

MISSION IMPACT

Hillsong Church Global

End-of-Year Update
December 2025



A LETTER FROM PHIL & LUCINDA



“Thank you for being part of God’s unfolding story, Church. This Christmas, may we be reminded that God is not distant; He is with us. May we continue to place Jesus at the centre of our lives and celebrate the part we get to play in God’s story of hope for humanity.”

TO OUR GLOBAL CHURCH FAMILY,

This year began with a call to take another step in faith together.

As 2025 draws to a close, we continue to see God leading our church into new things – new worship, new facilities, new church plants, and most importantly, new people being called to His house with fresh purpose and plans for all of us.

Our mission through Hillsong Music is to create and steward authentic worship. Hillsong Conference Australia in July marked the announcement of our latest project, an EP titled “Great I AM”, released on 10 October 2025. These songs, born from the life of our global church, reflect God’s goodness and celebrate Christ our Saviour, inspiring congregations as we step into a new season of growth. As one song declares, “We approach the presence of God with a humble, confident heart.” May these lyrics continue to shape our posture as purpose-filled Jesus followers.

We’re so proud of how our global church has stepped out in faith to establish new campuses and secure long-term homes.

Hillsong Latin America is a great example of this faith in action, expanding into Colombia with the launch of Hillsong Barranquilla in August. In addition, Hillsong São Paulo’s East Zone Campus moved into a newly renovated venue, and plans are underway for permanent homes for their South Zone Campus, as well as for Hillsong Buenos Aires in Argentina. We’re cheering on the teams and volunteers across our Latin American church locations as they make room for others.

In Australia, Hillsong Macquarie in Sydney announced the purchase of their building in July, a milestone met with great excitement and gratitude. In Sweden, Hillsong Jönköping moved into a permanent home in September, a significant step for our church there as it continues to grow and reach more people.

Looking to 2026, we believe God will keep opening doors – providing opportunities for properties and facilities that will serve future generations and help us build healthy church communities.



END-OF-YEAR UPDATE | A LETTER FROM PHIL & LUCINDA



When it comes to developing purpose-filled Jesus followers, this year has seen wonderful momentum through our global gatherings – Hillsong Conference Australia and Europe, Sisterhood United Nights and Conferences, and our youth-focused Encounter Conferences. These moments of worship and unity continue to reach more people and inspire new generations to follow Jesus.

Next year, our Hillsong Conferences will gather under the prophetic theme “Now – Unto Him”, inspired by the powerful closing verses of the Book of Jude. Our prayer is that everyone will feel welcome to join and experience what God is doing through these gatherings around the world.



It has been pure joy for the two of us to spend time with our pastors and teams worldwide. We visited our churches in Los Angeles and New York, sharing the Word and connecting with teams. We honoured Pastors Thomas and Kat Hansen as they conclude their season in Denmark and welcomed Philip and Nina Hyldgaard as the new lead pastors of Hillsong Denmark in 2026. We also joined Sisterhood Conference in Barcelona and celebrated Hillsong France's 20th anniversary in Paris.



Having a “Generous Spirit” is one of our church's values, and creating sustainable social impact is a mission pillar. We hope you're encouraged by the updates on our partnerships with

Compassion and Vision Rescue. As we enter the Christmas season – a time that can be challenging for many – we remain committed to generosity in word, giving, and serving.

With a new year beckoning, the question remains: Where is God calling us as a church?

Our hope is that we'll continue to impact the world through church planting, creativity and worship, leadership development, and fostering healthy churches and pastors.

Thank you for being part of God's unfolding story, Church. This Christmas, may we be reminded that God is not distant; He is with us. May we continue to place Jesus at the centre of our lives and celebrate the part we get to play in God's story of hope for humanity.

Love and blessings,

Phil & Lucinda

Global Senior Pastors



“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us').”

Matthew 1:23 (NIV)



OUR GLOBAL CHURCH LOCATIONS



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GLOBAL SUPPORT

Team Update

The role of the Global Support Team is to support all our global locations of Hillsong Church.

