





The Commission Leaders Conference 2025 was more than just an event. It was a pivotal moment for us to gather as a global family, celebrating all that has happened in the past year, but with an emphasis on realigning and refocusing ourselves for the road ahead.

We hope that this summary stirs faith and excitement for all that the future holds for our family. If you attended the conference, we trust that you will be filled with much joy as you recall key moments, and if you weren't able to join us, we pray that the themes, stories and prophecies will spark intrigue and bold imagination for all that God might do among us.

The Commission Team

COMMISSION LEADERS CONFERENCE

"This feels like a turning point for Commission... like turning the page to a new chapter in our story"

- Vinu Paul

ost Christian leaders conferences are quite good – the main sessions are quite good, the worship is quite good, the seminars are quite good, the book shop is quite good, it is nice to see some old friends. It's all quite good really. Occasionally, very occasionally a conference has impact, real impact. The Commission Leaders Conference 2025 was themed Impact – and it was just that – full of Impact – not just in name but in reality.



A Time to Reset and Rebuild

As we navigate a leadership transition, this year's leaders conference came at a crucial moment and provided a space to reset and collectively lean into our foundations and into the wide horizon of what God is stirring again. It was beautiful to see that across the sessions and through every voice and story, a single thread ran through it all. A call

to embrace the apostolic again, to walk with the Spirit and to let the broken find rest among us. From the first session, Vinu's stirring call out of Nehemiah reminded us that before vision and strategy, there must be burden. What has God placed on your heart that breaks you? That was the challenge he set before us. Again and again, from the main stage to seminar rooms, we were drawn not toward models or methods but toward the Master - His voice, His presence, His mission.



Back to the Mission

David Devenish brought fresh clarity to our apostolic mission. Drawing from Romans and Colossians, he drew our attention to apostles being people who are architects of depth, laying unseen foundations in the hearts of churches. calling them to grow up into the fullness of Christ. His voice held the weight of wisdom shaped by years and places as he spoke of the value of carrying contextual wisdom, honouring culture and language, calling us to remember that we are a people sent not from power, but from love, to all the corners of the earth.



David also brought a powerful prophetic word for the whole Commission family. He described 2 big doors about to be opened and that there was a call to prepare in faith for this new opportunity. Strangely and significantly, Carlie from Southampton had a dream about 2 big doors about to open. The next morning she drew what she had seen in her dream and it captured exactly what David had prophesied.



Carrying the Heart of Isaiah 61

Rachel Wilson and Natalie Williams from Jubilee+ anchored us in Isaiah 61. They reminded us that the anointing of the Spirit is not abstract. It moves us toward the broken hearted and makes room for the unseen. This isn't just a side focus in our theology. We were urged to put our hands into shaping churches where the poor are not just welcomed but valued, where generosity flows, and where stories of restoration are expected. It was a call to lift our eyes and make room again for those who are hurting, forgotten, or pushed aside, reminding us that gospel mission always carries the marginalised in view.



Leaders Who Build Together

Simon Argent and Christopher Hawes gave language to the unseen work leaders carry. Christopher brought clarity to the difference between momentum that grows from God's leading and the kind that is pushed along by fear or fatigue. He called for humility and boldness, for faith that can wait and faith that can risk. Simon opened the book of Joshua, with a vision of shared purpose. He spoke of tribes that crossed rivers for one another, of leaders who lifted others into promise they might never inherit themselves. Not because it's better for

them or their church, not even because it's better for the mission, but because if they don't it will damage their faith. In other words, it's better for you if I join in, and it's better for me if you join in. Together they painted a picture of leadership shaped by courage not control. A vision of a people who carry one another through. We're called to be, at the risk of fulfilling every Newfrontiers trope, together on a mission.



Worship That Moves the Room

Some of the most powerful moments were our times of gathered sung worship. A unified sound rose as leaders from different cultures and languages lifted one voice. Mike Betts reminded us of our roots, of the fire that shaped us. He encouraged us to listen again for the Spirit, to leave space for the unpredictable beauty of His voice. Stir the prophetic gift again, participation and expect the Spirit to speak when we come together. We must allow our times of sung worship to be a space of encounter and response and to be 'ruined for anything less than the manifest presence of Jesus'. It was thrilling to get a glimpse of what God wants to do with us.

