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training for mission



Light the Fire!

Soothing, warming, relaxing and welcoming – four feelings associated with sitting with your feet up in front of the fire, what a thought, especially on a cold evening.

But that's just one aspect of a blazing fire. It can be powerful and all consuming; it is a place of refining; of sorting out the 'dross' from the pure as it says in Ezekiel 22:18-22. A raging fire can be an uncomfortable place, to say the least. And yet also, in the furnace where everything is consumed we read of three local government officials in Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who refused to worship the golden statue of King Nebuchadnezzar. With the furnace heated seven times hotter than normal the three men were thrown into the fire. The result? We read that the three men were walking around, joined by a fourth person. The King was transformed and Babylon (modern Iraq) has never been the same since!

At All Nations, the fire is burning! As a community we are seeing God at work. In this newsletter there is much to celebrate and thank God for his blessings and his enabling. We are seeing lives transformed by the power of God. We have welcomed guest speakers from across the

Middle East, North Africa and Asia and heard of first-hand accounts of the power of God's transforming fire. There is process of transformation happening internally as well as collaboratively. We are developing partnerships around the world and close by, with other colleges, churches and organisations. We are growing a connected community with WEC and Friends International based here. Every day we welcome visitors and church leaders. It's a real joy, and you are very warmly welcome too!

I really want to thank you for your encouragement, prayers and financial support. We have much more to do in order to welcome students from around the world who can't afford to come and study. Therefore, we really need your help to financially support our students and get them fired up and equipped for God's missional work. Far too many similar colleges around the UK have sadly closed; the need to equip and train is bigger than ever before.

Will you please consider investing into the lives of individual students and in the growth of All Nations? The world around needs to know Jesus more than ever.

In Jesus' Name,

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Celebrating 10 years of *en route!*



We welcomed back Dr. Ruth Wall to celebrate the 10th anniversary and 30th course of *en route*. Ruth shared about the significance of this course. Here is a summary of her address:

- Firstly, *en route* was written backwards, the content came from the **field to the classroom**, and was designed to be relevant to equip for ministry across the cultures.
- Secondly, it is delivered within a **learning community**.
- Thirdly, it fosters **transformative learning**, critical reflection, dialogue and action.
- Fourthly, it assumes that **learning needs to be holistic**.
- Fifthly, there is a **dependency on God** in all learning.

Block Placement Stories

During the holidays many of our students go on a Block Placement with a view to gaining practical ministry experience and to explore the potential relationship with a mission project or organisation. Here's what they had to say:

Stuart Ward, England

"Last Easter we spent 4 weeks in Southern Spain for our Block Placement, near Cordoba. We were working with a team of church planters from European Christian Mission. Our highlights were spending time with the missionaries out there and learning from their experience, visiting a local drug rehab centre, teaching English to some locals who then took us out for the evening; getting to know the local believers and their stories. It was really helpful to have this time to reflect on our calling and experience what life in that community could look like for us in the future!"

Rahel, Germany

Last summer, I went to Guatemala for seven weeks to do my block placement with Mi Arca (Spanish for "My Arch"), a Christian foundation helping street children and children at risk. However, God told me my main task would be to pray for the country, especially the capital. Although I did learn a lot about working with street children, God really challenged me to focus on prayer which was something that I was not as confident with. He taught me to pray in ways that were completely new to me. When walking through the streets I prayed for the people. I also prayed a blessing on the families in houses and people in the buses. This was an amazing experience for me. I prayed like I had never prayed before! Why not start praying for your town today? Who will if you don't?

Andy Connelly and Gill Tyson, England

We went to France to do our block placement in "the Jungle" where we were able to care for refugees in Calais camp. We were working with a French organisation, called "Bless" who had bought an old fire engine which we called "Mr T in the Jungle." Each day our team would serve tea and coffee and offer an opportunity for passers-by to sit and rest or play games. The aim was to befriend, help and ultimately pray with the refugees and talk about Jesus. It was a remarkable time where we experienced the desperation of the displaced people but also their hope.



As well as lots of new students, we are very pleased to welcome new staff!

Dr. Mark Galpin

Tutor and Mission Development Studies Lecturer

In 2007-8 Mark taught at All Nations and now we are pleased to welcome him back. Mark lived and worked in East Africa, where he grew up and has kept a keen interest in linking theology and community development and seeing the local church act as an agent of change in society. Mark has a PhD in Development from Reading University, he has worked for INF and also served as Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal.

Dr. David L Baker

Tutor and Lecturer in Biblical Studies

David previously taught Biblical Studies in Indonesia for over twenty years, with a special interest in the Old Testament. During that time, he was also involved in theological publishing, Bible translation, and church ministry.

