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Welcome to the Crosslinks June update

Don't miss the last chance to book onto our Summer Celebration, which promises to be a wonderfully encouraging evening next Tuesday 2 July! Doors open 5:15pm for light refreshments, or join us online.

On a different note, we received news last week of a fire at the office of NIBT, a Crosslinks project partner training pastors in India. Mercifully, no one was killed but the damage is extensive. Find out how you can partner in the relief effort to aid NIBT's ministry below.

And scroll on to meet Ben, Crosslinks' new Mission Personnel Assistant, and to consider whether short-term mission is really worth it in a new article...



Let us know you're coming

Don't miss out on our Summer Celebration and AGM. Join us at **St James Clerkenwell in central London or online next Tuesday evening** as we celebrate

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Featuring: an interview with Chris and Ros Howles (former Crosslinks mission partners in Uganda; Chris is now Director of Cross-Cultural Mission at Oakhill Theological College) and a presentation from <u>Julian and Nicky Milson</u> serving at Iglesia de Jesucristo in Valencia, Spain.

Book your free ticket



Fire at the NIBT office – can you help?

On Saturday 1 June, NIBT's office in New Delhi caught fire due to an electric short circuit, with the system unable to handle the 52°C temperatures outside. We thank God that there were no casualties, as staff had gone home for the weekend. It took three fire brigades five hours to control the fire.

Rev Devender Verma writes, 'We have lost all things. All the books we had stored to provide our students with resources. There were thousands of Bibles and commentaries... all our furniture, our student and financial records... my personal library, which I had amassed over many years from all over the world... Please pray for us as we need to clear the burnt ash, set up the new office and acquire books from various sources.'

The estimated cost of repairing the damage and replacing the burnt furniture and lost resources is £36,000. Could you make a one-off gift to aid NIBT?

For more information about NIBT's ministry and the impact of the fire, <u>watch a video</u> <u>update from Rev Devender Verma</u>. (Password: Crosslinks251) **Please don't** share without permission.

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Short-term mission: is it worth it?

'How does short term mission help the world-wide church? Does it help at all?! Having been on both sides of short-term mission, as a short-termer and as host of short-termers, the answer is perhaps not as clear as we'd like it be...'

<u>Leah Moore</u> (language year abroad student) and <u>Bethanie Walker</u> (serving in Mendoza, Argentina) give us their answers from either side of being a short-termer – and hosting one.

Read the full article

Vacancy: Finance Assistant

This role supports the Finance team in ensuring the overall financial health of Crosslinks. An ideal candidate would have previous experience in working in a finance role in the charitable sector, or in an administrative role providing financial information, and be confident using spreadsheets and data entry into systems. This full time role includes both office working and some opportunity to work from home within the normal working week.

Email joinus@crosslinks.org for an application form.

Read the full job description

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Welcome Ben!

We are delighted to announce that Ben Firth has been appointed as the new Mission Personnel Assistant at Crosslinks. Ben joins Beth, Dee, Anastasia and Ian in the Mission Personnel team.

Ben grew up in South London and went to university in Bristol where he met his wife Merrow through the Christian Union. They are members at West Hill Baptist Church in Wandsworth. Ben enjoys reading, walking outdoors and improving his Chinese – and is delighted to support the mission of Crosslinks as it takes God's word to God's world.



Two opportunities to pray for summer camps

Crosslinks Ireland camps will be delving into God's plan for the nations (junior camp,18–20 July) and the book of Revelation (senior camp, 20–25 July). Pray that the next generation will grasp the glorious vision of 'a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language' (Revelation 7:9).

InterAction run bilingual Christian activity holidays in France, Belgium and Germany. Pray for all the young people signed up to attend, and for the leaders, cooks and 'animefs' (student helpers) serving and enabling them to hear the gospel. Pray many respond in faith.

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