A Truly Global Family

There was music but also a deeper hum of belonging as over 400 leaders and representatives from 12 nations gathered under one roof. The highlight for many were the Impact Stories from around the world. Who would have thought a successful city banker from Surrey would give it all up and move to live in a favela in Brazil? Who would have known that a demure, smiling, self-effacing man from Myanmar leads a movement of over 90 churches despite pressure authorities? From Serbia to Spain, from Italy to India and from the Philippines to the Portugal ... it's as we focus on the gospel of Jesus in our songs, use our collective gifts in contributions to serve one another, and sit under the preached word of God that we encounter Jesus by His Spirit. That encounter then sends us back into the world on His mission, adventuring together as we seek to see thousands of lives transformed, through hundreds of churches, in tens of nations.



Relive the Main Sessions



It's Time to Rebuild
Vinu Paul



Rebuilt to Rebuild
Rachel Wilson from Jubilee+



Apostolic Mission | Part 1David Devenish



Apostolic Mission | Part 2 David Devenish



CollaborationSimon Argent



MomentumChristopher Hawes



Influence Tim Blaber



IMPACT stories



1. What are you leading in your nation?

Since 1993 I have planted several churches in Mongolia. 2 years ago, we planted a church in Ulan Bator (the capital city) which has a population of 1.6m people. We are gathering about 15-20 people each week and are now seeing people come to Christ.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

Mongolia is a very religious country – mainly Buddhist but also Islamic and Shamanist. Recently, the church has been praying for a lady who was well known in the community and practised shamanism. We prayed for her for a month and then God did a miracle for her and she said that she wanted to receive Jesus Christ. She was baptised last month!

3. What can we pray for?

The government is still led by the communist party and there is a lot of opposition toward Christian churches. The policy of government is strict for the local churches. Please pray that the strongholds of Communism and Buddhism would crumble and that people would come to Jesus.



1. What is going on in New Zealand?

By the end of 2025, Rahul and his wife are planning to have moved from India to Auckland in New Zealand to church plant. This will be the first time that Commission has planted a church from India, a 3rd world nation, to a 1st world nation! We're doing this in relationship with the Catalyst sphere who already have churches in New Zealand and who are going to support us as we plant into Auckland.

2. What can we pray for?

Pray for all the logistics of moving from one nation to another – that everything would go smoothly and that Rahul and his family would settle quickly into the culture of Auckland.



1. What are you leading in your nation?

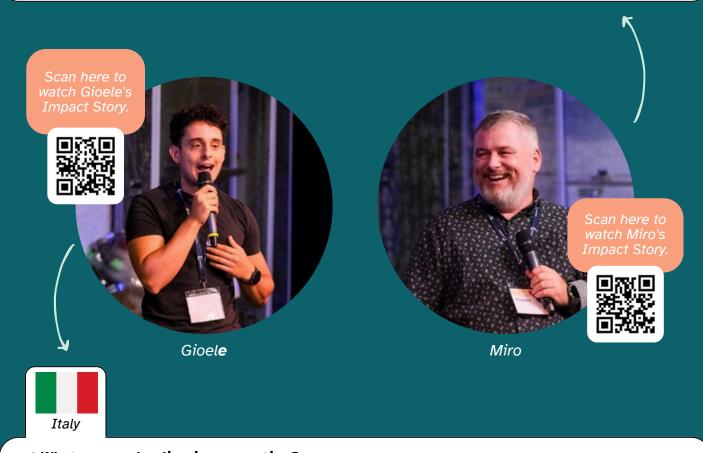
I'm involved in lots of things across a number of Balkan countries including running a book ministry – there was a lack of good literature, particularly theology and practical faith books so we wanted to be able to sell or give away books to help strengthen the church. I'm also involved in supporting a relational network of churches across the Balkans.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

The Balkans is very divided – a person's religion is defined by their nationality – and that is present in the church also. However, Kingdom culture is starting to shift things, particularly with the next generation.

3. What can we pray for?

Pray for unity and peace to come to the region.



1. What are you leading in your nation?

We planted a church 13 years ago in a small town between Florence and Rome. Part of the vision of the church is to unite the churches in the local area, particularly the young adults in the community.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

We haven't seen lots of big things happening – it's a struggle but, in the small things, we are seeing God move. Recently, Lorenzo, a guy who used to be a very strong atheist, started to come to youth events out of curiosity but got into more and more deep conversations about Jesus. He is about to be baptised in August!

