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As we move through 2026, we are delighted to be preparing for the arrival of our **2026 ALICT cohort** at the end of July.

We also recognise that this year has brought significant challenges, including national and international economic pressures, conflict, rising costs, and widespread uncertainty. These realities have affected us all, including ALICT alumni serving across the globe. Yet these very challenges highlight the urgent need for called leaders who are equipped, empowered, and grounded in faith, leaders who can navigate complexity, foster hope, and contribute to the transformation of individuals, communities, and societies.

As we prepare to welcome the new cohort, we also remember and pray for our Alumni Network, whose members once embarked on this same journey.

We invite you to keep this year's cohort in your prayers. **Please pray that each leader will experience meaningful transformation and encounter God in new and powerful ways throughout their ALICT journey.**

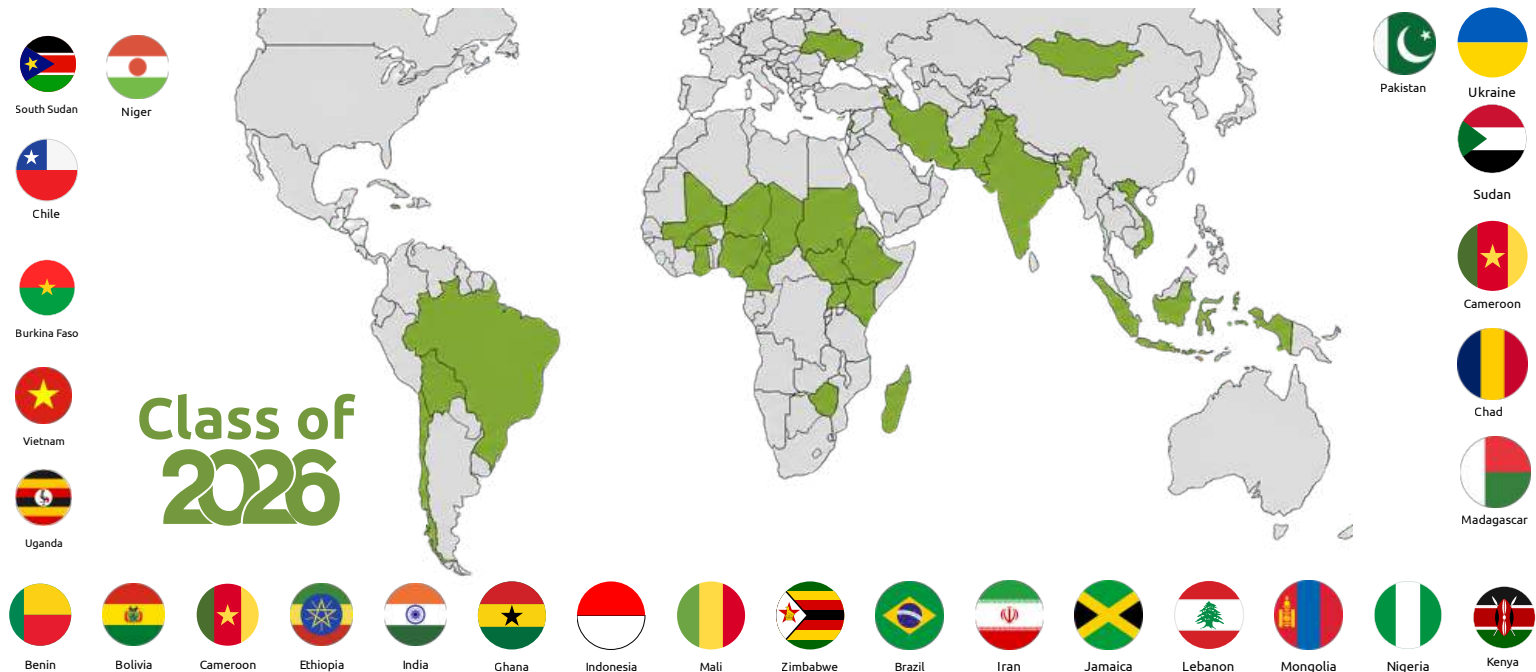
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-Johan Horn-
Director & co-founder
at ITL

ITL ALICT NEWS



ALICT 2026 Is One Month Away!

