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Julia Ebdon being baptised

A Church with a Future

BECONTREE Avenue Baptist Church in Dagenham, on the eastern edge of London, is a church that has begun to see new growth and life. After nine years without a minister, the church was able to call Philip Wickenden to the pastorate in 1989, thanks to help from Home Mission. The church has also been able to welcome a 'Frontline' team from the Oasis Trust, a team of four young people committed to serving the church for a year.

The church has now become actively involved in reaching out to the surrounding area. Door-to-door visitation has given the church many new contacts, and one young woman has committed her life to Christ as a result. A youth club has been started for young people, and contacts have been developed with some of the local schools. A mums and toddlers group has grown, and the start of a Bible study course has led to two mothers becoming Christians.

God has answered prayer and provided opportunities for sharing the gospel. The church is growing, and in February Philip Wickenden conducted his first baptismal service at the church. Home Mission support has helped this church to grow. As Philip put it, 'Suddenly people believe this is a church with a future, and not just a past.'

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