**GRAHAM TOUR UK - Vision, Purpose and General Plan**

* In 1954-1955, Billy Graham held historic events in London/Glasgow and other UK cities. The statistics tell the story: there were well over 5,500,000 attendances with some 115,800 responding to the Gospel. Altogether 8 million people have heard Billy Graham face to face in his missions in the UK.
* In 2020, Dr. Billy Graham’s son Rev. Franklin Graham is honoring the 65th anniversary of the earliest of those historic meetings by holding evangelistic meetings in Glasgow, Newcastle, Sheffield, Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Cardiff, Birmingham, and London. BGEA recognizes the tremendous witness for Christ the UK Churches have and the various local initiatives that will take place in 2020. On this historic occasion, BGEA would consider it a great honour to be part of this movement working in fellowship with the churches of the UK.
* TOUR DATES
* Glasgow – May 30
* Newcastle – June 3
* Sheffield – June 6
* Milton Keynes – June 10
* Liverpool – June 12
* Cardiff – June 13
* Birmingham – June 17 (Birmingham Arena - Barclaycard NIA)
* London – October 4
* Much has changed in the world in the past 65 years – but Franklin Graham delivers the same life-changing message his father preached in the UK all those years ago. “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal 6:14). The tour across the UK is similarly focused on the single task of sharing the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ so that lives may be changed for all eternity.
* BGEA, in partnership with local churches, will work to call God’s people to prayer for revival. Church-based evangelism emerges out of prayer for revival. We want to unite many churches and denominations in prayer and evangelism.
* All will be welcome and we want everyone in each of these cities to come to hear a life-changing message – that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives.
* Each Tour event will be a free, positive and encouraging event with music and a message from Franklin Graham about the hope that can be found through a relationship with Jesus Christ.
* There will be nothing political about each Festival. People of all ages, creeds, colour, ethnic background, sexual orientation and political preferences are welcome. The focus will be on one thing and one thing only—the peace and joy that comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ. People will have the opportunity to make individual decisions that can impact their lives—now and for eternity.
* Main preparatory events will be: Launch, Love in Action, Prayer Gathering, Training programs, Tour events:

**Launch Meetings:** leaders will be in invited to a breakfast or luncheon to publicly announce the tour in their city, give information on the tour, pray and dedicate the tour to the Lord. (October 2019)

**Love in Action:** Samaritan’s Purse and Operation Christmas Child will implement projects in each of the Tour cities, helping local communities. (December 2019)

**Prayer Gathering:** a citywide prayer gathering for the Tour, revival in the city. (February 2020)

**Training Programs**: One three-hour class for all Christians will be offered in multiple locations at various times of the week in each Tour city/region. The class will seek to cover the following areas: How to share Christ with family and friends, How to live a life of witness to Christ and How to assist new believers in following Christ. (March-April, 2020)

**Tour Events:**

**Venue:** public indoor arenas.

**Programme:** The program will be 2.5 hours long. It will include music by top international bands and Rev. Franklin Graham delivering an evangelistic message. He will extending an invitation to those attending to commit their lives to Christ by coming forward.

* BGEA is committed to strengthen local churches. To help local pastors reach their community for Christ, through their Church’s witness. We offer a simple tool to encourage each believer to be a modern day Andrew, bringing their friends to the Tour event and then to a local church.
* BGEA will assist churches in the outlying areas by organizing buses to bring people to the Tour events.
* Local congregations of various denominations are invited to participate in the Tour. "A Participating Church is a church whose senior leader(s) has a) attended one or more of the preparation events b) has completed a church application form expressing a desire to be a Participating Church and c) that has church members who have participated in the Graham Tour UK Training Programmes.”
* BGEA has an effective follow-up programme that will help integrate those responding to the Gospel in local churches.

The training programme consists of:

1. Recruiting and training event Counsellors and follow-up workers.

2. Equipping Counselors at the venue, providing literature (Gospel of John and *Living in*

*Christ*)

3. Referring those who respond to the preaching to local churches for follow-up

4. Providing *Growing in Christ* Studies (10 Lessons) for use in the local church

* BGEA will assign a team that will attempt to personally meet with as many pastors and church leaders as possible in each city and spearhead all arrangements.
* A word about finances: Although churches will be given information so that they may be encouraged to help in the financial needs, BGEA will not burden local churches with financial responsibility for the Tour. Donor events will be held in each city on the day of the event.
* We realize that such large scale evangelistic efforts are simply part of the responsibility and means we have in presenting the Gospel. In every generation, cultural changes mean that there will be many developments in form and approach for today. Much of what God did in past decades is now adapted and changed for today’s culture. However, the call to the clear proclamation of Gospel itself does not change. It is our belief that this celebratory evangelistic tour will be a public testimony to the world of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, of the relevancy of Biblical faith and of our unity in Christ.
* Billy Graham’s final London Crusade came in 1989. Though the event originated in London, the impact was felt throughout the U.K. and around the world. In addition to the 375,000+ in London, Billy Graham preached to more than 800,000 people gathered at 247 “live-link” centers throughout the U.K. and the Republic of Ireland and to16,000 sites in 13 nations of Africa. Altogether, estimates suggest more than 25,000,000 people heard the Gospel during the London Mission and simultaneous Mission World broadcasts in the summer of 1989.
* We pray that God would once again pour out His blessing on this land in a mighty way. BGEA would consider it a great privilege to be part of these commemorative evangelistic efforts in 2020. We trust you will find it possible to join us and to encourage others to do the same.
* The call for today comes from Scripture, “Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people and for the cities of our God, and may the Lord do what seems good for Him.”  II Samuel 10:12 (ESV).

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