

## Community Graffiti Wall – Express Yourself

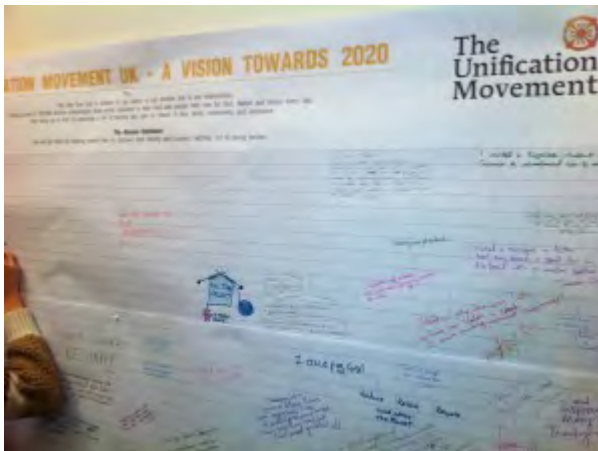
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2010 in 43LG congregation we focused on making Sunday morning easier, more attractive to be at, and because that worked we extended it to Sunday evening in Sept. 2010.

But for 2011, though we want to keep on developing what happens on Sundays, we are placing an emphasis on the other 6 days of the week. Our focus is to develop a home church culture – helping people to get involved positively in the environment where they live & work

So we have started creating tools: Here is our community graffiti wall. There is a vision statement at the top (and that is a work in progress too). And then a space for anyone and everyone to write down what happened in their week. Something they feel contributes to the vision, something they can offer up to God, to their community, words of inspiration drawn from their actions and daily life experiences:

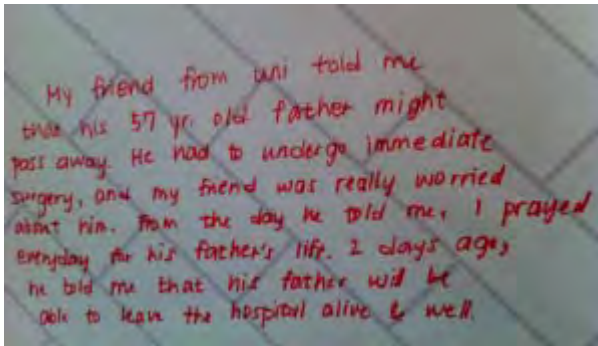


**First point** – to write up a vision statement with out engaging people in the process has little value – this little project serves a number of different functions that emerged as we launched it:

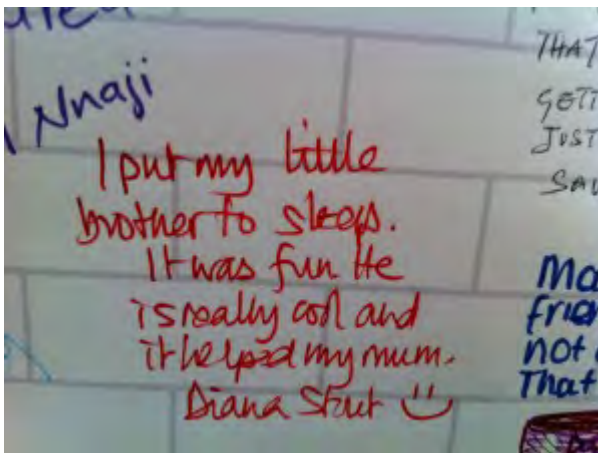
1. many people are not sure about what is okay to express, or what has value in the context of their faith community. This wall of self expression creates a conversation by logging what we get up to in the week.
2. It has the potential to be a barometer – of how engaged we are as a congregation in the part of London where we live, and how willing we are to communicate with each other about our lives. If the wall gets filled up quickly then we are building momentum...
3. The vision takes on a life of its own through the **hand written messages** from our community members. It creates an opportunity for people to articulate

in their own words, through their own actions, the practical application of a community vision.

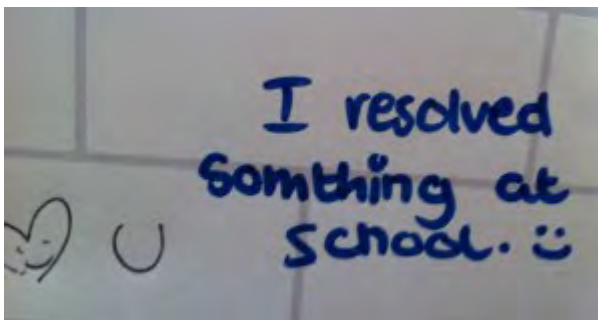
Here are examples of people sharing their lives, experiences and thoughts, in our 43LG community.... as you come in the main entrance. I hope **these people can inspire you this week** to use your circumstances to create a little bit of heaven where ever you happen to be, who ever you may be with: (click on the images to enlarge)



say a prayer for someone this week



being a big sister



make a difference at school this week

Door To Door  
was HARD TO DO  
But we did it!  
MARTIN e Hugnetto

reach out door to door this week

I saw a family with lots of luggage  
struggling up a hill so I offered  
them a lift in my car. They were  
very grateful!

give a helping hand this week

I go to a prison on a  
regular basis, I talk to  
inmates and I enjoyed  
it - Teresa

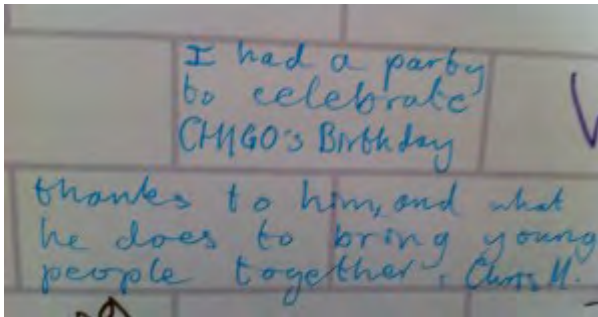
comfort the afflicted this week



get knitting with friends this week

I helped my mum get to church

help your family this week



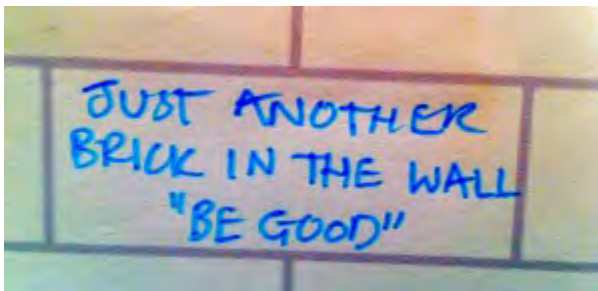
have a party for someone this week



be patriotic this week



study the scriptures this week



be humorous this week

### Vision Statement

In 2020, the one God of true love is present in our nation, in our families and in our relationships. (A tipping point of) 128,000 Unification Movement families

acknowledge God's active presence in their lives and pledge their love for God, Nation and Family. They care for others in their community, workplace, and family. They bring joy to God through their dedication in their work and recreation.

#### **Mission Statement**

We teach people how to discover their divinity and purpose and how to live an abundant life; reaching out in loving service.