Lead Pastor Support

We remain committed to cultivating a healthy culture and creating an environment where our lead pastors are supported and thriving. Alongside Pastors Phil and Lucinda Dooley, and our regional support leads, we continue to prioritise connection with our lead pastors, whether in person or via Zoom. Following Hillsong Conference in both Sydney and London, we host our lead pastors for gatherings. These opportunities allow us to communicate important updates, but more importantly, to connect relationally – building unity, investing in leadership, and celebrating all that God is doing across the 35 countries in which we're present.

Hillsong Worship and Creative

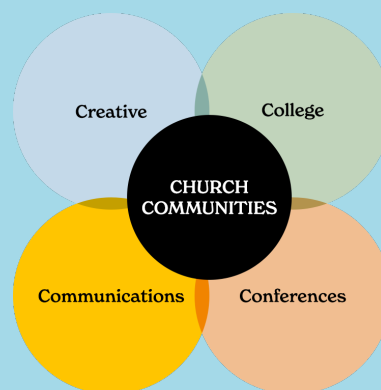
The October release of the new EP "Great I AM" was a significant step for our church and creative teams worldwide. We're grateful for your prayers and for joining with us in worship as we celebrate this new season of creative expression.

Jad Gillies has assumed a new global role overseeing Hillsong Worship, leading creative teams, fostering worship leader development, and collaborating closely with songwriters, producers, and Hillsong Music and Resources.

We'd like to honour Jonathon "JD" Douglass, who has decided to step into a new season of faith after 20 years on staff. We're deeply grateful for his significant contribution to our church and worship ministry.

Global Strategic Plan









Our Strategic Plan has been reviewed by Pastors Phil and Lucinda Dooley and has now received endorsement from the Board. Preparations are underway to implement the plan across its five key areas, ensuring accountability and effective leadership so we can move forward decisively.



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Global Support Team

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Regional Support	Regional Support	Regional Support	Regional Support	Global Senior Pastors	Chief Operating Officer	Head of Hillsong Worship	Executive Vice-President Hillsong College
							
Gary Clarke	Mário Rui Boto	Richard van der Kolk	Steve Dixon	Phil & Lucinda Dooley	Tolu Badders	Jad Gillies	Lee Burns

HILLSONG WORSHIP “GREAT I AM”

After three years, Hillsong Worship released “Great I AM” – a collection of songs declaring God’s eternal nature and unchanging presence.

Released alongside four supporting versions in Spanish, Portuguese, instrumental, and lullaby formats, this project aims to serve the global Church in every expression of worship. Translations in additional languages are already being sung in Hillsong congregations around the world with more versions to be released soon. A 4-day devotional, exploring the theology behind these songs, was written by some of our Hillsong Leadership College lecturers and shared on YouVersion, inviting people worldwide to reflect on the truth of who Yahweh is.

Beyond this release, Hillsong Music continues to expand its reach through creative and accessible expressions of worship. The lofi instrumental and kids’ lullaby projects are creating new pathways for people to encounter Jesus in everyday spaces within their own homes. Listeners around the world are engaging online with excitement and gratitude, worshipping to the truth behind these songs. With a focus on bringing through new songs of worship and translating into more than 25 languages, our mission remains to reach the world with the message of Jesus, the Great I AM.



OUR VISION STATEMENT

A HEALTHY CHURCH

Changing Lives Through Christ

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

HILLSONG FRANCE



Hillsong France celebrated their 20th anniversary in September, with Pastors Phil and Lucinda Dooley in Paris for this special occasion. Happy birthday, Church, and our most heartfelt congratulations on two decades of welcoming people home! We're grateful to God for the countless salvations and the many lives impacted through Jesus and this faithful community of believers. We also want to honour Hillsong France Lead Pastors Brendan and Camille White, along with their incredible family, team, volunteers, and church family for reaching this wonderful milestone.



A YOUTH REVIVAL

IN SWEDEN

At the beginning of August, Summer Camp in Sweden welcomed 1,503 volunteers and young people, yielding a harvest of praise reports. A 15-year-old boy, who longed to meet God personally, experienced a life-changing God encounter during a camp meeting, and a girl who had lost her will to live months earlier was baptised just two weeks after Summer Camp.



A youth revival is happening in Sweden. Christian school groups are booming, Bible study groups are expanding, and young people are encouraging their friends to be baptised. Hillsong Sweden is making room for more young people to find a place where they are seen and loved, and where they can build their lives on solid foundations while having life-changing experiences like Summer Camp. Following this year's camp, 70 youngsters decided to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by being baptised.



