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NEWSLETTER



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**Discover - Empower -
Serve**

Since 2004, year after year, we have witnessed new groups of Christian leaders being shaped, inspired and equipped to become more fully who the Lord has created them to be and called them to serve.

To witness and walk alongside people who are committed to seeing Kingdom transformation and are willing to serve Him across nations, sectors and communities is a privilege that never loses its significance.

Last week, we said goodbye to another ALICT cohort as the participants returned home, each carrying fresh perspectives, new skills and a renewed outlook, as well as the gift of a global Christian family.

Read more to discover what ALICT meant to the class of 2026.

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS EDITION

- ALICT 2026 WRAPPED!
- ALUMNI IMPACT STORIES
- ALICT 2027 APPLICATIONS OPEN
- FOCUS ON SOUTH SUDAN
- JOIN THE ALICT JOURNEY



Thank you for being part of
this journey and mission,
enjoy the read!

And just like that, we wrap up ALICT 2026!

On 23 October, this year's cohort of 26 leaders said their farewells and headed home to their different nations.

After three demanding months, it's a bittersweet moment. Each leader returning home with fresh perspectives, new ideas to transform their communities, a renewed sense of calling, and a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ as a Christian leader. And, of course, they leave with countless memories and a new family of Christian leaders spread across the globe!

Here is what they have to say about what ALICT means to them:

"ALICT has helped me know more about myself, why I do what I do, how I respond to people, and my identity. [...] Helping me to know how to relate to people, how to let go, how to understand people's patterns, and how to react to people's opinions. That has really given me strong emotional intelligence."

Emmanuel, Ghana, Missionary

"At ALICT I have learnt many things but what stands out is that leadership is not about me, leadership is about people, it's about a system, it is about transformation."

Ben, Kenya, Evangelist and youth leader

"ALICT has meant for me, growth, perspective, and transformation. ALICT is more than just a leadership programme, it has created an experience, a space for us to be challenged [on] how we see our community, how we see ourselves, and even ministry. [...] I am so empowered to go back to my country to be that agent of change."

Melonnie, Jamaica, Gospel Musician

"One thing that stands out [from my time at ALICT] is that I have learnt to do everything from a point of rest. Allowing God to guide me, and knowing how to obey Him and trust Him through the process."

Rose Kaz, Kenya, Production studio CEO

"Before ALICT I had this inner pressure to be known, to have views and likes, to do many activities with the youth group I am leading. But after ALICT I believe it is more important to build people because transformed people will transform the world, and not many projects."

Bruxelles, Cameroon, Creative and Administrative Coordinator for sustainability initiatives

"[At ALICT] I have learnt to walk in my true identity, in servant leadership. [...] To curate safe spaces and [...] and [safe] communication in all my relationships, beginning with my family and the people I work with."

Paul, Nigeria, Missionary among unreached people groups in Nigeria

My biggest experience of transformation [at ALICT] came through valuing people more than the task, more than the project. So ALICT has taught me to be more people orientated."

Rolly, South Sudan, Medic in conflict areas

"Before ALICT I was really unsure about myself, and now I am more confident."

Asha, Bolivia, english teacher serving in mission mobilisation in the church

"ALICT helped me look at the community in a different way, to not just focus on its weaknesses, but the opposite, but to focus on its strong points, and how we can use those strong points to make it a better community."

Georges, Lebanon, Marketing agency owner and serves in youth ministry



APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S ALICT PROGRAMME OPEN 9 NOVEMBER 2026

Have you been inspired by the journeys of these incredible leaders? Do you know a leader in your community or network who would benefit from the ALICT experience? Or perhaps you're that leader yourself.

Take the first step by completing the Interest Form [or sharing the link with a potential ALICT candidate].
Link opens on 9 November.

[Apply Now](#)



Mosoke, forever in our hearts

In loving memory of



Mola Mosoke Lucas Lyonga

ALICT 2018

Though you are gone, your
light still shines.



It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the passing of Mola Mosoke Lucas Lyonga, an ALICT alumnus from the 2018 cohort from Cameroon.

