

# December 2019 Newsletter

It is always a joy for us to write to you, as we see our newsletters as a way to testify of the faithfulness of God and the commitment of his servants. We also remember you, our supporters and friends for offering your time, resources and so much more for the IBTI. May we all continue to follow Jesus' example, as we invest in the new generation by showing what love looks like in practical ways.



**IBTI** International  
Bible Training  
College

**Merry Christmas and Many Blessings for 2020,**  
John and Eliana Whyte, IBTI Staff and Students

## Open day A NEW INTAKE

There is an event in IBTI that is repeated every year, but, surprise surprise is never the same as the previous one. This is the Open Day that took place this year on October 5th 2019. What makes the Open Day unique and unrepeatable are the new students who become part of the large IBTI family, with the one and only high purpose of being trained and prepared for the work of the ministry. This year 18 new students from 5 different European countries (Italy, Spain, France, Romania, Switzerland) have joined the 16 second-year students for the 73rd academic year of the IBTI.

Although it is a privilege for us to be able to contribute to their spiritual endeavour for a brief period of their lives, we are always amazed by the honour they feel in studying at the IBTI. These are some comments:

*"What was told me is nothing compared to what I'm discovering. I am honoured to study at IBTI"*

*"I've been waiting for long time, but finally I'm here"*

*"I never imagined I could study at IBTI; it is a dream come true"*



## Win a Day at IBTI for 2 people

Spend one whole day with us: join a lecture, a chapel service and enjoy the beautiful IBTI grounds.

The day will be valid from 09:30 - 19:00 only. Lunch and dinner will be provided by the IBTI.

Winners will be offered a selection of dates from which they will choose one.

Visit our website [www.ibti.org.uk](http://www.ibti.org.uk) and follow the instructions on our Home page.

# IBTI Exhibiting

As part of the IBTI's strategy to raise awareness around the UK about its work, we took the opportunity in October to exhibit at the annual Christian Resources Exhibition (CRE) at Sandown Park in Surrey. This was the first time the IBTI had had a presence at this exhibition, and as the college and Sandown Park are in relatively close proximity the opportunity to have a stand there couldn't be missed. Over the course of the three-day event thousands of people attended the exhibition, and we had numerous people taking an interest in the IBTI stand, taking literature, watching our promotional film and making enquiries about our courses. Some people didn't know anything about IBTI, and it was a pleasure to tell them about our vision and what we do and to see expressions of amazement on their faces as they learnt about the IBTI's work of faith and its impact on students' lives both here and around the world. It was a truly worthwhile exercise and we hope that we will see fruit from this venture over the next few years.



## IMPACTING Local Churches

Students are engaged in various activities during the weekends and on Sunday's they attend local churches in Burgess Hill where they learn to interact with believers from different backgrounds and also to integrate in contexts different from their own.

In addition to this a part of their training, is to actually minister in different churches, so outreaches are often organised where groups of students may be involved in worship, sharing their testimonies, preaching, leading the service, or helping with the youth and children ministry. This has happened for many years now and several churches are pleased to have our students visit, because they know that as a church they benefit hugely in terms of spiritual edification.

As a school we are eager to establish new contacts with other churches and give our students more learning opportunities while serving the churches so if you would be interested please contact us.

## Invest in Us

Our legacy has been built over the years on people like you faithfully and prayerfully giving of their time and resources. Your contribution has been great.

Now we are approaching the new year and we still need your help.

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