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training for mission



On 8th May 1869, at her home in Norfolk, Lady Hannah Buxton wrote the following letter to her favourite grandson who, with his parents and siblings, had recently moved into their newly built house at Easneye in Hertfordshire...

Dearest John Henry

I opened my testament on a text with your initials written at the side, and this induced me to tell you myself how much I have desired a simple dedication service on the entrance into the new abode.

I feel this is a residence given by God, and I would trace his hand in the important transaction in your lives. This may be a residence of Buxtons for how long, for how short a time also; but we look on to generations to come, and you may suppose what are my desires and hopes concerning it - that it may ever be inhabited by faithful servants of God in and through Christ Jesus, and that it may ever be a habitation of God in the hearts of the inhabitants by the Holy Spirit, and Christ be honoured, confessed and served, and this place be a fountain of blessing in the church and in the world.

'Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things'.

*Your most affectionate
Grandmother,
Hannah Buxton*

Celebrate Easneye 150!

Hannah's letter proved to be prophetic! Almost a century after the letter was written, All Nations moved into Easneye House in 1964. After renting the house for several years, All Nations purchased the property from the Buxton family in 1971. All Nations has certainly been 'a fountain of blessing in the church and in the world' - over the decades thousands of students from many countries have trained with All Nations, and the college has sent them out to serve in Christian mission all around the world.

On Saturday 18th May 2019 All Nations is planning to host a special day of celebration at Easneye to mark the 150th anniversary of Hannah's letter (and of the dedication service which she desired and which took place in the house on 15th May 1869). As well as looking back on the wonderful heritage of Easneye and All Nations we will also be looking forward, as we seek to follow God's will for the future development of the college.

All Nations will publicise more details of this special 'Easneye 150' day in due course - I'm really looking forward to sharing in the celebration with hundreds of friends of the college, students and staff (past and present) - I hope to see you there!

In the Name of Jesus,

Andy Dipper
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PS: If you'd like to help provide heating and hot water for the students and staff at the college's beautiful historic home, please consider contributing to the All Nations appeal for our much-needed new boiler system (estimated cost: £400,000)!

From Austria to Zambia!



At the beginning of the first term of the 2018-2019 academic year (running from September to November 2018) there were 103 students from TWENTY-SEVEN countries doing cross-cultural mission training courses with All Nations, including students from:

Austria; Brazil; Brunei; China; Congo; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Hong Kong; Hungary; Indonesia; Japan; Kenya; Malaysia; Netherlands; Norway; Singapore; South Africa; South Korea; Sweden; Switzerland; Taiwan; Thailand; UK; USA; Zambia

Excellent results for Degree students

All Nations is very pleased to announce that 94% of the students who completed the college's Degree course in 2018 have been awarded either a 1st class grade or a 2:1 by the Open University.

Five of the cohort of seventeen students achieved a 1st class grade in 2018, while another eleven of the students achieved a very creditable 2:1. This year the external examiners for the All Nations Degree course have given some very positive feedback, which includes the following comments:

'It is always a pleasure to examine for All Nations Christian College. The students' work is generally of an excellent standard, the procedures are rigorous and fair, and the college staff are welcoming, efficient and friendly.'

'It has been a delight to read the papers from the students of the college, who seem focused and engaged in their study.'

The 2- or 3-year BA Honours Degree in Biblical and Intercultural Studies is part of the college's Open University-validated Undergraduate Programme, along with the 1-year Certificate course and the 2-year Diploma course.



Andy Connolly and Jess Cole, two of our 2018 Degree graduates

For more details on the All Nations Undergraduate Programme, please take a look at the web page at allnations.ac.uk/courses/degree

Postgraduate Programme on the rise

The All Nations Postgraduate Programme has welcomed 18 new students for this 2018-2019 academic year, bringing the total number currently on the programme to 30.



Mark Galpin (right) with lecturers Dr Hannah Green and Rev Dr Sue Barclay and postgraduate students, on-site and on-screen!

'New technology now enables more students to join in with the programme from across the world,' says the All Nations Postgraduate Programme Leader Dr Mark Galpin. *'All Nations now has a very diverse group of students on the Postgraduate Programme with 10 nationalities based in 15 countries, many joining us via the internet from Australia, Nepal, Zambia, France and so on.'*

'We have 7 more students already registered to start on the programme in 2019-2020, and 11 students graduate this year as members of the programme's 25th cohort.'

'We're delighted that the programme was revalidated in June for the next five years by the Open University - and also that we now have student loan status with the UK Office for Students.'

The All Nations Postgraduate Programme includes a range of qualifications, as follows:

PG Cert in Missiology

MTh / PG Dip in Contextual Theology

MA / PG Dip in Missiology / Global Ecclesiology / Multicultural Church in Practice / Transformational Development / Transformational Leadership

For more details see allnations.ac.uk/courses/masters



En Route goes international



In October All Nations Principal Andy Dipper and Lecturers Richard and Louisa Evans travelled to Bucharest for the Romania launch of our 'En Route' mission training course.

'A Romanian-language version of the course is being delivered by our local partner the Baptist Theological Institute - there are 16 students in the first cohort!' says Richard.