Mosoke was a man of principle and conviction, deeply committed to transforming his community and nation. His life had a profound impact on those around him, and his dedication to serving others was evident in all he pursued. He was pursuing the mayorship of Buea, driven by a desire to bring positive change to his community.

He was especially passionate about uplifting young people through quality education and training, addressing the real challenges and barriers many face in his country.

His passing comes as a shock and is a great loss to all who knew him and were touched by his life. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers, as well as the people of Cameroon and the city of Buea, whom he faithfully served until the very end.

ALICT Alumni Global Connect

Thanksgiving

**3 December 2026
2 PM (GMT +2)**

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ITL IMPACT

A glimpse into how ALICT Leaders are Transforming Communities Across the Globe



NEPAL

Restoring Hope through rehabilitation in Nepal

In Nepal, drug and alcohol addiction continues to affect individuals, families, and communities, often leaving people facing broken relationships, social isolation, and uncertain futures. Recognising the need for compassionate, holistic rehabilitation, **An ALICT 2016 alumnus is leading an initiative that offers hope and a pathway to lasting recovery.**

Established in 2010, the **Vision Rehabilitation Center (VRC)** provides Christ-centred rehabilitation for individuals struggling with substance addiction. The centre goes beyond treating addiction, focusing on restoring dignity, rebuilding relationships, and equipping individuals with the skills and confidence to reintegrate into society.

Through counselling, medical care, group therapy, physical activities, life-skills development, and Christian discipleship, VRC addresses the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual dimensions of recovery. Its approach recognises that overcoming addiction is not simply about breaking dependence, but about rebuilding a life of purpose, responsibility, and hope.

Between May and August 2026, VRC supported 31 individuals through its rehabilitation programme, with 11 clients discharged during this period. Five individuals also made commitments to follow Jesus Christ, and three were baptised.

This ALICT alumni-led initiative demonstrates how faith-driven leadership can bring meaningful transformation to individuals and communities, restoring not only lives affected by addiction, but also hope for their futures.



ZIMBABWE

Contributing to Research That Protects Children

An ALICT 2009 alumnus from Zimbabwe recently co-authored a research study published in BMJ Global Health, examining the effectiveness of parenting programmes in reducing violence against adolescent girls and improving family wellbeing across Africa.

The study analysed **data from 123,050 participants** across eight African countries, revealing encouraging reductions in physical and emotional abuse, improved parenting practices, and better mental health outcomes.

Through his contribution, he is helping build valuable knowledge that can inform policies and programmes aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. **ALICT alumni are contributing to meaningful change through their unique calling and skills, transforming communities in many different ways.**





EL SALVADOR

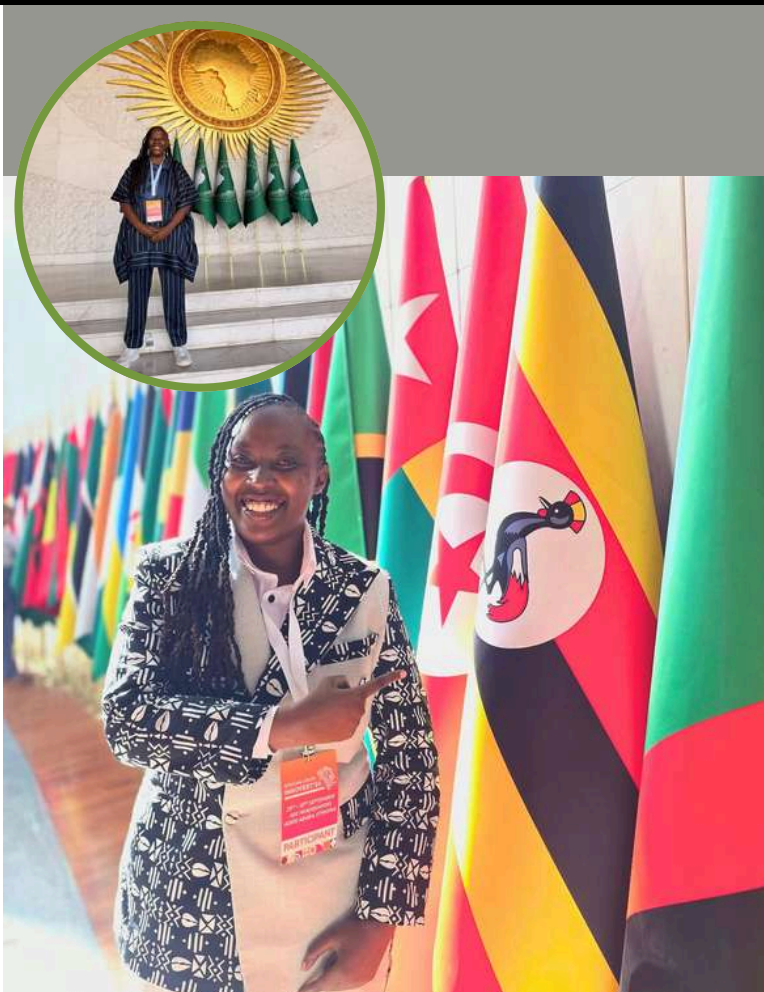
An ALICT alumna from the 2025 cohort in El Salvador recently put what she learnt at ALICT into practice by equipping youth leaders who serve alongside her in her church.

