



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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Introduction

"I see this movement as one of the most strategic networks in the world for the delivery of quality church-based theological education" - Dr. Perry Shaw

The Increase Association continues to serve as a platform for connecting and strengthening church-based training movements and also as a resource base for starting and improving TEE ministry in different countries. 2018 was a year of good progress and significant achievements in different areas of work.

We thank God that in 2018 TEE continued spreading both across Asia and globally. TEE Equippers play an important role in this. We thank God for the growing partnership and unity in ministry among national teams.

It was exciting to observe the increasing interest and a growing number of TEE users among diaspora churches. Group Leader Training models were developed with a special goal to help those churches. We thank God for the progress in writing new courses: four new courses were completed in 2018 with more new courses expected in 2019. We are also very grateful to God for the growing recognition of Increase and TEE among theological education institutions.

We can see one of the reasons of growing recognition and success is the regular committed and focused prayer of the Increase intercessors praying team.

And finally we want to thank God for a dream coming true, a special pre-Christmas gift - the publication of the book *TEE in Asia*.

We thank God for the wonderful year and good fruit of TEE ministry among many nations.



Blessings and kind regards
Anneta Vyssotskaya
Chair of Increase Association

Meeting our Goals

The purpose of Increase is to connect and strengthen church-based training movements across Asia and beyond. It does so in various ways which are reflected in the subheadings in this part of the report. This gives a short summary of what has been achieved in 2018.

1. Build a network of good relationships

Intercessors Praying Team

The Intercessors' team meet to pray by Skype every month. They also respond to immediate and urgent prayer requests. Jolyon Trickey also sends out prayer points every week.

Equippers Skype meetings

There has been good interaction with the Equippers through a series of three group Skypes in November and December. The Increase Equippers represent 'feet on the ground', the group of people who make a vital contribution to Increase's purpose by giving their time and sharing expertise. In 2019 these interactions will be followed up to give Equippers more support and resources and keep them connected.

Vision Group

The Central Asia Vision group prays for and supports the TEE work in Central Asia. For Increase Anneta Vysotskaya and Tim Green are involved.

2. Encourage collaborative projects and partnerships

Developments in Philippines

In January 2018, representatives of four organizations in the **Philippines** came together. They were inspired to do so at the Increase conference of 2017. These organisations (ABCOP, CAMACOP, Ignite Church and ITEEP) together established a national TEE network in Philippines. After a facilitators training for people of these organisations Rosana Longgat reflected *"One of the benefits of this training is the connection that we had with the participants that will have a big factor in the vision that we have for our TEE national network."*

TEE for Diaspora in Europe

In **Germany** the *Come Follow Me* course has already been used widely. Where churches use the method well, the results are good. A training pack in German will help development and use of the course method further. Liebenzell Mission and Hilfe für Bruder are two German organisations interested

in diaspora TEE, and who have been supportive of Increase. In **The Netherlands** a meeting with Interserve proved a promising connection. The team is currently doing *Joining the Family* together and is interested in *Come Follow Me*.

TEE network in Russian Diaspora Churches in South Korea

At the Chiang Mai conference in 2017 connections were made between a Russian Diaspora church in **South Korea** and the teams from **Uzbekistan** and **Russia**. The teams went to South Korea to run a training in December 2017, and returned in September 2018 to give a follow-up training, to increase knowledge and skills, and further develop the vision for TEE. Maria Vdovina said: *“I believe there is a great potential for work with the Russian speaking diaspora in Korea and a team has been formed [...] that can be trained further how to train others. They are very enthusiastic about TEE. This, I consider [to be] the most important result of this trip.”*

TEE in Korean Diaspora in New Zealand

Koreans started migrating to **New Zealand** from around 1990. Korean churches in New Zealand feel the need for discipleship and invited Stephen Cho for a facilitator training. Many different churches attended. He believes that: *“The reason why many churches participated [...] is mainly because the NZ Victory Church has tested it and proved that TEE Community Learning works well.”* Both English and Korean materials will be needed. A national TEE team in New Zealand is also developing (see point 3 below).