OPEN HOUSE 2025 PORTUGAL

Open House conferences are tailored for pastors, leaders, and church teams. A sold-out Open House event – hosted by Pastor Mário Rui Boto, Lead Pastor of Hillsong Portugal, with special guests Pastors Gary Clarke, Chris Mendez, and Donna Crouch – took place in October. This marked the seventh Open House for Hillsong Portugal, and the first in their new Lisbon Campus building. The two-day event drew 1,546 people from 40 different churches and organisations, while a team of 450 volunteers served.

On the opening night, Hillsong Portugal hosted a launch party for the brand-new single “Novo Som” (“New Sound”) from their upcoming debut album titled “Som do Céu” (“Sound of Heaven”).

Other highlights included a “Long Lunch” session with Pastor Gary Clarke, attended by many senior pastors and their key teams, as well as a brand-new “Builders from Europe” session with Pastors Richard van der Kolk (Hillsong Netherlands & Brussels), Mark Wilkinson (Hillsong Berlin), and Brendan White (Hillsong France).

There were also panels with local and international Hillsong Network pastors, ten church-building masterclasses in video format, and six podcasts recorded. While the main conference was underway, hundreds of kids and teens enjoyed Kidsong and Young & Free Conference, with special programs designed to inspire and empower them. By all accounts, it was an incredible couple of days.





HILLSONG LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

LAUNCHING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Hillsong Leadership College (HLC) will launch in Cape Town next June. Lee Burns, Executive Vice President of Hillsong College, was in Cape Town for the announcement at Hillsong Century City in September. It was a special moment in church. Lee and Pastor Sanga Samways – who'd been best friends at Bible College in Sydney in 1997 – shared a platform to announce HLC's 2026 opening in South Africa.

It will also advance Hillsong Africa's mission of establishing 50 churches in 50 influential cities throughout Africa.



The announcement generated tremendous excitement locally. A young woman shared that she'd applied to Hillsong College in Sydney, unsure how she would fund studying abroad. With the Cape Town launch, however, her dream of attending HLC is now within reach.

This initiative will be supported through Hillsong Africa's Heart for the Mission giving this year.



Going forward, studying at HLC will become more accessible to students from African nations. The college will play a key role in developing exceptional African leaders to strengthen the Church across the continent.

OUR MISSION

DEVELOPING
PURPOSE-FILLED
JESUS
FOLLOWERS

BRINGING PEOPLE IN



HILLSONG CONFERENCE AUSTRALIA

God was glorified and lives were impacted as thousands of people representing 42 nations and 26 church denominations gathered for Hillsong Conference Sydney in July.



This year's theme was "The Great I AM" and delegates came ready to worship, seek God's presence, and grow in their faith.

After reaching capacity last year, we took a step in faith to make more room by expanding to four locations to host additional delegates, youth, and kids. An incredible 1,552 volunteers stepped up and went the extra mile to make it all happen.

Conference was truly a life-changing experience. We had the privilege of hearing from world-class guest contributors, including Dr Alicia Britt Chole, Pastors Earl and Oneka McClellan, Mark Sayers, and Tod Bolsinger, alongside our Hillsong Team.

A special highlight came at the end when Pastor Phil announced that we'd captured the sound of our delegates worshipping and lifting the name of Jesus throughout the conference. These worship moments have now been released on the new EP "Great I AM", a significant step that reflects a new season of faith and forward momentum.

We'd love to invite you to join us for Hillsong Conference Sydney 2026 from 7–9 July. Next year's theme is the worshipful declaration "Now – Unto Him", inspired by the final verses of the Book of Jude. These words remind us of God's greatness and call us to lift our eyes and hearts in praise. Having reached capacity for the past two years, we encourage you to register early. Find out more and secure your spot at hillsongconference.com.





HILLSONG CONFERENCE EUROPE

“Oh Lord, we put you at the centre of this week,” prayed Jad Gillies during the opening set of worship at Hillsong Conference Europe.



It was the first prayer from the platform and articulated the tone of the entire gathering. “The Great I AM” wasn’t only this year’s theme; He was the axis around whom every session turned, and every moment of worship revolved.

