

## REGIONAL MINISTRY



**In February 2014, The South West Baptist Association welcomed Nigel Manges to their team**

Nigel came with 28 years of ministerial experience which has been well used throughout the year (especially as Jez Brown - our Team Leader - was on Sabbatical).

Nigel's brief was to be a pastor to the pastors and help encourage small churches and in his first year he has travelled 25000 miles up and down the Association visiting and getting to know the churches and their leaders.

Nigel has been encouraging leaders and churches as they seek to minister in very different and sometime difficult locations. Nigel has also been involved in leading Vision days for churches and reflective sessions for church leaders – to help them reflect on the past and look to the future.

In the process of getting to know the churches, Nigel has been sharing the value of partnerships



and caring for one another, whether that be amongst ministers in peer mentoring or in churches working together. In one of the Association mission initiatives we are encouraging this working together through prayer and practical support. As an Association we have been encouraged to see small churches being encouraged prayerfully and financially when the need has arisen.

Next year the plan is to establish a 'Small Churches' day conference and explore the training and resources that are needed to continue enable and encourage ministry in our smaller churches. Small is beautiful and whether in a village, town or city we believe that God wants to bless the faithfulness of his people.

**Nigel Manges**  
Regional Minister

### **Please pray:**

- » For Nigel as he travels around the association encouraging churches and their leaders
- » For the Regional Ministers in your association



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