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- 1** FOREST GATE
Shared ownership 1988 Family
- 2** HIGHBURY
Support for rental 1990 Family & 2 single persons
- 3** EAST DULWICH
Shared ownership 1990 Single person
- 4** STEPNEY
Support for rental 1992 Single person
- 5** NEW CROSS
House purchased for rental 1992 Family
- 6** BETHNAL GREEN
Support for purchase 1993 Family
- 7** FOREST GATE
Flat purchased for rental 1994 Single person
- 8** HACKNEY
Shared ownership 1994 Family
- 9** BETHNAL GREEN
Support for purchase 1994 Family

FUTURE PROJECTS....

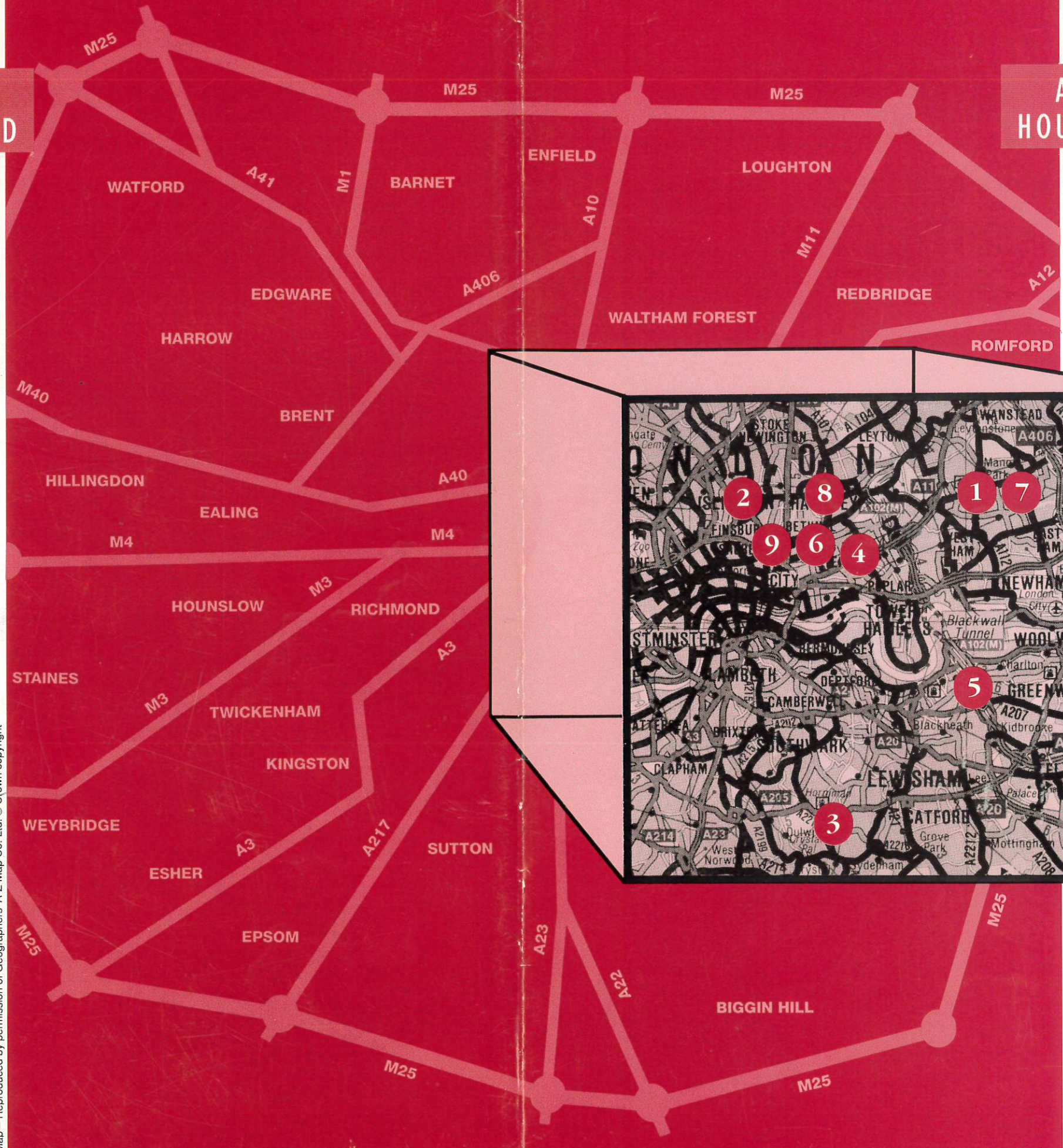
- 10** BOW
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**HOUSING KEY
WORKERS
OF LONDON
CHURCHES**



Woodgrange Baptist Church, Forest Gate

“ACHAL are not just into houses – they are into homes!”