TEE in India

When Graham Aylett visited **India**, he was able to connect YWAM and Dr David Samuel of TAFTEE. They made an agreement that YWAM will be publishing courses on behalf of TAFTEE. This is an encouraging partnership as he said *“India is so big and diverse it ‘needs an Increase of its own’. Connecting people and strengthening connections is very important here.”*

3. Identify and share fruitful practice

Diaspora Task Group

The task group is planning for consultations on using TEE among diaspora believers in **Dubai, Australia** and **New Zealand**. The New Zealand consultations have already gone ahead by the time of writing this. These consultations will provide diaspora workers with support and input and enables workers to share what works well. In 2018 the task group also considered guidelines and resources for those wanting to start diaspora TEE work. An example of a resource like this is the online group leader training (see point 4 below).

Group Leader Training models

These training models were developed for diaspora work in **Malaysia**, and they worked really well. The models are now being used more widely e.g. in the **Philippines** (January) **Mongolia** (February) **Vietnam** (April) and with **diaspora** in the UK (March).

4. Initiate and catalyze innovative approaches

Course Writers Training

In June Increase ran *Course Writers Workshop 3* - the final workshop for the first cohort of new course writers. The writers made further progress and testified to the strong sense of encouragement and learning they had gained from the training. *"I feel enriched and encouraged to write"* wrote one of them.

Initially we said that if eight of the teams complete their courses this would be a good outcome. At this point four courses have been finished on *Spiritual Discipline, Ministry to Teens, Christian Family Life, and Persecution*. Other teams will need a bit more time but most will be able to finish in 2019.



Online resources

In collaboration with SEAN and hosted by Crosswired, the online workshop '*Launching Effective Discipleship Groups Using TEE*' was launched in May. This project was headed up by David Ball and Graham Aylett, using the resources that Graham had developed for Group Leader Training Workshops in Asia. Now SEAN users can access a structured way to run their own face to face workshop without having facilitator there in person. It can be a huge help to teams, especially those who serve in large areas or remote regions. In a countries like India, where it was introduced, it has the potential to become a wonderful resource. For diaspora work it is also a huge asset.

5. Provide support, resources, advice and training

TEE network in Myanmar

In January, October and November, Equippers travelled to **Myanmar** to support the growing TEE network. They gave group leader trainings, and connected people to the work. The Equippers found great eagerness and motivation to work with TEE materials and to develop them for Myanmar. There are plenty of opportunities for the work to grow.

TEE network in Vietnam

In April a TEE consultation in Ho chi Minh with 20 church leaders produced one joint, common vision statement for TEE in **Vietnam**: 'To equip each believer to follow after Jesus' example in order to serve communities and develop the church'. Visiting Equippers gave further training to enhance the vision for group discussion. The trainees really improved on their group leader skills: *"One particular participant first had his arms folded across his chest. [...] His body language said, 'I don't want to be here!' But after about ten minutes he began to soften. After fifteen minutes he was smiling and engaged in discussion..."*

6. Make a global contribution to theological education and adult learning

Course Writing and ICETE

Dr Perry Shaw and others brought the innovative course writing training scheme to the attention of the Asia Theological Association (ATA) and the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). It resulted in Dr Marvin Oxenham, of the ICETE Academy and the European Evangelical Accrediting Association, visiting the Course Writers training in June 2018. He commented afterwards that *"TEE is clearly not a thing of the past, but one of the most exciting delivery innovations that calls our attention today"*. After seeing the course writing process himself, he invited Increase to be an official teaching provider in the ICETE Academy. We are now providing online courses to be used worldwide.

ICETE Triennial Assembly:

The Increase Association was represented at the ICETE Triennial Assembly in Panama by Tim Green, Anneta Vyssotskaya, Jiries Habash and Rick Weymouth. Increase ran a workshop, *'Equipping all believers to overcome the sacred-secular divide'*. This conference was also a great opportunity for handing out copies of the book *TEE in Asia* (see point 7) to influential theological leaders.

7. Connect with other church-based training associations and accrediting associations



Non-Formal Education in South Asia

The participants formed a network to address and facilitate the great need of discipleship and church based training in emerging churches. Tanka gave input on how TEE materials can be used for non-formal education and expressed all the support of INCREASE and SEAN for the forum.

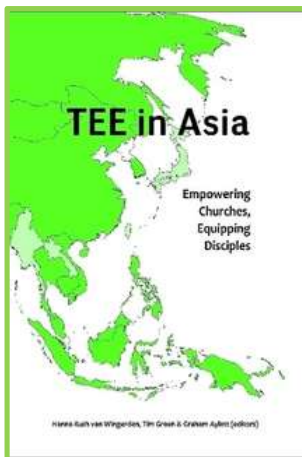
ATA

Graham, Qaiser and Rick are members of the Commission for Accreditation and Educational Development of the Asia Theological Association (CAED). This Commission helps ATA member institutions to improve their training and it also oversees accreditation. At the meeting in January the enrolment of mature students without formal education has been discussed.

