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**'Enemy - occupied territory
- that is what the world is.'**

C.S.Lewis

Q Dear Friends,

During World War II, England needed to increase its production of coal if it was going to have any hope of winning the war. Winston Churchill called together Labour leaders to enlist their support. And at the end he asked them to stand with him and picture in their minds a grand parade.

First, he said, would come the sailors who had kept the vital sea-lanes open. Then would come the soldiers who had come home from Dunkirk. Then would come the pilots, those brave men who had driven the Luftwaffe from the sky.

Last of all, he said, would come a long line of sweat-stained, soot-streaked men in miners' caps. Someone would cry from the crowd, 'And where were you during the critical days of our struggle?' And from ten thousand throats would come the answer, 'We were deep in the earth with our faces to the coal.'

When I read this story it stirred in me a desire to be one of those coal workers. It inspired me to believe that I was needed no matter what my position. I was an important part of the great scheme of things. It is the same way I feel when I read Mathew 25:31-36:

"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him... then the King will say... "Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me."

Repeatedly, when Jesus was asked what pleased God or how to please God, His reply was the same, "If you want to be

great in the kingdom, you must become the servant of all.”

It gives me that feeling that everything I do counts. Everything matters to God. That no matter how small or insignificant a task is - it matters to Him.

So what does it mean to be a servant? The word servant, as it is used here, comes from the word 'diakonos'. It means work that is done in freedom. It is not to be mistaken for the word 'doulos' which means “a bond servant or slave”.

The main difference being, that you have chosen to do the work presented before you, not because you are obligated to or fear punishment.

Today, we are in the midst of a great war. C.S.Lewis wrote: 'Enemy-occupied territory - that is what the world is.'

Commissioned by God Almighty to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Our enemy the devil, will stop at nothing to

control as many lives as possible. Our culture is a breeding ground for everything that is ungodly. We all have a wonderful opportunity during this Christmas season to sow seeds into the lives of our friends and family about Christ – the Light of the world. Why not give them one of our Christmas books – the cause is worth the cost.

We have seen the advancement of the Kingdom throughout the UK and in Australia, USA, and Cyprus this year, but we are still in need of those precious resources that will help us drive the enemy back and win this war. “We need more coal.”

Please pray for this ministry as we communicate the Good News of Christ to lost people and mentor many other evangelists. Please join us by supporting our ministry financially. Please fill in the enclosed form and return in the prepaid envelope.

Agapè,

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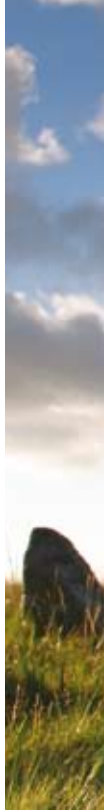
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Three years ago a vision began to emerge from leaders in Devon to see a spiritual awakening across their county. Since then, momentum has gathered for the coming just10 mission in the summer of 2006, as leaders have caught onto the potential. Wednesday 21st September saw the launch event to Christians, held within the old walls of Exeter Cathedral.

Just minutes after the Cathedral's doors were opened at 7pm, the Nave was buzzing with people. By 7:30, all of the pews and chairs were filled with many left standing in the aisles and at the back, the Cathedral alive with chatting, laughter and expectation. The Bishop of Exeter, Michael Langrish welcomed the people of Devon, giving an extremely warm introduction to J. John. As he explained the impact that J. John had had in previous missions, expectation began to rise for God to work powerfully in Devon, and that only grew as the evening progressed.

J. John gave the Devon church a passionate appeal to reach those who don't yet know Jesus. "If I went on a picnic with my family, and lost my son in the woods, would I drive home with only two out of three of my sons, saying 'you win some, you lose some'? Well, you know, you've got to cut your losses.!"

The challenge went further as people were encouraged to press into seeing the maximum impact of the just10 series, by investing themselves into praying, preparing, providing, pasturing and promoting in the run up to the mission.