3. What can we pray for?

Pray for the Decapolis vision - to see churches planted in 10 churches across Italy



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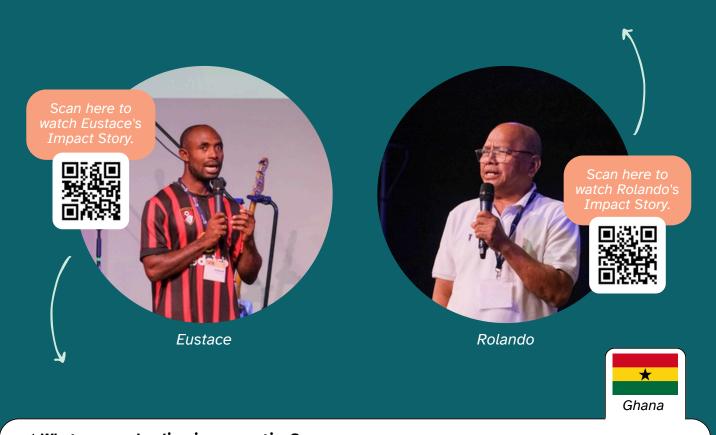
I lead a church in the Philippines. The church is a mission-oriented church and, each year, we have 1 major mission. We are currently working into jails, in schools, with children and also helping to revive some smaller churches which were on the brink of closing.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

Recently, our church has been working in a number of elementary schools, sharing the gospel with the children and we have now progressed this to working in high schools and also into jails.

3. What can we pray for?

Please pray for financial provision and stability so that the many different ministries can continue. Pray also that we would get a building to meet in and wouldn't have to continue to meet in a garage.



1. What are you leading in your nation?

My wife and I are leading a church plant in Ghana. We have been here since 2019 and are in our 5th year of meeting publicly. We also have a pig farm business which we are trying to grow to help the community and also help support ourselves.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

It has taken as a while but we have started to see people who attend Good News Charismatic Church begin to grasp the concept of grace. We also enjoy spirit-filled meetings where people feel free to use spiritual gifts and we have also seen healings happening during our meetings.

3. What can we pray for?

Please pray that we will indeed be a true charismatic church in practice and not just in name only where the Spirit moves, spiritual gifts are received and used regularly including healing and signs and wonders.



1. What are you leading in your nation?

I'm leading a small community centre in a very poor, slum community in Rio de Janeiro. I arrived in Rio 10 years ago (having been a banker) and there was nothing there but God has put together a team around me and we've seen God do some crazy things.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

For many years, we didn't see much impact at all – we were just doing life. Now, we're still just doing life but God is working in the background. He is rebuilding lives but where there is rebuilding, there is a lot of rubble that needs sorting. God is clearing the rubble from the lives of gang members, people who have been in jail, and survivors of abuse and is gently rebuilding them.

3. What can we pray for?

Wisdom for dealing with the drug dealers / gang leaders Wisdom for discipling people who are coming to them Wisdom for leading



Luke



1. What are you leading in your nation?

My heart is to reach the nation of Myanmar through church planting. For a number of years I've been involved in training church planters at a training centre with 53 students – some study for 1 year, others for 4 years, then they are sent out to plant churches. We have 94 churches across 9 provinces (out of 14) in Myanmar and a vision to see 500 churches planted by 2046.

2. Where are you seeing God breaking through / having an impact?

While the situation in the country is really difficult, we see that people's hearts are very open to the good news of the gospel. We have seen many people come to Christ and, in the last year, have baptised 495 new believers!

3. What can we pray for?

Pray that there will be peace in the nation, that the fighting will cease and that the gospel will spread more than it has before.



Interview with Vinu & Julie

Julie, can I start with you? We'd love to know a little bit more about you and the family.

[Julie] We are married and have two sons. Our eldest son got married last year. He and his wife Sabrina are here in the UK and have been with Welcome Church in Woking for one and a half years. We've been married for 31 years and have been leading the local church, Living Hope Church in Mumbai for nearly 28 years.

This has obviously been a very unusual year for you both. Can you tell us a little bit about what kind of impact this has had on you?

[Julie] We've been travelling! Before the handover we were used to travelling sometimes. Vinu used to do more travelling but with the responsibility which he carries now our travel has increased. Now that the children are big, I can travel with him. The travel has increased the jet lag, so it's been a challenge but just knowing that we are in the centre of God's will and we are doing what God wants us to do, that keeps us going.

You've been married for 31 years. Can you tell us, how did you meet?

