

# The Hope in Tottenham Family Meeting: Sunday 4th November 2018



*Verse of the Week: Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

The Hope in Tottenham Family came together at Tottenham Hotspurs' Lilywhite House on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November to regroup for the first meeting of the month.

With opening words from The HiT Family Elder, Eric, and a prayer from his wife Cynthia, the family gathered together to sing 'Bless the Lord O My Soul' before introductions were made.

During the breakout group sessions, the theme of focus was 'family' - what makes one, how we treat one another in a family, and what makes a family stronger.

Many vital suggestions were made, each giving The HiT Family food for thought as to how we will treat our family going forward as we aim to build on our values of love, respect, honesty and transparency with your suggested values: empathy and unity.

There were also suggestions about increased contact and support between the fortnightly meetings, with emails being the possible method for people to get in touch with each other.

Yet it was the family of Tanesha Melbourne-Blake who took centre stage as her cousin and boyfriend announced the launch of a Foundation in her name.

Known as the Tanesha Melbourne-Blake Foundation, after the Bruce Grove Youth Centre Mentor who was tragically murdered in Northumberland Park earlier this year, its founders, Lumear Small and Monique Westcarr, have vowed to perpetuate Tanesha's name, work and legacy through the Foundation by bringing mentors into primary schools for early intervention care.

The work of the Foundation will be targeted towards vulnerable students between the ages of eight and eleven. Parents, guardians and safeguard-trained professionals will be able to refer children, in confidence, to the Tanesha Melbourne-Blake foundation for menteeship.

The mentors will be trained by the Foundation to assist children through periods of difficulty, whether those problems are domestic or social, peer or superior. Mentors will supply students with the tools they need to

tackle life situations in Tottenham. This will all be done in the hope of preventing students from becoming victims or perpetrators of crime in our local area.

If you are interested in the foundation and would like more information or would like to volunteer, you can contact Lumear and Monique via email: [tmbfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tmbfoundation@gmail.com)

For support, prayer or information, contact Rev. John Wood on 0777 1867 359 or via email, [director@hopeintottenham.com](mailto:director@hopeintottenham.com)

