



NETWORK 2024 REPORT

**STRENGTHENING
LEADERS**

**ENCOURAGING
CHURCHES**

**FACILITATING
MISSION**

**CONNECTING
WORLDWIDE**

UNITY IS MISSION

CONNECTING AND SERVING A WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY

NETWORK OVERVIEW

IBCM NETWORK

IBCM as the International Brethren Conference on Mission (IBCM) commenced in 1993 and has convened and coordinated global conferences (every 4 years). The work has expanded over the years with the advent of several regional and language based conferences and the development of the Brethren Training Network (BTN) which holds training conferences (every 4 years) and has itself produced regional gatherings of leaders and educators.

On March 19, 2019, the organisation "IBCM Network" (International Brethren Church & Mission Network) was created to provide an essential base to further connect and serve the 40,000+ churches and organisations in over 160 countries worldwide. IBCM Network is served by a board of trustees, a number of staff, volunteers, and representatives, as well as an International Advisory Group, and a Youth Advisory Committee.



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IBCM NETWORK OVERVIEW

IBCM Network exists to connect and serve the Brethren community worldwide through:

STRENGTHENING LEADERS

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES

FACILITATING MISSION

CONNECTING WORLDWIDE

LEADERS

Working with BTN (Brethren Training Network), IBCM Network will strengthen leaders, trainers, and theologians worldwide through:

- grassroots and accredited training
- online forums
- an online training resource centre

CHURCHES

Working with national church leaders and organisations IBCM Network will encourage local churches worldwide through:

- coordinated global communication
- encouraging ministry networks
- an online church resource centre

MISSION

Working with national mission organisations IBCM Network will facilitate mission endeavours locally and globally through:

- worldwide communication on mission
- encouraging mission partnership possibilities
- an online mission information centre

WORLDWIDE

Working with the regional planning groups IBCM Network will serve and connect the network worldwide through:

- a global conference every 4 years
- assisting regional and youth conference teams
- facilitating global networks and communication

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IBCM9 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

The flagship event of IBCM Network is the global conference which gathers people every 4 years from over 160 countries where we are represented.

These global events are designed to connect, unite, and encourage mission and ministry for the glory of God. IBCM8 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, gathered 1204 people from 104 countries.

Following the success of IBCM8 in 2023, IBCM Network decided to take the global conference to Africa. In September 2024 it was announced that IBCM9 would be hosted in Kigali, Rwanda. The preparation and organisational work for such a global conference is immense, it commenced in 2022 and will continue up to opening of the conference in June 2027.

WHY GO-CONNECT?
"UNITY IS MISSION"
JOHN 17:23



CONNECTING WORLDWIDE

CONNECTING	One of the key roles of IBCM Network is to connect the Brethren community worldwide. This is done through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication of prayer requests, news items, and events• Regular global newsletters• The building of networks• Website and App management• Resource sharing• Encouraging and visiting national church leaders• Holding youth, regional and global conferences• Updating the “Brethren Movement Worldwide” information book	
2024	Countries connected	168
	Countries visited	19
	Conferences encouraged	14
2025	Regional conferences planned	5
	Country visits planned	16
	Youth events planned	3
2024 YOUTH EVENTS	2024 saw the rapid expansion of the Youth Network. During the year IBCM Network assisted, encouraged or participated in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pakistan National Youth Conference• Malaysia Youth Rally• Zambia National Youth Conference• Congo DR National Youth Conference• Faroes Island Youth Conference• European Regional Youth Conference (Poland)• Africa Youth Ambassador Summit (Kenya)• Central America Youth Conference (Costa Rica)	
2025 EVENTS	IBCM Network assists with the coordinating of the following regional and global conferences and other events as required. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asia-Pacific (PITH) Conference - Thailand, July 2025• Caribbean Conference - Jamaica, July 2025• European Conference - Rome, June 2025• Hispano Conference - Colombia, July 2025• Pan-African Conference - Zimbabwe, August 2025• Brethren Training Network - Ethiopia, June 2026	

FACILITATING

MISSION

GO-SERVE NETWORK

We can often believe that the most important aspect of mission is the successful completion of the planned projects and activities.

While these are important nothing replaces nor outlasts the building of significant relationships with the people you encounter.

Your investment in people, not just projects and activities, will serve to transform your own life, the lives of those within the mission team, and the lives of those you serve.

WHY GO-SERVE?

"TO PUT LOVE WHERE LOVE IS NOT"

JOHN 20:21



GO-SERVE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

PUT LOVE WHERE LOVE IS NOT

Mission is at the heart of God. He sent his son into the world to show just how much he loved us. Today we are called to carry out the same task, to take the love of God into the world to those who do not know his love for them. We are all called to “put love where love is not” through both word and action.

Mission therefore requires two things: understanding the love of God and his word (discipleship) and knowing how best to express his love in any context (skills).