Doug and Rosemary Hollidge have been in ministry at Woodgrange Baptist Church in Forest Gate, East London for 25 years. It's a diverse, multi-cultural inner city area with many opportunities and challenges for Christians. The Church has recently expanded its outreach through the Woodgrange Centre which seeks to serve the local community by providing a range of activities including a homeless night shelter, baby toddler group and various youth clubs.



Doug writes:-

“I want to commend the work of ACHAL, because I believe they are genuinely interested in long term commitment to the provision of housing support for Christian workers in areas where the price of good accommodation is often prohibitive.

In the Church at Woodgrange we have one young family who have been housed through shared ownership with ACHAL, and another young teacher who rents one of their properties.

ACHAL's work serves and strengthens our local Church, and who knows, others may soon be benefiting from their advice and support in the future.

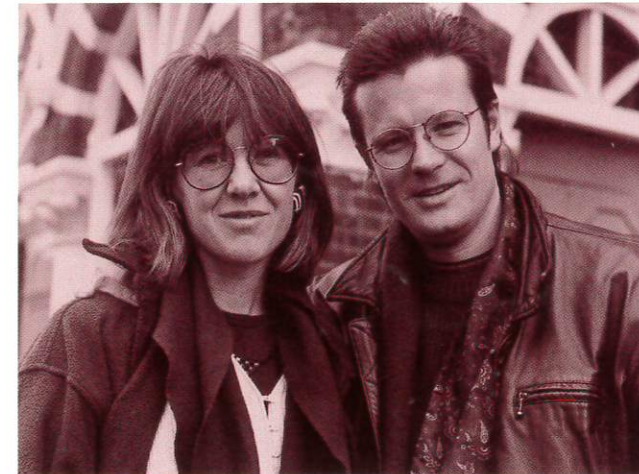
THANK YOU ACHAL ”



Downs Baptist Church, Hackney

“ACHAL has made a difference.”

Eight years ago Steve Latham and his wife Sue took on the task of rebuilding a church congregation in an enormous, almost derelict, Victorian church in Hackney Downs. Today the church is a vibrant centre which is involved in the needs of the community. A Christian unemployment project runs training courses for local people, there is an Operation Mobilisation team witnessing to the Turkish neighbourhood and a lively multi-cultural congregation meets for worship on a Sunday.



Steve writes:-

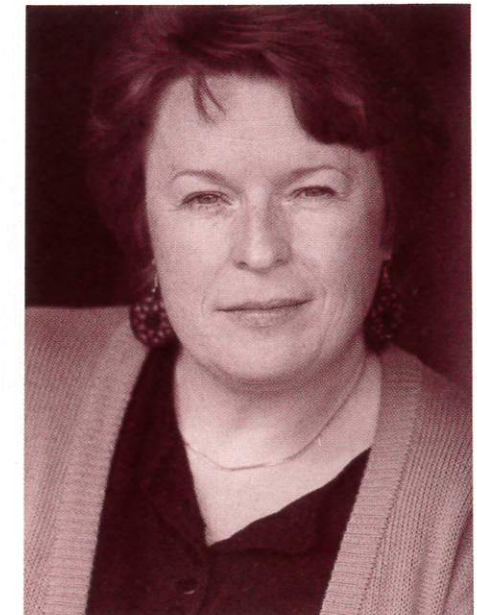
“Although as a church we are growing, the population is also highly mobile. We desperately need committed workers who will settle long term and provide practical love and support to many hurting people.

We were delighted when a newly married couple, both key workers in our church, purchased a home with ACHAL. It is already used as a base for the church and is one more open home for local people. ”

Fran Beckett –

Urban Action Director of The Shaftesbury Society writes:-

“Amersham Housing was for me a lifeline when I most needed practical help in obtaining suitable housing. Living in shared accommodation had many good points but I really needed a flat of my own. However, due to my financial position, I was a bit stuck. ACHAL came to the rescue and I haven't looked back since then!”