In just one month, emerging leaders from around the world will arrive in South Africa to be part of ALICT, embarking on the same adventure you once did.

This year, 29 Christian leaders from across the globe have been selected to attend ALICT. They come from countries across Africa, the Americas, Asia, and beyond. Each leader carries a deep commitment to seeing their communities, nations, and sectors transformed through Christ-centred leadership.

As ALICT draws near, we are expecting another meaningful and fruitful programme. However, this year, we are preparing for the programme in a complex and uncertain global climate. Rising fuel costs, increased travel expenses, food inflation, and accommodation costs have placed additional pressure on the programme and on the leaders who hope to attend.

This is where the ALICT alumni family can play a meaningful part.

Please join us in praying for provision, smooth logistics, and for the Lord to prepare each leader's heart. We invite you to become part of the Alumni Champion movement by supporting the ALICT 2026 Cohort through a monthly gift of \$25, or any amount you are able to give. This does not have to be done individually. Alumni can also come together as a class, country, region, X-Team, or group of friends to give collectively each month.

Click the link to learn more about becoming a ALICT Alumni Champion:

itlfamily.org/itl-alumni-champion/



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“Reading through so many applications and catching a glimpse of what people are doing across the world is both inspiring and humbling. It reminds me of how wide, diverse, and meaningful it is to serve our Master Jesus.”

- Caleb, ALICT selection team convener.



Volunteer Spotlight

At ITL-ALICT, we are deeply grateful for each alumni volunteer. Through your faithful service, and by God's grace, we have continued empowering Christian leaders across the globe since 2004.

Our Alumni volunteers serve in many ways, from serving ALICT participants onsite, to counsellors and coaches offering care and guidance to leaders across the globe, and to supporting us in many other programmes and campaigns. Each volunteer plays an important role in the greater vision of ITL-ALICT, To see communities and nations in Africa and the world transformed through a new generation of Christian leaders.

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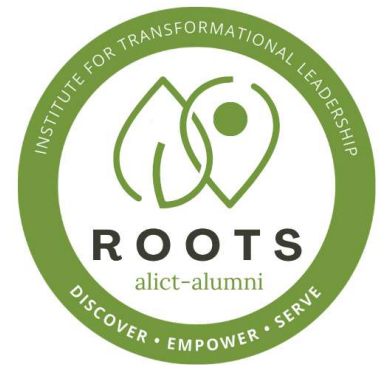
ROOTS 2026

an online retreat for all

Roots is always a special moment in the year, a time of reflection, refreshment, and connection within the ALICT family.

This year, we invited all alumni to participate in a self-guided Roots retreat in their own context and space, with curated material provided by the office. It has been encouraging to hear of meaningful moments of connection and refreshment among alumni around the world.

There is still time to participate before we meet together online on 2 July. Follow this link to access the material: itlfamily.org/roots/

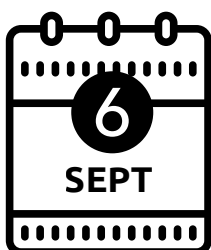


On 2 July, all ALICT alumni are invited to meet online with David Russo, the founder and director of Abiding Practice, and the curator of this year's retreat. This will be an opportunity to reflect on this year's Roots experience and come together as an ALICT alumni family.

[Here is the zoom link](#)



MEET THE 2026 ALICT COHORT - ONLINE



We invite all friends and Alumni of ITL ALICT to join us for our first **ITL ALICT Friends Event**, an online gathering where you will have the opportunity to meet members of the 2026 cohort, learn more about their journeys, and pray for them during their ALICT journey

It will take place on 6 September 2026, so **save the date**.

More details will be shared closer to the time.

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ALICT ALUMNI WORKING TOGETHER



ALUMNI UNITE TO EQUIP PASTORS AND YOUTH IN BURKINA FASO

Five ALICT alumni recently came together to facilitate a mission mobilisation training session with ministry and church leaders, and young people in Burkina Faso. Participants explored their role in what God is doing among the nations and considered practical ways to engage in missions within their own countries and among unreached people groups.