Hybridity, Diaspora and Missio Dei Consultation

This consultation gave helpful insights to those involved in Diaspora TEE. Especially the understanding that there is not one culture, but often a blend of different cultures. Different ‘blends’ and different generations of migrants have different needs. This conference was also helpful in building networks.

8. Communicate widely the news and stories from Increase members.



Publishing TEE in Asia

One of the great things that happened was the collaboration on the book *TEE in Asia: Empowering Churches, Equipping Disciples*. A group of writers, designers and publishers all worked together to produce this book. It was a big project that was achieved in a relatively short time.

The book shares what TEE is and how Increase is involved and developing. It tells the stories of all the countries in Asia where TEE is currently being used and where Increase has connections. It also included ideas and ways to bring TEE forward into the future.

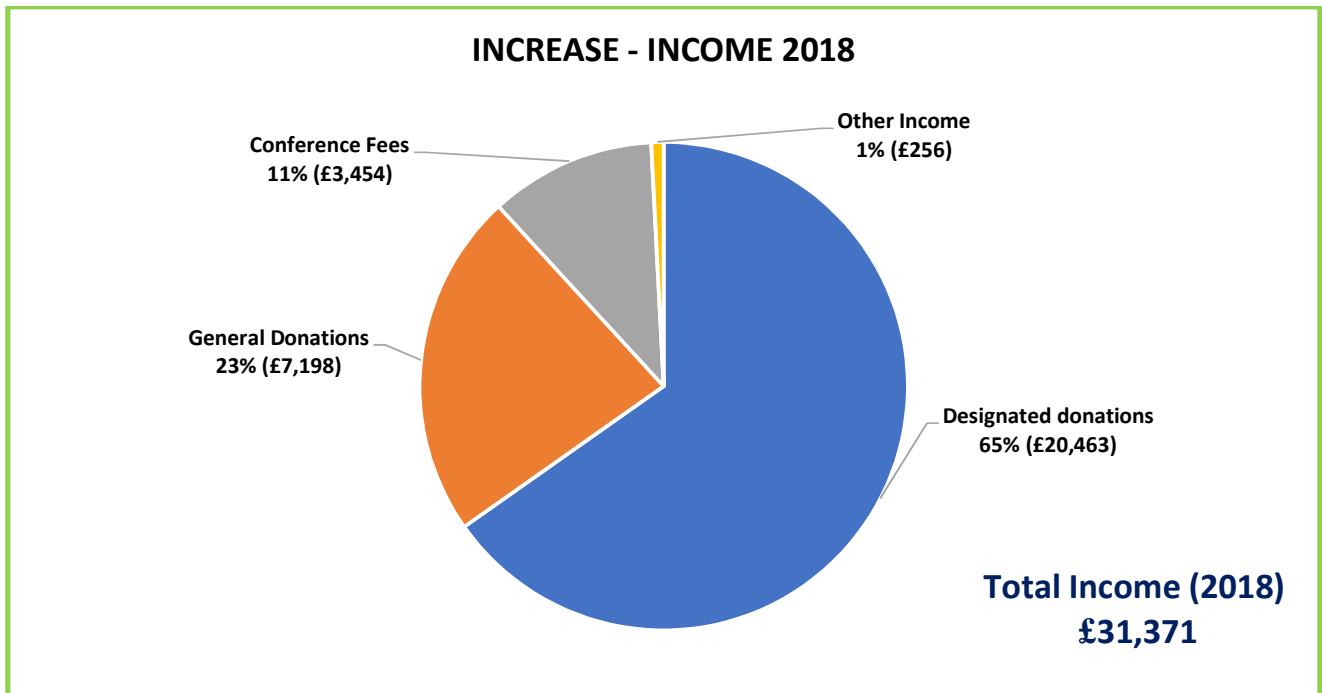
“It makes very interesting reading and it is practical too with the prayer points and testimonies.” said someone, while another commented: *“It is a good record about the TEE work in Asia.”*

It’s now possible to buy a copy online. It is available to buy from **Amazon** (go to tiny.cc/bqcx4y) and from **Lulu** (go to tiny.cc/utcx4y) which is our preferred platform because it gives a higher percentage of each sale back to Increase.