Elizabeth J Baker

Tutor and Missionary in Residence

Elizabeth worked in Indonesia for twenty-five years with OMF International. Elizabeth has lectured, and been involved in home-based ministry groups from Bible-studies to mentoring students. Elizabeth is assisting with the en route programme.

Irene McMahan

Tutor and Missionary in Residence

Irene spent 16 years serving with OMF International in the Philippines. She has experience with training Sunday school teachers, assisting young people to gain access to mainstream education and facilitating primary health care programmes in remote mountain villages. More recently Irene has been based in Ireland, welcoming economic migrants, working in peace and reconciliation facilitation and tutoring at Belfast Bible College.

Wilson McMahan

Tutor, Missionary in Residence

Wilson has spent 16 years serving with OMF International in the Philippines. Along with his wife Irene they worked as church planters among the Manobo people on the island of Mindanao. Wilson is currently studying for his PhD and is interested in how culture and context shapes the appropriation of the gospel in local settings, particularly in East Asia.

Connecting Locally

This term we have invited Church Leaders to share God's word to students and staff in our Monday morning "Kick Off" sessions.

We have also launched a new Hearts 4 Mission team who will be connecting with local churches and delivering mission focused services throughout the coming year. They are a truly international team representing: Bulgaria, Italy, Switzerland, Ireland, UK, and The Netherlands.



Connecting Globally

This term staff and students have been out and about sharing in the Global mission conversation!

World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission - Panama

Arts Tutor Jill Ford attended this strategic conference of global leaders in South America which explored the concept of "Polycentric Mission." Jill is the leader of the Arts and Mission Taskforce Team and was able to represent the College as well as connect with many of our alumni who are in strategic leadership positions.

Global Mission Conference 2016- London

BA Programme leader Rev Dr. Samkutty was invited to lead international mission leaders in a time of worship, All Nations were invited to represent at this event, and translate the different talks into Spanish and English!

South Asian Concern Events - UK

en route Programme Leader, Richard Evans, attended the South Asian Concern "5.17" prayer retreat. Richard said "It was wonderful to meet so many All Nations alumni at the event! A great time of prayer for South Asian Nations and diaspora communities - extremely encouraging!"

Jill Ford took part in a Satsang Celebration with South Asian Concern, The London Baptist Association, St James Church Alperton, New Life Suwarta Sangat and All Nations. This event was offering Indian contextualised worship informed by South Asian culture.



Short Courses For You

This winter we have several short courses on offer that might be of interest to you, your friends, your church or mission partners. Please get in touch if we can help you.



express

Tuesday 6th –
Saturday 10th December 2016

This 5 day course aims to lay a foundation for the understanding and practice of cross-cultural mission in any context, at home or abroad.



Islamicis

Tuesday 6th –
Thursday 15th December 2016

This 10 day course is for those preparing to work in Muslim contexts. With a variety of guest speakers you will find this course invaluable.



Advanced Short Course – Music, Worship, Liturgy

Tuesday 17th – Saturday 21st January 2017

This 4 day course looks at aspects of music, worship and liturgy in the context of our increasingly global world.



Ethnomusicology Week

Monday 13th –
Friday 17th February 2017

This 6 day course aims to equip you with skills for composing, performing and analysing music in non-western contexts and how to go about fieldwork of a chosen people group.



World Worship Day

Saturday 18th February 2017

The World Worship Day is ideal for church worship leaders to discover new forms of worship and understand what is meant by 'heart music'.

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MA in Contemporary Mission Studies – (1-3years)

explore – 13 weeks

express – 20hrs (over 4 weeks)

www.allnations.ac.uk/courses/online

Dates for the Diary 2016-17



Enquirers' Days

Monday 16th January
Friday 17th February
Monday 1st May
Friday 9th June

Carols at Easneye

Wednesday 30th November 7:30pm

en route

5th January – 18th March

Missions Fair

Wednesday 18th January 7 – 9pm

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Previous conferences held at All Nations



Prayer Points



- We praise God for the student numbers this year which went beyond our expectations. We pray that God would use the Enquirers' Days to inspire people for mission training.
- UK VI (VISA AND IMMIGRATION OFFICE) regulations are tightening up which makes it more and more difficult for international students to come and study. Please pray that these regulations won't be a barrier against God's calling on our students.
- Please pray for the various collaborations that All Nations feed into, that God would enable strong networking and partnership opportunities.
- Please pray for the BA Re-validation process which has already begun and needs to be completed by April 2017. That God would guide and sustain the tutors as they re-visit the curriculum and courses to make our training cutting edge and relevant.

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