An army of 919 volunteers served delegates from more than 40 countries, representing over 300 churches. During the sessions, flags from nations across Europe, Africa, and the Americas were lifted high, adding to the buzz in the room. A group of nearly 300 attendees had travelled from Hillsong Netherlands and Brussels. “So glad you turned up!” Pastor Tim Douglass said as he welcomed everyone. “It would have been very awkward without any of you here.”



For two and a half days, the OVO Arena in Wembley became the house of God. Heaven-touching worship bookended the sessions, which were structured around Jesus’ seven “I am” statements, recorded in the Gospel of John. Alongside our Hillsong Team, this year’s guest contributors were Pastors Darrell Johnson, Chris Mathebula, and Dr Amy Orr-Ewing. They taught profoundly, shared generously from decades of ministry experience, and stirred up faith. The sessions – which included two panels – were rich in content and potent in impact. After each one, people could be heard to say, “That was my favourite session!” or “That was the best one yet!”



HILLSONG CONFERENCE EUROPE



On the final night, Pastor Lucinda Dooley preached a powerful commissioning message. Afterwards, everyone was anointed with oil and prayed for. No one wanted to leave. A boisterous praise party erupted. Pastor Phil Dooley did a stage dive into the thumping mosh pit in front of the stage, and there were repeated calls for “One more song!” Eventually, the Worship Team had to say, “If you want to sing another song in here, you’ll have to come back next year!”

Speaking on Conference Sunday at the Dominion Theatre in London, Pastor Darrell Johnson summed up this year’s conference experience perfectly: “It’s just been joyous, and transforming, and wonderful!”

Register now for Hillsong Conference Europe 2026, “Now — Unto Him”, from 21–23 October, with guest contributors Pastors Earl and Oneka McClellan at hillsongconference.com.



ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE SYDNEY

Young people from across Australia pulled out all the stops to be at Encounter Conference, held at the Sydney Coliseum during the day and Hillsong Hills Campus at night. “This was the first time we got our youth ministries from every location in Australia in the room since before COVID,” Australian Youth Pastor Sam Green said.



Many had fundraised to cover travel expenses and food for the week. Hundreds of teens camped out at two church campuses in Sydney – 220 high schoolers from Melbourne, Perth, and Newcastle slept at Hillsong Macquarie, and another 200 from Queensland stayed at Hillsong Southwest. “They set up camp beds in the auditorium and every part of the church you can imagine,” Sam said. “Our youth ministries are so desperate to be a part of Encounter Conference that they will do anything to be there, including a 17-hour bus trip from Queensland, or a 4-hour flight from Perth.”

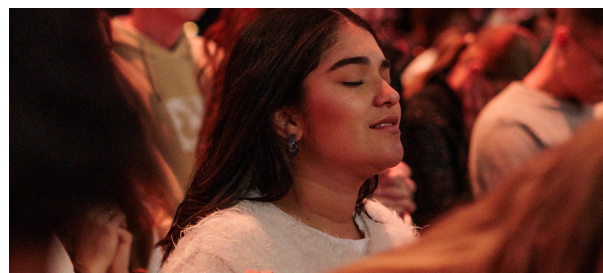
Lives were changed, including those of four Melbourne-based soccer players, who hadn’t been to our church before. Invited by a friend, they almost missed Encounter when tickets sold out. When additional tickets were released, however, their friend secured spots for them. All four chose to follow Jesus and couldn’t wait to become part of Youth on Fridays to learn more about God.



ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE EUROPE

Meanwhile at Y&F Encounter Europe, held at the Hippodrome – Hillsong North London’s building – God moved powerfully amongst high schoolers. On the Wednesday afternoon, around 40 young people responded to an altar call to accept salvation. The first to come forward was a young man who spontaneously knelt when he reached the front. Following his example, everyone who came after him knelt too, creating a moment that was even more memorable and moving.

Pastor Sanga Samways preached on the Thursday afternoon and ministered in the Holy Spirit afterward. As the manifest presence of God swept through the room, youth leaders and young people were filled with the Holy Spirit, many experiencing such an intimate encounter for the first time. “It was so powerful,” Sanga said afterwards. “God moved in a mighty way. When the anointing comes, things break over people’s lives. That’s what it’s all about.”



