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Newsletter

FaithLife Ministries
"Equipping Church Leaders Globally for 15 Years"



FaithLife Ministries Celebrates 15 Years of Ministry!

On January 22, 2016, FaithLife Ministries celebrated its 15th anniversary of ministry. We are amazed at what God has done in and through us these past 15 years, where he has led us, and how He has provided for us and used us to minister to church leaders around the world! This was never our plan, but God indeed had a plan for us! It reminds me of **Proverbs 19:21** where it says, "*Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*"

When we began this ministry in 2001, we simply had a vision to take Americans to the mission field to experience the joy of serving our brothers and sisters in other nations. God has blessed America, and Americans, and we have so much to offer the Body of Christ in other parts of the globe. God has blessed us with education and financial resources, two resources in short supply in many nations. We just wanted to be obedient to God's command to share what we have with others less fortunate (**Hebrews 13:16** – "*And do not forget to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*")

But little did we know what God had in mind! We have seen this ministry grow quite rapidly in the past 5 years, primarily when we followed God's leading to establish a global trainer network. This has enabled others around the world to join us in this mission and vision, and thus multiply our efforts and our resources. Today, our training has reached 48 nations and we have 49 Trainers in 25 nations in our network teaching others what we have taught them! Wow! We are now halfway to our goal & vision of seeing our training reach 100 nations.

Additionally, so many of you have contributed your financial resources to help us train and equip these leaders. And others have gone with us to help us train them. We could never have done this on our own. There is power when God's people work together for the benefit of others! Thank you so much for your partnership with us in this ministry!

God is so good and we praise, thank and acknowledge Him as the source and reason for whatever has been accomplished in this ministry! As it says in **1 Peter 4:11**, "*If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.*"

In the side panel is a list of the highlights of this ministry over the past 15 years. On the last page you will find a unique way that we have decided to bless others in response to how God has blessed us!

To God be the glory!!



FaithLife Highlights

- Jan, 2001** - FaithLife Ministries incorporated
- May, 2001** - 1st mission trip to Philippines
- Feb, 2002** - 1st Management for Church Leaders (MCL) Training (Philippines)
- July, 2005** - Barry begins working full-time in this ministry
- Jan, 2009** - God gives us a vision to reach 100 nations
- Sep, 2009** - MCL reaches 10th nation (Nicaragua)
- Jan, 2011** - MCL Vol #1 & #2 update introduced
- Feb, 2012** - MCL reaches 20th nation (Tanzania)
- Mar, 2012** – MCL Training Book introduced
- Mar, 2013** – MCL training reaches Cuba
- Jul, 2013** – MCL reaches 30th nation (Mexico)
- Mar, 2014** – Global MCL Trainer Network established
- Jan, 2015** – Children's Ministry Books introduced
- Mar, 2015** – MCL Audio training introduced
- May, 2015** – MCL reaches 40th nation (China)
- June, 2015** – Discipleship for Church Leaders Training introduced
- Aug, 2015** – MCL training videos introduced
- Sep, 2015** – 18th translation of MCL (Lugandan) completed
- Dec, 2015** – MCL Trainer Awards introduced

Our 2016 Training & Trips

February 4-13 (*MCL Training*)
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

April 8-17 (*MCL Training*)
Montevideo, Uruguay

June 13-23 (*Attend Pastoral Trainers Conference*)
Bangkok, Thailand

June 26 - July 3 (*MCL Training*)
Quilmes, Argentina

August 11-22 (*MCL Training*)
Ho Chi Min City & Hanoi, Vietnam

October 14-20 (*MCL Training*)
Tallin, Estonia

We are also anticipating that our foreign Trainers will conduct training conferences in 2016 as well in the following new nations:

