

# 1000 days and counting!



London Olympic Stadium 2009



Aquatic Centre takes shape



Steven Richards meets the Queen – and Boris



The frame of the London Olympic Stadium is complete and the structure rapidly takes shape. The frame of the Aquatic Centre with its innovative wave-like roof structure designed by Zaha Hadid is now up, and work proceeds rapidly to complete the site by 2011.

To celebrate a thousand days to the opening of the games, Her Majesty the Queen came to visit the site, and (among many others!) Steven Richards, Chairman of Grace2London, was presented to her, having recently qualified as an official tour guide for the Olympic site.

Grace2London is an initiative involving a number of local churches in the Stratford and East London area, together with Grace Baptist Mission, Ambassadors in Sport, Child Evangelism Fellowship and AGBC (SE). We are looking to organise a range of events and outreach initiatives both in the run up to the games and throughout both the Olympics and the

Paralympics, covering as many of the Olympic venues as possible.

Do not think that the Olympics will only affect London, and only for a fortnight. Each national team will be looking for a base for their training camp, and these will be spread out across the UK. It would help us greatly if GBM supporting churches would contact their local authority to find out which national training camp is coming to your area. Could you organise an international café to reach out to the athletes and support staff who will be in your area for several weeks? Could you put on a welcome meal in your church? They may come from some of the 'closed' countries in the world, such as Iran, Saudi Arabia or Uzbekistan, and God has brought them to your doorstep. What an opportunity for friendship evangelism, for giving out Bibles and gospel literature in their language, and for making friendships that can span continents and continue for years to come.

If you know who is coming to your city or town, or you want to be part of Grace2London, please get in touch with us:

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## KHAYELITSHA PROJECT

In the last twenty five years a township of two million people has settled on the Cape Flats in Cape Town. Crowded together in shanty housing in cramped conditions, Khayelitsha overflows with life and opportunities for the gospel. 40% of the population is under 19 years of age.

South Africa plays host to the Football World Cup in June 2010, and Cape Town will be one of the



venues for the group games. Cape Mission International, a group of biblically minded churches in Cape Town, have approached Grace2London asking if we could send a team from the UK to work with them in the Khayelitsha township during the World Cup.

There will be a pastors' and church leaders' conference from 7th to 9th June, for which we need the ministry of experienced pastors. There will then be ongoing training and Bible teaching for church workers each morning in Khayelitsha during the following weeks. We need people to get involved in evangelism at street level, to reach out to children, including running football training in the township. When the world's media is focussed on the most wealthy individuals in the world on the pitch, will you focus on the poorest in the backstreets of Khayelitsha?



If you would like to be part of the Khayelitsha Project, please contact David Higham – david.higham@grace2london.org.uk