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PRESS STATEMENT

A New Home for KICC

KICC (The Kingsway International Christian Centre) are pleased to announce that, after many months of negotiation, we have successfully acquired a facility at Buckmore Park that will house the new headquarter church and offices.

KICC agreed to vacate its 10 acre site and buildings in Waterden Road to make way for the 2012 Olympic Games. Other organisations within the Olympic Zone were re-housed quickly; however, despite working closely with the LDA and ODA, we were unsuccessful. We have been homeless for over 5 years and have viewed many buildings but none were able to replicate the facilities we formerly had in Hackney.

Buckmore Park is based in Kent approximately 30 miles from our Walthamstow church and was formally owned by the Maidstone Scout Brigade. The 24 acre site has about 12 buildings set within trees and open green space. There is an office block and sports hall that will be converted to become the main church. There is room on site for the children's church and all the normal facilities that we used to have at Waterden Road and more.

While we are excited about Buckmore Park, we will not be closing our Walthamstow church. We have a presence in the Walthamstow Area which we wish to maintain; many of the congregation are from the area and there is still more work to be done in the community.

The search for suitable premises and the different negotiations on various sites offered to us over the last 5 years have been frustrating and arduous. Running six (and sometimes seven) services every Sunday has been very tiring for the Pastors and volunteers.

People outside the church who do not know how we have struggled will probably not see the magnitude of this breakthrough for us. Due to the recession, a good price was offered and thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to complete the freehold purchase cash-down-debt-free. The new site is an answer to our prayers and will be known as "Prayer City"

Pastor Dipo Oluyomi, KICC CEO said: "We can confidently declare that the Lord has made a way where there appeared to be no way for us. We are grateful once again to be seen as a pioneering ministry changing the way Church is perceived and conducted in the western world".

We are pleased with the acquisition and now look forward to doing some refurbishment work and starting to connect with our new neighbours. In future press releases we will unveil our plans and unique programmes scheduled for Prayer City in 2013.

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KICC is an independent, interdenominational and international church and registered charity. The members meet at a number of Branches and Chapels around London, the Home Counties, Bristol, Manchester and the West Midlands.

KICC actively supports the community via a range of counselling services, skills training and a Supplementary School for GCSE pupils. KICC also works in partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations to improve social conditions for a wide range of disadvantaged people.

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