Good Shepherd Mission, Bethnal Green

“People forget how expensive it is living in London”

Vincent Buchanan and his wife Denise have led the work in the Good Shepherd Mission in Bethnal Green for the past 12 years. Youth activities are held on four nights of the week in addition to mid-week home groups and the prayer meeting.

A regular Sunday service attracts over 80 from the local area.

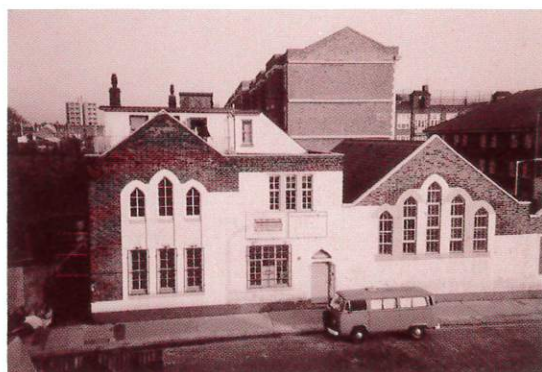


Vincent writes:-

“Committed leaders are crucial to our work. ACHAL have helped two of them with growing families to purchase their own homes in the neighbourhood. ACHAL gave them the confidence to go ahead by providing a financial safety net.

I see in ACHAL's work a clear strategy for strengthening the churches by enabling families to obtain homes in the area instead of moving away. With their help these families have been able to remain part of the community the church seeks to serve, and their homes have become a source of mutual support and an important base for Christian witness and ministry.

If you want to strengthen churches like ours - support ACHAL! ”



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WHO?

The Amersham Housing Association was set up in 1988 in response to the need for providing affordable accommodation for Christians working with inner city churches. It took its name from Amersham Road in South East London where it all began. Now as Amersham Christian Housing Association Ltd. (ACHAL) it operates with charitable status.

WHAT?

ACHAL exists to enable Christians in inner city ministries to establish homes near their churches. This is done by providing:

- **Low cost long term rental**
- **Shared ownership schemes**
- **Advice and support.**

WHY?

Many churches lose key workers because the high cost of obtaining accommodation squeezes them out of London. The inner city needs Christians to live and work there long term.

HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

ACHAL is a specialist housing initiative which to date has housed six families and five single people. The Association is run by a voluntary Management Committee who use their wide range of gifts to expand the work. As needs are identified and enquiries made, where appropriate an application will be invited. The need of the family or single person is considered taking into account their church situation, their own resources and those of the Association.

...AND THE FUNDS?

ACHAL is privately funded and relies entirely on the support of concerned people. Because of its specific aims it is not eligible for Housing Corporation funding and has to be privately funded. Financial support can be by outright gifts, legacies of money or property and by individually negotiated loans. Donations are made by trusts, companies, churches and by individuals. Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid are used as appropriate. Commercial loans are also obtained.

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The Laing Trusts • The Webber Trust
Individuals:
(gifts ranging from £20 - £8,000 and loans from £500 - £10,000)

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Finance In Focus

I am in a position to pledge a capital donation of

I require a Gift Aid form (minimum £250)

I require a Deed of Covenant form

I am able to consider a low (or no) interest loan of

I am willing to join a Monthly/Quarterly pledge scheme

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During the past 7 years from an overall expenditure of £215,000 ACHAL has provided affordable accommodation for 6 families and 5 single persons - people involved in key ministries in their local churches.

In order to respond to the needs which continue to face us, we have now set a target of raising a further

£200,000

The provision of this amount would facilitate an equal, if not greater achievement during the next 4 -5 years.

From time to time shared ownership partners take up their option to buy out ACHAL's share in their homes. This releases capital for reinjection and the process of helping new applicants begins again.

Overleaf are examples of enquiries which are currently under consideration and it is hoped that your response will enable us to meet the needs.