South African Youth Pastors Rhys and Emma Acton, who helped lead Y&F Encounter this year, bumped into a family from Hillsong Lyon on the Friday after conference. The family’s 18-year-old daughter shared that it had been her last youth conference. She was worried that she’d outgrown it yet was deeply impacted. Every session hit home and was like gold for her and her 12-year-old sister.





ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE CAPE TOWN

In a historic first, Encounter Conference Cape Town moved to the University of Cape Town's Sport Centre after last year's sold-out event. Nearly 2,000 young people, including youth from 14 Network Churches, gathered. Eighty people from a youth ministry in Durban, a coastal city in KwaZulu-Natal province, travelled over 1,600km by bus and stayed in dormitories on campus. "Every single number represents a young person who had an encounter with Jesus," said South African Youth Pastor Rhys Acton.



After two-and-a-half days of worship, praise parties, preaching, teaching, tribal wars, talent shows, slam dunk competitions, hanging out, and having fun, young people returned home fired up and inspired.





SISTERHOOD GATHERINGS

AROUND THE WORLD

Sisterhood Conferences and One Day gatherings featured prominently in the latter half of the year. In September and October, gatherings took place in the Netherlands, Spain, Argentina, Canada, Indonesia, Australia, South Africa, and Nigeria.



Sometimes two Sisterhood events were held at the same time in different countries or on opposite sides of the world. Pastor Lucinda Dooley spoke at Sisterhood Conference in Barcelona on the same weekend that 300 women gathered in Amsterdam for Sisterhood One Day. Meanwhile, Sisterhood Conference in Bali coincided with Sisterhood One Day in Toronto.

Taken together, these overlapping moments offered a glimpse of a global movement – passionate about Jesus, His Word, and prayer – aligned in heart, locally expressed, and impacting nations. “We’ve got so much to be grateful for,” Pastor Lucinda said afterwards. “The Sisterhood message is alive and well. I feel like God is moving amongst the women in this world.”





SISTERHOOD GATHERINGS

AROUND THE WORLD

Many women travelled far to attend the Sisterhood event closest to them. Hillsong Buenos Aires hosted women from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela at a historic Sisterhood Conference in the Avenida Theatre. Praise reports poured in across social media, with women thanking God and our church for a profoundly impactful weekend. “We left Brazil knowing we would experience something amazing,” one woman posted on Instagram, “but we could never have imagined that we’d be as blessed as this.”



The joy of these gatherings is a gift from Heaven. At year end, we thank God from the bottom of our hearts for the immeasurable blessings He’s showered on our Global Sisterhood in 2025. May we continue to be refreshed in His presence and empowered by His anointing. And may we continue to honour, believe in, and care deeply for one another, serving with love and strength wherever we’re planted.



From Argentina to Australia and Africa, we were reminded of things that never grow old. The buzz in the foyer before the auditorium doors open. A room full of women touching heaven with their worship. Trying to conclude the “Minute to Mingle” after several minutes while everyone’s still mingling.





ANOINTING CONFERENCE LAUNCHES

IN SOUTH AFRICA

The first Anointing Conference at Hillsong Africa opened with electric worship on a Tuesday night in September. The auditorium at Hillsong Century City in Cape Town was packed to the balconies, and the presence of God was tangible. After preaching on the anointing, Lead Pastor Sanga Samways ministered in the Holy Spirit until late. As people were filled with the Spirit, many laughed uncontrollably, others wept, while some manifested.



That night, Pastor Sanga prayed for a seven-month-old boy with a severe form of infantile epilepsy that wasn't responding to medication. Since then, he hasn't had another seizure, and doctors confirmed a full recovery.



Across the steady flow of praise reports after the conference wrapped on the Wednesday night, people thanked God for healing, breakthrough, freedom, and a fresh sense of peace and hope. A man who'd suffered chronic pain in his back and left arm from an injury was healed in his seat. Another man was healed of Type 2 diabetes. Many received the gift of tongues. "It's hard to explain what took place here," Pastor Kety Samways said afterwards. "Every session was a touch of Heaven."

