Global Mission Update

Hillsong Church

Mid-Year Report

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A Letter from Phil & Lucinda

Dear Church,

What a joy it is to share our first Mission Impact Update of 2026 with you, and what a story there is to tell.

We believe God has called us this year to build together. Build lives. Build church. And, in doing so, help build cities and nations. This isn't just a theme – it's a calling we're living out together in real time, everywhere people call Hillsong Church home.

This update offers a snapshot of that story as it's being written. God is the Author of it all, and what a privilege it is that we get to be His co-builders. Every church planted, every person led to the Lord, every act of generosity, every volunteer serving faithfully, and every individual being discipled – all are part of something far greater than any one of us.

And there's so much good news to celebrate! This Easter, across our church worldwide, tens of thousands gathered to celebrate the hope we have in Jesus, with many deciding to follow Christ and publicly declaring their faith through baptism. From a prison in Cape Town to a beach in Sydney, to cities across Europe, Latin America, Africa, Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, we continue to see the Gospel changing lives.

We're also seeing a growing, beautiful hunger for the presence of God. Through Summercamps, conferences, connect groups, teaching initiatives, and local church gatherings, people are drawing closer to Him. We praise God for the countless testimonies of salvation, healing, restoration, freedom, deliverance, and renewed purpose.

At the same time, God is opening doors for new church plants, new campuses, and permanent facilities that create fresh opportunities to reach people and strengthen His Church for generations to come. Local churches are stepping out in faith and building with long-term vision and sacrifice. This always involves a journey, and you can read more of those stories in the pages ahead.

We're incredibly grateful for the way our church loves people. Across many cities and nations, teams and volunteers faithfully support those in need, practically, generously, and consistently. It's the heart of Jesus on display, and it makes us deeply grateful to see such compassion outworked in the mission of our church.

The world is uncertain. But the Church has never had a greater opportunity to be the Body of Christ, through which He speaks, acts, and builds. And you are part of that. Every prayer, every act of generosity, and every commitment to the mission matters more than you know. We see you. We honour you. And we're so glad you're building with us.

Our prayer is that what you read in these pages stirs your faith, lifts your eyes, encourages your heart, and reminds you why we love the Church. The story is still being written. Let's build together.

Love and blessings,

Phil & Lucinda
Global Senior Pastors

A healthy church changing lives through Christ.

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

Our Global Church Locations

Global Online

Hillsong DACH
Konstanz
Dusseldorf
Munich
Ravensburg Connect
Vienna
Zurich
Geneva

Hillsong Portugal
Lisboa
Porto
Aveiro
Ribatejo
Portimão
Lisboa, Margem Sul
Chaves
Coimbra
Beja
Faro
Maputo, Mozambique

Hillsong East Coast
New York City
New Jersey
Boston

Hillsong Latin America
Buenos Aires - Central
Buenos Aires - Quilmes
São Paulo - Zona Sul
São Paulo - Zona Leste
Monterrey
Montevideo
Barranquilla

Hillsong Netherlands
Amsterdam
Rotterdam
Brussels

Hillsong Berlin

Hillsong UK
Central London
Southwest London
Southeast London
North London
Croydon
Guildford
Kent
Oxford
Newcastle
Birmingham
Reading
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Paris
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Lyon
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Lausanne

Hillsong Nairobi

Hillsong Denmark
Copenhagen
Aarhus

Hillsong Sweden
Stockholm City
Stockholm North
Gothenburg
Jönköping
Malmö

Hillsong Ukraine
Kyiv

Hillsong Israel
Tel Aviv

Hillsong Bucharest Connect

Hillsong Budapest Connect

Hillsong Italy
Milan
Naples
Turin

Hillsong Africa
Cape Town City
Century City
Gugulethu
Mitchells Plain
Northern Suburbs
Paarl
Pollsmoor Prison
Somerset West
Southern Suburbs
Stellenbosch
West Coast
Braamfontein
Bryanston
Centurion
Wonderboom
Lagos Connect

Seoul Connect

Hillsong Tokyo

Singapore Connect

Hillsong Manila Connect

Fiji Connect

Hillsong Bali
Kuta
Sanur

Hillsong Australia
Sydney Hills
Sydney City - Waterloo
Sydney City - Alexandria
Sydney South West
Sydney Greater West
Sydney Macquarie
Sydney North Shore
Sydney Inner West
Sydney Northern Beaches
Sydney Central West
Sydney Bondi
Sydney Villawood
Newcastle
Wollongong
Brisbane Central
Brisbane City
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Praise Reports

This is Good News

Easter Around the World

Over Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, our global church welcomed 176,476 people to celebrate the hope of Easter. We thank God for the 3,976 people who decided to follow Jesus. Here are a just few stories from Easter around the world.

Hillsong Australia

Before sunup on Good Friday, a dedicated team of early risers gathered at Bondi Beach to write the "Cross Equals Love" sign in the sand. Proclaiming the Lord's death and resurrection in this way is a meticulous process, beginning with marking the outline and then etching it in the sand. With many helping hands, the artwork takes just over an hour to complete. This year's sand-writing even made local news.

It was a memorable start to Easter weekend, with much to celebrate across Hillsong Australia. Many made decisions to follow Jesus, and a large number took their next step of faith through water baptism.

