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Newsletter

# FaithLife Ministries

"Equipping Church Leaders Globally for 17 Years"



## Pakistan Training Continues!

Despite the death in May of **Dr. Muqaddam Zia**, our MCL Trainer in **Pakistan**, and the cancellation by Western Union in June of our use of their service to send funds due



to a previous transaction to Pakistan, God has enabled us to continue the training and our funding of it in this Islamic nation! The photo here is from a training

that was held in September in the city of **Okara**. The training was taught by **Muqaddar Johnson** (on the far left in the photo), brother of Dr. Muqaddam Zia, and the **Mission Director for Pakistan Outreach**, the ministry that Dr. Zia ran and conducted our training through the past few years.

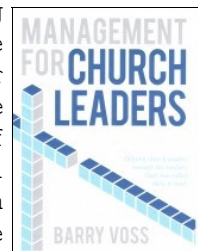
Muqaddar has taught our material in the past along with Muqaddam and we are so grateful to God that he has decided to continue the training on our behalf. We were also able to work out an alternative way to send funds to him that went through even after the new service called me to conduct a security check on the transaction. God answered our prayer and we are able to resume our training through Muqaddar in Pakistan. Muqaddar has one more training this week in the town of **Sahiwal** and may have a few more in the months ahead.

We thank God for His provision of a new means of sending funds to Pakistan and for Muqaddar, His servant!! Please pray for him and these dear Christian pastors & leaders in Pakistan.

## FaithLife Reaches New Training Milestone!

We recently sent out the **200th** copy of our **Management for Church Leaders Training Book!** This is

our self-training manual that anyone can request from our website. Since we began making our self-training manual available in 2014 on our website we have sent copies to 205 recipients in 50 nations. We have received the most requests from Nigeria with 30 being sent, followed by the USA with 26 and South Africa with 20. There are 9 nations where this Training Book was our initial entry for our training into that nation. They include **Canada, El Salvador, Haiti, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, and Vanuatu.**



We have also sent copies to 11 nations that we have yet to reach. I am following up with each contact to determine if they have gone through the entire manual. If so, our training would be deemed to have reached that nation. These nations include **Armenia, Australia, Brunei, Egypt, England, Hungary, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Taiwan** and the **United Arab Emirates.**

We praise God for making this possible and look forward to reaching more nations with our training in this way in the future!

## Ukraine MCL #2 Training Report

Barry & Gary Church traveled to **Kherson, Ukraine** from **November 8th to 17th** to train students at the **Tavriski Christian Institute (TCI)** on our **Management for Church Leaders Volume #2** training. We trained a total of 8 leaders (of which 3 were pastors) over 3 days as part of their Christian Leadership degree program. (Last year Gary and I were at the TCI and trained on our MCL volume #1 manual to several of these same students.) We had great participation as all of the students were studying to enhance their current church ministry work. Barry also provided our training on the subject of **Fundraising** to the TCI staff of 12 leaders. TCI is also coordinating a training for Barry next June at the **Silk Road Bible College** in the city of **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**. He will be training about 20 students on both our MCL #1 and MCL #2 manuals. We are thankful to God for connecting us to this ministry and the opportunity to train church leaders and pastors in these nations!



Barry and Kim traveled to **El, Cajon CA** for Barry to give a ministry update presentation to **First Lutheran Church** on **Sunday, September 16th**, one of our long time church supporters. In two worship services (see photo) Barry shared about the growth of our Global Trainer Network, the rapid increase in the number of pastors and leaders we have trained the past few years, and reaching 80 nations with our training thus far. Barry also taught their adult Sunday School class on the fact that all Christians are called to be Ministers (**1 Peter 4:10**) and Missionaries (**2 Corinthians 5:20**). We also met their new pastor for the first time, **Pastor Andrew Fedder**, and renewed old friendships from previous mission trips we did together.