It was inspiring to see Christians from all backgrounds and denominations worshipping God together, led by Philo

Associate Dave Edwards. Mary Fisher from just10 Birmingham gave testimony to how 20 out of 100 friends she had invited had come to the just10 meetings, and many of these had either come to faith or were on follow up courses. The service concluded with a commissioning led by the Bishop, supplemented by a powerful solo by opera singer Ruth Francis, filling the Cathedral with "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News" – her voice needed no amplification!

The just10 Devon Chair, Russell Fenn comments:

"The official launch of the just10 Devon Mission planned to commence next April took place in the historic Exeter Cathedral on September 21st. Although 1000 chairs were put out, we were not quite sure what the response would be. We were amazed! All the chairs were filled plus several hundred were standing. We estimate 1500 were present. The evening which included a varied programme really 'hit the spot' - people left envisioned and inspired for what is to come. Currently we are nudging towards 100 partner Churches from a 30 mile radius, however we are believing for at least 200 to partner in the coming months. We anticipate that just10 Devon provides what may be a once in a generation opportunity - not only to share the great news of God's love with the people of Devon, but also to re-focus the wider Body of Christ on our mission and purpose - that entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. Vision has been defined as the ability to take what is a picture of a preferred future and make it into a reality - that is our vision. just10 Devon has given us the opportunity to accomplish together what would be impossible as Churches on our own."

just10 FEEDBACK

transform your world

For your encouragement - after the J.John just10 talks from Lincoln, 6 men will be baptised in Stocken Prison as a consequence of their new-found or re-affirmed faith in God. The six are Stephen, Rob, Richard, Tony, Duane and Byron.

Please pray for protection that as they come under spiritual and possibly physical attack, they'll be strengthened; that they won't be transferred to another prison in the meantime; that I will handle the practical arrangements for the Baptism well (it will be the first adult baptism by immersion here at HMP Stocken); that the witness of the men to the rest of the prison will be true and effective and that staff and other prisoners will be blessed through it.

Ed Ghinn
Chaplain, HMP Stocken



just10 FEEDBACK

transform your world

Last night I had my first session on board one of the ships. The name of the ship is "Anna G". The crew are German, Polish, Ukraine and Filipino.

We had eight people watching the video on "How to Find True Contentment". Seven Filipinos and the Ukrainian Chief Officer watched. About 5 minutes before the end the Chief Officer and two of the Filipinos had to return to duty but the rest stayed.

After showing the first talk I asked them to share with me what they thought and had learnt about this Commandment.

I was surprised at their reply. Most of them thought that coveting was only in relation to wanting some other man's wife or girlfriend.

Hearing J.John talk about materialism gave a totally new meaning to the word.

They are looking forward to next Tuesday when they return to hear the next Commandment on "How to Hold to the Truth".

I have enclosed a photograph taken of those who stayed for the whole study.

Thank you for the opportunity to extend just10 Bangor to seafarers who visit the Port of Belfast.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Sam and Pauline Cowan



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The Road Home: The story of the prodigal son by J. John.

Reviewed by Phil Groom in Faith for Life magazine, issue 26

Some books take hold of you and won't let you go. Others let you go and then welcome you back like a long lost friend – or in this particular case, like a long lost son. It's rare to find a book that does both but somehow that's precisely what J. John has given us here. *The Road Home* is a book to read in a single sitting (at only 96 pages it shouldn't take too long for most readers) yet it's also a book to take slowly, to savour, to think about and return to.

I'll admit that I thought I knew the story of the prodigal son. I've long admired Rembrandt's famous painting of the son's homecoming. This retelling, however, brings even more out of the story. It's told from the point of view of one Francis Nutrizio, the Steward of the Salvadori Estate. He's a respectable man from a respectable family, but a family that met tragedy and left him orphaned. Taken into the staff of the Salvadori household he serves to the best of his ability: he understands the principles of honour and nobility and admires his master's generous spirit in dealing with the common people. Until, that is, the day his master's youngest son rebels and his master gives in to the son's demands.