Her ALICT experience inspired her to recognise and address needs within her ministry, giving her the confidence to train and equip fellow leaders. She has since led sessions on serving with humility, discipleship and building meaningful relationships with young people. By identifying areas where additional training could benefit both youth and leaders, **she is helping empower those in her ministry to better disciple and serve the young people entrusted to their care.**



UGANDA

Empowering Africa's Youth Through Digital Innovation



An ALICT alumna from Uganda recently attended **the African Union Innovation Festival (AU InnoFest '26)**, held at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The event, themed "Vibrant Youth Ecosystems for AI and Digital Sovereignty," brought together policymakers, young innovators, technology founders, and development partners to explore Africa's digital future.

The conference focused on empowering African youth to move beyond being passive consumers of technology and become creators of innovative solutions that address challenges within their own communities. Key discussions centred on artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and equipping young people with the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Representing her work with SoarAway Africa, the ALICT alumna attended to connect with fellow changemakers, exchange ideas, and explore opportunities to advance digital education and youth empowerment.

The experience reinforced the mission of SoarAway Africa, which is working to bridge the digital divide, particularly among rural Ugandan youth, equipping young people and educators with future-ready skills.



An ALICT leader from Uganda is helping strengthen rural communities through a youth-led organisation working primarily in Kasese and the wider Rwenzori region. Through his Initiative, smallholder farmers, particularly women, girls and young people, are being equipped with the knowledge, practical skills and opportunities needed to improve productivity, nutrition and livelihoods.

In Uganda, agriculture remains the backbone of livelihoods for many households, yet smallholder farmers often face declining soil fertility, climate change, poor market access and limited access to reliable technical support. At the same time, agriculture holds significant potential to create employment, improve household incomes and strengthen food security, especially for young people.

“Agriculture should move beyond simply producing food for survival. It can be a pathway to better incomes, healthier families, employment for young people and stronger communities,” he says.

He puts this belief into practice through household and school kitchen gardens, soil health demonstration plots, agroforestry, farmer training and practical internships for agriculture graduates. Its approach is rooted in learning by doing: rather than only giving advice, this initiative creates spaces where farmers and young people can test new techniques, learn through demonstration and build the confidence to apply what they have learned in their own farms and enterprises. In the founder’s words, “Our communities need knowledge, opportunity and practical support.”

A key strength of the ALICT leader’s organisation is its collaborative and cross-sector approach. Partnerships with the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Wageningen University & Research, Uganda Christian University and NaSARRI bring together research, technical expertise and local knowledge.

This allows the initiative to connect agriculture with nutrition, education, youth employment, women’s economic empowerment, environmental conservation and climate resilience. By strengthening local skills, investing in the next generation of agricultural professionals and building partnerships that transfer knowledge into communities, the initiative is creating sustainable solutions.

Its work shows how agriculture can become not only a means of survival, but a platform for innovation, resilience and long-term community transformation.