Hillsong LATAM

Across 22 services in six locations spanning five countries, our churches throughout Latin America welcomed people to worship together over Easter. Many accepted salvation, while others publicly declared their faith through water baptism. At Hillsong São Paulo, Brazilian sports broadcaster Jorge Iggor was baptised alongside his wife, Paola Collaro, on Resurrection Sunday. Their story was later shared across both Brazilian Christian outlets and mainstream media.

Hillsong California

On Holy Saturday, Hillsong California hosted two egg-citing Helicopter Easter Egg Drops. One took place at Sotomayor Arts & Sciences Magnet School, where Hillsong LA gathers on Sundays, and the other at a high school in Orange County. In both locations, thousands of Easter eggs rained down from the sky as crowds of egg-static kids waited with buckets and baskets to collect them.

These events created fun, welcoming spaces where families and individuals who may not have stepped into a church environment otherwise experienced community, generosity, and the message of Easter. Grocery bags were given to those in need, and Bibles – in both English and Spanish – were placed in people's hands.

Days earlier, Hillsong Kids volunteers gathered at a local Denny's Restaurant to manually fill the eggs with treats. Hillsong Kids' leader, Laurissa Rey, said she was most excited about inviting "new people from the community into our church and then them just experiencing Jesus."

Hillsong Africa

Hillsong Africa held 71 services for Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, making sure that everyone who wanted to come to church over Easter was warmly received. Two services took place in Pollsmoor Maximum Security Prison in Cape Town, where many men decided to follow Jesus during a Good Friday service, and an encouraging number of women chose to begin a new life with Christ in a Resurrection Sunday service.

Hillsong Sweden

Across every Swedish campus people came together to celebrate the life-giving message of Easter. It was a weekend marked by joy and momentum, as new Christians committed their lives to Jesus, and others followed in His footsteps through water baptism. The impact of Easter at Hillsong Sweden was even recognised by the country's leading Christian daily, *Dagen*.

Hillsong East Coast

On the East Coast of the United States, people flocked through the doors of our churches in New York, New Jersey, and Boston to mark Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday with hope and celebration. Volunteers serving at multiple Easter services created welcoming environments where people could encounter Christ. Many accepted salvation, reflecting that God did something special in the services. The weekend was filled with renewed faith and a fresh expectation for the season ahead.

Hillsong UK

Our churches in the United Kingdom gave a warm welcome to countless families and individuals who walked through their doors over Easter weekend. Many salvations and water baptisms were celebrated with great hope for a future in Christ. Beyond Easter services, local teams demonstrated the love of Jesus through practical care – serving vulnerable people and refugees, supporting families, and strengthening partnerships within their communities.

A New Podcast & Instagram

Australia

Big news in February was the launch of two new online platforms for Hillsong Australia. The Hillsong Australia Podcast dives deeper into messages shared in Sunday services, continuing the conversation with engaging discussions, biblical insights, and encouragement to grow in faith each week. With a wealth of episodes released in Season 1, the podcast has lived up to its tagline of "Bringing Sunday into your everyday". Season 2 landed in the second half of May. [Listen to the Hillsong Australia Podcast.]

Debuting on the same day in February as the podcast, @hillsong.australia is the official Instagram account of Hillsong Australia – a storytelling hub, a mission-forward voice, a spotlight for campuses, a connector across locations, and the first touchpoint for new audiences. [Connect with us on Hillsong Australia Instagram.]

Three New Churches

Argentina
¡Hola, Hillsong Quilmes!

Hillsong Quilmes launched with two services – 11:30 am and 7:30 pm – on Sunday, 31 May. Quilmes is a coastal city in the Southern Zone of Buenos Aires, approximately 17 kilometres (11 miles) from Buenos Aires city centre. It's a popular residential area, with many people commuting daily to central Buenos Aires for work.

Hillsong Quilmes is the seventh Latin American campus to launch in the last ten years.
Follow @hillsongquilmes on Instagram for news and updates.

Australia
Hello, Hillsong Adelaide!

A new campus is launching in Adelaide, the capital of South Australia. This means Hillsong Church will now have a presence in every state in Australia. The journey to build church community in this cosmopolitan coastal city has included a Meet & Greet with Pastor Phil Dooley and some of the Hillsong team in April.

Follow @hillsongadelaide on Instagram for news and updates.

South Africa
Welcome Home, Hillsong Deep South!

There's great excitement around a new location launching in Cape Town's Deep South – a rustic stretch of the Cape Peninsula, affectionately known as being "behind the lentil curtain". The area includes the scenic coastal villages of Noordhoek, Kalk Bay, Fish Hoek, and Simon's Town; townships, such as Masiphumelele and Ocean View; as well as the surfing hotspots Kommetjie and Scarborough.

Hillsong Deep South will be the eleventh Hillsong campus in the Western Cape, with the team hoping to launch in the second half of the year.
Follow @hillsong.deepsouth on Instagram for news and updates.

Three Open House Conferences

Argentina, Brazil, & Colombia

Open House conferences are tailored to invest in pastors, leaders, and church teams. In the first half of the year, three Open House events were hosted by Pastors Chris and Lucy Mendez – lead pastors of Hillsong LATAM – in Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia.

A sold-out Open House 2026 themed "Harvest Time" kicked off at Hillsong Buenos Aires in February, welcoming pastors and leaders from 49 churches in 13 countries. Next up was Open House at Hillsong São Paulo, hosted in their South Campus's newly acquired and renovated church building in April. Pastors and leaders from 46 churches, 29 cities, and 12 Brazilian states gathered for a weekend marked by the presence of God.

