

## PEOPLE WE'RE SUPPORTING:

*"Once again we want to express our sincere gratitude for the financial support to continue our course of study. It grows our own faith and causes us to praise our Father in heaven who gives beyond our own imaginations"*

Ros and Julie Gear, independent students at Oak Hill Theological College

*"Lee is one of the most outstanding Bible teachers and evangelists of the younger generation of ministers, having that great combination of 'heat and light' in preaching."*

Melvin Tinker (minister in Hull,) on an evangelist GPT is supporting

*"Please express our gratitude to the Gospel Partners Trust for their generosity. As a church we are extremely grateful that you are helping us to get the ball rolling on our new venture. Its a tremendous help and encouragement."*

Iain Baker St Thomas' Kidsgrove, Stoke - Ministry Trainee Scheme

## VIEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

*"We regularly receive financial requests - many of which seem good and worthy, but which we don't have time to review properly. Gospel Partners Trust does the leg work and focuses on strategically important gospel projects, so that my wife and I can be confident that we are giving responsibly to God's glory."*

Richard and Sarah, London

*"Gospel Partners Trust brings together Christians who have capital with Christians who have projects requiring capital. The resulting partnership is immensely satisfying at both a spiritual and practical level."*

Andrew and Anna, Bedfordshire

*"With GPT, it's as if we're giving the money direct to the people or projects who need it most, but with the benefit of the trustees' judgement. They are in a wonderful position to work out who really needs help with gospel work. It's a privilege and a joy to be part of it all."*

Jack and Laura, Herts

For further information including how to become a partner please visit the Gospel Partners Trust website at [www.gospelpartnerstrust.org](http://www.gospelpartnerstrust.org).

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# annual report

# 2005 & 2006

***We are delighted to be able to report on the progress of the Gospel Partners Trust.***

*It is thrilling that a "pipe dream" has become a reality. We have been able to help a number of people who are being trained for gospel ministry and to become partners in the launch of several key ministry initiatives across the UK.*

*We rejoice at the number of people that have joined us in this partnership and who have been excited by the long-term vision of the Trust.*

*Our aim is to see 10% of the population of the UK in churches that are Bible-based.*

*We are convinced that this can only be achieved if men and women are equipped to teach, train, encourage and exhort believers and to reach out to the unchurched. New ministry initiatives must be coaxed into life. It is the Lord that will grow his church and our prayer that he will be glorified as he does this.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2005 & 2006

The Trustees aim to distribute the donations GPT receives quickly and not to maintain significant balances above commitments already made.

The running costs and the cost of fund-raising events for both 2005 and 2006 have been covered by separate and private donations.

### 2005 SUMMARY

18 Partners contributed £73,810 to Gospel Partners Trust in 2005, and with tax reclaimed and interest the total income received was £96,820.

GPT paid out nearly £85,000 in grants - £6,500 to Apprentice Schemes, £37,600 to fund theological training for 16 students, £22,500 to new gospel workers/ministry initiatives, and £17,860 to gospel work overseas (£11,560 to train 5 workers and £6,000 to fund a church plant in South Africa).

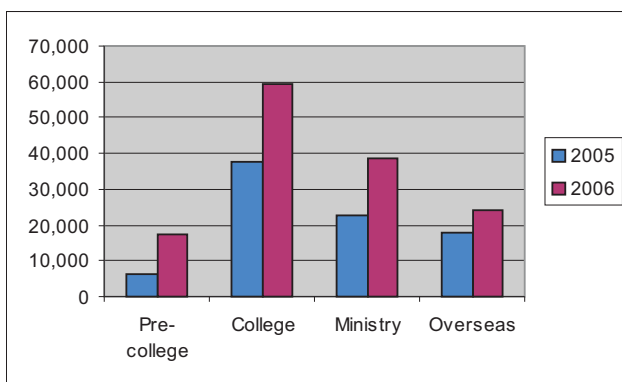
### 2006 SUMMARY

14 Partners donated nearly £150,000 to the Trust.

£142,000 (including £100,000 from one couple in the first quarter of 2006) came in Gift Aid donations and £6,900 in non-Gift Aid form. In addition GPT recovered nearly £33,000 in tax and received around £2,000 in bank interest.

### Analysis of expenditure in year to November 2006

£139,450 given in grants - £17,500 to pre-college training schemes in 9 churches, £59,350 for theological training (21 men and women), £38,500 for ministry initiatives and £24,100 to fund gospel work and training overseas.



### 2007 COMMITMENTS

We have already committed to pay out £45,000 in 2007 - £21,000 to train gospel workers (including £5,000 for overseas workers) and £24,000 to support new church plants or gospel ministries (including £15,000 for overseas ministry).

In addition, in 2007 we anticipate receiving repeat applications amounting to £93,000 from individuals and projects we are already supporting.

We have already received new applications from 5 individuals and 2 ministry projects seeking funding in 2007.

Clearly we will only be able to support these requests from churches and individuals with new and ongoing contributions from Partners.

### GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Trustees decide which people or projects to support. Each application is assessed on two basic criteria:

- first, is it gospel focused and clearly going to result in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus?
- secondly, is there evidence of support for the initiative from others (both financial and in terms of prayer)?

Having put each application through this grid we have been, and expect to continue to be confronted by more applications than we have available financial support.

We will always place a higher priority on what we perceive to be "quality" applications relative to fulfilling an arbitrary quota. In addition, we anticipate there being something of a progression, with a number of individuals getting a "taste" for gospel ministry through an apprentice scheme and then deciding to be equipped for a life-time of ministry by enrolling at theological college.

### To date GPT has under God been able to support:

**Apprentices and Apprentice schemes: 17** (19% GPT resources)

**Individuals at theological college: 35** (36% GPT resources)  
35 individuals - including 3 potential theological educators, and 11 Anglican ordinands over the age of 30 who were enabled to stay at college and receive a third year of study

**Church plants and ministry initiatives: 18** (26% GPT resources)  
10 new churches & 8 new workers to strengthen existing ministries - including 2 evangelists, 2 women's workers and 2 youth workers

**Overseas training and ministry: 12** (19% GPT resources)  
Fledgling ministries in Brussels, Turkey and South Africa; training conference for pastors in Eastern & Central Europe; workers training for future ministry in Serbia, France and Africa

### LOOKING FORWARD...

One of the real thrills of being a Trustee of GPT is the privilege of hearing about so many gospel initiatives - churches taking risks with new projects, and individuals being trained and sent out. Each application bears testimony to the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ being powerfully at work in people's lives.

And yet, we know that we are barely scratching the surface. The need for the gospel to be preached remains huge - and with it the need for more churches to be planted and workers to be trained.

The challenge before us is to continue to prime the pump - helping new churches and ministry initiatives get established in the crucial early years, and new workers to be trained.

We particularly covet ongoing support from existing Partners. Please consider prayerfully how you can partner some of the people who are keen to be trained for gospel ministry or keen to start a new gospel ministry.

Please also mention the work of the Trust to those whom you think would have their hearts warmed as they enable a new gospel work to become established or grow (why not invite them to a GPT event?).

*Thank you for your Partnership!*