This will be capital at work on worthwhile investment-

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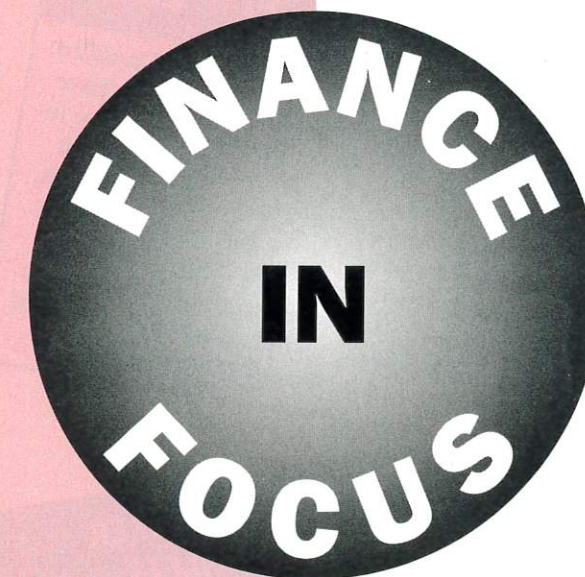
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Homes for CHRISTIAN WORKERS in London

SINGLE PERSON - MILE END

This young woman has limited financial resource but unlimited commitment to her local church in Mile End. She is responsible for a young people's group and has links with the work among international students. Her home, as a base for hospitality, needs to be within easy walking distance of the church. Her application has been accepted by ACHAL and there is a suitable property in mind.

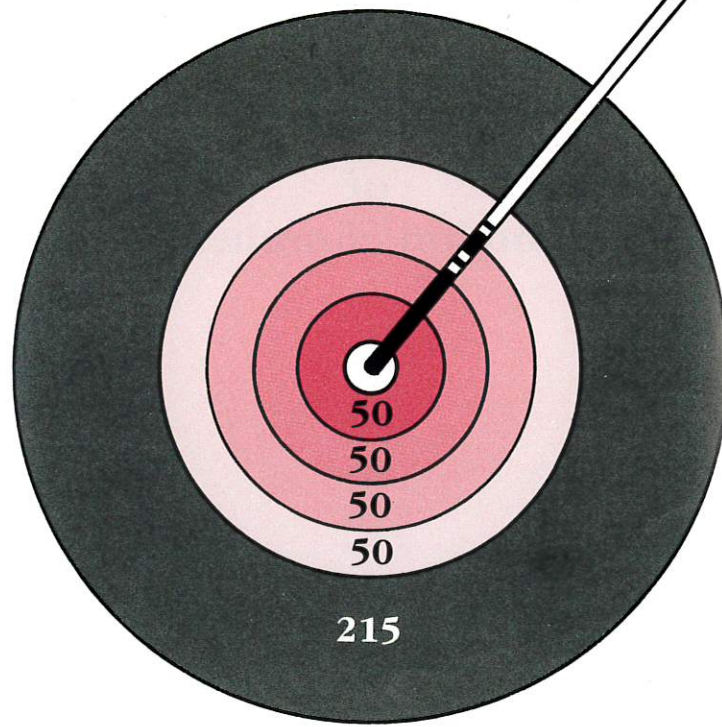
PASTOR & FAMILY - EAST LONDON

After more than 10 years in full-time Christian work, this couple - with their two boys - have no long term security as the house they live in is owned by an independent trust and their occupancy is tied to their job with the church. They need independence for their long term Christian work in London. This situation is one in which ACHAL is committed to provide advice and support as necessary. The future of mature inner city workers is at stake.

COMMUNITY WORKER TOWER HAMLETS

It is well recognised that inner London churches need support workers. For 3 years a church in Tower Hamlets has been seeking to raise sufficient finance to appoint such a worker. And when they do ACHAL would want to provide the accommodation!

TARGET



YOUTH WORKER - NEW CROSS

A new appointment to leadership in a well known Christian organisation requires this young man and his family to move into London. They need a house with affordable rent with the option of shared ownership in due course.

NEW CHRISTIAN HOME - BOW

A couple plan to be married in '95. Yet, when it comes to setting up home, they cannot afford to purchase property in East London where they have strong church commitments. Unless ACHAL can provide a shared ownership scheme for them it seems likely that they like so many other young couples - will be squeezed out from the area where their church so needs them.

CAREWORKERS & FAMILY S.E. LONDON

The husband is a social worker; the wife is the warden of a hostel for homeless teenagers in South East London. They have outgrown the small flat on the premises and it is imperative that this family - with children of an impressionable age - live independently. A shared ownership home would enable them to continue to witness in their local church and neighbourhood.

KEY TO FINANCE

■ EXISTING ■ REQUIRED

£200,000

tear off response form