Open House at Hillsong Barranquilla in May marked a historic first for our church in Colombia, which only launched in August last year. By all accounts, it was an incredible couple of days with tremendous reach and impact. Pastors and leaders from 47 churches across nine nations gathered for the event. As Chris said at the time, "What we experienced this year at Open House in Buenos Aires, São Paulo, and Barranquilla was overwhelming, and we are already super excited for 2027!"

Seven Nights of Anointing

South Africa

In the lead-up to Pentecost, seven Nights of Anointing saw the Holy Spirit move powerfully, bringing healing, freedom, breakthrough, deliverance, and transformation across our church in South Africa. Hosted by Pastors Sanga and Kety Samways, lead pastors of Hillsong Africa, the nights were structured around worship and teaching on the Holy Spirit, culminating in extended ministry in the Spirit. Over 8,000 people witnessed the power of God touching lives.

On the first night in Gauteng, a volunteer with partial hearing loss regained hearing in her left ear the moment she walked into the auditorium, even before worship began. In Cape Town, a teenage girl, who'd been discharged from a drug rehabilitation centre two days earlier, attended one of the nights with her grandmother. The girl had a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit and gave her life to Jesus. The following Sunday, she and her entire family were in church. She said she's never felt so welcomed and accepted. She's now part of Youth, and her family calls Hillsong Church home.

The nights were marked by a hunger for God's presence. When ministry time began, people lined up to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be prayed for at the altar and on the platform, with the team catching those slain in the Spirit.

Hundreds encountered the Holy Spirit in unique and personal ways. Central to the nights was the invitation that these encounters should lead to greater intimacy with God. Everyone was invited to church at one of Hillsong Africa's 14 locations in South Africa. Those who experienced deliverance could scan a QR code, connecting them to the Pastoral Care Team, who would support them in their journey of freedom.

On the final night at Hillsong Century City, Pastor Bryan Campos, visiting from Hillsong Central West Sydney, prayed for a woman who'd been wheelchair-bound for 17 years, and she began to walk.

Praise reports from across the nights poured in. A young woman who'd suffered chronic pain from a lengthy battle with lupus was healed; afterwards, her doctor found no trace of the disease and she was taken off medication. A girl was healed of epilepsy and received a normal EEG at a follow-up medical appointment. One lady's arthritic ring finger straightened while someone was praying for her.

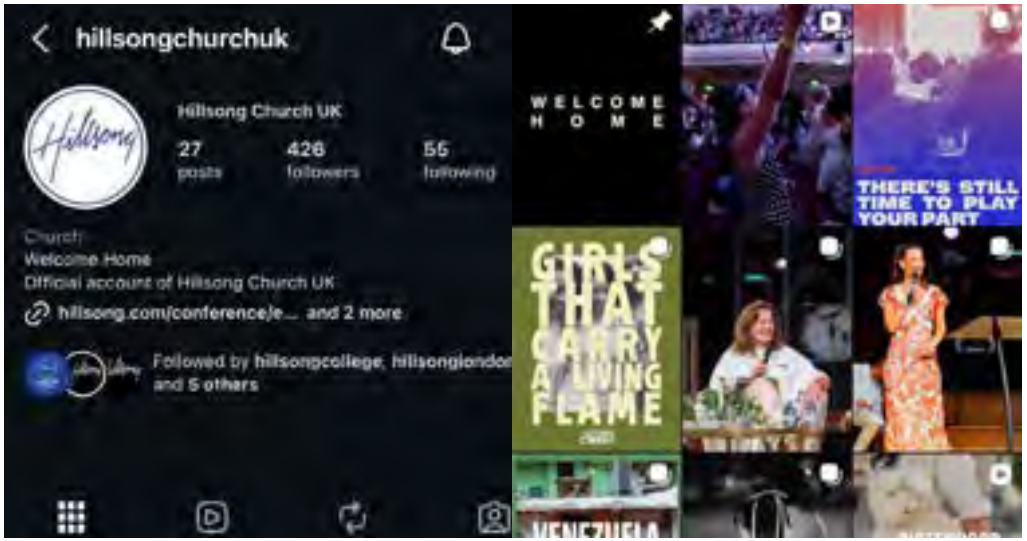
Many reported guidance and breakthroughs in the area of work. A young man, who'd been unemployed, successfully interviewed for a government post with good benefits. There were stories of restoration in families, renewed peace, emotional healing, and a closer walk with God. In a follow-up praise report from last year's Nights of Anointing, a man who'd been freed from a years-long pornography addiction shared he was still living in freedom.

Celebrating Ten Years

Argentina & Sweden

Hillsong Buenos Aires turned ten in February, while Hillsong Malmö celebrated their tenth anniversary in the Swedish city in March. That's a decade each of milestones, miracles, and welcoming people home. Countless lives have been transformed through Jesus and these two faithful communities of believers, and the best years are still ahead. Our warmest congratulations!

Welcome Home, @hillsongchurchuk!



United Kingdom

The first Instagram account for Hillsong Church UK officially launched at the end of May. This is a shared space where pastors, leaders, and members of their community can contribute testimonies, devotional content, photography from their 13 locations, and more.
Connect with Hillsong Church UK on Instagram.

