MISSION STRATEGY II: UK DEMOGRAPHICS

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While these are not as key as the Biblical issues in the previousÂ post, they do shape our strategy.

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- Our current resources are limited
- We have to be wise and strategic in our use of the resources we do have.
- This means considering the most effective use of our resources.
- But we must also prayerfully seek to be sensitive to where God wants us to use our resources. Obedience to God, not effectiveness, is the most important value.
- In the future, we are likely to face a significant decrease in our available resources.
    - We may need to manage a process of decline.
    - We need to actively pursue partnerships with like-minded organisations in the short to medium-term.

It would be easy to see this as a counsel of despair; however, I believe that this situation provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on our priorities and the best way forward for the future.

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