- Congo, Burundi, Sudan, Bhutan, Benin, Angola
- Namibia, Gabon

Cambodia MCL Training Conference

February 8-10th, Phnom Penh

Barry traveled to **Phnom Penh, Cambodia** February 4-13th to train 20 leaders with the fledgling **Lutheran Church in Cambodia (ELCC)** on our **Management for Church Leaders** training. He was invited to come and train at the offices in Phnom Penh at the request of their President, Vannarith Chhim, who attended his training in Phnom Penh two years ago. The Lutheran Church in Cambodia is small yet growing quite rapidly. They have been training pastors, planting churches, and starting up schools in various parts of the nation. Our training was well received and important for them as they grow and mature into the church God intends for them to be in Cambodia. Cambodia is primarily a Buddhist nation but the Christian Church is growing and the soil is fertile for the spreading of the gospel. We thank God for the opportunity to help train and support our Lutheran brethren in Cambodia!



Our 2015 Training Results



2015 has ended and we have "closed the books" on our training for last year. But I did want to summarize what has been accomplished through this ministry last year by God's grace, power and provision!

In 2015 we trained a total of 4,857 pastors and church leaders! This was done through **112 conferences in 33 nations** and greatly exceeds what we did in 2014 (3,801 trained through 79 conferences in 20 nations). As you can see, God is doing a mighty work through us and our network of 49 global MCL trainers.

We were also able to introduce our MCL training into 11 new nations last year. They include **Burkina Faso, Chile, Mali, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Niger, Guinea, China, and Indonesia**. This brings our total up to 48 nations, almost halfway to our goal of 100 nations!

Last year we also added 3 new translations of the **Management for Church Leaders™** training - **Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian and Lugandan**. This brings our total of MCL translations to 18!

We thank God for all of this and look forward to the opportunities He places before us in 2016!!

Our Training Results through 15 years



God has been gracious to us and led us to many nations and many church leaders who need our training. Since our founding in 2001, here is what God has done through FaithLife Ministries:

- # of Leaders Trained: **19,754**
- # of Nations Reached: **48**
- # of MCL Trainers: **49**
- # of Nations w/ Trainers: **25**
- # of MCL Translations: **18**



Global MCL Training

Our Global Trainer Network started off very strongly this year. So far in 2016 they have trained over 550 pastors and leaders in 9 nations! Here are some highlights:

Bhutan

Pastor Rajendra Sundas, our MCL trainer in **Nepal**, took our MCL training to **Bhutan** and trained 50 leaders in Jaiong January 30-31st. This was the first MCL training ever there. Praise God!

India

Pastor Sikander Chand taught MCL conferences in **Bhogpur** from January 25-26th and **Fatuwal** from February 17-18th. He trained a total of 71 leaders of which 42 were pastors.

Uganda

Six conferences were held in Uganda by 5 of our MCL Trainers in January & February. A total of 327 leaders were trained! Our thanks to **James Ochwo, Michael Wotts, Andrew Malinga, Mahuno Nakyoyo and Emmy Kiyingi** for their efforts on our behalf!

Global Pastoral Trainers Conference

Barry and **Gideon Nair** (pictured), our MCL Trainer and Coordinator for India, will be attending the first ever global

conference for pastoral trainers in **Bangkok, Thailand** from **June 15-22nd**. This conference is part of the Lausanne Movement for global evangelism started by Billy Graham in 1974. The purpose of this conference is to bring together 5,000 trainers of pastors from around the globe together to share ideas and network with one another for the advancement of the gospel throughout the world. Barry and Gideon will also be presenting a case study on what FaithLife Ministries is doing globally and what Gideon and Faith Life Ministries India is doing nationally to strategically train pastors.



FaithLife Ministries Announces Global Trainer Awards Winners!