Building Together

Developing Purpose-Filled Jesus Followers

Building Lives

Discipling Jesus Followers at Hillsong California

Los Angeles & Orange County

Hillsong California's two campuses are positioned at the heart of culture in the urban centres of Los Angeles and Orange County. Every week, they welcome new Jesus followers as people accept salvation in their Sunday services. To disciple new Christians into a close relationship with Jesus, California Lead Pastors Sam and Courtney Lopez have made teaching central to what they do. "We made the decision that teaching wasn't going to live on the periphery," Sam says. "We wanted it to dictate everything we did so that the Sunday teaching didn't just die at the end of the service."

Sunday teaching series provide content for connect group studies, midweek services, Zoom Bible studies, and more. For instance, a 7-week "Gifts of the Spirit" series that ran with midweek studies had a significant impact. "We saw so many people activated in their own personal walk," Courtney recalls. "The impact of our focus on teaching has been incredible, and the fruit of that is people being activated in their faith and following Jesus for themselves."

In February, Hillsong California did an eight-message series, titled "Jonah: A Heart for the City". In mid-April, they launched, "Daniel: Living Faithfully in a Foreign City", a series exploring how Daniel was physically present but spiritually different.

Another initiative is The Discipleship Project, an online study group that helps people take meaningful steps in their faith journey. It has two foundational pathways – "Intro to Faith" and "Deeper Discipleship". Recently, The Discipleship Project expanded with three new courses: "Peter Follows Jesus", "Baptism 101", and "Apologetics".

The focus on teaching includes raising up the next generation of Bible teachers. "The thing that I'm most excited for is the young communicators and leaders that we're seeing emerge," Courtney says. "How are we resourcing those people? How are we giving them opportunities to grow in that skill and to develop and to become the next communicators, the next Bible teachers?"

Not only is Hillsong California intentional about discipling people, but they're also innovative in reaching their local communities. Read about their annual Helicopter Easter Egg Drops in the "This is Good News" segment.

Now He's Using Youth

Summercamps are a highlight of the Youth calendar. In the Southern Hemisphere, a string of Summercamps kicked off the year with a buzz.

South Africa

In the week of 4–10 January, Hillsong Africa hosted four Summercamps – three in Cape Town and one in Gauteng. Even the elements couldn't dampen the excitement at the Cape Town camps. When strong winds damaged the main tent on the first day of Camp 2 (Grades 9–10), the Production Team set up outside. What followed was an unforgettable opening session under African skies, as the sun slipped away and the stars came out. National Youth Pastor Rhys Acton preached on "A Revival-Spirited Youth" and a revival took place in the hearts of young people as they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Testimonies streamed in. "The first night of Summercamp was when I encountered the Holy Spirit for the first time in my life," said a Grade 9 girl, who had worried that she wouldn't experience the presence of God like others.

A Grade 9 boy shared that Summercamp was a turning point during a challenging season. "On the first day of Summercamp, which was also my birthday, it all happened," he said. "I experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit … I was filled with so much happiness and peace. It felt like a huge weight was lifted off me."

Camp essentials included Bibles and notebooks for the sessions and breakouts. One girl said it felt as though Jesus had whispered all her struggles to the youth pastors because every message they preached hit home.

A month after camp, a Grade 11 girl who'd been sponsored for Summercamp was baptised at Hillsong Southern Suburbs in Cape Town.

Australia

Between 12–22 January, Hillsong Australia hosted several Summercamps across New South Wales/Queensland, Victoria/Tasmania, and Western Australia, with special guests Youth Pastors Zach and Tecara Walters from Hillsong Africa.

At the New South Wales/Queensland camp, sessions were held in a Big Top circus tent. One night, three teenage boys, holidaying at the local caravan park, came to investigate what was happening in the Big Top, claiming they'd heard a sound and followed it. They were unable to stay for the evening session but were invited to return the next morning. Arriving early, all three made decisions to follow Jesus that day.

A host of people contributed to making each Summercamp an unforgettable experience. Volunteers took time off from work or holidays to serve. "I saw many of our team sacrifice so much to pull this year off right across Australia," said National Youth Oversight Sam Green. "There were healings, salvations, and many moments where the presence of God was undeniable. It's all worth it when you see young people fall more in love with God."

Latin America

Summercamp in São Paulo was from 15–17 January, while Hillsong Buenos Aires gathered their young people for Summercamp and Summerfest at the end of January.

The camps prepared the ground for the great things God had in store for 2026. "At camp, God showed me habits that kept me away from Him," one young person said afterwards. Another shared, "God gave me new, healthy friendships despite my mistakes."

Sisterhood Stories

Sisterhood Conferences brightened the first half of the year. From March to May, ten conferences across seven countries were penned into the church calendar. Two more Sisterhood Conferences were held at the end of June in Portugal and the United Kingdom. Here's a glimpse of God's goodness.

Sydney

A sold-out Sisterhood Conference touched Heaven in Sydney over the weekend of 13–14 March. Women of all ages – the young, the middle, and the more mature – came from across Australia and beyond for an incredible two days together. The conference opened on a high note Friday night with a compelling message from Pastor Lucinda Dooley, asking, "Will You Walk a Road Less Travelled?"

Over 24 hours, thousands of women lifted high the name of Jesus, soaked up His presence, enjoyed powerful teaching and preaching, encouraged one another, laughed, cried, and savoured the blessings of friendship and community.

In 2024, this Sisterhood's generosity helped deliver 400 Maternity Bags – big bags full of essentials for mum and her newborn baby – to hospitals in Darwin, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, and Alice Springs that care for women who travel from remote communities in the Northern Territory and often arrive with very few personal belongings.