UGANDA

Using Creative Communication to Transform Lives in Uganda



An **ALICT alumnus from Uganda** is using his expertise in marketing and communications to address humanitarian challenges and bring meaningful change to vulnerable communities.

In 2025, he **established an Ad Agency**, a non-governmental organisation that harnesses uses creative communication to drive social change. Recognising the significant challenges facing Uganda, including poverty, limited access to healthcare, unemployment, and the growing needs of refugee communities, he saw an opportunity to use his professional skills to serve those most in need.

The organisation combines advocacy, public relations, and creative communication with practical humanitarian initiatives. Its work focuses on improving access to healthcare, promoting social justice, empowering marginalised communities, and raising awareness of critical issues such as menstrual health, mental health, and gender-based violence.

Through partnerships with refugee-led organisations, including an initiative led by fellow ALICT alumnus in a Refugee Camp, the agency has supported vulnerable refugee communities. **In 2026, its initiatives provided menstrual hygiene products to 120 refugee women, medical consultations to 72 refugees, and awareness education on female genital mutilation to 150 women.**

Additional interventions included cancer screenings, mental health counselling, and nutritional assessments for young children.

Beyond direct humanitarian support, the organisation uses media advocacy to amplify the voices of marginalised communities and promote policy discussions around refugee protection, healthcare access, and social justice.

This alumnus is demonstrating how leadership and professional purpose can come together to address needs and create lasting impact.



BURKINA FASO

A **2025 ALICT alumnus from Burkina Faso** has been using his published book to equip and train children's ministry leaders across the country.

Over just three weeks, he **has trained 281 children's ministers**, empowering them to teach, mentor, and disciple the next generation in authentic and intentional ways.





A focus on South Sudan

As seen from an 2022 ALICT Alumni from South Sudan



I don't know what comes to mind when you hear South Sudan, but I can imagine a few assumptions might pop up. There's no doubt that the country has faced its fair share of struggles and conflict. But beyond these challenges are millions of people who call South Sudan home, who have built lives, livelihoods, and communities in this nation. Read below for a different perspective.

"South Sudan is the most dangerous place on the face of the earth."

If you have never visited South Sudan and hear a statement like this from the media—calling it the "most dangerous place on the face of the Earth" or "not even a country"—what comes to your mind?

As a South Sudanese who was born during a war that lasted over 35 years, has spent my entire life as a refugee, and is now married with children while still living in exile, I want to say to everyone: **this is an overstatement.**

We understand that South Sudan has been through political conflicts. Before our generation and now In our generation, we have realized that these were not wars chosen by the South Sudanese people to kill one another. Instead, foreign nations used our people to fight against each other so they could continue looting our country's resources (Gold, Oil, wood etc) at the expense of our lives, leaving us as displaced people and refugees for all these years.

Second, our people are currently divided because of how the media presents us. Those living in South Sudan today see a different reality. They have built resilience—much like the people in Gaza or the DRC—living with the hope that tomorrow will be a better day.

However, some have forgotten their brothers and sisters in refugee camps who live in fear and hopelessness because of these media narratives. Meanwhile, South Sudanese who have attained asylum abroad watch events back home like fiction movies, feeling helpless to change anything as they carry on with their new lives.

Lastly, I want to invite you to change this narrative and help us write a new story. Between 2024 and 2025, I went to Juba to run a business and observe how our people truly live. I saw life from a completely different perspective. I then returned to the refugee settlements in Uganda to compare the two realities. This year, I moved back to my hometown of Yei to start an agricultural poultry business. I have seen real hope; people are rebuilding their strength and adapting to their context.

My invitation to you is this: **Visit South Sudan and let us write a new story of hope together, despite the different lenses through which people view our nation.**

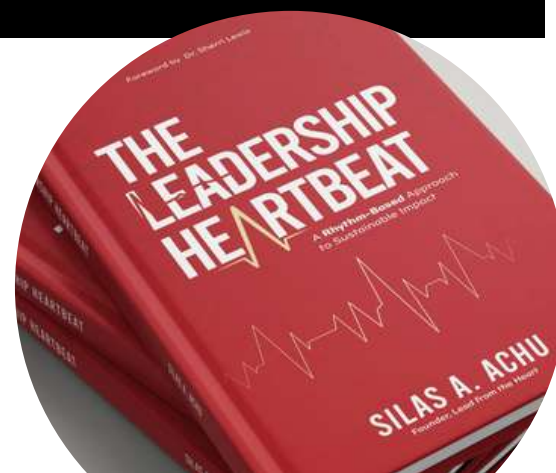


CAMEROON

ALICT 2019 alumnus Silas, from Cameroon, recently published a book titled [Leadership Heartbeat](#).

