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My first introduction to Church was through a Youth Club, to be a member we had to attend Church once a month. I was one of those teenagers who giggled at the back! My further introduction to Church wasn't until I was married, had a baby, moved to Cornwall, my husband had been converted and a dear lady invited me to Church and I told her I was too busy to go. Her response was very short, if you wanted to you would find a way. What a challenge, I didn't really want to go but decided I just would. Under the sound of God's Word I knew deep conviction and on coming to Christ knew a huge burden falling off my back. I couldn't get enough of the Bible, I spent all my spare time reading and then sharing with others what I had read. Ladies from my Church used

to come for the day with their small children, we would always spend time together praying and sharing what God had shown us. Those were very precious days. I went on to have five children. When the youngest started pre-school, I went with him and helped. After several years I took over the leadership of the group and was able to develop my organisational skills. By this time I was leading a KYB group, then the local KYB team, was invited to join the South West Team. After retiring from pre-school life was not easy with an elderly relative living with us, serious illness in a couple of members of our family resulting in the death of a grandchild and ongoing health issues in another. I was then asked to join the National Leadership Team and have latterly become the UK President. Through all the ups and downs of life I am convinced that under God it all has a purpose, each stage has a purpose of its own and is also a preparation for the next step in our walk with God. I wonder if as a giggling teenager someone decided to pray for me, they might not know how God has worked in my life but when we get to Heaven they will!