Our Australian Sisterhood rallied to support Maternity Bags once again this year. Their generosity has been heartwarming. At the time of writing, the Hillsong CityCare Team was in the process of gathering items from an updated list of essentials and preparing the bags for distribution, ensuring every detail was thoughtfully considered.

Cape Town

A week of Sisterhood Conferences, hosted by Pastor Kety Samways, kicked off in Cape Town on 6–7 March. Across Conference One on Friday and a sold-out Conference Two on Saturday, the presence of God was palpable in every session.

Praise reports of healings, breakthroughs, and deliverance poured in. One woman shared, "After seven years of having anxiety, I walked out of Sisterhood completely free." A young woman battling suicidal thoughts attended Conference One as a last resort and had a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit. "I've never felt happier in my life," she told Kety. "I want to live full on for Jesus."

Over 2,000 women attended these conferences. Every number has a name, and everyone's story matters to God. A woman, Cay-Lynn, had been incarcerated for five years. While in prison, she attended church services and Sisterhood gatherings hosted by the Hillsong Africa Foundation Prison Ministry Team – this was her first Sisterhood as a free woman.

The following Wednesday, the Prison Ministry Team hauled the décor from the Cape Town conferences through the security checks at Pollsmoor Maximum Security Prison for a Sisterhood Conference behind bars. They set up in a sunny hall at the heart of the Female Centre, where 173 women gathered to worship. That morning, 87 women made decisions to follow Jesus.

A young woman, who attended Sisterhood in Pollsmoor on the Wednesday, was released from prison on the Friday and baptised at Hillsong Century City on the Sunday.

Bucharest

Sisterhood Conference in Bucharest on 21 March turned out to be Hillsong Romania's best-attended Sisterhood gathering to date. A large group of Roma women – often considered the most marginalised minority in the country – were able to attend, thanks to a partner church, which brought them from rural areas. Many women gave their lives to Jesus and received Bibles.

Attendees could donate toiletries, beauty products, and feminine hygiene products for this year's cause – beautifully boxed self-care packages that would be distributed in partnership with a centre that supports victims of domestic violence.

Stockholm

Over 700 women from across Sweden gathered in Stockholm for Sisterhood Conference at the start of May. Lead Pastor Lina Nielsen's impactful opening-night message set the tone for an uplifting weekend together. The Saturday programme overflowed with goodness, blessing attendees throughout the day. Highlights included Pastor Lucinda Dooley's timely message, "Will You Walk a Road Less Travelled?", which resonated deeply, along with the practical leadership panel that followed. It was a treat to hear from acclaimed Swedish jewellery designer and goldsmith Josefin Cummings who spoke about refinement.

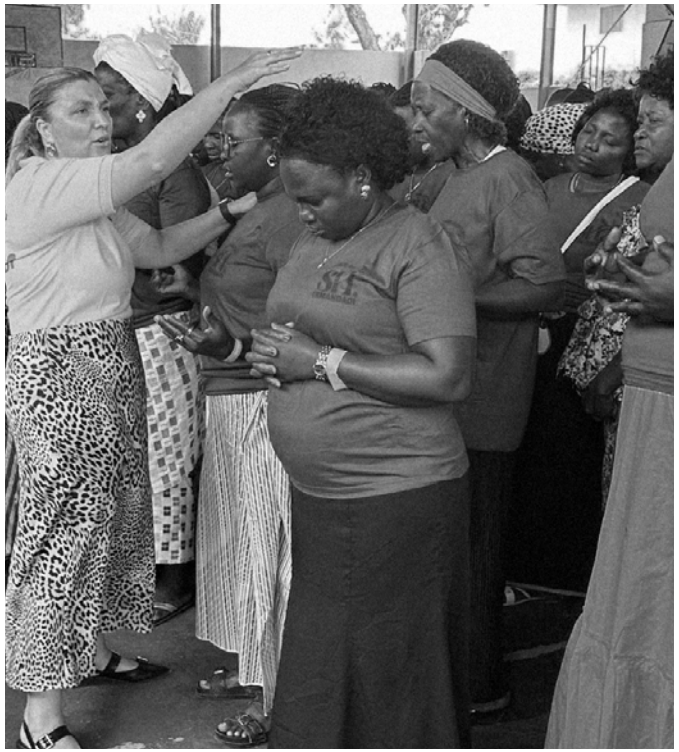
The conference championed Hillsong's partnership with Compassion, resulting in 190 children being sponsored. Amongst the many testimonies of salvations and miraculous healings was a powerful account of a young woman whose damaged knees were completely healed.

Guinea-Bissau (Hillsong Portugal Outreach)

The Hillsong Portugal Team arrived in Guinea-Bissau a week before the Sisterhood Conference held in the West African nation in mid-May. Their mission was an outreach in the village of Tabane, serving among Muslim communities. It was undertaken in partnership with Hope for Fulanis, an NGO focused on health, education, child nutrition, vocational training, and access to clean water. While volunteering across different areas, the team shared the Gospel and built relationships with local families. Close to 1,000 people in the region were reached and impacted.

These practical acts of love prepared the ground for a memorable Sisterhood Conference. It began with a special gathering of more than 60 pastors, leaders, and missionaries from a variety of churches and organisations, who were honoured for their faithful and sacrificial work.

The opening night drew women from across the country. Pastor Joana Cabral delivered an engaging message, reminding attendees that they are set apart for Kingdom purpose.