OUR MISSION

**BUILDING
HEALTHY
CHURCH
COMMUNITIES**

WELCOMING PEOPLE HOME

FINDING PERMANENT CHURCH HOMES

Churches are made up of people, but buildings matter too. A permanent facility establishes a church in a community, allowing it to serve people more comprehensively by creating spaces for mid-week ministry, discipleship, and local outreaches. In the second half of this year, several Hillsong locations acquired their own buildings.

HILLSONG AUSTRALIA

In July, Hillsong Macquarie, a Sydney campus, purchased the facility they'd been renting for five years, with the collective efforts of Hillsong Australia. Confirmation that the sale had gone through landed on the final night of Hillsong Conference Sydney. On Conference Sunday, Pastor Phil Dooley announced the news to the Macquarie congregation. People leapt to their feet, cheering and clapping.

From hosting Sunday services in their permanent home to having their own space for Hillsong Kids, Youth, and Sisterhood, Hillsong Macquarie, led by Pastors Tom and Angela Bachtle, continues to thrive as a healthy and vibrant church community.



HILLSONG LATIN AMERICA

A fresh chapter in a brand-new space began for Hillsong São Paulo's East Zone Campus (Campus Zona Leste) at the start of August. This followed months of prayerfully searching for a suitable location, and then renovating it with the help of dedicated volunteers.

Our church in Latin America is also building permanent homes for both Hillsong São Paulo's South Zone Campus (Campus Zona Sul) and Hillsong Buenos Aires. When Pastor Chris Mendez announced the news at two DNA nights in mid-September, the rooms erupted with cheers and applause. "After so many years of believing God and knocking on so many doors, the right ones opened and we are filled with faith and expectation that everything we need will come," Pastor Chris said.



MAKING ROOM FOR OTHERS



HILLSONG SWEDEN

The inauguration of Hillsong Jönköping's new building in September was a joy-filled Sunday for our church in Sweden. Celebrations included a ribbon-cutting ceremony with Lead Pastor Andreas Nielsen and cake for everyone.

Hillsong Sweden has experienced unprecedented growth in recent months. With more people coming to faith and being baptised than ever before, services are bursting at the seams. Bigger buildings make room to welcome more people home. Plans for a conversion project are underway at Hillsong Gothenburg, and there are plans for a new building in Råsunda, north of Stockholm.



MAKING ROOM FOR OTHERS



HILLSONG MANILA CONNECT

Church planting is part of Hillsong Church's evangelistic mission. Recently, Manila Connect in the Philippines officially became Hillsong Manila Connect – the fruit of a five-year journey. On the Sunday that the news was celebrated, attendance tripled from the previous week, 105 volunteers served, and 44 people made decisions to follow Jesus. “Last Sunday left us mind-blown because Jesus and 507 of you showed up in the room for our first gathering as Hillsong Manila Connect,” @hillsongmanilaconnect posted on Instagram in August.

Led by Pastors Jack and Julie Garcia, Manila Connect began online through the Filipino community at Hillsong Hills in Sydney, while Jack and Julie were studying at Hillsong Leadership College. After graduation, they returned to the Philippines in 2021 to

plant the church. Woven into their story are testimonies of people finding hope and a “Welcome home” when the church was still a small gathering of ten.

In July, Manila Connect joined relief efforts in the city, delivering groceries, hygiene kits, and clean water to families affected by a typhoon that caused widespread floods and displaced many. Beyond this, the church launched a weekly school outreach program, where volunteers share the gospel with students in under-resourced areas. This initiative has seen dozens respond to Jesus each week. A new weekly prayer night and New Christians class are helping many take their next steps in faith as the church continues to invest in people and build God's house.



OUR MISSION

**SIGNIFICANT
AND
SUSTAINABLE
SOCIAL IMPACT**



PROVISION RESTORES DIGNITY

COMPASSION

Compassion International is best known for working to release children from poverty through individual sponsorships and by partnering with local churches in their communities. However, our church's long-standing relationship with Compassion also includes a life-changing initiative that brings clean water and better sanitation to rural Ugandan communities.



These water projects are called “Since the Water Came”, a phrase heard often in the communities transformed by these interventions, expressing what a turning point they represent.