If you're familiar with the original story told by Jesus (Luke 15:11-32) you'll know what those demands were: rather than wait for his father to die, he wanted his portion of the inheritance now. Getting it, he leaves without a care in the world. In the original we hear nothing of the impact this departure had on the father, his family, his neighbours. Here, however, through Nutrizio's account, J. John explores the wider story, inviting us to share the bewilderment and sorrow of those affected by the father's bizarre decision, but even more, to enter the father's own heart, to share the incredible sense of joy when at last the son returns – as well as the alienation and anger of the older son.

If you've ever struggled with forgiveness, with believing that God can forgive you or with forgiving someone else yourself, if you've ever watched someone forgive the unforgivable and felt yourself pushed aside by that forgiveness, you need to read this book.

And if you've been forgiven, know the joy of that forgiveness and want to share it with another, I can think of no better book to choose as a gift for that person. It may be a long road home, but once it's been travelled, you'll never want to look back.

Why not order this book as a Christmas present for a friend by visiting our website www.philotrust.com or calling our office **01923 772288**.



compassion KENYA

J. John has been a passionate advocate for Compassion ever since he travelled to Brazil with the charity two years ago. There he saw how Compassion changes lives by educating, feeding and sharing Christ with children who live in poverty. J. John has been a committed advocate of Compassion ever since and as much of Compassion's work is in Africa J. John was keen to see the projects there. He was given the opportunity this year when he accompanied Compassion UK's executive director Ian Hamilton to Kenya.

Compassion's ministry in Kenya started in 1980 and currently about 35,000 children are helped in over 140 church-based projects. Whilst there J. John visited projects in the Kibera slum, the Maasai community and Compassion's new 'Child Survival Project'.

The Kibera slum is not only the largest slum in Kenya but also one of the oldest and largest slums in the whole of Eastern and Central Africa. It has an estimated population of around one million residents and the poverty inside is staggering. J. John found visiting the Kibera slums overwhelming, but also saw how Compassion is changing things for the better. Compassion sponsors a little boy in Kibera who was abandoned by his mother because of a malformation in his hands. Compassion hasn't just changed his life but also the life of his elderly grandmother who was left destitute with two dependent grandchildren. Compassion provided the woman with corn that she sells by the roadside, providing her with dignity and the means to provide for herself. The child's brother has since been sponsored through Compassion. Compassion has transformed the life of the whole family.

J. John also experienced the simple but wonderful lifestyle of the Maasai community who despite their noble heritage are still bound up in traditions that damage their children. Genital mutilation under the guise of 'rites of passage' cripples girls for life and reinforces the notion that they have no control over their own bodies or their own lives. In the Maasai community J. John saw how gender inequality strips young girls of their dignity and prevents them from following their ambitions and dreams. But he also saw how Compassion is educating these communities to try and bring an end to this horrific practice.

In the Kiserian Deliverance Church J. John saw how Compassion's Child Survival Programme provided specific care for pre-natal and nursing mothers through home-based help. Children are supported through medical care from before they are born to the age of three when they are old enough to register in a Compassion project. When these children grow up they will be free from the medical conditions, such as brittle bones, that stem from inadequate healthcare at birth.

While there J. John met with some Leadership Development Programme students. These students participate in a programme that continues the education of Compassion sponsored children and encourages the skills and abilities within them that will help develop their leadership qualities. Despite having the qualifications to go and work in big businesses outside their childhood homes of poverty, many of them expressed a desire to go back and work in the communities they grew up in. The young students were filled with compassion to help those who are living the life they know far too well.

While a country like Kenya has many problems and struggles, there are pockets of positive change. J. John witnessed a new generation of Compassion sponsored children growing up with a love for God and a hope and a desire to change their communities for the better.

To sponsor a child or find out more about Compassion visit www.compassionuk.org email info@compassionuk.org or call **01932 836490**.

future EVENTS



Please see page twelve for a full list of this year's carol services.

Retreat To Advance Leaders' Days

"Retreat to Advance" is a new series of Leaders Days hosted by J. John in association with Highmoor Hall.