On Day 2, Pastors Laura Diaz and Tânia Vicente, both from Hillsong Portugal, shared faith-filled messages during the morning sessions. A transformative Holy Spirit session, led by Joana later that day, saw hundreds of women responding in faith and being filled with the Spirit.

Nearly 700 women attended the conference over the two days. Throughout this time, the team witnessed physical healings, salvations, deliverance, and profound God moments as women encountered the Holy Spirit.

Building Healthy Church Communities

Building Church

A Year of Open Doors at Hillsong LATAM

Latin America

It has been a groundbreaking year for our church in Latin America, thanks to opportunities for new venues and land opening up for several of their campuses. At the start of August 2025, Hillsong São Paulo's East Campus moved into a newly renovated, permanent facility. Before that, the church gathered in a rent-free circus tent. "The owner was a Christian, so for two and a half years, we didn't pay anything to do church, which is a miracle in and of itself," says Lead Pastor Chris Mendez, who, with his wife Lucy, leads our churches in Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, and Colombia.

When the tent moved to a different spot, the East Campus found their current building – a 1,100-seat venue – within a week. They had only five weeks to renovate it, however. Hundreds of volunteers pitched in to finish on time, sometimes painting until 3 am and even taking sleeping bags along. Their hard work has more than paid off. "Since we had that permanent venue open in August, that location has doubled in size," Chris says. "The opportunity it's provided to do things mid-week, to just open things up for the community. It's brought a breath of fresh air."

The East Campus is Hillsong São Paulo's second campus, while the South Campus is the city's original church location. At a DNA night in September – a mere month after the East Campus had occupied their new home – Chris announced the acquisition of a 10,000-square-metre piece of land for the South Campus. By the beginning of March, Phase One of the South Campus's new facility was complete and they celebrated their first Sunday in the new building, a day bursting with excitement and gratitude.

Another big building project is underway. "We found a piece of land with a building on it that we need to completely renovate in Buenos Aires, Argentina," Chris shares. "And so it's been a massive year when it comes to venues or land."

A New Building in Bali

Bali, Indonesia

Towards the end of February, Hillsong Kuta's church building flooded for the third time in 15 months following torrential downpours battering south-western Bali. Footage showed floodwaters inside the auditorium rising to roughly 60–70 cm, damaging equipment and furnishings.

However, there was some good news on the horizon. At Local Mission Sunday a week later, Pastor Eka Mutty announced that Hillsong Kuta had signed a long-lease contract for a bigger building on higher ground that includes space for parking.

The renovation is in progress. The new facility will feature a coffee shop, an indoor play area, and a resource centre, all open to the public Monday to Saturday. It will also house a recording studio and the Hillsong Bali Dance Academy. In addition, the spacious 1,100-seat auditorium will be available for venue hires, including music concerts.

The plan is to move into their new home in September. Thanks to the large auditorium, they'll launch with two services – instead of the four services in their current, smaller venue. Brick by brick, they're building a legacy together.

California Together at Teams Retreat

California, USA

Something special happens when the teams that serve the church come together for a few days of seeking God and building community. In March, California Lead Pastors Sam and Courtney Lopez hosted their staff and volunteer teams for a Teams Retreat at Hume SoCal, a Christian retreat centre at Green Valley Lake in the San Bernardino mountains. Imagine rustic wooden cabins with bunk beds, fresh mountain air, budding spring greenery – and you get the picture. They were joined by special guests Pastors Phil Dooley, Lucinda Dooley, Chris Mendez, and Julian Lowe (from Oasis Church in Los Angeles), sharing wisdom drawn from decades of leadership and ministry.

Testimonies from the retreat poured in – people leaned into God's presence, prayed for each other, made new friends, were stirred to step out in faith, and had supernatural confirmations of things they'd been trusting God for. By all accounts, it was a faith-filled, Spirit-led time and everyone is counting down until next year's retreat.

On the last day, a Saturday, 17-year-old Bella Martinez shared her dream of attending Hillsong College in Sydney in July and was prayed for. When asked how much money she still needed to go, she replied, "$6,000". Within 24 hours – without a formal giving campaign

– the church had rallied to give $9,000. “On Sunday, we surprised Bella with this news and the place erupted,” Sam shared on Instagram. “I’m blown away by the generosity of our church.”

Hillsong California is one church in two locations – Los Angeles and Orange County – and they’re intentional about building together. Last year’s Teams Retreat marked a significant step towards cultivating a real sense of unity and friendship, and they’ve been building on that momentum ever since. In April, they had their first combined Hillsong California Worship Night, a revival-spirited gathering that offered a glimpse of what God is doing in California.

Another Permanent Facilility in Portugal

Lisbon, Portugal

At the start of May, Hillsong Portugal’s Lisbon North Campus celebrated their first Sunday in their new church building, launching with two morning services. Our church in Portugal has ten locations, with Lisbon North being the fourth campus to acquire their own building. The new facility is around 75 km from Lisbon city centre and includes a spacious auditorium, coffee area, kids’ facilities, and car park. Lisbon North is one of three Lisbon campuses, the other two being Lisbon Centre (the main location) and Lisbon South.

A team of volunteers stepped in to oversee and carry out the renovations. There’s still work to be done, but the goal is to finish everything in the coming months.