FaithLife Ministries has established an MCL Trainer Awards program to recognize those MCL Trainers who have contributed significantly to the growth of this ministry. We have created the following awards:

1. Multiplier Award - for the most leaders trained in the year
2. Organizer Award - for the most training conferences conducted in the year
3. Missionary Award - for teaching our material in the most nations in the year
4. Overcomer Award - for the MCL Trainer who has overcome the most obstacles in training
5. Dedication Award - for the MCL Trainer who has shown the most commitment to our training



We are pleased to announce the winners of each of these awards for 2015 and they are as follows:

1. **Multiplier Award - Pastor Imoh Obot of Nigeria** who trained 356 leaders in 2015!
2. **Organizer Award - Pastor Henry Thuo of Kenya** who conducted 9 conferences in 2015!
3. **Missionary Award - We have 2 winners: Pastor Theophile Goka of Togo and Pastor Joseph Richard of Uganda** who both conducted training in 4 nations in 2015!
4. **Overcomer Award - Pastor Moses Wheigar of Liberia**, who overcame the ebola crisis, the serious illnesses of his wife and mother, and his own health battles to conduct our training in 2015!
5. **Dedication Award - Pastor Gideon Nair of India** who demonstrated his commitment to our training by taking our training to 6 different parts of India, changed his ministry name to Faith Life Ministries India, providing input to our training videos, and for his other support of our ministry goals.

Congratulations to each of our winners for 2015!!

Our 2016 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
Feb 8-10	Phnom Phen, Cambodia	MCL Training - <i>Vanarith Chhim, Cambodia Lutheran Church</i>
Apr 11-15	Montevideo, Uruguay	MCL Training - <i>Pastor Julio Amarillo, Uruguay Church of God</i>
June 15-22	Bangkok, Thailand	Pastoral Trainers Conference
Jun 28-30	Quilmes, Argentina	MCL Training - <i>Pastor Jorge Rivero, Argentina Church of God</i>
Aug 15-16	Ho Chi Min, Vietnam	MCL Training - <i>Joshua Nguyen, Marketplace Ministries</i>
Aug 18-19	Hanoi, Vietnam	MCL Training - <i>Joshua Nguyen, Marketplace Ministries</i>
Sep (TBD)	China	MCL Training - <i>Zoe Zou, Equip Leaders Asia</i>
Oct 17-18	Tallin, Estonia	MCL Training - <i>Pastor Ove Sander, Estonia Lutheran Church</i>
Nov 5	Cumming, GA	FLM Board of Directors Meeting

Paying it Forward...

In recognition of our 15th anniversary, and in order to honor God for what He has done for us, we would like to bless another ministry and thus *pay it forward* in some way. We have chosen to take some of our funds and use them to help another ministry. But we also want your involvement too. We are going to set up a matching fund and ask you, our supporters, to help us recognize God for what He has done for us by giving to someone else. And that someone else is our good friend David Quispiroca from Lima, Peru.



David is one of our MCL Trainers and has been a long-time friend of ours. David has felt the call from God to go to the Middle East to minister among the Muslims in Syria & Iraq. He is leaving his position as the Small Group Pastor at Iglesia Biblia Emmanuel in Lima in April and moving to the Middle East. He will share the gospel with them and minister to both their spiritual and physical needs.

So, we are asking you to help us pay it forward by sending in a special donation for David. Any amount would be welcome and I know David would be so blessed by your gift to his new ministry. Please send all checks to **FaithLife Ministries at 6170 Crescent Landing Dr., Cumming, GA 30028** and include "*David Q.*" in the memo line. We will be accepting donations through March 15th and will send what we have received by then along with our matching gift to David shortly thereafter so he has the funds prior to his departure. Thank You!!

News & Notes:



- **FaithLife Ministries has moved!** Please make a note of our new address at **6170 Crescent Landing Dr. in Cumming, GA 30028** below.
- We congratulate **Deb Hartje** for her 10 years of service on our Board of Directors
- We are discussing a possible return trip to **China** in September to train more leaders on our **Management for Church Leaders** training.
- Barry taught 14 homeless leaders with Stepping **Stone Mission** on January 20th on "*The Nature of Christ* "
- **Tax receipts** for the end of 2015 were mailed out in January. If you require a tax receipt for your 2015 donations and did not receive one, please contact us and we will be happy to send one to you.

Thank you for your prayers & support!

Barry & Kim

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