



12th March 2009

Dear Friends

The Board of Trustees and Directors of Logos Golf Ministries would like to keep you up to date with the ministry. As an independent ministry, Logos Golf is now 5 years old and, whilst looking back and giving thanks for what has been done to date, we very much want to have our eyes on the future and all its potential for Gospel ministry in golf.

We are very grateful indeed for all those of you who support the work financially. Through your gifts, men and women hear the Gospel and others, who already believe it, receive support and encouragement and pastoral help to serve Jesus Christ. The Lord has encouraged us with fruit from the work and we praise Him for this.

In 2008, our expenditure totalled £85,779. We spent this as follows:

- 62% on salaries and associated employment costs
- 12% on overseas travel (to tour events on four professional golf tours)
- 16% on UK travel (to tour events as well as visiting club professionals, amateur golfers and attending golf days)
- 10% on administration

A summary of the highlights of our 2008 ministry is set out below:

- Our chaplaincy team of Mark Pinney, Bill and Isobel Ferguson and Felicity Davies attended 15 tournaments on the PGA European Tour, 10 tournaments on the European Seniors Tour, 4 tournaments on the Challenge Tour and 8 tournaments on the Ladies European Tour
- It has been exciting that recently some club professionals have become Christians as well as established Christians continuing in their faith and serving Christ at their clubs. It is a privilege to support these friends with visits and involve them in evangelistic golf events. An added bonus has been the new contact with some non Christian professionals who are happy to receive visits from us
- We had a stand at the Christian Booksellers' Convention, Scotland Men's Conference, Cardiff Men's Convention, and the Northern Men's Convention
- The Church Challenge regional golf days for Christian golfers have been successful in terms of drawing people into the golf ministry fold and challenging churches and individuals to use golf evangelistically
- Our annual Golf Holiday with Purpose 2008 was held once again in Portugal
- We continue to get a good number of requests to speak, usually at evangelistic events, and we thank you for these. It is great to be involved in ministry like this with local churches
- Priscilla Hansen joined us in January as part-time administration assistant
- Churches and individuals continue to use our golf tract, Finding the Fairway, to share the Gospel

We hope that you will have seen our goals for the ministry which were set out in the January Newsletter. I set out below some of the key plans:

- To attend 25 events per year on the PGA European Tour, 15 events per year on the Challenge Tour, 12 events on the European Seniors Tour and 12 events on the Ladies European Tour, to do chaplaincy ministry.

- To appoint a non-executive Chairman to the Board of Directors and Trustees
- To recruit three volunteer chaplains for the Main European Tour to cover tournaments in Australasia/Far East, Middle East/South Africa and Europe
- To recruit a volunteer chaplain for the Challenge Tour
- To recruit a volunteer chaplain for the Ladies European Tour
- To visit 30 Teaching Professionals at their clubs three times each per year
- To provide an annual conference for Teaching Professionals
- To promote the ministry and encourage individual Christian golfers through the Church Challenge Regional Golf Tournament, combining the final with a Golf Ministry weekend
- To run one special evangelistic series of events each year, usually involving a professional
- Mark Pinney to take up 25 speaking engagements each year
- To increase our prayer partners to 200 people who pray regularly
- To raise the necessary finances for the above activities

As you can see, these include some significant and strategic developments, particularly in terms of ministry to Tour players. In particular, we are seeking some additional chaplains for the main European Tour, the Challenge Tour and the Ladies European Tour to meet the growing need and opportunity amongst these players. We are the only Christian ministry serving these players with regular support and want to make the most of this opportunity.

To realise these ambitious plans and to achieve this greater level of ministry, our costs will obviously have to rise. Our ability to do all this depends on the support we receive from our supporters like you. Our volunteer chaplains are not paid for what they do, but we believe it is right to cover their expenses. Please will you consider helping us meet this increased expenditure? The average cost of attending and doing ministry at a Tour event is approximately £400.

Small regular gifts enable us to plan and are a great encouragement. Larger gifts enable us to keep going through more difficult cash-flow periods as well as enabling us to develop new areas of ministry. It may be that you'd like to help support ministry at a particular tour event, in which case we could pass on prayer information for that event through our prayer partner network.

If you would like any more information then I would be pleased to help. My email address is geoffandruth.smith@talktalk.net

Please find attached standing order and gift aid forms, which can also be downloaded from the website www.logosgolfministries.com

Thank you once again for all your support of and involvement in golf ministry.

With Christian greetings

Geoff Smith, Treasurer
On behalf of the Board of Directors and Trustees