Significant and Sustainable Social Impact

Building Cities & Nations

Tackling Youth Unemployment

Nairobi, Kenya

Hillsong Nairobi celebrated their second birthday at the end of March with coffee, cake, and cotton candy. “It has been a growing season for us,” Pastor Enock Ngone says, “but there’s so much excitement around the potential. What does it mean for us to be the church in this city? And how can we build that together?”

Kenya has a youthful population. Over 70% of Kenyans are under the age of 35. In a country with a median age of around 20, youth unemployment and its impact on mental health are pressing issues. “The narrative has always been, if you go to school, if you study, as soon as you’re done, there’s going to be an opportunity,” Enock says. “But for so many people, that narrative hasn’t been true. That has impacted the mental health of our young people.”

To respond to these challenges, Hillsong Nairobi has launched the Accelerate Job Centre, a programme designed to equip attendees for the current job market, offering specialised skills training and personal mentoring. “We have a goal, within the next year or two, to actually see over 100 people get a job through that programme,” Enock says. Their vision isn’t only to help people secure jobs, but to empower them to advance to better roles and build lasting careers.

In addition, Hillsong Nairobi partners with Elpis Counseling Center to provide mental health support to people in church who would not otherwise have access to professional counselling.

Meanwhile, their church community is going from strength to strength. “I feel like what we’re about to step into is far greater than anything we’ve ever stepped into here in Nairobi as a church,” Enock says. “And it can only take place if we do it and build together.”

Welcoming Home Refugees & Asylum Seekers

Konstanz, Germany

Since opening their doors in September 2004, Hillsong Konstanz has been a church dedicated to making a difference in their city. A central focus for their CityCare Team is supporting people with refugee backgrounds.

Germany has long been a top destination for refugees and asylum seekers. A 2024 study revealed that around 3.55 million protection seekers have made their homes in the country. “These are extremely difficult circumstances, especially for families with school-aged kids,” says Marie Dreyer, CityCare Konstanz oversight. “This arrival, making friends, acclimatising to a new environment, culture, and language has to happen very quickly and is very challenging for the children.”

To ease the process of adjusting to life in a new country, CityCare Konstanz created “Hey, Little World Changer”, a programme for preschool and school-age children that creates positive leisure time while teaching valuable principles such as emotional intelligence, self-confidence, and resilience, as well as creative and motor skill development. Specifically designed for children with different backgrounds and stories, “Hey, Little World Changer” has ten interactive units, with themes such as “I am Brave” and “I am a Good Friend”.

On Fridays, CityCare volunteers visit refugee families in the shelters with “Hey, Little World Changer!” to-go boxes. One Saturday a month, the team collects the children with a shuttle bus and hosts a creative workshop in church to allow the kids to explore their creative gifts and talents. “To see the impact of all this on the children, and especially on their families, is simply great,” says Lead Pastor Freimut Haverkamp, who, alongside his wife Joanna, leads Hillsong DACH, which includes Germany, Zurich, Geneva, and Vienna.

The heart behind the programme is to help children feel accepted and loved while fostering their gifts and talents. “In every city we have a church location, we want to be known as people who care, people of action, so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus,” Joanna says.

Cycling for Change

Cape Town, South Africa

Since 2018, the Hillsong Africa Foundation (HAF) has proudly participated in the iconic Cape Town Cycle Tour, one of the world's largest timed cycling events, drawing approximately 30,000 riders in 2026. It's all for a good cause – the gruelling 109 km loop around the Mother City has become the cornerstone of HAF's annual fundraising efforts. This year's target was R300,000 to support HAF's personal development programmes, which are transforming lives in high schools, shelters, community centres, and prisons across the Western Cape and Gauteng.

On Sunday, 8 March, a 15-strong HAF team started out from the Grand Parade at the heart of the city centre, setting a demanding pace through the scenic landscapes of greater Cape Town.

Two new team members are themselves beneficiaries of HAF's programmes. There's Naeem, who got back on his feet through the Prison Ministry Team's Aftercare Programme following his release from prison. Thanks to the programme, he now works as an attendant at a service station. He's also planted in Hillsong Northern Suburbs, where he has a mentor and attends Evening College. On his first Cycle Tour, Naeem raised an impressive R15,000. Another newcomer, Aki, is a graduate of HAF's personal development programmes.

For the HAF Cycle Team, every kilometre serves a greater purpose that extends far beyond the finish line. The funds raised build lives – like Naeem's and Aki's – taking them from strength to strength and empowering them to give back. Each transformed life impacts the trajectory of a family and community.

Hillsong Worship

While recovering from heart surgery, a patient discovered Hillsong Worship and shared that he spent long nights finding comfort in songs that reminded him of God's faithfulness and presence. Stories like these remind us that Hillsong Worship exists not simply to release music, but to see lives impacted and Jesus glorified.

In February, two new songs, "Good News" and "Only Jesus", were added to the *Great I AM* album. Quickly embraced across our global church, these songs centre on Christ, proclaim His saving grace, and encourage believers to boldly declare Jesus as Lord.

Alongside the album, *Great I AM (Lofi)* and *Piano Lullabies* provide instrumental expressions designed to accompany moments of devotion, study, rest, and reflection. Furthermore, *Great I AM (Acoustic)* offers stripped-back versions of the album, serving both personal worship and smaller church communities.

Hillsong Worship Translations

Alongside the English release, *Great I AM* was translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, German, and Ukrainian. Recorded by teams across multiple nations, these songs have equipped and encouraged congregations throughout our global church.