Water scarcity is an everyday reality in Uganda. More than 80% of the population lack access to safe drinking water. Each year, diarrhoeal diseases spread through contaminated water claim the lives of more than 4,500 children under five. When a safe water source is established in a community, the benefits extend beyond health: children can attend school more regularly, and time spent collecting water can be redirected toward education and other productive activities. It also means women and girls are less vulnerable to attacks on isolated journeys to collect water.

Compassion works through local churches to ensure projects are rooted in the communities they serve. The water projects target three key areas – water infrastructure (drilling wells and boreholes, and installing rainwater systems); sanitation (building toilet facilities and septic systems); and hygiene education (including teaching the community how to maintain the new systems).

As a church, we've helped establish 30 “Since the Water Came” projects in rural communities, providing access to safe drinking water to an estimated 360,000 people. Five more water projects will be established in the coming year, providing safe water to a further 18,500 children and adults.



In August, a group of Hillsong pastors and team members travelled to Uganda with Compassion to witness firsthand the impact of our church's generosity. “It was a pretty challenging trip,” said Hillsong Hills Campus Pastor Jesse Murray, who came from Sydney. “Everywhere we walked, we would see water is life. I don't think I've ever had a bigger revelation that that's the truth. Because it doesn't just affect health; it affects time; it affects education; it affects the way they can keep animals, the way they can grow crops.” In one place, the local pastor shared how excited they were to hold water baptisms in their church now they had clean water.

Since 2009, these water projects have brought hope and health to families, but there's still more to do. Our vision is to give every child and community within our Compassion projects access to safe water.



EMPOWERING THE VULNERABLE



VISION RESCUE

Education is the key to transforming communities. Since 2004, Vision Rescue has been committed to ensuring that a generation of children in India don't slip through the cracks.



Around 65 million people live in slums across India. In Mumbai, 42% of the population calls these slums home. The odds are stacked against children growing up in these conditions, where malnutrition, poor healthcare, and limited access to education are everyday realities.

Vision Rescue exists to rescue children from exploitation by engaging and sustaining them in education. For more than two decades, they've been a lifeline for over 20,000 children, offering learning opportunities, proper nourishment, and hope. Through their work, they're contributing to intergenerational transformation – changing mindsets, empowering families, and creating pathways for children to access their right to education.



What began with a single initiative to provide food and lessons to children along a Mumbai street has grown into a comprehensive community development program. In their early years, Vision Rescue used buses to deliver education and meals directly to children in slum areas. In 2010, they launched a health program, offering mobile medical and dental clinics.

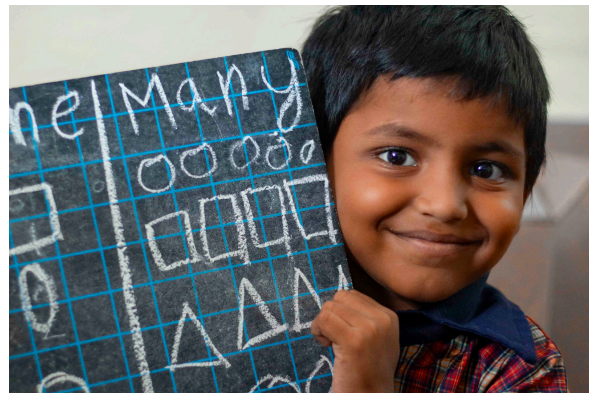


Over time, the organisation recognised that supporting a child also meant supporting their family. In 2012, Community-Based Learning Centres were established to provide safe, stable learning environments and build stronger family engagement. Three years later, the Skill Development Program was introduced to empower women with income-generating skills, such as tailoring. This initiative has enabled mothers to support their children's educations and contribute to their households' wellbeing.



Today, Vision Rescue continues to expand their reach, working alongside government schools, hospitals, NGOs, and corporate partners to create lasting change. Their mission now extends beyond urban centres into rural communities, where the need is equally great.

Hillsong Church is honoured to partner with Vision Rescue to see these communities thrive – impacting not just a city, but ultimately the nation of India for generations to come. As Vision Rescue reminds us, every child deserves the chance to learn, dream, and live with dignity. Together, we can help make that a reality.



A LETTER FROM DR STEPHEN CROUCH



Dear Church,

In Luke 2:10–11 (NLT), God’s angel announces: “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”

One of the new songs in our church proclaims, “GOOD NEWS!” This Christmas, we are presented again with the good news of Jesus. I pray that, as you celebrate His birth in your home and at church, the gift of Jesus will open new possibilities of hope and joy to you.