The book introduces a rhythm-based approach to sustainable impact. Its framework draws on African leadership practices and years of experience working with leaders across business, ministry, education, humanitarian, and community contexts.

"My journey through ALICT shaped me profoundly as a leader and has left its imprint throughout this book," shares Silas, the author.



ALICT Family have been crossing paths, working together to impact their communities, and fostering the ITL family culture. See below ALICT ALUMNI coming together.

ALUMNI MEETING UP

Indonesia Jakarta - Alba [Spain] & Petra [Indonesia]
ALICT 2018 on the Doulos hope ship.



In Sri Lanka,
Colomodo - Shamila
ALICT 2019 [Sri Lanka]
and Imran ALICT 2025
[Bangladesh]

ALICT ALUMNI WORKING TOGETHER



Jean Baptist and Kennedy

In October, two ALICT alumni from the 2025 cohort, representing Burkina Faso and Ghana, reunited while attending the World Assemblies of God Fellowship 2026 Congress in Accra, Ghana.

Held in Africa for the first time, the congress brought together pastors and church leaders from around the world to strategise for global missions and unite in prayer for nations across the globe.



Abraham & Jean Baptiste & Nathaneal



**Joy
&
Betrus**

A 2017 ALICT alumnus from South Sudan led a trauma awareness session at a primary school as part of an initiative organised by Transformed to Lead, founded by a fellow 2025 ALICT alumnus from South Sudan. Working together across cohorts, sharing their expertise to support and strengthen their communities and nations.



A 2023 ALICT alumnus from Burkina Faso organised a leadership seminar, bringing together two fellow ALICT alumni from the 2014 and 2025 cohorts to facilitate the sessions. ALICT alumni across different generations continue to connect, share their expertise, and work together to equip and empower leaders in their communities.

SUPPORT CHRISTIAN LEADERS TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

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 ITL-ALICT and our alumni as they bring hope and transformation to communities around the world.

More Ways to Join the Journey



Make a donation: Your financial support helps us continue equipping and empowering leaders across the globe. To give, please visit our donation page: <https://itl.org.za/donate/>. You can also support through our Mustard Seed project, to support our Alumni Staff to serve during ALICT.



Use Your Expertise and Gifts for Kingdom Transformation: Whether you have professional skills, leadership experience, or simply a heart to serve, there are opportunities to walk alongside ITL and our alumni as they continue to make a difference. Please reach out should you feel led to serve in this capacity: volunteer@itl.org.za



Partner with local leaders: Through the ITL GetFund platform, you can directly support alumni-led community projects. These projects cover various sectors and issues from Sustainable Agriculture, Education, Crisis Relief, support for women and vulnerable children and more. Visit <https://itlgetfund.com/> to see current campaigns.



Pray with us: Prayer remains one of the most powerful ways you can support our work. We invite you to stand with us in prayer for our alumni, their communities, and the ongoing mission of ITL-ALICT. Reach out to hello@itl.org.za to be added to the prayer group.



Receive Invitations to ALICT Events: Stay informed about upcoming ALICT online and in-person gatherings and opportunities to connect with the wider ITL family and ALICT Alumni. Email us at hello@itl.org.za to be sent updates. Check out our first online ITL Friends event [HERE](#)

Were you encouraged or inspired by this newsletter? Please share it with someone who may also be blessed by it or interested in learning more about what we do.

We are incredibly grateful for your support, encouragement, and prayers. It is because of partners like you that ITL-ALICT can continue equipping leaders who are impacting lives and communities in over **117 countries**. **Thank you** for journeying with us, we are excited to see what God will continue to do through this ever growing family.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14 NIV

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