Hillsong Kids

Hillsong Kids released *Sons and Daughters* in March and *Love So Great* in June, featuring both beloved Hillsong Worship songs and new music written specifically for children. A third EP is planned for September, building towards a full album by the end of 2026.

Our Story in Photos

DON'T DO LIFE ALONE
SIT WITH US!
FIRST TIME?
SEE ME!

VOLUNTARIO

JESÚS ESPERANZA
PARA LA HUMANIDAD
Hillsong

La vraie
beauté vient
de l'intérieur

Leadership & Governance

An Update from Tolu Badders

Global Chief Operating Officer

Implementation of Hillsong's Global Strategy officially commenced in March, following approval from our Global Senior Pastors, Phil and Lucinda Dooley, and endorsement from the Global Board. In recent months, the focus has shifted from strategy development to execution, with work now underway to establish clear ownership, alignment, accountability, and reporting rhythms across the five strategic priorities.

The Strategy Implementation leads (pictured opposite) and co-leads have established their respective teams, made up of lead pastors, ministry leaders, and operational leaders from across our global church. Their focus this year is to define measurable outcomes, establish consistent reporting and meeting rhythms, strengthen accountability, and ensure steady progress across each area of the strategy.

Several key leadership appointments have also helped support this next season of implementation. Adam Spies has been appointed Global Finance Director, strengthening governance, financial, risk and compliance capabilities. Darren Kitto has stepped into a global role focused on global relationships, church planting, and the development of future pastors and ministry leaders. Thomas Hansen now leads Ministry Infrastructure and Support Systems, helping strengthen governance, implementation frameworks, and organisational effectiveness across our global church.

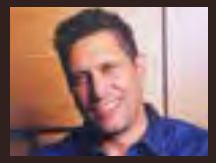
As we continue to build together, our focus remains on implementing the Global Strategy with clarity, accountability, and consistency, helping strengthen our church for the future as we pursue our vision of a healthy church changing lives through Christ.

Part One:
Hillsong Church Strategy and Governance

Leader:
Thomas Hansen

Part Two:
Furthering the Evangelistic Mission through Church Planting

Leader:
Darren Kitto



Part Three:
Cultivating Creativity and Worship

Leader:
Jad Gillies

Part Four:
Creating a Robust Pipeline for Developing New Pastors and Ministry Leaders

Leader:
Darren Kitto

Part Five:
Fostering Healthy Churches and Pastors

Leader:
Tolu Badders

Adam Spies
Global Finance Director

Click here to view the bios of the Hillsong Church Global Support Team members.

A Letter from Dr Stephen Crouch

Dear Church,

As you reach the end of this Global Mission Impact Update, I hope you have been encouraged by all that God is doing across our global church.

Psalm 145:4 (NLT) says: *"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power."* That is precisely what this report does. It tells the story of what God is doing through His Church for the generations coming after us. We build not just for today, but for those who will follow.

This year, Pastors Phil and Lucinda have cast vision for us to build together. And that is exactly what we are seeing. New properties are being secured, new church plants are being established, and lives are continuing to be transformed. Every story in this update reflects God's faithfulness and the impact of His Church.

Let us continue to support and pray for Pastors Phil and Lucinda as they lead our global church with faith and wisdom.

As a Board, we are committed to enabling and stewarding this season of growth. Our efforts to provide greater support and a clearer pathway for our church communities to pursue and secure permanent facilities are among the most meaningful ways we can serve the mission God has entrusted to us. We do not take that responsibility lightly.

Thank you also to my fellow Board members for their ongoing service and commitment. As Tolu Badders and Mário Rui Boto conclude their service on the Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks for their faithful contribution to the governance of our global church.

Finally, thank you to every volunteer, staff member, pastor, and church member who faithfully serves and gives. Your contribution to the life and mission of our church is deeply valued.

Church, the Lord is good. Let us keep building together.

With hope and gratitude,

Dr Stephen Crouch
Global Board Chair

Hillsong Church Board Update

Lina Nielsen
Hillsong Sweden Lead Pastor

Chris Mendez
Hillsong Latin America Lead Pastor

As the Global Board, our commitment to the health, governance, and mission of Hillsong Church remains our focus. It is our privilege to serve in this way, and we are pleased to share the following update on key developments across the first half of 2026.

Global Strategy

We are encouraged by the ongoing implementation of our Global Strategy, which the Board endorsed at the close of 2025. Work is well underway across its four key areas.

[Click here to view the bios of the Hillsong Church Inc. Board members.]

Our 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).

Board Appointments

The Global Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Lina Nielsen, Lead Pastor of Hillsong Sweden, and Chris Mendez, Lead Pastor of Hillsong Latin America, as Directors of the Hillsong Church Board for two-year terms. Both bring a wealth of leadership experience, pastoral wisdom, and a deep commitment to the mission and values of Hillsong Church.

Our Mission

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

Our Values

Welcome Home: Because Everyone Matters
Servant-Hearted Humility: Here to Help
Joyful & Fun: Enjoying Life & Youthful Spirit
Generous Spirit: Open-Hearted & Open-Handed
Excellence: We Bring Our Best

Thank you.

Thank you for building with us.

Whether you're serving, sowing, gathering, or caring for those around you, we deeply appreciate the unique part you play. God is building His Church through people who keep saying "Yes" to Him – and together we get to be part of that.

May we continue to be purpose-filled Jesus followers, who build healthy church communities, and create significant and sustainable social impact in the cities and nations we call home.