[Julie] We were from different churches and there was a Christmas party which was being organized. We went to the party and Vinu was part of the team there. My best friend introduced me to him and then after the party was over, I came home... and now Vinu will tell you what he prayed for...

[Vinu] I would love to preach rather than tell the story! Okay. It was one of those Christmas parties where I saw her at the party for the first time. Yellow dress, black shoes, red lipstick. That's all I remember! It was such a divine spiritual moment. You understand this? And then on my way back, I made this audacious prayer. "Lord, if she's the one I should marry, she should call me!" You see, you need to know a little bit about me, about my faith journey...it didn't start with church life, it started with marriage! I was supposed to leave the country on work on the 13th February, I met Julie on the 29th December and she called me on the 12th February! In that time there was no mobile and, in the place where I was staying, I had no phone in my house but somehow God orchestrated connection. I had never told this desire for her to call me to anybody, it was just between me and God, and through a work connection, she called me on the 12th February which happened to be my birthday!

We're very conscious that this last 18 months has been huge for you. Can you tell us a little bit about the kind of changes and the impact that they've had on you?

[Vinu] It's been hectic. Very full and at the same time I think this has been a year of great learning for me. I think Julie mentioned that we've been leading the local church. Well, I've also been leading the Commission India side of things for number of years now and, in terms of leading Commission, I was leading with Guy for a number of years. We've been working together and Guy used to say this, "Vinu must increase and I must decrease." I thought it is just one of those oneliners. It's not that I thought he would ask me to start leading! So, this year has been one of great learning. Quite full, quite demanding on me physically with jet lag. Sometimes we come back to India and we are wide awake in the middle of the night. But more than all that, I've felt that I'm in the centre of God's will. So, I'm not complaining, and I don't think I can ever complain about what is happening because this is God. If God could pick up a man from the field to become the king of Israel... Well, I feel a bit like that story of David. I've come from a very obscure village in Kerala, down south in India and came to Mumbai in 1987, became born again in the same year and then God has led me in all these years. So, I know that I'm in the centre of God's will and I know it's demanding but I think it's been very fulfilling as well.

So, when you talk about it being demanding, I think you've come to the UK nine times in this last year?

[Vinu] I think so. I think it's eight or nine times. I think my entire flying last year was 114,000 air miles.

And you've also tried to keep count of some of the Zoom meetings, some of the preaching. Can you give us some idea of that too?

[Vinu] I think it's something like 940 hours of Zoom calls. I'm not saying that all was related to Commission UK, but a substantial amount of time was dedicated...

for connecting with people and leaders in various meetings and then I think I preached 74 times last year.

We're keen to know what's on your heart for us as the Commission family. What might the next two years look like?

[Vinu] I think we are still going through the transition. Guy made the announcement last year and there are a number of things that we need to work out. In the past in India, we designed multiple hubs. Those hubs are designed in such a way that they are free to take their own initiative to go into church planting, go into nations but there is a tremendous unity in our midst, and that unity is why we are able to do those kind of things. My desire is that we will get to that place, in the UK, where we have multiple hubs, each one really pumping and wanting to do things in God. We are working towards that and towards creating Ephesians 4 ministry across churches so that it's not just one or two Ephesians 4 ministries functioning. We want each hub to have that DNA of Ephesians 4 ministry and have each one flourishing in that call.

Final question...can you briefly give us an overview of some of your other Newfrontiers connections?

[Vinu] Newfrontiers is a wonderful family. It's all we've been part of. All those years before the spheres were formed we were all part of Newfrontiers and now we have an apostolic leaders gathering once a year in Cyprus. Guy and I have been there a number of times with a few others from Commission. For the last couple of years, Steve Tibbert has facilitated these gatherings and he has a team called the Newfrontiers Together Team. Steve invited us to join that team and it's a great privilege to be with him, David Devenish, Dave Holden, Edward Buria and a number of others. We gather together and pray, deliberating on various things and share stories and things like that. It's a great experience but through that I felt it is important that we don't remain in our own silos whether it's Commission, Catalyst [sphere] or others. I think it is important that we draw from each other, we serve one another, and we don't just stay on our own which is a wonderful thing. So we have Mike Betts here at the Leaders Conference. We have grown to great friendship and we are working together and learning to do mission together. Our church plant in Auckland is in partnership with Catalyst. We are working closely with Confluence (a Newfrontiers sphere in the USA) and there is a growing friendship with Confluence leaders from the US and their group of churches in Nepal. Those leaders are planning to come to India and we are hosting them to have a Confluence meeting in India. So, I think this is a partnership that we are growing into and we need to encourage.