Two alumni from the 2023 (DRC) and 2024 (Burundi) cohorts, who serve through a mission organisation, were responsible for organising the training. Through their connection with a Burkina Faso alumnus from the 2014 cohort, they were able to partner with other Burkina Faso alumni from the 2023 and 2025 cohorts to organise and facilitate this impactful training. This story is a beautiful reminder of the strength of the ALICT network and the power of Kingdom collaboration across nations, cohorts, and contexts.



KINGDOM PARTNERSHIP IN KENYA

Two ALICT alumni from Kenya, one from the 2025 cohort and one from the 2017 class, recently partnered together to start a company called Yellow Stroke.

Yellow Stroke exists to empower Christian women to unlock their potential through coaching, mentorship, and training. They are creating spaces where women can be equipped, encouraged, and strengthened to navigate different life situations.

Whether they are navigating career decisions, seeking alignment in personal life, building discipline, working to develop healthy habits or rediscovering identity and purpose, Yellow Stoke provides them with practical guidance anchored in faith. Empowering women to walk in their calling so that they can empower and support others.

Their partnership speaks to the power of Kingdom collaboration and the impact that can be made when leaders come together with shared vision, purpose, and commitment.



The alumni also recently participated in a mental wellness exhibition, giving them access to a sector and industry where Christian influence is often limited. This opened up a valuable opportunity to bring faith-informed leadership, care, and encouragement into an important area of community life.

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Alumni Project Update: Skills Development | Nigeria

As part of her skills development initiative for youth and people with disabilities in Lagos, Nigeria, an ALICT alumna recently hosted two training sessions. During the sessions, participants were trained to create Afrocentric notepad designs and handmade bags from scratch. After completing the training, they received certificates and sustainability packages/kits to help them continue practising their new craft.

This project equips young people with practical skills they can use to generate income and create opportunities for themselves. It is a powerful example of community leaders empowering others to start businesses and build a sustainable livelihood.



Alumni Project Update | Pakistan

As part of her initiative that empowers and disciples women in Pakistan, an ALICT alumna recently conducted a workshop for 20 girls, focusing on spiritual growth, emotional healing, and personal development.

The workshop covered key topics such as Practical Christian Living, encouraging girls to apply biblical principles in everyday life; it focused on emotional healing and finding restoration in Christ; and Confidence Building, helping participants discover their identity, self-worth, and leadership potential.

This project helps uplift young women who carry deep wounds and face challenges such as family pressure, rejection, and confusion. Through this initiative, there is an opportunity to invest in these young lives and trust that the lessons learned will continue to help them grow in faith, confidence, and purpose.

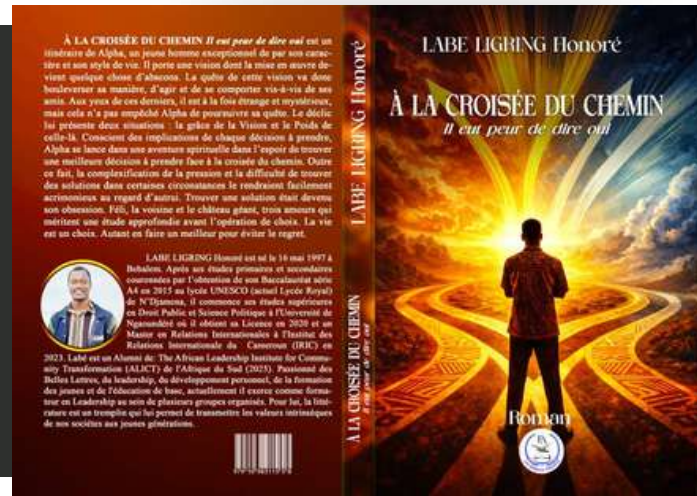
This project is still ongoing and continues to impact the lives of women in Pakistan.



ALUMNI PUBLICATION

A 2025 ALICT alumnus from Chad, recently published a book titled *At the Crossroads: He Was Afraid to Say Yes*. The book explores the journey of recognising, maintaining, and stepping into one's God-given calling. *"This was made possible through the support of each of you, ALICT, and its programme, which helped me regain confidence and promote what God has placed in my heart,"* he said.

