

## **Amana Trust Report 13 October 2020**

Amana Trust is a UK Charity that began about two decades ago. It is based in north-east London at Bower House. Bower House was purchased by Amana Trust in the summer of 2005 through the gifts of saints from all over the earth. The Full-time Training in London (FTTL) is conducted at Bower House and the adjoining Bower Farm, which was purchased in 2017. Woodland Camp, purchased by Amana Trust in 2014, is a ten-minute drive from Bower House and is used for short-term trainings and weekend events. At present, Bower House and the surrounding properties can accommodate up to 100 full-time trainees. Due to the temporary marquee on the Bower House grounds, we presently have meeting capacity for up to 700 saints at any given time. The marquee also provides packing and shipping capacity for the thousands of Bibles being shipped to the UK, Ireland, and France each month. Bower Farm will provide further expansion of the training and meeting capacity in the future.

Within a few months, Woodland Camp will have meeting, eating, and sleeping capacity for up to 150 saints at any given time. The buildings at Woodland Camp can facilitate as many as three or four groups of saints at the same time. Further building work to accommodate up to 300 saints is planned for the near future. Priors, a large country house adjacent to Woodland Camp, was recently purchased to enhance the function of Woodland Camp.

Amana Trust also works closely with Bibles for Europe, a charity also based at Bower House. At present, hundreds of saints in the UK are conducting weekly phone Bible studies with seeking ones who have received a New Testament Recovery Version through Bibles for Europe. The saints in Ireland and France have also begun to participate. These phone Bible studies were initiated by the seeking ones who ordered a copy of the New Testament. We hope to have many events for them at Bower House and Woodland Camp in the near future. The office of the church in London is also located at Bower House.

Additionally, Amana Trust has a bookshop in central London, which is located in close proximity to the hundreds of thousands of university students studying in central London. The bookshop contains the full ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee as well as a large upstairs room devoted to fellowship, truth pursuit, and training. There is a bus stop twenty feet from the front door of the bookshop, which hosts five different bus routes into various areas of London. Six tube lines and four major rail lines are within walking distance of the bookshop and include the Eurostar train that provides daily rapid transit into continental Europe. The trip from London to Paris is a little over two hours on the Eurostar train.

In the book *The World Situation and the Direction of the Lord's Move*, Brother Lee said, "...we should realize that Great Britain is very crucial for the Lord's move throughout Europe" (p. 48). Throughout its existence, Amana Trust has endeavoured to provide various services to the saints from throughout Europe, including the two-year training for young full-time trainees and short-term trainings for saints of any age from throughout Europe. To date, over 1,000 saints from 29 European countries have attended the short-term, especially one-week trainings. The properties in London, which have been provided by saints from throughout the earth, help facilitate these trainings and the spreading of the divine truths throughout Europe. All of these properties (Bower House, Bower Farm, Woodland Camp, Priors, and the Amana Trust Bookshop in central London) are free of debt and available to the European saints throughout the year.

As a service to the saints and seeking ones, Amana Trust provides a calendar of events being conducted throughout Europe and the Middle East each year. This yearly calendar also includes information regarding the seven annual feasts hosted by Living Stream Ministry. Another major burden of the saints serving with Amana Trust is the blending of saints from various cities and countries as much as possible. We encourage all the churches to keep us informed so that many can be aware of the numerous events available to the Lord's seekers.

Further information is available at: [amanatrust.org.uk/page/events](http://amanatrust.org.uk/page/events).