That's great! I want to thank you so much for joining us and giving us a little bit more of a snippet of your lives and also how we can be praying for you both.



PROPHETIC WORDS

A Symphony of Mission

Prophetic Themes from Commission Leaders Conference 2025

t the heart of the prophetic Commission Leaders Conference 2025 was stirring call to linger God's presence and to reawaken a global, Spirit-empowered mission. This theme began during the first session, with Guy Miller urging us not to rush past divine moments but to "linger" - in worship, the Word, and one another's company. Drawing on the imagery of train station announcements. prophetically called Commission to "mind the gap" between theology and practice, holiness and hypocrisy, local and global, intention and action. He felt that, through the conference, God would begin to close the gaps between things that have been and things that will be. He challenged everyone to embrace an "all change" moment - a readiness to shift direction, behaviour, or even calling as God redirects us toward greater missional purpose.

choing and amplifying this missional heartbeat later in Mark Landreththe day, Smith spoke of a renewed commissioning - reminding us of God's call on Commission both to the nations and to the streets (and nations) outside our doors. He painted a vivid picture of sowing prayer, leadership, finance, and resources, declaring that as we sow into mission these fields. new and

unexpected growth – cedars overtaking oaks, myrtle overtaking willows – will spring forth in surprising ways.



Courtesy of Lucy May

onfirming what had been brought earlier in the day, during his session, David Devenish, joining us from

Catalyst, reinforced this heart for the nations with a vision of massive double doors beginning to open - just as those doors are opening, a new chapter in the life of Commission is beginning. It's to be a new chapter of multiplication, not addition. A time when we are to stretch out our tent and enlarge our house. David honoured the foundations already laid but prophesied a shift from settling into maintenance to stepping into expansive, Spirit-led mission. A new era is dawning, he said, and it will require reactivity, flexibility, and the courage to release diverse methods for diverse cultures. "It's time for travelling clothes, not lounge suits," he declared, calling us out of comfort into courageous advance. This

vision of double doors was remarkably echoed in a dream that Carlie had. Drawing what she saw in her dream, her picture exactly matched what David had seen.



Courtesy of Carlie-Ann Miller

n Thursday, Emmanuel continued the theme of loosening and spreading out with a powerful visual image

of a Christmas tree - its branches bound cords representing leaders restricted by culture, tradition, systems. God, he said, is cutting those cords, freeing us to expand and stretch into towns, cities, and nations. Just as David Devenish shared, it's time to be loosed from things that have held us back and to step out into new things. Like the mustard seed in Jesus' parable, these once-bound churches will become trees offering rest and life to others, forming Kingdom ecosystems.

on Beardon, from Relational Mission, added weight to this sense of holy urgency with a picture of tectonic plates shifting. Not an earthquake, but a Spiritinduced tremor – a temple-shaking moment meant to unlock long-held potential. He prayed for a fresh release of "Word and Spirit" preaching and a

reawakening of prophetic voices that had grown silent. This unlocking, he said, is not new – it is a restoration of the Church's original calling, one that crosses geographic and societal boundaries. We aren't to be surprised at this shaking, this tremor, rather, we're to feel it and remember the words that God has spoken over us as Commission – He is confirming His word.

an Hodgson concluded the day on Thursday with the metaphor of а symphony - an intensifying second movement in which every church and every believer plays a unique and valuable role. God is "doubling down" and "doubling up" on Commission - He's doubling down, not gambling on us because it's the Holy Spirit that is His guarantee, and He's doubling up and accelerating mission. gifting, and discipleship. In the prophetic, Ian saw flames of revival across the west coast of India, the south coast of England, and cities across Europe. His call was to embrace the unconventional, to welcome God's unfamiliar instruments in orchestra, and to trust God's Spirit-not sheet music—to guide the symphony forward.

ogether, these and other prophetic voices at the conference harmonised around key themes: a call to mission both near and far, a shaking that leads to an unlocking of new things, a renewed apostolic momentum, and an insistence on unity, flexibility, and bold obedience. The time is now. The doors are opening. The symphony is playing – and every voice matters.