These Leaders days will inspire, encourage, equip and challenge those in positions of Church and Christian leadership. Each day will include teaching from J. John and other speakers, worship, opportunities for questions and sharing, along with morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. In the beautiful setting of Highmoor Hall, with its spacious gardens and tranquil surroundings, near Henley on Thames in Oxfordshire, "Retreat to Advance" will be an opportunity to 'retreat' for a day from the stresses and strains of ministry and gain fresh insights, and 'advance' refreshed and re-focused for the challenge ahead.

Cost **£45.00** per day to include coffee, lunch and tea. 10am–4pm.

Dates are as follows:

Wednesday 23rd November
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Wednesday 25th January
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Wednesday 22nd February
Evangelistic Preaching with Revd Greg Downes

Wednesday 19th April
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Testimony from 2004 Carol Service

As a single parent, with a 15 year old daughter, I have felt over the past few years, especially since the death of my mum 3 years ago, that surely this wasn't all there was to life. I knew deep down I was following the wrong path and was in fact turning away from God. I was searching for love and security, but was looking in the wrong places. After a series of failed relationships with unsuitable men, I began to realize I was actually looking for something right beside me.

In fact, Christ had never moved away from me, but I had distanced myself from Him. I chose to ignore Him by putting Him out of my mind.

I gradually, with the help of some Christian friends, became more interested in Jesus, especially after watching 'The Passion of the Christ'. God's timing was perfect when my friend Jayne asked me to attend a J. John carol service last Christmas.

Visit to Falls Church, Washington

Falls Church are anticipating with enthusiasm the speaking ministry of J.John at their annual all-church retreat in Shrine Mont, Virginia. We are looking forward to being inspired to new ways of thinking about our faith and discovering how to apply the truths in the world. J.John's reputation as a great articulator of the authentic Christian pathway is already known by many in the Falls Church, and we are all praying for a time of renewal in our commitment to Christ and to evangelism through this Retreat.

Visit to Hosanna Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

J.John is an inspirational friend and co-worker, and we are awaiting his time with us at Hosanna Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, with great expectation. We have on average 3,800 people attending our 4 services each weekend, and are a community who are always looking to be challenged and pushed forward in our faith, as well as longing for others to come to that faith. Last year we ran the TEN series that was developed by J.John, and God majorly impacted our congregation with many coming to Christ. We know that J.John's time of ministering to our church this year will be such a time of refreshment and growth, and will send us out inspired!

Senior Pastor, Bill Bohline

Southside Church, Australia

September 2005 Southside Christian Church, Adelaide, Australia hosted the International Edge Conference. With over 1,000 delegates from around Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Europe, the Edge 2005 Conference proved to be a dynamic presentation of worship and inspiring leadership teaching.

J.John was positively received as he presented a challenging message, the heart of which spoke of reaching out to the lost. Using his unique blend of multi-media, humour and the Word, J.John communicated the Great Commission that is before all Christians, especially Christian leaders. He was very direct in his encouragement that the Bible, God's Word is the foundation of truth upon which every Christian purpose is built. One delegate was quoted as saying, "J.John managed to tell us all off while having us laughing at the same time!"

J.John's teaching was really grass-roots basic teaching that proved to be almost revolutionary in this age of a 'social gospel'.

Senior minister of Southside Christian Church and leader of International Edge Network, Pastor Danny Guglielmucci, said "J.John's teaching was the most compelling, clear presentation of how to communicate the gospel I've heard in years. We look forward to working with J.John again in the near future."