## 3 More Nations Reached With Our Training!



Our **Management for Church Leaders** training has reached 3 more new nations this month! Earlier this month an MCL Training Book recipient in **Vanuatu**, a island nation in the South Pacific, informed me that he had completed going through our training. He is also

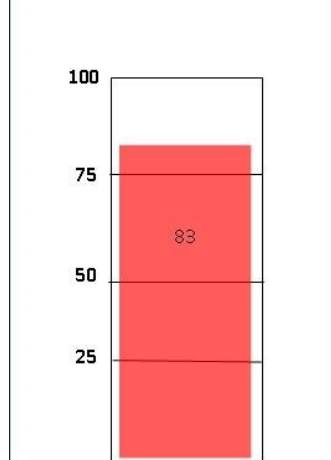
planning to train others in his nation and will likely join our Global Trainer Network as well! Last week, **Pastor Wilson Esambe** from **Cameroon** took our MCL training to the African island nation of **Sao Tome**, the first time it has been taught there. And this week, **Dr. Martin Baboka** from the **Ivory Coast** is currently in **Angola** teaching our MCL training there for the first time. That brings our total of nations reached to **83!** We praise and thank God for these nations that now have our training and pray that it will continue to spread where it is needed!

## Vision Tracker

In August we reached our 80th nation for our training. We have since reached 3 more new nations as indicated in the story to the left bringing our current total to **83!**

### Reaching the Nations

Our vision is to reach 100 nations with our training. Here is our current progress:



## Global MCL Training

In September, October and November there were **37 MCL training conferences** held by our global network trainers in the nations of **Kenya, Uganda, Pakistan, Nepal, Ghana, Myanmar, Togo, Tanzania, Sao Tome, Angola, the DRC and India.** Thus far they report having trained **1,847** pastors and church leaders. Here are a few highlights:



1. **Pastor Gordon Onyango** trained 158 pastors and leaders in **Maralal, Kenya.**
2. **Pastor James Ochwo** trained 123 pastors and church leaders in **Kanungu, Uganda** and another 87 in **Amuru.**
3. **Pastor Rajendra Sundas** trained 30 pastors and leaders in the district of **Sindhuli, Nepal** and another 50 in **Dhashing Besi.**
4. **Pastor Steve Obonyo** from **Kenya** conducted 2 trainings, one in **Longinyani** and another in **Maralal**, where he trained a total of 64 pastors and church leaders.
5. **Muqaddar Johnson** trained 21 pastors and leaders in the town of **Okara, Pakistan** and another 23 in **Sahiwal.**
6. **Pastor Chin Mung** is training 65 Bible students in **Yan-gon, Myanmar.**

### **MCL Trainer - Pastor Wilson Esambe**

**Pastor Wilson Esambe** is our MCL Trainer in **Cameroon.** He is the **National Leader** of the **Free Methodist Church** in Cameroon and also pastors City of God Mission church in **Douola.** He first contacted us through our website back in 2013 and I sent him our training materials. He immediately began to teach our training and sent me a testimony about the impact it was having. He continued to train our MCL on his own and had it translated into French for us as well! Pastor Esambe joined our Global Trainer Network in March of 2014 and has been one of our most consistent trainers.



I met Wilson at an MCL training we held in Lagos, Nigeria in 2014 that I had invited him to attend. I also asked him to teach one of the chapters so I could evaluate his teaching ability. He proved to be an excellent trainer! Since then he has continued to train others in Cameroon, as well as other nations, and won the **2017 GTN Missionary Award** for taking our training to 3 nations last year ( **Cameroon, Chad, and Central African Republic**). This year he has taken our training to **Equatorial Guinea** and **Sao Tome.** Pastor Esambe is married and has 6 children.

## **The Rest of the Story...**

In my September blog on *God's Invisible Hand* I shared the story of how a pastor and head of a Bible College in Kenya, Dr. David Evans, had received a copy of our **Management for Church Leaders** training from an American named Blake and had been using it to teach our training. Since I did not know who this Blake person was I asked Dr. Evans for his email address, which he was able to provide.



I was able to contact him and it turns out he is a Missions Pastor at a church in Portland, Texas. He got a copy of our MCL training from our website and wanted to take it to Kenya to teach others. Dr. Evans happened to be one of the people he taught there.