Over the next few years there are plans to take 'En Route' to Africa and Asia, where cross-cultural mission training is scarce but the church is growing fast and there is great desire to send out cross-cultural workers. It is also envisaged that En Route will go 'on the move' to South and Central America and Western Europe.



Richard Evans leading the first Romanian En Route session in October

'En Route' is a 10-week programme of essential training which covers the basics of cross-cultural mission, and which is aimed at people who are considering cross-cultural work but who have had little or no previous training. The 'Explore' course is a 13-week online version of 'En Route'.



Also available is 'Express', a 5-day course which covers the basics in understanding cross-cultural mission, and which has been designed especially for people who are going on a short mission trip lasting between two weeks and two months. The 'Express online' course is a 20-hour non-residential version of 'Express'.



For more details about 'En Route', 'Explore', 'Express' or 'Express online', see: allnations.ac.uk/courses/en-route

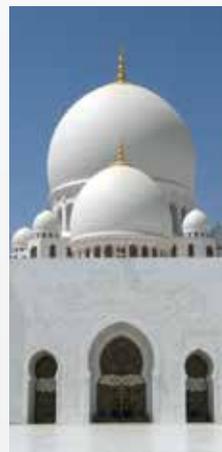
Short courses

For more details e-mail: info@allnations.ac.uk



EnVision

Exciting resource for churches, designed to enthuse, empower and enable God's people for cross-cultural mission! Over four fun-filled group sessions with meals, EnVision aims to help churches deepen understanding of mission, get to grips with culture and identity, learn how to connect across cultures, and consider next steps...



Engaging Islam today

2nd - 8th December 2018, special day event Saturday 8th December 2018

Delivered with Frontiers, Interserve and OM. Aims to help Christians understand the roots and realities of Islam, and respond in a way that is Biblical, sensitive, informed and bold. Invaluable if you are involved in / preparing to work in a Muslim country or among ethnic minorities in the West, or are interested in studying Islam.



Multicultural Worship Day

Saturday 23rd February 2019, 9am-5pm

For all who are interested in learning more about the relationship between music, worship and culture!



Arts for a Better Future

14th - 19th July 2019

Aims to enable Christians to help local communities draw on their artistic resources, helping them respond to their spiritual, social and physical needs and move towards the Kingdom of God.



Refresh and Retreat

15th - 19th July 2019

Morning devotions and evening prayer, sharing and worship, with opportunities for one-to-one pastoral chats and prayer. Participants are free to use the All Nations grounds, library, prayer rooms, surrounding countryside and amenities.



2019 diary dates

January

- Mon 7th *Arts and Trauma Healing* course begins online (ends May)
- Wed 9th Start of term
- Mon 21st *Explore Online* course begins (ends April)
- Fri 25th *Enquirers' Day*

February

- Tue 12th *Whitley Lecture* by Joe Kapolyo
- Wed 13th *It's Your Call!* A day to connect with God and explore His missional call in your life, from our neighbours to the nations!
- Mon 18th *Enquirers' Day*
- Sat 23rd *Multicultural Worship Day*

March

- Sat 2nd *Taste and See Day*
- Sat 23rd End of term
- Sun 24th *Arts and Trauma Healing* intensive begins (ends Thu 4th April)
- Mon 25th *Contextual Engagement with Islam* course begins (ends Fri 29th April)
- Sat 30th *Taste and See Day*

April

- Mon 1st *Managing Holistic Community Programmes and Agencies* course begins (ends Thu 4th April)
- Mon 8th *Multicultural Ministry with Arts* course begins (ends Thu 11th April)
- Mon 15th *Taste and See Day*
- Tue 23rd *Mission Strategy* course begins (ends Fri 26th April)
- Wed 24th Start of term

May

- Mon 6th *Enquirers' Day*
- Sat 18th *Easneye 150* anniversary event

Please pray



- for the special day of celebration on Saturday 18th May, marking the 150th anniversary of Lady Hannah Buxton's prophetic letter about Easneye House
- that All Nations will be successful in its fundraising efforts, and that the college will be able to implement plans for a new heating system
- that good numbers of new students from around the world will sign up for the 2019-2020 academic year to study on the All Nations Undergraduate Programme, including: the one-year Certificate course; the two-year Diploma course; and the two- or three-year BA Honours Degree course in Biblical and Intercultural Studies
- that more new students will register for the 2019-2020 academic year to study for Masters degrees
- for the plans to take the 'En Route' course to students in different countries around the world
- that good numbers of new students will sign up for the various All Nations short courses, including 'En Route', 'Explore', 'Express', 'Express Online' and courses on Islam, the arts etc.
- that many churches will be enthused, empowered and enabled for cross-cultural mission by the All Nations resource 'EnVision'
- that All Nations will successfully recruit a number of missionaries to join the teaching / support staff team for 1-2 years

Will you?

Please consider leaving a legacy for All Nations in your will - your legacy could help the college train and send out faithful men and women of God to all nations... You could help to provide student bursaries, support mission training, expand the college team, forge new partnerships, and / or develop the college facilities... Please contact info@allnations.ac.uk if you would like further information or advice on leaving a legacy for All Nations...



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