

We believe that God's good news is worth sharing.



Emmanuel is a member of Grace Church Cambridge in Arbury. He wanted to share with you his story of how Jesus has given him true hope. Over the next few months, more of our members will share their stories in future leaflets.

### Would you like to hear more?

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## **Hope Explored**

Want to know about the real hope that Jesus offers? Come along to our 3-week course in March. Find out more at:



gracechurchcambridge.org/hope

#### **Cup and Chat**

Join us for a free drink and chat 9.30-10.30am on Mondays in term time at Arbury Community Café.

#### **Services**

We meet from 10.30am-12noon every Sunday, at North Cambridge Academy.



We sing, pray, read the Bible and hear talks.

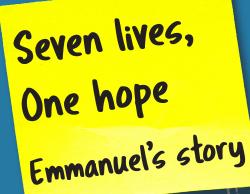


We chat over coffee or tea, and care for each other.



We look forward to meeting you!





Hello, I'm Emmanuel.

I moved to Cambridge from Nigeria just a couple of years ago. I love the city, even if it is very cold!

I'd like to tell you about the best thing that happened to me while I was growing up. It has carried me through times of danger and fear as you will see inside this leaflet.

I discovered that God loves and cares for me. He changed my life. He can change yours too....

# Emmanuel's Story

competitions to learn parts of the Bible off by heart. I liked winning the prizes.

"As a child we had It made me feel good."

"One time I learnt the longest song in the Bible - almost 2500 words! I won the prize, but it didn't make me happy."

> "The song's words niggled away at me: Blessed are those who are blameless... who seek [the Lord] with all their heart!"."

"I asked God for forgiveness and he forgave me! I felt such joy! I now had a real relationship with him."

Northern Nigeria, where we lived, is a dangerous place for Christians, When I was a teenager my parents and I were kidnapped."

"We were told: 'Stop following Jesus and you can go free. If you don't, you will die." They dragged out a pastor's wife and said: 'Deny Jesus'."

"She refused and

said: 'No. To live is

"I started to read the Bible to know God - not for prizes. When I read: 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow' and 'Create in me a pure heart, O God.' I knew that only God could do this, through what Jesus had done."

Christ, to die is gain'. So they killed her." "One night, God saved us one of our captors opened the gate and said 'Go'. The

attacks didn't stop, but her words remind me that nothing, even life itself, matters more than Jesus."

"I did things I thought would please God. But my heart wasn't clean and I didn't really love

him."

"God was telling me that I needed a real relationship with him."

