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training for mission



I've spent years working in conflict situations around the world, and seen towns and communities destroyed. However, after a period of rebuilding and restoration it's incredible to see hope and life burst forth again - resilient people at their best, supporting one another and giving a warm welcome to others...

At All Nations this past year we adopted an intentional approach to be a people with a spirit of generosity. We have welcomed thousands of visitors, and it has been wonderful to offer courses, retreats, conferences and points of gathering for people from across the world and from just down the road. We love it!

It has become so busy that we need to expand the facilities to offer a warm welcome in updated gathering spaces, with comfortable rooms to sleep in. We have begun the process, have some initial designs, and are seeking permission from planning authorities. There is a real buzz about what is to come.

I've always been inspired by the Old Testament project manager extraordinaire Nehemiah. He was a man of action

Come let us build Nehemiah 2:17

who mobilised a community paralysed by shame to complete a national reconstruction project, a wall around the city of Jerusalem in 445BC. He was a praying man with vision, influence and problem-solving skills, and was a lateral thinker. He was also complemented in the work by the priest Ezra who taught the people, rebuilding their lives spiritually. So the building work was physical as well as spiritual, and had to contend with challenges from external pressure and discord within the community.

We recognise the challenges ahead as we embark on this significant programme of site development. There will be many obstacles and at this stage we don't know how we will fund everything, but we do know that if the Lord is the master builder then He will provide what is needed when it is needed.

Our site, the essence of who we are, and the reasons why we're planning for the long term, are all about YOU! We long to serve you more effectively, and to offer spaces and courses that meet your needs. We really want to encourage you to become more involved in the life and work of All Nations!

Read on for news of developments in our courses and services...

In the Name of Jesus

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116 STUDENTS
23 COUNTRIES



At the beginning of the first term of the 2017-2018 academic year (running from September to December 2017) there were 116 students from 23 countries doing cross-cultural mission training courses at All Nations, including students from:

Algeria Austria Brazil China Denmark
Finland France Germany Honduras
Italy Japan Malawi Netherlands
New Zealand South Africa
South Korea Switzerland Taiwan
Thailand Turkey UK USA Zimbabwe

A quality COLLEGE



All Nations has received positive feedback this year from the Open University and the QAA (the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education).

The QAA identified the following good practices:

“...the strong community ethos, as exemplified by the weekly ‘Kick-Off’ meetings, which promotes a positive environment for student/staff engagement...”

“...the extensive range of well-supported placement partnerships which enables students to develop wider skills and promotes their understanding of the complexities of missionary work...”

“...the wide range of external partnerships which promotes the development of an enriched curriculum and enhances students’ understanding of cultural and religious differences between societies...”



What we did on our “holidays”



During the summer holidays many All Nations students go on placements in different countries to gain practical experience, and to explore work possibilities with different mission organisations and projects. Here are reports of three of this year’s placements...

Josh & Emma from the UK

“We went to Malawi for three weeks with Sports Friends, which is a part of the mission agency SIM. We travelled to three very different areas, helping a group to run camps for local church teams. We ran training sessions for coaches, played lots of games, did Bible teaching and had great fun with the young people that we met. It was amazing to see the power of sport and the Gospel working together to transform lives.”



Piak & Nam from the UK & Thailand

“Our placement was with Friends International in Cambridge, working in teams from UK universities with overseas students. We were supervised by Cambridge International Outreach, developing friendships with international students through language school visits, volleyball, English practice and café evenings where we were able to share our faith through chats, drama, games and Bible study.”



“Abigail” from the UK; pseudonym used for security reasons

“I worked with Indo-Malay Muslims in south-east Asia, who comprise about 8% of the population in the country I visited. I did research and wrote a report on modesty and head coverings in the Muslim context, taught English and visited businesses and development projects run by Christians. I saw Muslim festivals and funerals. It was inspiring to gain ideas for the future, and to see people serving sacrificially for the sake of God’s Kingdom.”