It has been especially encouraging to hear how the new worship songs from our church are blessing not only our own congregations, but Christians around the world. Songs from “Great I AM” are now being sung in 12 languages. What a testament to God’s grace at work through our collective offering.

Over the past few months, I’ve had the privilege of visiting many of our church locations around the world. At every gathering, I’ve been deeply moved by the faithfulness of our volunteers. Their dedication, joy, and willingness to sacrifice their time continue to inspire me. I’m immensely grateful for each one of them. Thank you to every person who generously gives their time and uses their gifts to serve in Hillsong Church.

Our Global Senior Pastors Phil and Lucinda Dooley have been working with our Global Support Team and lead pastors, devoting significant time and effort to prayerfully and strategically consider how we continue to build for the future. They remain steadfast in their calling and lead with such humility and courage.

On behalf of all of us, I want to express a heartfelt thank you for their faithful leadership. Their commitment to building a healthy church, changing lives through Christ, continues to be a great source of strength and direction for our global church.

Thank you to our Global Board for their wisdom and faithful support throughout the year.

As we continue to step out in faith, I’m reminded again that God is doing a new thing in our church – preparing the way, guiding us with love and grace, and calling us to walk with courage and hope. What a joy it is to be coworkers with Him.

May God bless you and your family richly.

With hope and gratitude,



Dr Stephen Crouch
Hillsong Church Chair

HILLSONG CHURCH BOARD UPDATE

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We're pleased with the progress this year. We recently endorsed a clear strategy for our church around the globe. As a board, we understand our role in guiding and shaping a healthy organisational culture. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

HILLSONG CHURCH

Our Vision

A healthy church changing lives through Christ.

Our Mission

- Developing purpose-filled Jesus followers.
- Building healthy church communities.
- Creating significant and sustainable social impact.

Strategic Priorities

- Furthering the evangelistic mission through church planting.
Jesus' final commission is our first calling — to go and proclaim the Good News so more people can find hope in Him (Mark 16:15).
- Fostering healthy churches and pastors.
Healthy churches are built by healthy leaders, and Scripture urges us to run our race well and live worthy of the calling we've received, so Christ's Body can flourish (Hebrews 12:1; Ephesians 4:1).
- Cultivating creativity and worship.
We honor God with excellence and Spirit-led creativity, leading people into wholehearted worship that reflects His beauty and glory (Psalm 96:9).
- Creating a robust pipeline for developing new pastors and ministry leaders.
Jesus intentionally called and formed leaders, and we follow His example by equipping people to shepherd others with His love (Matthew 4:18–19).

Values

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| Welcome Home
<i>Because Everyone Matters</i> | We are invitational, creating warm environments with a sense of unity and belonging. We are kind, honest, valuing, and compassionate. We build authentic relationships and community, valuing "who" over "do". |
| Servant-Hearted Humility
<i>Here to Help</i> | We welcome feedback and are ready to listen, learn, and grow. We are team players who serve, collaborate, and contribute. We treat each other with honor and respect. |
| Joyful & Fun
<i>Enjoying Life & Youthful Spirit</i> | We give time to connecting, laughing, and enjoying the journey. We are thankful, engaged, and solutions-focused. We are quick to celebrate the wins and bring a positive attitude. |
| Generous Spirit
<i>Open-Hearted & Open-Handed</i> | We are big-spirited and intentional (in word, giving, and serving). We encourage and champion others. We give willingly, according to our time, talent, and treasure. |
| Excellence
<i>We Bring Our Best</i> | We are committed to improvement over perfection. We work diligently and are ready to go the second mile. We are good stewards of people, bringing out their best. |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP IN FAITH



Thank you to everyone who took faith steps in 2025. Whether it was in serving, joining a connect group, being part of a new church plant, building, or gathering. We know the courage and sacrifice this takes. May we continue to glorify God by following His lead in our lives. Looking ahead to 2026, we pray that it will be just as He has said in our lives – individually and corporately – as we continue to walk in all He has called us to.

“The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand.”
Psalms 37:23–24 (NLT)



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