

## FFWPU UK Children's Ministry Officer and her family's visit Manchester

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Hear about our Children's Ministry Officer, Ala and her family's visit to the Manchester community...

At the beginning of April, Ala and her family represented Children's Ministry UK in a visit to the Manchester community, gathering at Dale and Galina R.'s home on April 13th. Three families were able to join, along with their five children under 7 years old. In total there were nine adults, nine teenagers, and seven children, making the house nice and full.

Ala reported that her primary goal in visiting these young families was to establish a foundation for the Children's Ministry to offer more support for the 25 young children in the community. To achieve this, she aims to build personal relationships with young parents through regular communication and meetings.

Additionally, she also held a meeting to help work through any possible obstacles that may hinder the organisation of spiritual education for young children. They discussed various topics, including family camps and the Annual Gathering, and Ala provided children's books as gifts, which were appreciated. Additionally, a book reading and craft session took place with the children which was a highlight as the parents joined and enjoyed the session together with their children.

In engaging with the community, she noted how there was focus on both the older families as well as fellowship being organised by the younger families for their children to interact and collaboration between them, to learn from each other's experiences as parents. Parents expressed excitement about attending the Annual Gathering and its offerings.

Testimony from Romica J:

"It was good to hear what programs are currently available for young families like family camp and summer camp, what to expect when going there, and what is provided for young families at the annual gathering. It helps with planning what we want to attend in the coming years."

Looking ahead, she anticipates meeting more Manchester families at the Annual Gathering and preparing educational materials for family study sessions.