

Spring 2026 Newsletter

Greetings

Dear friends and supporters,

As we enter this spring term, we find ourselves reflecting with grateful hearts on God's kindness and faithfulness in every season. Spring reminds us of new beginnings, and we are so encouraged by the ways we are already seeing Him at work through Cross Connections and across the ministries we support.

We are deeply grateful for every one of you. Your prayers, generosity, and ongoing encouragement means more than we can fully express. Because of you, we can walk alongside our 20 ministries around the world, trusting God together for all that lies ahead.

Please read on to find out what has been happening since our last newsletter.

Thanksgiving Gathering



At the start of 2026, we were delighted to host Cross Connection's Thanksgiving Gathering. It was an evening filled with gratitude, fellowship, and celebration of God's faithfulness. Surrounded by our long term supporters, we reflected on the impact of the ministry and the many lives touched over the past 29 years.

We were especially grateful to hear from our founders, David Jackman and Richard Borgonon, who shared the story of how Cross Connections began and the personal impact it continues to have today. We also heard from our Chair, Nancy Benham, who encouraged everyone to continue to pray, give and get involved in this Kingdom work.

We are so thankful for everyone who joined us and for the ongoing partnership that makes this work possible.





International Ministry Training Course



We are pleased to share that applications are open for the International Ministry Training Course (IMTC) for those living outside of the UK.

Places are limited, so early application is strongly encouraged. The deadline for submissions is Friday, 26th June 2026.

If you would like to apply or find out more, please visit the Proclamation Trust website: <https://www.proctrust.org.uk/international> or email: international@proctrust.org.uk.

Greece Spring Conference



The Greece Spring Conference 2026 was centred on John's Gospel, with the main teaching led by Andrew Sach, helping participants to work carefully and consistently through the text. Alongside this, the morning Bible expositions were taken from 2 Peter, which was led by our very own Nigel Styles, providing a complementary strand of teaching within a clear and simple programme structure.

A particular highlight of the conference was the introduction of The Word One-to-One resource, presented by Le Fras Strydom. Each attendee received a free copy of the booklet, designed to help people read John's Gospel one-to-one with others, whether Christian or not. The resource was warmly received, and many saw it as a practical tool to continue Bible engagement beyond the conference.

The conference brought together a wonderfully mixed group of people. Some have been attending faithfully for five or six consecutive years, others joined for the first time, and a few were very new to the Christian faith. Despite this diversity, there was a great atmosphere throughout the week, marked by warmth, openness, and a shared desire to grow in God's Word.

We are very thankful for all who attended and contributed, and we are keen to see the conference continue to grow in the years ahead.

We are pleased to confirm that the **next Greece Spring Conference will take place on 15–18 April 2027.**



"This is my 5th year attending this conference. I love the expository way of reading and learning the Bible, the fact that we study a different Bible book each year, and of course Nigel and Andrew—they are great at teaching the Word, it's one of the many reasons I come back year after year" **Michail Cookies**

Nigel's Ministry Visit Report



Baltic Reformed Theological College, Latvia Training Week

It was a fruitful and much-anticipated training week in Latvia this March. A total of 11 pastors and church leaders took part in the morning sessions (3rd, 4th, and 6th March), while 38 attendees joined the evening sessions on 4th and 5th March for those involved in Bible teaching.

The week was structured to serve both full-time ministers and lay leaders. Morning sessions, focused on training pastors and those in full-time ministry, while the evening sessions brought together a wide range of Bible teachers, including youth leaders, small group leaders, and other church members. Across all sessions, 2 Timothy was the central focus.



'There was a warm and enthusiastic atmosphere throughout. Many were encouraged both by the teaching itself and by Nigel's approachable and thoughtful manner. It was a valuable time of learning, equipping, and fellowship, and we are grateful for the lasting impact it will have on those involved in Bible teaching. There is a shared hope that Nigel may be able to return in the future to continue supporting and strengthening this work'- Miroslavs Tumanovskis



Uganda and Union Vision Mission Pastors Training

I was in Uganda from the 17th to 21st March. I taught the apprentices from Daniel over two days and also led a half-day session on how to read and teach wisdom literature, using Ecclesiastes as a model. In addition, I taught at Union Vision Mission in partnership with Living Word Uganda, where around 150 pastors were trained. Some LWU staff also helped by teaching sessions and leading teaching practice groups. This visit not only strengthened existing training work but also opened encouraging conversations about future partnership and further pastoral training.





The photos above is one of the most moving experiences of my life. Preaching to a tiny village church in desperate poverty. The building at the far end of 'the street' belongs to the village witch doctor who ridicules and persecutes them. I'm preaching the story of the paralytic man let down through the roof to the feet of Jesus.

Here I am, immediately after preaching, praying for a girl called Nadine who has just asked to become a Christian ... right then and there!



The photo on the left is the last morning in Uganda, teaching Ecclesiastes at Living Word Uganda.

Upcoming event







SUMMER PARTY

- Enjoy canapés and refreshments
- Meet ministry partners supported by Cross Connections
- Discover how you can be part of the impact

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

The Wren
St Nicholas Cole Abbey
114 Queen Victoria Street
London, EC4V 4BJ
5:30-8:00PM



RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cross-connections-summer-party-tickets-1988630462245?aff=oddtcreator>
www.crossconnections.org.uk

Join us for the Cross Connections Summer Party!

25th June 2026 | 5:30-8:00pm
The Wren, St Nicholas Cole Abbey, London

Scan the QR code or use the Eventbrite link to register.

We'd love to see you there!



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