



A Kyrgyzstan Reunion!

On my most recent trip to train pastors and church leaders in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan I had an incredible reunion experience. I was in Bishkek 20 years ago in 1999 with a mission team from Charlotte, NC. We had gone there to do a worship conference and I was one of the teachers and praise team members. While there, I and my roommates had the opportunity to visit and minister in a local village church in the mountains around Bishkek. I did not remember the name of the village nor the church. I only had a couple of photos of my time there that I had taken with me on this current trip.

On this trip I was invited to train at a Bible College in Bishkek that had no connection to my first trip there. I showed the photo of the church I visited to our hosts at the Bible College but they did not recognize it. During one of our breaks during our training I was talking to 2 sisters who were students at our training. They were in their mid 20's and said they were from a village church. So I showed them the photo I had brought and asked if they knew what church it was. They responded, "that's our church!" In looking further at the photo they saw their mother, father and older sister in the picture as well!

They showed the photo to their mother who remembered me and she invited us to their home for dinner where we were able to reunite after 20 years. What a blessing that was for both of us! Here are the photos of the mother 20 years ago (circled in photo) and her and I today.



GPro Update



It has been 3 years since Barry attended the Global Proclamation Congress for Pastoral Trainers (GPro) in Bangkok, Thailand in June of 2016. To provide an update of what has happened since that event and what has resulted from it, GPro has produced a video sharing testimonies from some of the people who attended that gathering. Barry was one of those interviewed and he shared how that event has impacted our ministry and global training. In the past 3 years attendees from that conference have trained more than 650,000 pastors! Our training of about 30,000 pastors and church leaders is also part of that number. You can read about it and view the video by visiting <https://www.gprocommission.org/articles/3rd-gprocongress/>.

You may also notice that on the left side of that webpage are listed some other articles, one of which Barry wrote and they published on the 8 Fundamentals of Church Management. We encourage you to watch the video and check out the article!

Kyrgyzstan Training Report

Barry & Bob Mohle traveled to **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan June 5th - 15th** to train pastors and church leaders from the Bishkek area at the **Silk Road Theological Institute**. We trained 18 leaders in all of which 6 were pastors. We taught for an entire week on both our **Management for Church Leaders Volume #1 and #2** training manuals.



We had a thoroughly enjoyable week with them and they shared how important the training was for them. One pastor, Vladislav, said he had been to many training courses but ours was the most practical and useful for him. Others commented that they planned to share the training with other leaders at their churches. As a result of the response to our training, it is likely that our hosts will invite us back again to train more leaders and pastors in the future.

Bahamas Training Report

Barry and Joel Weinhold traveled to **Freeport, Bahamas July 30 to August 3rd** to train 49 pastors and church leaders on our **Management for Church Leaders** training. We had great participation in the training and a strong desire by some of the pastors who attended to go and train others. Our host, **Pastor John Wildgoose**, will also be joining our Global Trainer Network and intends to train others in his denomination that reside on other islands who were not able to attend our training. Our training was condensed into three evening sessions but we were able to cover all of our material because there was no need for translation.



We were blessed to get to know the leaders there and their hearts for the Bahamian people. Some of the pastors and leaders attending our training were youth when Pastor Wildgoose brought them to Atlanta in 2007 to attend a ministry camp in TN with our church youth and visit our church as part of a *reverse* mission trip. What a joy it was to meet them and hear how impactful that experience was for them and how it led them into ministry. To God be the glory!

Our MCL Training Reaches 91st Nation!



Our **Management for Church Leaders (MCL)** training was taught in 2 new nations in July by two of our global trainers. With the training in Kyrgyzstan and the Bahamas above our training has now reached **91 nations!**

First, **Dr. Diego Cruz**, our MCL Trainer in **Guatemala**, took our MCL training to the **Dominican Republic July 8-15th** and taught 36 pastors and church leaders in the city of Villa Fundacion. It was the 89th country to receive our training. He also spent time in churches and villages preaching and introducing the training to encourage attendance. As a result, many of those he trained committed to training others in their churches and helping spread the training elsewhere in the DR as well!

Second, **Ronald Tan**, our MCL Trainer in **Singapore**, taught our MCL training to 37 pastors and church leaders in the town of Cameron Highlands in **Malaysia on July 17-19th**. Malaysia became the 90th nation to receive our MCL Training. The training there was also well received and there is interest in further training there in the future.

We thank God for these trainers and the opportunity to reach 4 new nations! To God alone be the glory!

