

ALPHA COLLECTIVE IN LONDON

Meet our guests, three Swiss church leaders in love with running Alpha in their congregations and open to see how they can impact other churches not only in Switzerland but also around the Globe.



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It was such an honour & fun to spend the last few days in London with over 200 church leaders from different denominations & 16 countries, our German-speaking DACH delegation and my colleagues from the Alpha offices around the Globe and of course hearing from Nicky Gumbel himself how Alpha has been impacting millions of people.

We pray that our guests, the amazing church leaders, got filled, inspired and encouraged to start or continue running Alpha courses in their churches after seeing how fun Alpha at HTB is. Please join us in praying for each and every Alpha course around the globe. We also pray for Ukraine, for peace and unity

Experiencing the Alpha Culture at its origin at the HTB Church and seeing the Holy Spirit minister and move in the midst of these leaders, was absolutely enriching. Thank you HTB Church for your incredible hospitality.

THE ALPHA 2033 VISION

Nicky Gumbel is handing over the HTB church this summer to be full-time dedicated to the Alpha 2033 vision.

Get ready, I am so excited. We are aiming to make Alpha available for everyone, in every country, every language by 2033. 2000 years after Jesus's death & resurrection, YEAH!. This is a BIG vision and we are locking arms with a BIG God.

This summer, the first Chinese Alpha video series will be launched (1,4 billion people can be reached), further Alpha is working on replacing the current film series within the next couple of years and of course, we will produce more by listening to the church leaders and partnering up with more influential churches, We claim unity, strongholds to be broken and church leaders influencing other churches massively. A vision for the church with the church. WE ARE THE CHURCH, YOU and me yeah!

"Discipleship will follow if you make Evangelism primary"

Nicky Gumbel

Invited Church leaders from Switzerland, Germany and Austria

Pippa & Nicky Gumbel



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*Featuring dear
Mission Partners*



In this issue, I want to say THANK you to my Mission Partners who wish to stay anonymous. You know who you are and I am grateful for you and yet I wanted to honour you in my Newsletter as well. Because of your prayer support, your faithful monthly giving, your friendship and you being such a valuable part of Jesus's mission, I am set free to do this work.

Can I invite you to pray for a dear friend an Mission Partner who had a bad cancer diagnose, surgery and is starting with chemo. We are one family and the power of prayer is not only a part of the ALPHA DNA but also of us being His children. By Faith I know YOU are healed, in Jesus name.

THANK YOU!

***"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
- Helen Keller***

4 REASONS TO RUN AN ALPHA

The Alpha Culture

1. Culture of hospitality

Jesus loved to eat and drink. There is something intimate about having a meal with someone. It says you are welcome here, you are cared for.

There is this story about a woman who showed up week after week at a table party a church plant was hosting. She never ate but packed food to take home with her. When she got offered more to take home, she explained that by taking home food she extends the feeling to feel loved and belonged.

2 Culture of listening

Through listening, people feel appreciated and loved. In order to gain trust, listen and don't reply. In today's world loud voices take over and too many voices are being left out and unheard. Alpha offers a safe space to share from the heart without being judged or receiving unwanted advice.

3 Culture of empowerment

Encouragement over everything. Acceptance and people who speak life over you, pray with you and for you, people who see you and love you for all you are.

4. Culture of the Holy Spirit

Prayers are the engine of Alpha. Alpha is only an Alf without the Holy Spirit. Prayer ministry is the heart of Alpha. The Spirit is the one that is moving in our midst and HE is WELCOME HERE and invited ALL the time.



Father Thomas from the German Speaking part of Italy, Lisa, Church Leader from Salzburg, Austria and Marlene from the Alpha office Austria and I say HI

*With love,
Sandra*

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Featuring an Alpha story of a small town



You could start an Alpha right now too

Dear Sandra, thank you for all your encouraging emails so far! Your empowering and encouraging nature is contagious!

For most of us Teamers it's the very first time we've done Alpha or it's been years for sure... So it's also an adventure and we can rely on God more than our experience. That's wonderful!). My highlight is our team. That's a bit of a long story, but in short, it's made up of Christians who all live in the same village but belong to different churches. What began on prayer walks 1.5 years ago, with impressions of who to ask, has grown into a highly motivated team of 15 people! People joined our Alpha team, simply because they were enthusiastic about the idea that Christians from different churches offer Alpha together. We are between 21 and 65 years and some grow beyond themselves :). Some are already talking about this being the first of many courses :).