Relive the Seminars Wednesday

From Relief to Restoration: Isaiah 61 in Practice

Rachel Wilson & Natalie Williams from Jubilee+

Reminding us of God's heart for the poor and vulnerable and encouraging us that this is why we are placed in our communities – to see broken lives restored and in turn seeing the restored become the restorers.

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The Power and Limits of Preaching Mick Taylor & Ollie Elliott

In the UK, people have less biblical awareness now than they did in previous generations. We need to be aware of this change as it impacts how we best communicate the message of the gospel to a broader audience.

Local Church as a Gospel Movement [Part 1] Tim Blaber & Emmanuel

In Commission, APEST (Ephesians 4) gifts aren't an office – we're all invited to seek these gifts for building the body of Christ, and to see the manifold presence of Holy Spirit in churches.

Inspiration and Next Steps Adrian Holloway

What impact can one ordinary man, with one simple conversation have on one person? Maybe a huge impact that can change the course of history! We are being called to have simple conversations with people that we meet, because we never know what impact they will have.

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Relive the Seminars Thursday

The Accidental Church Plant - A Decade of Grace in the Slums of Rio Luke Simone

Do we really believe that the gospel is for every group of people? How do we interact with those around us, even those that the world would say are unlovable? If God, when He made us, called the dirt good, can we do the same for those the world calls dirty?

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Local Church as a Gospel Movement [Part 2] Tim Blaber & Emmanuel

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Fueling Gospel Advance Kevin Bartlett & Samir

We focus on comfort and systems, we are comfortable in how we carry conversations, we are faithful and serve, but how much of it is routine? Who in our congregation do we overlook because of pre-judgement about their ability? We need to remember that God gives the growth not us, no matter how hard we try and control things!

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Relive the Seminars *Friday*

Lessons on Developing a Healthy Prophetic Culture Mike Betts

"Prophecy is the roadmap by which we navigate the way ahead." - Mike shares some really helpful observations that he has picked up during his time in ministry which will help as we seek to develop a prophetic culture within our churches.

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The Wonder of Walking in the Word Becky Peacock

The stats showing that dwelling on the word of God more than twice a week brings healthy change to our beings are staggering! We are a people called to meditate on and pursue a deeper devotion to Gods word.

Creating a Culture of Invitation Chris Kilby

80-90% of people don't even think of inviting anyone to church yet 80% of people in church came because they were invited. With fear of rejection being the biggest hinderance to inviting people, let's redefine success as, 1 person inviting 1 person and leaving the 'yes' or 'no' in God's hands. It's never been about us and it's so liberating!

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The presence of God was so strong throughout the conference. When I got home I was still aware of carrying an intense sense of God's presence with me - so much so, that I led both my neighbours to Christ on Saturday evening!!!

- Amber

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Testimonies & Takeaways

I came to the conference tired and hungry, having had a overly busy and emotionally draining few months. We, as a small team, were incredibly blessed and loved by our neighbouring Commission churches who enabled us to attend and spent time with us at the conference. I came away feeling genuinely cared for, encouraged and uplifted, having heard God speak directly to me and my husband separately, about the same thing.

- Jo

Tim's excellent message to close the conference summed it up well. "You have been sent, but don't forget you are mine." We had a number of encouragements both to go, but also to make sure we were in close fellowship with our Lord and Saviour.

- Les

How amazing to be part of a family of believers who are rising to the call to be Spirit-filled people, seeking the gifts that He gives, to be able to bless our church family and powerfully go to all those who don't yet know our Saviour.

- Rachel

The Lord really sparked my heart for mission and opportunity once again. These last few years have looked very uncertain when it comes to a home and settling down. My husband and I have been on the move and serving the church in various countries, but the main verse that kept coming to mind was Matthew 8:20. If even Jesus had nowhere to live and settle, then I too can live like Him and spread the Gospel to the nations.

- Sabrina

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Not only were we told to 'make an impact, together,' I experienced that togetherness in our corporate life. I've never been to a Commission leaders conference before, but I'm delighted to be among people who truly value word and spirit and live that out as we interact with each other.

- Tim

It felt there was a great space for the Holy Spirit to work, for God to speak and for the gathered people to respond.

- David

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Where we are working



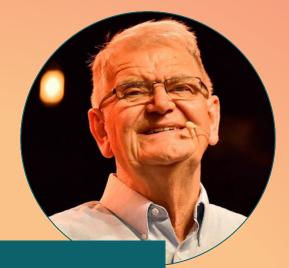
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Terry Virgo Guest speaker

(more speakers to be announced soon)

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