

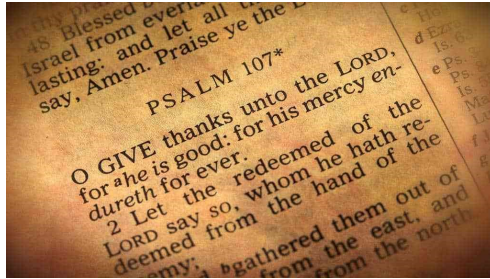
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Newsletter

FaithLife Ministries

"Equipping Church Leaders Globally for 18 Years"



Thanksgiving Blessings



As a ministry we have so much to be thankful for this year. God has indeed blessed us tremendously and we want to share a few of those blessings with you. Here are a few of the blessings God has bestowed upon FaithLife Ministries in 2019:

**** We reached 12 new nations this year with our Management for Church Leaders training and now stand at 97 nations reached!***

**** We have trained over 6,000 pastors and church leaders this year and have trained over 49,000 since we began this training in 2002***

**** We added 5 new MCL Trainers to our Global Trainer Network bringing our total to 70 Trainers***

**** We sent out the 300th copy of our MCL Training Book this month***

**** We sent out 30 copies of our Discipleship for Church Leaders training manual this year bringing the total to 96 that have been requested***

As you can see, God has produced some incredible results this year and has enabled us to reach many important milestones. We cannot thank him enough for what He has done. To God alone be the glory!

2020 Vision?

This is the time of year where we look back at our accomplishments in the



current year and start to plan for our next year of ministry. As we near the goal of reaching 100 nations with our training, it is important to continue to focus on that vision and to ***"run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*** (Hebrews 12:1).

As we look back, we can clearly see how God has led us to this point where we have trained more pastors and leaders (49,000+) and reached more nations (97) than we could have ever imagined when we began this training in 2002. We recognize that God alone is responsible for these results. They are a testimony to His Power and His Will!

As we look to 2020, we also realize that we do not have 20/20 vision. We do not see the future clearly with our own eyes. So we will put our trust and faith in Jesus. By doing so, it enables God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us accomplish that which He desires (**John 14:12-14**). We are currently praying for His guidance and clear revelation to us for the training opportunities that He would like us to pursue next year. We will then plan according to what He reveals to us. We are also seeking his vision for the future of this ministry beyond 2020. Please pray for us and with us!!

Egypt Training Report

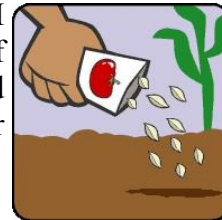


Barry & Erwin Thomas traveled to **Cairo, Egypt** **September 30th to October 7th** to teach our **Management for Church Leaders** training to 68 pastors and church leaders. The participants came from **Egypt, Lebanon** and **South Sudan** and were enthusiastic and active in the training. They also asked great questions and really engaged in the exercises. We enjoyed our dialogue with them and getting to know many of them on a personal level. This was our first training in an Arabic speaking nation and our translators did a great job! By the 2nd day of the training 4 participants asked us for electronic copies of our MCL training manual and Trainer's manual in English so that they could teach it to others as well!

This was a very strategic conference for us and will enable us to make further inroads into the Middle East with our training through those we trained in Cairo. We look forward to seeing what God does with the small seed that we planted!

2019 Ministry Highlights

As we near the end of 2019 I thought I would share some of the seeds that were planted through our ministry thus far this year:



1. We have reached 12 new nations with our Management for Church Leaders training in 2019! They include **Namibia, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, the Dominican Republic, Malaysia, the Bahamas, Egypt, Mongolia, Hungary, Lithuania, the United Arab Emirates, and Barbados.**
2. So far this year we have trained 6,076 pastors and church leaders in 27 nations.
3. We have sent out 85 copies of our Management for Church Leaders self-training book this year to individuals in 26 nations.
4. We have added 5 new Global MCL Trainers to our network this year in the nations of **Denmark, Nepal, Myanmar, Lebanon & Indonesia.**
5. The **Arabic** translation of our **Management for Church Leaders** training manual was used to train pastors & leaders this year in **Greece, Lebanon and Egypt.**

We thank and credit God for these accomplishments and look forward to what He will do through this ministry in 2020!

Our Training Expands to the Middle East!



We are pleased to announce that our **Management for Church Leaders™ (MCL)** training has formally reached the Middle East with our recent training in **Cairo, Egypt!** This was our first training in an Arabic speaking nation. We were invited to bring our training there by **Dr. Wahid Wahba**, founder and president of the **Middle East Leadership Training Institute (MELTI)**. MELTI has been working in the region for 20 years and has provided Christian training to pastors and church leaders throughout the Middle East through their training center in Cairo. A few of their instructors attended our training and will now be able to teach our MCL material along with their other training material where needed. They are also considering adding our MCL training to their regular training curriculum. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to spread our training throughout the Middle East and look forward to seeing the fruit that is produced from this one seed of training!