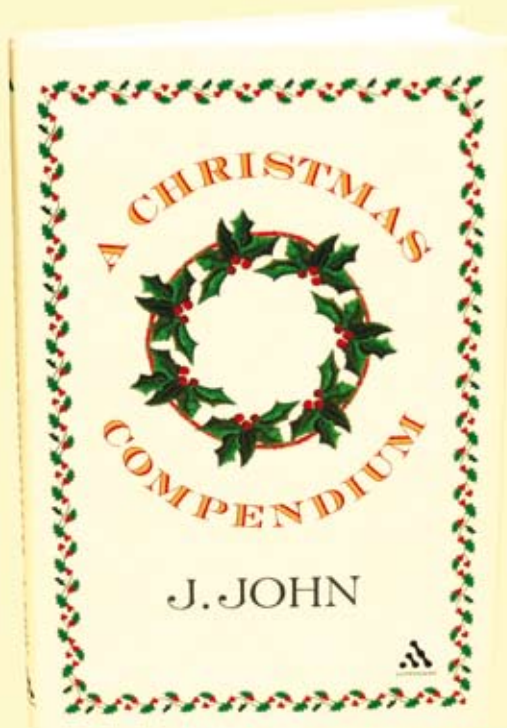


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The Naaman Trust exists to make known the healing love of God in the Middle East. It reaches the people in most need in areas often not reached by other agencies or ministries. It is directed by Canon Andrew White who has a unique ministry of reconciliation in the region and the evangelist Canon J. John who donates all of his Christmas offerings to the trust. The trust has three main functions, medical, educational and relief, as well as funding the Church of St George in central Baghdad.

Though the trust helps people of all faith traditions, it particularly focuses on the need of Christians. These people are often forgotten by many of the other agencies; they are in essence the people caught in between.

Israel Palestine Projects

In Israel and Palestine the work has focused on providing for people in most need whether in Israel or Palestine. It has paid medical expenses of both groups of people enabling them to have the best possible treatment.

On the ground we employ a full-time member of staff who ensures that food and medicine get to those in most need. The demand on our limited resources is always far greater than we are able to meet. Here are selections of some of the cases we help.

- Provision of insulin for young Palestinian children with diabetes
- Provision of food and drink for Palestinian Christians in need
- Provision of artificial limbs for those who have lost limbs because of illness or violence
- Provision of medical help for Israelis who are unable to get proper treatment
- Provision of scores of regular food parcels for those most in need

Iraq Projects

In Iraq our work has mainly focused on helping children and supporting the running costs of a local church in Baghdad. It re-opened after the war and now has over 700 members.

- Provision of food, clothing and accommodation for scores of children left homeless after the war
- Providing regular treatment for terminally ill children
- Supporting the Bone Marrow Transplant Centre we helped establish prior to the war
- Provision of a Bone Marrow transplant for a 5 year old Iraqi Muslim boy in Israel
- Provision of treatment and medication for a number of sick children

This is a selection of a number of those we are helping in Israel, Palestine and Iraq. We are therefore a small grass roots trust. Our small team knows everybody we help personally.

If you would like to send a Christmas gift to this ministry, please make your cheque payable to **"The Naaman Trust"** and mail it to **the Philo Trust**.



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J. John's Christmas Diary

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1 Sunday 4th December

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Southsea Seafront

Portsmouth

6:30pm

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2 Tuesday 6th December

Handcross Park School

Handcross

West Sussex

7:30 for 8pm

Contact Gary Simmons on 01444 400221

3 Wednesday 7th December

Chalkwell URC

Southend

7:30pm

Contact Avanti Ministries on 01702 333319

4 Sunday 11th December

St Andrews Church

Chorleywood

7pm

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5 Monday 12th December

Barton Hall

Horndean

Hampshire

7:30pm

Contact Bob Wheeler on 023 9259 6019

6 Wednesday 14th December

Gloucester Hall

St Helier

Jersey

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7 Sunday 18th December

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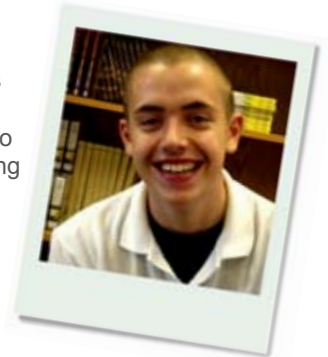
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OFFICENEWS



Welcome Tom Seddon who has joined us as a Resources Administrator. Tom has just finished a foundation year at Central St Martin's School of Art. He says, "I am excited to be part of such an important Vision. I look forward to seeing how my own passion for evangelism will grow."



Congratulations to Katharine and Brian on the birth of their daughter, Mercy, and a sister for Eden.