-This provides him an opportunity to share lessons and testimonies from his own journey, inspiring others to walk wholeheartedly in their calling.-



AFROFUNK MASTERCLASS: FAITH, IDENTITY & CREATIVE IMPACT

Through the Afrofunk platform, an ALICT alumnus is equipping emerging Kenyan Christian creatives to use their gifts with purpose and create meaningful change within their communities and the creative sector.

The one-day masterclass will bring together musicians, content creators, designers, storytellers, and other creatives for practical training and conversations around faith, identity, artistic expression, marketing, impact, and income. The initiative responds to a common challenge among talented creatives: having passion and gifting, but limited access to mentorship, community, and practical guidance.

By helping participants grow in confidence, strengthen their craft, and build sustainable creative careers, the masterclass aims to develop Kingdom-minded creatives who can positively influence culture while serving others through their work. It also marks the beginning of a longer-term journey of mentorship, collaboration, and community building through Afrofunk.



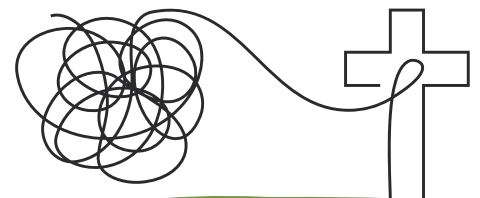
Do you need a little extra support in this season?

ITL Counselling Clan

As ALICT alumni, you have access to ITL's Lay Counselling support.

The ITL Counselling Clan is a safe space made up of experienced counsellors from our ALICT alumni network. Rooted in a Christ-centred, biblical approach, they are committed to walking alongside you toward healing, peace, and freedom.

Our clan members bring specific experience to help you navigate: Peer support, crisis, grief, trauma, healing, and family support



If you need a supportive, confidential space to bring your struggles or find emotional support in this season, take a moment to connect or schedule a meet-and-greet at

itlfamily.org/counselling

THE ALICT COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

Interdependence is one of the values we share as the ITL Family. It reminds us of the importance of leaning on one another, staying accountable as Christian leaders, asking for help when needed, and being vulnerable within our community.

It also invites us to share joyful and meaningful moments of fellowship together, whether around an X-Meal, a cup of coffee or tea, or in whatever way fellowship takes shape in your own context. As alumni come together across countries, cohorts, and contexts, we are reminded that leadership is not meant to be walked alone, but strengthened through shared faith, fellowship, and encouragement.

Share photos of you connecting with ALICT alumni online or in person, with abigail@itl.org.za



2013 COHORT



KENYA



SRI LANKA



UGANDA



2007 COHORT



GUATEMALA



BURKINA FASO



JOIN US IN SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING EMERGING LEADERS

We believe that transformation is not a journey walked alone, it takes a community of committed individuals, partners, and friends and family, like you. There are many ways you can continue to stand with and support ITL-ALICT and your fellow Alumni.



Volunteer your God given skills: Whether you have professional skills, leadership experience, or simply a heart to serve, use your unique gifts to walk alongside ITL and your fellow alumni in practical, meaningful ways. Please reach out should you feel led to serve in this capacity: volunteer@itl.org.za



Pray with us: Prayer remains one of the most powerful ways you can support. We invite you to stand with us in prayer for ALICT alumni, their communities, and the ongoing mission of ITL-ALICT. Please share any words of encouragement via hello@itl.org.za.



Support specific ALICT alumni crowdfunding projects: Through the ITL GetFund platform, you can directly support alumni-led community transformation projects. Visit <https://itlgetfund.com/> to see current campaigns.



Partner with an ALICT alumnus: If a particular story or leader stood out to you and you'd like to support them specifically - whether through financial giving, prayer, mentorship, or volunteering - please feel free to reach out to johan@itl.org.za. We would be glad to connect you.



Alumni Champion Program: We're looking for 40 ALICT Alumni to give or raise \$25/month to help future leaders attend the next ALICT program.

Action Plan: [Click here](#)

We are incredibly grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers. Thank you for your continued commitment to transforming communities and walking in your calling in humility and enthusiasm. We're incredibly excited to see how God will continue to use this ever-growing family to transform lives and communities around the world.

This is what the Sovereign Lord,
the Holy One of Israel, says:
"In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
Isaiah 30: 15

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