Global MCL Training

There have been 23 **MCL training conferences** held by our global network trainers this summer. They report having trained **1,182** pastors and church leaders. Here are a few highlights:



1. **Pastor James Ochwo** trained 153 pastors and leaders in **Goma, DRC** June 3-6th.
2. **Pastor Ciza Sylvestre** trained 40 pastors and leaders in the town of **Muzinda, Burundi** June 6-7th. (*see photo above*)
3. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** trained 85 pastors & leaders in **Kiyindi, Uganda** July 1-6th.
4. **Pastor Gordon Onyango** trained 181 pastors and leaders in **Nyeri, Kenya** July 2-4th.
5. **Pastor Jasper Goka** trained 58 pastors & leaders in **Walewale, Ghana** July 3-5th.
6. **Dr. Diego Cruz** trained 36 pastors and leaders in **Villa Fundacion, Dominican Republic** July 8-15th.
7. **Ronald Tan** trained 37 pastors and leaders in **Cameron Highlands, Malaysia** July 17-19th.
8. **Pastor Chin Mung** is training 64 Bible students in 5 locations in **Myanmar**.
9. **Pastor Dhan Thapa** trained 40 pastors & leaders in **Kathmandu, Nepal** July 22nd. Pastor Thapa is also a new MCL Trainer in our network. He is our 68th trainer!
10. **Pastor Steve Obonyo** conducted conferences in 4 cities in **Kenya** in August where he trained 118 pastors and leaders.
11. **Pastor Jasper Goka** trained 40 pastors and leaders in **Peki, Ghana** August 7-9th.
12. **Pastor Sikander Chand** trained 43 pastors and leaders in **Purana Shala, India** August 12-13th.

We continue to be amazed at how God is using our global trainers to extend our training to others around the world! Our God is an Awesome God!

Training Multiplication in Tanzania!

We recently received an email from **Pastor Robert Oluoch**, one of our MCL global trainers from **Kigali, Rwanda**. I taught our Management for Church Leaders training in his Bible College back in 2010 (*see photo*) and he has since continued our training to his students the past 9 years. He informed me that one of his former students is now running a training ministry in the nation of Tanzania. He has organized training in 10 locations in Tanzania and has over 300 students, mostly pastors, being trained in church management and



leadership using our training material! Pastor Robert indicated that he was invited to come and teach some of the material. He said, *"I helped train some two classes and it was such a deep blessing."*

It is so encouraging to learn how God is multiplying our training through those we have trained enabling other pastors and church leaders in other nations to be trained and equipped for their ministries.

"I planted the seed, Apollo watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

A Training Testimony

I wanted to share with you a recent testimony about our training from **Erwin Thomas**, a good friend and someone who has trained with me in the past and is going with me to Egypt in October. He shared my August blog on our training on **Delegation and Accountability** with his fellow Elders prior to a planning meeting at his church. He reported that, *"they shared that they referenced the learning points several times during their planning sessions. As our church is growing, the pastors need to learn to delegate so we can continue to grow without being limited by how much an individual pastor can do. It was exciting to hear that they were blessed with your blog."* We are always excited and sometimes surprised at how God uses our ministry to impact others!



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>
Jun 10-14	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	MCL #1 & #2 - <i>Helen Tsurikova, Silk Road Theological Inst.</i>
Jul 31- Aug 2	Freeport, Bahamas	MCL #1 - <i>John Wildgoose, Nazarene Church of the Bahamas</i>
Oct 4-6	Cairo, Egypt	MCL #1 - <i>Ester William, Middle East Leadership Training Inst.</i>
Oct 27	Alpharetta, GA	Ministry Update Presentation - <i>Christ the Shepherd Lutheran</i>
Nov 2	Cumming, GA	Annual FLM Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 17	Knoxville, TN	Ministry Update Presentation - <i>Grace Lutheran</i>



Prayer Requests

- For God to provide a job for **Pastor Gideon Nair** in **India** to help support his family.
- For the showing of the **Jesus Film** in **Punjab, India** by **Pastor Sikander Chand**, one of our MCL Trainers in India, and for God to use it to draw more people to Him!
- For continued healing of a broken collarbone for **Magno Zubia** from **Peru**, and for his recent church planting trip to **Chile** with his wife **Tatiana** to bear fruit for the Kingdom.
- For God's protection of **Pastor John Wildgoose** and the people of the **Bahamas** during Hurricane Dorian.
- Thankfulness for God's **financial provision** for this ministry.
- For God's wisdom and guidance and we develop our **strategic plans & budget** for 2020.

News & Notes



- We mailed out our **annual fundraising appeal letter** for 2019 at the end of June. If you have received this letter please consider making a donation. If you did not receive a letter and would like to make a donation, simply send us a check made out to *FaithLife Ministries* and mail it to the address below.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for the 2nd Quarter are now available to direct to the non-profit of your choice. We would certainly appreciate directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to this ministry
- Barry has rescheduled his visit to give a ministry update presentation to **Grace Lutheran Church** in **Knoxville, TN** to **Sunday, November 17th**.
- Barry has scheduled a ministry update presentation at our church, **Christ the Shepherd Lutheran** on **Sunday, October 27th**.

Our 2020 Training Plans

Barry currently has plans to teach our **Management for Church Leaders Volume #2** in **St. George's, Grenada** January 20-24th. Helping him train will be **Bob Mohle**. (*This trip was postponed from March this year due to Barry's surgery*). He is also discussing possible training trips to **Capetown, South Africa, Bucharest, Romania** and **Tblisi, Georgia**.



Thank you for your prayers & support!

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