It's all in here in this exciting new telling of the edible, incredible and sustaining joy that is Christmas. *The Sweet News of Christmas* brings the flavour and fullness of the Nativity to children and adults alike.

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associate profiles



I am delighted to welcome Carrie Boren, Christine Caine and Nicki Rogers as Associates of the Philo Trust. As you no doubt will tell from reading their biographies, they are all zealous for communicating the Good News to the lost. What a privilege to encourage them in their wonderful ministries.

J. John

associateprofile

Carrie BOREN



For more information about Carrie Boren, please visit www.episcopal-dallas.org.

Evangelism is the central mission of the church! Archbishop Temple highlighted, "Church is the only co-operative society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members." We, as the body of Christ, have the amazing privilege of being what Paul calls "ambassadors for Christ."

Little did I know that after meeting with J. John, his words of wisdom would become a calling in my own life. I spoke of my passion for being an evangelist, spreading the Gospel and he said, "Yes, part of the work of an evangelist is spreading the life changing Good News of Jesus Christ, the other part is equipping fellow Christians to share the Good News in their own lives." J. John's ministry serves as an example of not only sharing Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him, but also equipping Christians to do the same.

After graduating from seminary, I returned to Texas to be Missioner for Evangelism for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas covering 77 churches. During the past year, we created an evangelism workshop, Evangelism 101, which trains congregations in sharing their faith individually in their daily lives and collectively as a church. Churches have begun reaching out to their communities in innovative ways. I have heard stories of people who have never shared their faith with their friends and family, step out and experience the great adventure of participating in evangelism.

We have also created an Evangelists' Leadership Network - consisting of commissioned lay evangelists from each of our 77 churches. These people will be trained in evangelism and take their skills back to their congregations!

Imagine if every Christian shared the good news of Jesus with a friend... What an impact that would have on the world! We have such Good News to share - unconditional love, total acceptance, complete forgiveness, hope, and great joy- all available through Jesus Christ!

Carrie Boren is a graduate of Yale, Harvard, and Oxford Universities. She has been a missionary in Los Angeles, has worked in public policy in Texas, and is a former actor (acting on stage, television, and film). Carrie is an evangelistic speaker in numerous churches and University settings in the UK, US, and Africa.

associateprofile

Christine Caine and her husband Nick are part of the leadership team at Hillsong Church in Sydney where they have worshipped for over 17 years. They oversee the Hillsong Network of churches, as well as the Community Action and Evangelism stream at the Hillsong Conference. This year the conference had 29,000 full time delegates.

Christine and Nick have been married for 10 years and have one daughter, Catherine, who is three years old, as well as another baby due in January 2006. For eight months out of the year, Nick and Christine travel together as a family, equipping and empowering local churches to reach their communities for Christ.

Their major focus in 2006 is to help the Church in Europe. They are helping to plant new churches and support emerging churches throughout the continent. They speak at conferences and missions, and are involved in leadership training and development. Nick and Christine passionately believe that God is at work in Europe, and are excited about the future potential in Europe.

This year she spoke at a four-day outreach in India with Joyce Meyer Ministries to over 100,000 young people.

Christine and Nick are available to come to churches to help with leadership training and development, as well as conferences and missions. Christine has a powerful testimony of restoration and has preached in 45 nations, and Nick's understanding of leadership development is helping churches grow across the continent of Europe.

associateprofile

I've been in the music industry for around eight years, starting out as a member of the girl-band 'Shine', before becoming a solo artist in 2002.

As a singer-songwriter I have had the privilege to perform around the UK and Europe in a variety of venues, from church halls to large arenas.

I first met J.John two years ago while on tour as one of Authentic Media's new artists. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside J.John and to promote my debut album 'Colour Scheme'.

With my second album 'Feeder Lane', released last year, I have been busy touring and performing and am currently working on my third album.

My writing is based on personal experiences and reflections, which I hope offers an appeal to Christians and non-Christians alike. Naturally, through my convictions, many of my songs reflect my faith in God. I have a passion to write good music, which I hope will connect with people on many levels.

