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Newsletter

FaithLife Ministries

"Equipping Church Leaders Globally for 15 Years"



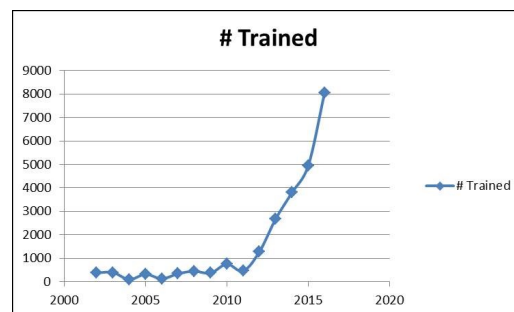
Global Training Expansion!

Our Global Trainer Network (GTN) will likely be expanding significantly in the days ahead! This is resulting from a recent article about our ministry by the Global Proclamation Commission for Pastoral Training where almost 600 pastoral trainers from all over the world requested a copy of our Management for Church Leaders™ (MCL) Training Book! I am in the process of following up with 19 of them who live in nations where our training has not yet reached. I have also received inquiries through our website from those who are already interested in teaching it to others and potentially joining our GTN.

As a result, I have had to restructure our GTN program to facilitate the addition of these new potential trainers. I announced our new program to our GTN in a July email update and have implemented new guidelines and criteria for our Trainers. Those whom I know and are aware of their training abilities we will now call Designated Trainers. They will be eligible for multiple funds per year and training awards. Those trainers who have attended a training by me in the past but I am not familiar with their training capabilities will be called Certified Trainers. They will be eligible for once a year funding and training awards. Finally, those trainers who simply went through the self-training book or have not trained thus far will be called Authorized Trainers. They will only receive training materials and will not be eligible for funding or training awards. This new structure will make it easier to identify those trainers who will be eligible for financial support as well as enable us to grow our network without significantly increasing our annual training budget.

We are excited to see how God will grow our GTN and the new opportunities He presents to get our MCL training in the hands of those who need or want it around the globe. To God alone be the glory!

MCL Training on the Rise!



The number of pastors and church leaders who have been trained with our **Management for Church Leaders™ (MCL)** training has increased rapidly the past few years. Our Global Trainer Network (GTN) has been the driving force behind much of our growth in this training. The chart above shows this dramatic increase. With our connection to Gpro we also believe that this will continue into the future. This has only been possible by God's hand on this ministry and we are thrilled to see how God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things! ***God is on the move, hallelujah!***

FREE Children's Books!

Perhaps you do not realize that FaithLife Ministries offers **FREE** Children's Ministry resources to Christian churches around the world. These materials were developed by **Kim Star-Voss**, co-founder of FaithLife Ministries, from her own years of leading Children's Ministry. For the past three years, seven children's ministry resources, in English, have been available in "book form" and are able to be requested on our website, for free. To date, 18 countries around the world have requested these children's ministry books.



Thailand MCL Training Conference May 26-28th, Chiang Mai

Barry & Ron Bracali traveled to **Chiang Mai, Thailand** from **May 22nd to 31st** to train 66 pastors and church leaders of the All Christian Church on our **Management for Church Leaders™** training. The training was well received and our host, **Pastor Rick Sriwong**, has joined our global trainer network with plans to take our training to all parts of Thailand! The attendees were both young and enthusiastic about our training and shared many wonderful testimonies at the conclusion of our conference. We were also invited to share our thoughts at their Church worship service on Sunday and also got to see some of the sights around Chiang Mai. While we were there we were also invited to a dinner where Dr. Ramesh Richard of the Global Proclamation Congress (GPro) spoke on global evangelism.



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Mexico MCL #2 Training Conference July 24-26th, Mexico City

Barry & **David Quispirroca** (pictured below) traveled to **Mexico City** to train 19 pastors and leaders **July 24-26th** on our **Management for Church Leaders™**



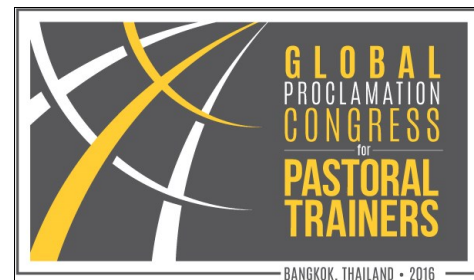
Volume #2 training material. There was great participation by the participants with an eagerness to understand and implement our training in their respective ministries. We were hosted by **Jonatan Chavez**, Pastor of **Iglesia Vida Nueva** in Mexico City, and formerly a Church of God Pastor in Lima, Peru who had translated for us years ago there. (He also hosted a conference for us in Mexico City in 2013 when we taught the MCL Volume #1.) Barry & David were also both invited to preach in 2 different churches to encourage and disciple local church members. We also enjoyed a visit to the city of Puebla. We thank God for this opportunity and pray that our training and preaching will bear fruit for the Church in Mexico!

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Senegal MCL Training Conference August 21-23rd, Thies

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The **Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers (GPro)** has recently featured our ministry to their network of 3,000 pastoral trainers worldwide. You can read the article at www.gprocommission.org/articles/how-to-develop-curriculum-that-changes-the-world/.

