

#### Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you are encouraged by all that the Lord is doing here at the IBTI.

# A JOYFUL SEND-OFF FOR OUR GRADUATING STUDENTS

Saturday 5th July was a day full of celebration as we marked the end of another powerful season at IBTI. It's been an incredible journey with this group of students, and we've seen God at work in so many ways—shaping lives, deepening faith, and building lasting friendships.

We honoured our Level 4 students who have completed the course requirements—what a joy to see how far they've come! Many of them have chosen to continue the journey by stepping into the Level 5 Certificate Course. Over the coming months, they'll be out on ministry placements as part of a bridging term, before returning in October to continue their training and growth.

We also celebrated our Level 5 students who have now completed the full IBTI journey. These students have walked through both levels of the programme, investing deeply in their calling and formation. Their dedication, perseverance, and heart for God have been such a blessing to the community—and we can't wait to see where He leads them next.

The day was filled with joy, laughter, heartfelt worship, and a deep sense of God's presence. It was more than a graduation—it was a family celebration of all that God has done and all that's still to come.



## **FUEL THE MISSION**

At IBTI, we equip servant-hearted leaders through immersive discipleship that prepares them for lifelong ministry. As an independent Bible institute, we rely on God's provision—often through generous supporters like you.

Your giving helps make this training possible, especially for students from lower-income nations who are ready to serve in global mission. We're believing for £250,000 to help us train more students, strengthen community life, and invest in spaces that foster growth and connection.

Your support is vital to keeping this vision alive. Will you be part of the mission?

## WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

- You help shape healthy leaders—those grounded in emotional intelligence, spiritual depth, and resilience—key qualities for sustainable ministry.
- You help us grow wisely, expanding our impact while staying true to our purpose and calling.
- You help remove barriers, making Bible training accessible regardless of a student's financial background.

Your support fuels transformation—not just in individuals, but in churches, communities, and nations.

## MONTHLY GIVING IMPACT

Even the smallest regular gift can make a real difference.

Just £9 a month covers a meal for a student. £25 provides a full day of training with accommodation. £150/month supports one week of immersive discipleship.

Or you can choose to donate any amount of your choosing each month.

If you wish to donate the full amount without us incurring transaction charges you can do so via bank transfer.





## BUILD THE HOUSE

Contribute to the development of our new Accommodation Block and Community Hub—spaces for growth, fellowship, and formation.



## SPONSOR A STUDENT

Many of our students come from lower-income countries. Your support helps them access life-changing training and lifelong ministry impact.



# LEGACY GIVING & PARTNERSHIP

Explore deeper partnership, legacy giving, or church sponsorship. Let's build something that lasts for generations.

These words came up again and again during our recent staff envisioning workshop. As we shared, prayed, and mapped out the heart behind our service at IBTI, one thing became clear: we're not just "staff" or "volunteers." We are a community. We're embracing that truth fully, not just in how we live and serve together, but in what we call ourselves. Going forward, we'll be referring to anyone on site as being part of the IBTI Community.

This may seem like a small change, but it reflects something much deeper. IBTI is a family of people called to serve God's kingdom with open hearts and practical hands. We care, we support, we teach, we empower. We cook meals, clean rooms, mow lawns, and share life. We laugh, we pray, we grow. We serve Jesus. Together.

#### **EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY**

Our community has been blessed by a wonderful mix of volunteers—both former students and local friends—who have served faithfully alongside us. Now, we want to extend a wider invitation.

At IBTI, we offer accommodation, meals, and a place to serve for individuals called to join this mission-focused community, whether or not they've studied here before.

These roles will be available on 6-month or 1-year terms, with the only requirement being eligibility to volunteer in the UK. We're also exploring a visa option and hope to share updates on this soon.



### **COULD THIS BE YOUR SEASON TO SERVE?**

If you're looking for a meaningful season of service, community, and spiritual growth deepening your walk with Jesus in a Christ-centred, mission-focused environment—we'd love to hear from you.

Or if you know someone seeking a purposeful opportunity like this, please share this newsletter or encourage them to get in touch. Email us at office@ibti.org.uk to start the conversation.

Let's build this beautiful, God-centred community—together.



We're excited to be welcoming a new group of students this October for the Level 4 Foundation Course in Applied Theology—and there's still time to apply! If you know someone who's eager to grow in their faith, discover their calling, and be equipped for life and ministry, we'd love for you to point them our way.

Whether you're a former student, a church leader, or simply someone who sees potential in the next generation, we encourage you to think of those who would thrive in a Bible College environment like ours—one that's grounded in Scripture, shaped by community, and deeply relevant to today's cultural context.

We're also accepting applications for the Level 5 Diploma in Applied Theology—perfect for those already involved in ministry, both in the UK and internationally, who are ready to go deeper in their training and personal formation.

Attending IBTI's Level 4 in Applied Theology has given me the opportunity not only to study theory but also to put into practice what I've learnt. The lessons are comprehensive, and I really enjoyed connecting with the lecturers and asking questions. I also loved working alongside other students—whether in group projects, class activities, or during outreach. Level 4 is a great stepping stone for understanding how important it is to connect theory with practice—and to do it within a community of students growing together.

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# SAVE THE DATE

INDUCTION SERVICE FOR DAVIDE AND LISA LENTINI



NEW SENIOR LEADERS OF THE IBTI
IBTI CAMPUS, BURGESS HILL
SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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ALL ARE WELCOME

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Whether you're a former student, a church leader, a supporter, or someone who's journeyed with us over the years—we want to hear your voice.

We're gathering stories, reflections, and feedback that show the real-life impact of IBTI. If you've seen the fruit of this training in someone's life or ministry, or if you've personally experienced growth through your time with us, we'd be so grateful if you'd take a few minutes to share.

Your input not only encourages us—it also helps us make the case for future support and shape the road ahead.



SHARE AS A FORMER STUDENT



SHARE AS A SUPPORTER OR PARTNER