Christine CAINE



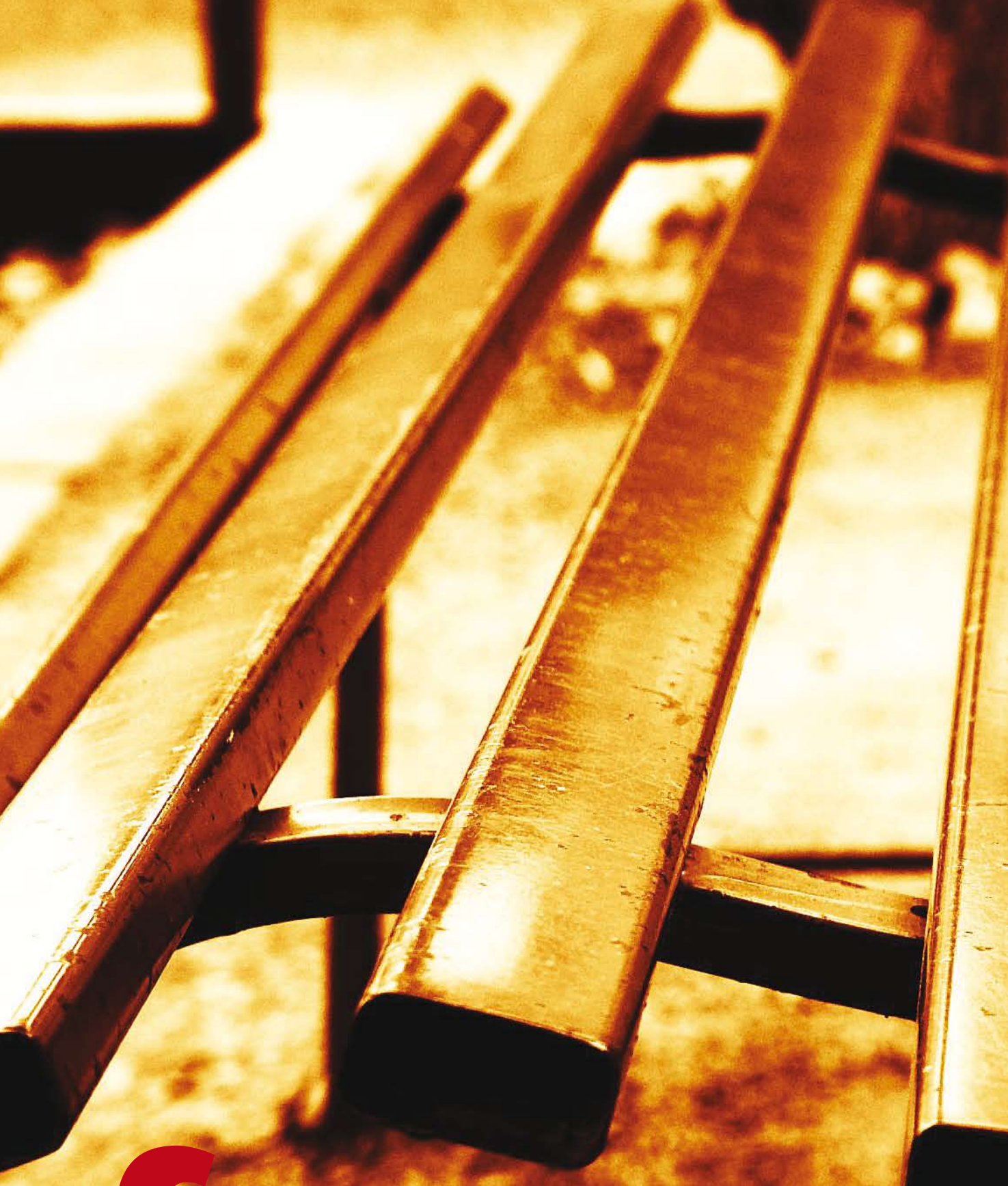
For more information about Christine and Nick Caine, their work throughout Europe, or resources from their ministry, please visit www.equipandempower.org.

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