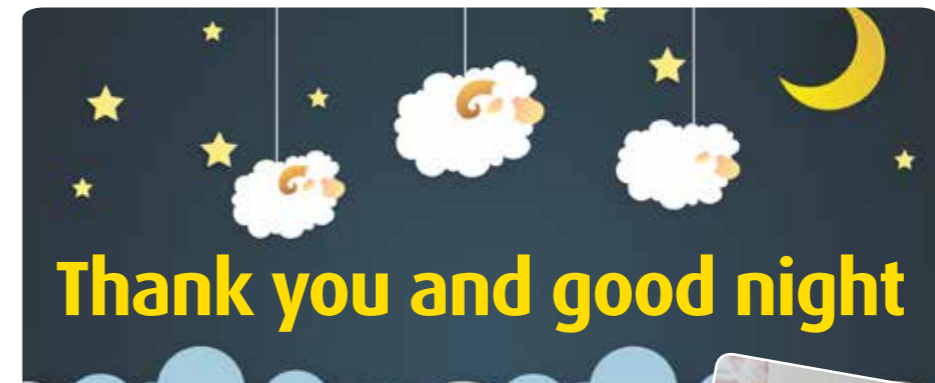
You can’t say fair-er than that

Come to the **All Nations Missions Fair** on Wednesday 17th January (7.30pm - 9pm)!

The Missions Fair is free of charge, and no booking is required.

Meet representatives from mission agencies, and find out about projects, people groups and mission opportunities for churches...

See allnations.ac.uk/events/missions-fair for more details...



All Nations would like to thank all who contributed to our recent appeal to buy new beds for students - the appeal successfully raised the target of £20,000, and Gift Aid even enabled us to purchase extra bedding. One student says:

“My new bed is fantastic, it’s so comfortable! Every night I go straight off to sleep, and sleep through until the morning!”



GOfest comes to All Nations

All Nations will be hosting this major annual mission event on Saturday 12th May 2018.

GOfest aims to create opportunities for Christians in the UK to celebrate what God is doing around the world, and explore how they can be involved in His mission locally and globally.

GOfest is facilitated by Global Connections, the UK network of 300 churches and mission agencies, and key partners include:

AIM (Africa Inland Mission) | Christian Vocations | Gospel For Asia | OM (Operation Mobilisation) | OMF | WEC | Wycliffe Bible Translators

For bookings and more information go to www.gofest.global

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LOVELY Learners!



This winter All Nations is aiming to raise £25,000 for our learning services team, who provide vital assistance to our students – particularly students from overseas, and people who are returning to education later in life... The team assists students with

information skills helping students locate the best resources for their studies...

study skills helping students read more effectively (especially Biblical and theological texts), manage sources and citations, avoid plagiarism, and develop their critical thinking, writing and research skills...

individual support providing one-to-one support for students with disabilities, health conditions or learning difficulties...

online learning developing our range of online courses and resources...

Please give to the great work of the All Nations learning services team - and help our lovely learners!



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for learning services...

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2018 diary dates



January

- Fri 5th Arts & Trauma Healing course begins (ends Wed 2nd May)
- Mon 15th Enquirers' Day
- Mon 15th Explore online course begins (ends Fri 27th April)
- Wed 17th All Nations Missions Fair

February

- Sat 3rd Enquirers' Day
- Mon 12th Music & Global Worship Week (ends Fri 16th Feb)
- Fri 16th Enquirers' Day
- Sat 17th Multi-Cultural Worship Day

March

- Mon 19th Principles of Integral Mission & Development course (ends Fri 23rd Mar)
- Mon 26th Managing Holistic Community Programmes & Agencies course (ends Thu 29th Mar)

April

- Sat 7th Enquirers' Day
- Mon 9th Cross-Cultural Leadership in a Missional Context course (ends Thu 12th Apr)
- Mon 16th Mission Strategy course (ends Thu 19th Apr)
- Fri 20th Enquirers' Day

May

- Mon 7th Enquirers' Day
- Sat 12th GOfest



Prayer points

- Please give thanks to God for the new student cohort this academic year
- Please pray that God will bless the students, and that He will guide those who join All Nations for the different short courses during the academic year
- Please pray that God will use the Enquirers' Days to inspire people to train for mission at All Nations
- Please give thanks for opportunities which have arisen for All Nations to partner with churches and organisations locally and nationally, and please pray for wisdom to know which initiatives should be prioritised
- Please pray for good witness to the many non-Christian visitors to All Nations attending conferences etc.

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