By collaborating with mission partners, the Go-Serve network provides short-term international mission team opportunities in various countries worldwide that combine discipleship training and skills development to equip you to effectively serve God by putting love where love is not in different mission contexts. Go-Serve is:

“SHORT-TERM **MISSION** ... WITH LONG-TERM **VISION**”

2024

Following the success of the Go-Serve mission opportunities held after IBCM8, IBCM Network facilitated the following Go-Serve mission opportunities during 2024:

- Go-Serve Cambodia
- Go-Serve Italy
- Go-Serve Rwanda

2025

The following Go-Serve mission opportunities are planned for 2025:

- Go-Serve Italy - June/July
- Go-Serve Uzbekistan - July
- Go-Serve Cambodia - July/August
- Go-Serve Rwanda - August

Other Go-Serve mission opportunities may be available following each 2025 Regional Conference.

ENCOURAGING

CHURCHES

GO-DISCIPLE NETWORK

One of the most common comments we hear from people and churches around the world is the need for discipleship. Evangelism is happening and people are coming to Christ they say, but what is really needed now is discipleship, to bring true life to the lives of others.

The Go-Disciple network is working on providing an intentional discipleship programme designed to be delivered in a transferable mentoring process to facilitate evangelism and the growth of believers. Currently 2 of the planned 10 tracks have been published with others in the writing and editing stages. The programme is available in print, online, and via the IBCM Network App. The completed tracks have been translated into a number of languages including:

Chinese | Polish | Khmer
Romanian | Spanish | Italian.

WHY GO-DISCIPLE?
"BRINGING LIFE TO LIFE"
MATTHEW 28:19



GO-CARE NETWORK

The church is called to “build itself up in love” (Ephesians 4:16). Yet somehow in the frantic pace of church life the loving care of the heart is often overlooked. The Go-Care network is designed to create a network of people who can provide essential member care resources, pastoral care training, and soul-care guidance. The Go-Care network consists of a growing group of international group of pastoral carers and counselling specialists who are biblically trained.

MEMBER

In order to build a loving community of God’s people, church members need to know how to care for others by being able to:

- listen attentively
- communicate effectively
- relate intentionally

The Go-Care network provides resources to enable members to care for one another with the love of Christ.

PASTORAL

In order to guide the hearts of people toward transformation, pastoral carers need to know how to address various life issues from a biblical perspective. The Go-Care network provides pastoral carers with training resources, and other support networks, to enable them to care lovingly and effectively for their church community.

SOUL

In this complex world our network of churches needs a trusted network of Christian Brethren specialist counsellors that members and carers can consult with confidence. The Go-Care network provides carers with an international team of specialists who can provide help in areas like: anger, fear and anxiety, self-harm, stress and depression, abuse, trauma, addiction, parenting and marriage.

2024

During 2024 Go-Care networks and pastoral care ministries have been encouraged in:

Zambia | Rwanda | Europe Youth | Central America Youth | Cambodia



WHY GO-CARE?
“HAVING THE HEART OF GOD”
PHILIPPIANS 1:8

STRENGTHENING

LEADERS

BRETHREN TRAINING NETWORK

VISION

BTN exists to grow a global network that facilitates bible-based spiritual training to produce and strengthen ministry and mission minded leaders in Brethren churches across the world.

OBJECTIVES

Build a global network of discipleship, ministry, theology, counselling, and education trainers for encouragement, strengthening, partnership and collaboration.

Encourage Bible Schools and colleges to embrace a culture of excellence in training.

Build a network of teachers, scholars, and specialists that are engaged in international ministry.

Build a network of publishers and producers of training resources that encourages Brethren publications.

Encourage churches to embrace a culture of learning.

WHY GO-TRAIN?

"TRAIN ONE ... FEED MANY"

2 TIMOTHY 4:2



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING TEAMS

Through sending international teams of teachers and trainers, IBCM Network seeks to connect, encourage, and build up under resourced Christian leaders across the world. In many lands and contexts there exists neither opportunity nor ongoing support to ensure the continual strengthening of the churches that were planted. This leaves those people and churches open to becoming weak, and ineffective. Investing in leaders, specifically the younger, is one of the most effective ways of impacting an entire community for Christ. What is learned is readily passed on to all.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT

VISION	To provide and facilitate quality contextualised ministry training that is accessible, affordable, and accredited, to the majority world nations in our network.		
	In many places around the world the gospel has taken root and there are a growing number of churches. However, specifically in majority world countries, local Christians often lack access to pastoral, leadership, and Bible training, that is essential to ensure the growth, maturity, and future of the churches. In a number of countries there is the real threat that government legislation will close churches because pastors and leaders do not hold any form of accredited training. In response to this overwhelming need the Australian College of Christian Studies (ACCS) and IBCM Network are committed to provide and facilitate quality contextualised ministry training that is accessible, affordable, and accredited, to the majority world nations in our network. Please pray with us as we seek to continue and to grow this important ministry.		
2024	Countries involved	6	Zambia Kenya Uganda Ethiopia Rwanda Philippines
	Students trained	192	Degree 27 Diploma 165
2025	Countries considering moving toward accredited training in 2025: Malaysia India		



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IBCM Network exists to connect and serve the Brethren community worldwide and relies on the provision of God through his people to grow this vital ministry

PRAYER

If you would like to partner with us through prayer by receiving our communications please send your contact details to: ibcm@ibcm.net

DONATE

IBCM Network IBCM Network exists to connect and serve the Brethren community worldwide and relies on the provision of God through his people to grow this vital ministry. If you would like to support IBCM Network financially please go to: www.ibcm.net/donations/

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