Global MCL Training

There have been 24 **MCL training conferences** held by our global network trainers this Fall. They report having trained **1,307** pastors and church leaders. Here are a few highlights:



1. **Pastor Rajendra Sundas** in **Nepal** trained 50 pastors in the town of **Chitwan** in September.
2. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** in **Uganda** trained 55 pastors and church leaders in the town of **Kikuki** in September.
3. **Pastor Wilson Esambe** in **Cameroon** trained a total of 132 pastors and church leaders in the cities of **Meiganga & Douala** in September.
4. **Pastor James Ochwo** from **Uganda** took our training to **Burundi** in September where he trained 83 pastors and leaders in the city of **Namayingo**.
5. **Pastor Theophile Goka** trained 42 pastors in **Atakpame, Togo** in October.
6. **Bishop Samuel Bobor** trained 200 pastors and leaders in **Magburaka, Sierra Leone** in October.
7. **Pastor Jasper Goka** trained 50 pastors and leaders in **Duu, Ghana** in October.
8. **Pastor Sikander Chand** trained 47 pastors and leaders in **Tarantarn, India** in October.
9. **Pastor Gideon Nair** trained 40 pastors and leaders in **Cuttack, India** (*see photo above*).
10. **Pastor Wilson Esambe** from **Cameroon** trained 127 leaders in **Doba & Augest** in the nation of **Chad** in October.
11. **Pastor Suveni Rubaduka** from the **Democratic Republic of Congo** trained 57 pastors and leaders in **Kiyaya** in November.
12. **Pastor Sikander Chand** from **India** trained 47 pastors and leaders in **Jantipur** in November.
13. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** from **Uganda** trained 95 pastors and leaders in **Bukuya** in November.
14. **Pastor Gordon Onyango** from **Kenya** trained 14 pastors in **Ugunja** in November.

We continue to be blessed by our global trainers who teach our training to others around the world! With God, all things are possible! (**Matthew 19:26**)

Board of Directors Meeting



(left to right: Barry, Kim, Pat Baugh, Deb Hartje, Bob Mohle, Roger Shaw & Andrew Sharp)

We held our annual Board of Directors meeting in Cumming, GA on November 2nd. We reviewed our results for this year through October and approved our budget and plans for 2020. Here is a brief summary:

- * We accomplished & surpassed the training goals we had set for 2019 (# of new nations reached, # of leaders trained, and # of new MCL Trainers)
- * We will meet our budget for 2019 and our fundraising appeal in July did well.
- * Our plan for 2020 is a continuation of our current vision and includes reaching 6 new nations and training 6,000 pastors & leaders.
- * We discussed a new vision after we reach 100 nations and we will continue to seek God for that.
- * We will look into possibly developing a Bible Study around our MCL training.
- * We will start thinking about how to celebrate reaching our vision of 100 nations and also our 20th year of ministry next year.

2 New MCL Trainers Added to our Network!

Hanna Karam from **Beirut, Lebanon** and **Darwin Pangaribuan** from **Banda Lampung, Indonesia** have joined our Global Trainer Network (GTN). Hanna participated in our training in Egypt (*and was also our translator*) and Darwin received our MCL self-training book. Our GTN now has 70 trainers! We welcome both of them to our ministry family!

Our 2019-20 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
Oct 4-6	Cairo, Egypt	MCL #1 - Ester William, Middle East Leadership Training Inst.
Oct 27	Alpharetta, GA	Ministry Update Presentation - Christ the Shepherd Lutheran
Nov 2	Cumming, GA	Annual FLM Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 17	Knoxville, TN	Ministry Update Presentation - Grace Lutheran
Jan 20-24	St. George's, Grenada	MCL #2 - John Lewis, Grenada Inst. for Theological Education
Oct (TBD)	Capetown, S. Africa	MCL #1 - Carlisle Africa, Leadership International

Prayer Requests



- For God's provision of finances and healing for **Pastor Wilson Esambe**, our MCL Trainer in **Cameeroun**, suffering from malaria
- For God to provide a job for **Gideon Nair**, our MCL Trainer in **India**
- For restoration and recovery for **Pastor John Wildgoose** and the **Church of the Nazarene** in the **Bahamas** from Hurricane Dorian
- For God to provide a training contact for us in the nation of **Madagascar**
- For God to lift up the **Church in China** going through severe persecution from their government
- For God's peace and comfort for **Pastor Moses Wheigar**, our MCL Trainer in **Liberia**, at the death of his beloved mother.
- For God's peace and comfort for **Pastor Jasper Goka**, our MCL Trainer in **Ghana**, at the death of a dear Uncle.

Considering a Year End Donation for a 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. To make a donation, either mail a check to our address to the right or visit our website for information on how to make a donation on-line. Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration!

News & Notes



- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for the 3rd Quarter are now available to direct to the non-profit of your choice. Please consider directing yours to this ministry.
- **Tax receipt letters for 2019** were mailed out recently to anyone who donated \$250 or more in a single donation since the beginning of this year. Receipts for donations received since then through December 31st will be mailed out in January
- We have a training trip confirmed to **Grenada January 18-25th** and are planning a training in **Capetown, South Africa** next **October**. We are also working on training trips to **Romania** and **Georgia** in 2020.
- FaithLife Ministries is now a part of the **AmazonSmile** program. When you purchase anything on AmazonSmile.com and designate FaithLife Ministries they will donate a percentage of your purchase to our ministry. Please consider designating this ministry as well!
- Barry gave a ministry update presentation to **Grace Lutheran Church** in **Knoxville, TN** on **November 17th**. They have been supporters of this ministry since 2004.
- **2020** will be our **20th year of ministry!** Praise God for all He has done through this ministry to bless pastors and church leaders!

Thank you for your prayers & support!

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