

A TRAINING CENTER FOR THE FULL-TIME TRAINING IN LONDON

We would like to bring you an update on plans for accommodating the growing Full-time Training in London (FTTL), the full-time training center for all of Europe. We now have permission to construct a training center capable of holding at least 400 full-time trainees. Additionally, we can have short-term trainees and visiting saints. The new training facility will have capacity for almost 1,000 saints conference style. The large room can be used for meetings by the church in London as well as the FTTL, and it can be quickly converted into three separate rooms capable of holding 250 to 300 each, conference style. Using tables and chairs, training style, the main room can handle at least 500 at a time. At present, any gathering larger than 150 saints must be conducted in our marquee (tent). The new training center will also provide kitchen and dining space for the trainees.

Within a two-hour, 120-mile radius of central London, there are more than 1,000 saints, and a general populace of more than 33 million people, at least half of the total population of all of the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland). This is more than the population of the whole state of Texas and slightly less than that of the whole state of California. Within this same area there are more than 500,000 university students.

We have already begun to prepare for construction by putting in place temporary buildings for the construction office. During the summer and fall we will further prepare by building a construction road, installing the electrical supply and emptying the existing buildings. Our hope is to then begin full construction in December 2023 at the conclusion of the FTTL Fall Term. However, present construction funds may be exhausted by the end of the year. If funds are forthcoming construction can be completed within two years. At present, spring 2023, the Bower House property and nearby housing can accommodate approximately 150 trainees at the maximum.

The United Kingdom now has a very good two-year visa for FTTL trainees from almost every country on earth. Usually the spring intake is very small with about 5 to 10 percent growth. This spring, the intake was a 48 percent growth. If the training continues to grow at the same rate, then we will have reached 150 trainees by spring 2025, two years from now. So, we need to progress with construction as soon as possible. Historically, nearly every graduate of FTTL remains in Europe to serve or work.

We hope that there could be some thorough fellowship soon regarding this training center for all of Europe.

Brothers, please bring this need to the Lord.

Much grace,

Brothers serving in London.