In addition, they have made our **Management for Church Leaders™** Training Book available to their entire network. So far, there have been 530 requests for a copy of our training! They have also published my first article as a GPro Author on June 20th. I wrote about "Managing Your Life". We believe that God's Hand is in our ministry through our connection with GPro and He is enabling us to reach many more people and nations with our training! **God is on the move, hallelujah!!**

Global MCL Training

Our Global Trainer Network (GTN) has almost reached the **7,000** mark for the number of pastors



and church leaders they have trained in 2017!! In May, **Pastor Wilson Esambe** from **Cameroon** took our MCL training to the nation of **Chad** for the first

training ever there (*see photo*). There he trained 53 leaders! Also in May **Pastor Jacob Zakaria** from **Malawi** took our training to **Mozambique** where he trained 100 leaders and **Pastor Joseph Richard** from **Uganda** trained over 500 pastors and leaders in **South Africa**. **Dr. Muqaddam Zia** trained 153 pastor and leaders in 6 different cities in **Pakistan** in June and July. And many of our MCL Trainers have trained at their own expense the past three months as well!

Apparently, our GTN is on the move as well!!
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MCL Training Reaches Central African Republic!

Pastor Wilson Esambe, our MCL Trainer in **Cameroon**, took our MCL training to the city of Bangui in the **Central African Republic** on August 1-3rd. The C.A.R. is the 68th nation to receive our training! He



taught our MCL to 137 pastors and church leaders! He wrote to me: *"I was highly encouraged by the large number of people who attended the training. I want to thank God for their own personal sacrifice in making the training a success. All the Pastors involved*

in the training came with at least 2 elders from their respective churches. Central Africa, like Chad, is a big country and needs our MCL training in all the major cities and I am prepared to go there by road to help."

What a wonderful testimony about the need for our training in the C.A.R. as well as other parts of Africa! Please pray for our work there and especially for Pastor Esambe who is going to many nations on our behalf to train pastors and leaders.

God at Work in Senegal



I had the privilege and opportunity to go to the West African nation of Senegal this month to train pastors and church leaders in this predominantly Muslim nation. Senegal is a stable and peaceful nation that many people are not aware of because it is rarely in the news. Sub-Sahara Africa is predominantly Christian and is where I have trained extensively in the past. So it was interesting to train in an African nation that is Muslim.

I found the people of Senegal to be very friendly and welcoming to foreigners, even Christians. They were hospitable, helpful and appeared to be happy and industrious. They reject radical Islam. However, they still do not want Muslims converting to Christianity and there are consequences for those who do.

The ministry that hosted us, World Harvest Ministries International, is able to work freely in Senegal and provides help for Muslim children in Senegal including food, school fees and housing. And they can also share the gospel with them. They are in the process of building a Discipleship School in Thies to train Christian pastors, missionaries and leaders. So there is currently a great opportunity and open door in Senegal for the gospel which could be a sending point for other parts of northern Africa that are also predominantly Muslim.

God is indeed at work in Senegal, and I would encourage you to pray for Senegal, and for World Harvest Ministries, and the incredible work they are doing there to reach the nations for Christ!

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Our 2017 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
Jan 19-20	San Jose, Costa Rica	MCL Training - <i>Josue Ballestero, Costa Rica Church of God</i>
May 26-28	Chiang Mai, Thailand	MCL Training - <i>Pastor Rick Sriwong, All Christian Church</i>
July 24-26	Mexico City, Mexico	MCL #2 Training - <i>Pastor Jonatan Chavez, Iglesia Vida Nueva</i>
Aug 21-23	Thies, Senegal	MCL Training - <i>Bill Norling, World Harvest Ministries</i>
Sep 18-20	Kherson, Ukraine	MCL Training - <i>Valentin Siniy, Bible Translators of Ukraine</i>
Nov 4	Cumming, GA	FLM Board of Directors Meeting



Prayer Requests

- For healing of **Gideon Nair**, our MCL Trainer in **India**, who is being treated for high blood pressure and other related medical problems.
- For healing for **James Ochwo**, our MCL Trainer in **Uganda**, who has medical problems with his hand and wrist.
- For God's provision and protection for the victims of flooding in **Nepal**.
- For open doors to share the gospel in **Senegal** for **Bill Norling** and **World Harvest Ministries**.
- For God's provision for our ministry finances which are very low at the present time.
- For an answer to Barry's digestive issues on his 2 most recent trips to Mexico and Senegal.



Barry Serves at Homeless Men's Retreat

Barry both taught and led worship at a recent **Stepping Stones Homeless Men's Retreat July 18-20th** in Milton, GA. He was one of 4 teachers and taught a session on **Scripture Alone** as the basis for our Christian faith. He emphasized the importance of Scripture to the Christian faith and the need to trust in God's Word and to solely rely on it in our lives. He also led worship all three days, being joined by some of the brothers as well as some of the youth participants. *(Barry has been a teacher for this ministry for over 5 years and currently teaches monthly on a variety of topics).*

News & Notes:



- We recently agreed to return to **Costa Rica** January 23-28th next year to train our Management for **Church Leaders Volume #2** training.
- Our annual board of directors meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 4th**, from 2-5 pm via conference call.
- Barry will be authoring another article for the **GPro Commission** website in October. They are also publishing past blogs that Barry wrote in July, August and September.
- Barry gave a ministry update presentation at **Lord of Life Lutheran Church** in La Fox, IL on July 9th.
- We mailed out our annual fundraising appeal letters in late June. If you have not yet responded (or did not receive the letter) and would like to donate to our ministry, you can still send a donation to our mailing address below. Please make all checks payable to: *FaithLife Ministries.*

Thank you for your prayers & support!

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