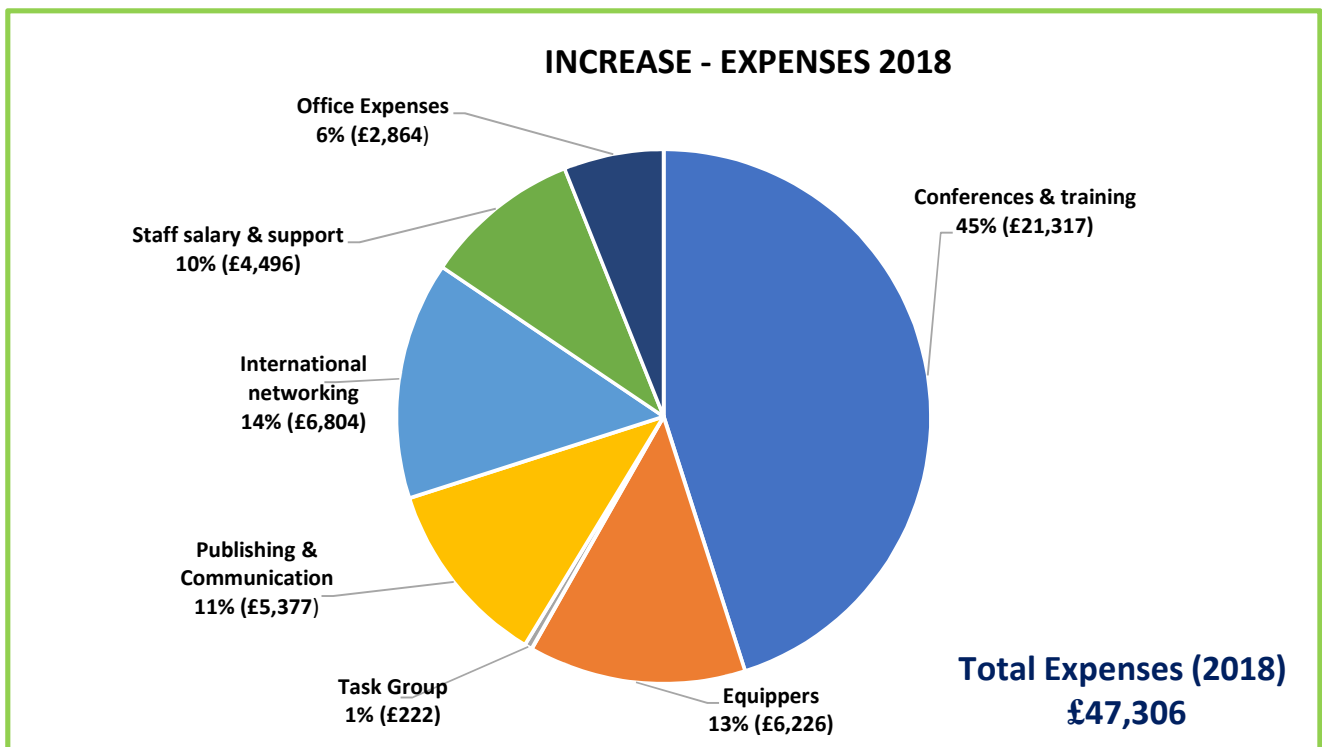
Appointment of Hanna-Ruth

Hanna Ruth van Wingerden is working for Increase one day per week to focus on communications. This will help Increase communicate the stories from the field more widely and regularly. In 2019 this will be paid for by GZB.

Financial overview



Income for the work of Increase is received in different ways, including some from the Increase Trust UK which is an independent charity.



A detailed financial overview may be requested through increaseassociationoffice@gmail.com.

As expenses exceed the income, we are open to receive donations. If you would like to donate, please go to tiny.cc/swcx4y for donations in the UK and go to tiny.cc/kycx4y for donations from other countries.

About Increase

The Increase Association, also known as "Increase", connects and strengthens TEE and other church-based training movements across Asia and beyond. Its members work in partnership to achieve more together for God's kingdom than each could achieve alone. Increase also interacts with Christian educators beyond its own membership for mutual sharing of resources, good practice and innovation. TEE stands for Theological Education by Extension but is more easily understood as Tools to Equip and Empower - tools for local churches to make disciples and equip their own members to grow in Christ and serve him actively.

This diagram shows the different teams that each play a vital part in Increase.