I do not believe in the old adage that God works in mysterious ways. Instead, I believe he works in ways that fulfill His purposes. They are not mysterious, they are divine! God purposefully put our training into the hands of a Texas Pastor who believed it was worth sharing in Kenya. And God led a Kenya Bible College Director to attend his training and then share it as well. It is not a mystery and it is not a miracle. It's just how our awesome God works each and every day to accomplish His purposes!

*"Many are the plans in a man's heart but it's the Lord's purpose that prevails." - Proverbs 19:21*

### **MCL Trainer - Pastor Joshua Nguyen**

**Pastor Joshua Nguyen** is our MCL Trainer in **Vietnam** and also the **Executive Director** of **Seed Global Consultancy** which provides leadership & management training for business leaders. I was initially referred to him in 2015 and when he saw our MCL material he immediately invited me to come to **Ho Chi Min City** and **Hanoi, Vietnam** to teach it in 2016.



I then met Joshua for the first time at the **Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers (GPro)** in **Bangkok, Thailand** in June of 2016, 2 months before our planned training. Neither one of us knew the other would be attending and we bumped into each other in the lunch line on the very first day of the conference. We recognized each other through the photos we had shared via email. That was quite remarkable because there were 3,000 people at the event!

Joshua joined our Global Trainer Network (GTN) and has since trained in Vietnam as well as **Laos** earlier this year. He is also intending on taking our training to **Malaysia.** Joshua is married with two teenage children and lives in **Ho Chi Min City (formerly Saigon).**

## Our 2019 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
Jan 10-11	Korce, Albania	MCL #1 - <i>Petrit Lleshi, CRU</i>
Jan 12-15	Thessaloniki, Greece	MCL #1 - <i>Petrit Lleshi, CRU</i>
Mar 25-29	St. George's, Grenada	MCL #2 - <i>John Lewis, Global Proclamation Commission</i>
Jun 10-15	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	MCL #1 & #2 - <i>Helen Tsurekova, Silk Road Bible College</i>
Sep	San Salvador, El Salvador	MCL #1 Training - <i>Erik Hidalgo, Church of God</i>
Nov 9	Cumming, GA	Annual FLM Board of Directors Meeting

### Prayer Requests



- Healing for **Mary Ochwo**, wife of **James Ochwo**, one of our MCL Trainers in **Uganda**, who is in hospital with a serious illness.
- For God's provision for **Pastor Andrew Malinga**, one of our MCL Trainers in **Uganda**, who recently

had to vacate their rented church property and are seeking to raise funds for another location.

- For God's wisdom and guidance as we plan our **training and travel trips for 2019**.
- For God's continued provision of **trainers, finances and opportunities** for this ministry.
- For God's protection and healing for **Barry** as he undergoes **surgery** on **February 7th** to close his colostomy.
- Thankfulness for God and **His Invisible Hand** that continually works to bring about His purposes in our lives and ministries.
- For God's protection of all of our **Global MCL Trainers** traveling and training in December.
- Thankfulness to God for **His blessings** over this ministry for the past 17 years!

### News & Notes



- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for the 3rd Quarter of 2018 are now available to be directed to the charity of your choice. We would be blessed if you would direct them to **FaithLife Ministries**.
- Barry recently authored an article entitled "**God Uses Ordinary People to do Extraordinary Things**" that was part of a collection of articles published by Christian Book Marketing under the title **God is Faithful: Stories That Inspire**. The book is available on Amazon.com.
- We mailed out **2018 Tax Receipt** letters in October for single contributions made thus far this year for \$250 or more. We will send out receipt letters again in January for donations received from then until the end of the year.
- Our annual **Board of Directors meeting** was held on Saturday, **November 3rd**. We reviewed our ministry results for 2018 and approved our budget and plans for 2019.
- **Canada** is the **80th** nation to receive our training through our MCL Training Book.

### Looking For a Year End Tax Deduction?

If you are thinking about making a year end donation to receive a tax deduction, would you consider making a donation to our ministry to help us fund our training for next year? Your gift would be deeply appreciated and would enable us to both travel abroad to train leaders and fund our global network training as well. All donations to FaithLife Ministries are tax deductible. Simply mail us a donation check to our address on the right or go to our website to make a donation on-line. Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration!



*Thank you for your prayers & support!*

*Barry & Kim*

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