted a gospel choir to back her. The singles were to be used on her album to help raise funds for the M.E, charity and which she is a sufferer of herself. After our meeting she made a decision to use GMCC & the rehearsals ran from April to June 2010. The end result was two singles titled: 'Say' & 'Earl' plus a couple of specials featuring Vyvyan singing lead.

### Donations:

Stacy Hart AKA Mama Chill donated both of the CD singles 'Say' & 'Earl' to Gospel Arts Manna, to be used to help fund its projects.

It was felt that Gospel Arts Manna needed to have a uniform for the GMCC. The choir members had made a commitment to make donations towards the purchase of the gowns. So far donations have been received by 8 members: Sue L, Stacy H, Gwen A, Pearl B, Vyvyan W, Julie F, Colin W & Susan W = Total £1040.00 in cash donations.

### Purchases:

During 2010, Gospel Arts Manna has purchased the following items for use by and for the organisation:

- HP Laptop
- HP Colour Laser Printer
- Canon Camera

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### Showcase:

During August 2009, Gospel Arts Manna used the Old Free School to hold the annual Showcase. The hall only held approximately 65 people and so it was decided that we would use the Pump House Theatre in 2010. But due to a delay with the funding, the Showcase had to be postponed until Sunday, 12 December 2010. The attendance was low. Pump House staff said this was mainly due to the unusually bad weather we had experienced with the high levels of snow. However, for those who came along it was a time for entertainment, laughter, appreciation and reflection, and for those of us who took part, it was a time of much prayer, learning and experience.

### Summary:

Of course, what the statistics do not show are the number of people who are already a part of Gospel Arts Manna and have experienced spiritual development. Gospel Arts Manna's website is now used to publicly display some of the letters, reviews and comments that have been received concerning growth in these areas.

It was in 2009 that I became burdened with the need to provide something more for our choir members. A few of them had been curious about the faith aspect and ethos behind the Gospel Arts Manna project and were asking about the church and my own personal faith. I felt a strong need to provide more than I could do with the project in its current stage. Then I was approached by Pastor Terry Messenger who invited the GMCC to accompany him once a month to his preaching appointments. This started in February and continued through to December 2010, culminating in an offer of Bible Studies to anyone in the choir who would be interested in further studies. This offer was immediately taken up by one of our choir members.

When one hurts, they all hurt... 2010 was also the year GAM lost one of its choir members who died in her 80's. Her family talked to us many times, during and since the funeral of how much GMCC had meant to Ann Ryan.

This makes me very happy as I look forward to what the Lord has in store for Gospel Arts Manna during 2011. Each year seems to bring more funding as well as challenges and each year I see the love that grows between each of the members of the GMCC. You will find the photos of various events, publications of letters and comments from members on our website: [www.gospelmanna.com](http://www.gospelmanna.com) (see homepage, 'Publications' & 'Photographs' pages).

Susan Watt, Director.