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Newsletter

FaithLife Ministries
"Equipping Church Leaders Globally for 19 Years"



My Personal Testimony of our Past, Present and Future

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow!"
1 Corinthians 3:6

Every once in a while we come to a point in our lives where we take time to reflect on our past, consider our present circumstances, and ponder the future. FaithLife Ministries has been my life and passion since our beginning in 2001. I have been blessed beyond measure by God who called me into this ministry of training and equipping pastors and church leaders in the majority world. When it began I had no idea what, or where, it would lead to. Nor did I stop to consider the cost, the struggles, or the perseverance it would take to get to where we are today. However, when I do take stock of where our ministry is today, I am humbled just to be a small part of what God is doing. And the future before us is as unknown as it was when we started.

But there has been one constant throughout the years – God! He has been the guiding force in the ministry and the One I have tried to look to for wisdom, counsel and provision. And He has never failed me or this ministry!

They say hindsight is 20/20, so it is not that hard for me to look back and see that all that this ministry has accomplished has been through the Lord's Hand. I have simply been His instrument and the one He has called and willed for the purpose of building up His Church around the world through the training of pastors and church leaders. I still don't know why He chose me, but He did. And I've spent the past 19 years trying to be obedient to that call and His purpose. And as I look back and reflect on how far we have come, I am simply astounded and amazed at what He has done with the little I had to offer. Like the feeding of the 5,000, God took the "few fish and bread" I had to give and has used it to feed so many (ref. **Matthew 14:15-21**).

The road here has not always been easy, however. We had fund shortages, difficulties recruiting people, travel challenges, health issues, miscommunications and a myriad of other obstacles that caused me at times to question our plan and purpose. But I also knew that we had His Holy Spirit to help us overcome them. And through it all, God provided, God sustained and God proved faithful to His Word to "**never leave us or forsake us**" (**Hebrews 13:5**). And when I thought that I might have failed Him, He reminded me that "**many are the plans in a man's heart, but it's the Lord purpose that prevails.**" (**Proverbs 19:26**). So I stand here today knowing that God has used this ministry to bring about His purposes for it. Of that I have no doubt!

As I look around today and consider all the training that is taking place around the world through our Global Trainer Network I realize that I am not the only person that God has called into this ministry. God has sent us laborers to work in this "vineyard" alongside of me to produce the harvest He desires. Perhaps the most important lesson God has taught me the past few years is that I was never meant to do this alone. Once He revealed that truth to me the ministry has been able to expand, multiply and grow faster and more effectively than it otherwise would have. As the Apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 3:6**, "**I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow!**" Because of this truth, this ministry is stronger and has deeper roots today. And I treasure the relationships I have with all of our trainers and training hosts that we have had over the years who are co-laborers with me in this global vineyard!

I am confident that the future of this ministry is in great hands, because it is in God's Hands, as it always has been! And as I contemplate the future, pray for God's vision, and listen for His voice, I know He will speak to me and "**reveal His thoughts**" to me (ref. **Amos 4:13**) for the future of this ministry. The vision is not ours, it's His. And whatever that vision is, He will not only give it to us but He will provide the resources needed to accomplish it as well! Although the future is not ours to see (as the old song goes), it is ours to inherit if we follow Him and His call!

Grenada Training Report



Barry & Bob Mohle traveled to **St. George's, Grenada** where they trained 29 pastors and church leaders on our **Management for Church Leaders Volume #2** training **January 20th - 24th** (we provided training on our MCL Volume #1 training in May of 2018). We had wonderful participation in our training and enjoyed spending time with such dedicated leaders who all have day jobs and can only attend training in the evening. Virtually all of them were there Monday through Friday night after a long day of work, ready to absorb what the Lord had prepared for them. It is truly a joy to teach this material and see others grasp its value and appreciate its content! One pastor named Michael stood up at the end of the training and shared how valuable this training was for him and how it will help him work through some issues he has at his church. We are so grateful to be used by the Lord to help others in their ministry!

What I Am Working On...

Although I am not traveling or training in February I have been working on some upcoming training trips and a few other projects. I am currently communicating with our contacts regarding a training in **Belize** in **May** and a training in **Cape Town, South Africa** in **October**. Both of these trips should be confirmed shortly. I am also waiting until May to learn more about possible training trips this year or next year to **Georgia** and **Romania**. I have also been developing a new Vision and Plan for the ministry out to 2025 and expect to have that ready to announce soon.



I am also developing a plan for how we are going to celebrate reaching our vision of 100 nations and our 20th year of ministry this year. I also have a need to

develop a couple of new training resources, including an **MCL for Youth Leaders** with **John Lewis**, our MCL Trainer in **Grenada**, and an **MCL Bible Study**. Your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance in these various projects would be most welcome!!

Our Latest News...

First of all, we have added 3 new MCL Trainers to our Global Trainer Network (GTN). They include **Pastor John Lewis** from **Grenada**, who is interested in reaching more of the Caribbean with our Management for Church Leaders training; **Pastor John Wildgoose** from **Freeport, the Bahamas**, where I trained last July. He is joining our Global Trainer Network to reach the other islands in the Bahamas; and also **Bishop Chebon Eriama** from western **Kenya**. We now have 73 global MCL Trainers!

Sweden became the **99th** nation to receive our training this month. Our Global MCL Trainer in **Cameroon**, **Pastor Wilson Esambe**, is going to the island of the **Seychelles** off the east coast of Africa in the Arabian Sea in March to teach our MCL training. It will be the 100th nation we will have reached!

I also recently contacted our MCL Trainer in **Guatemala**, **Dr. Diego Cruz**, about joining him to go and train together in the nation of **Belize** this Spring and we are currently working out the details with his contact there. Belize is one of two Central American nations we have yet to reach with our training (the other is **Honduras**).

So we are hopeful that we will reach our goal of 100 nations with our training next month. It will only be through the provision and providence of God if we do. We know that if it is His will it will be done. To God be the glory!

Global MCL Training

Here are a few highlights of the global training that took place the past 3 months:

1. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** from **Uganda** conducted 2 MCL training conferences in December and trained 107 pastors and church leaders in the towns of **Bukanonsimbi** and **Makonzi**.

2. **Pastor James Ochwo** from **Uganda** trained 79 pastors and church leaders in the town of **Mbarara** in December.

3. **Pastor Suveni Rubaduka** from the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** trained 42 pastors and church leaders in the town of **Kabimba** (*see photo*).



4. **Pastor Sikander Chand** from **India** led 2 conferences in **Kapurthala** and **Saprava** and trained a total of 92 pastors and church leaders in January.

5. **Pastor Darwin Pangaribuan** from **Indonesia** taught 9 pastors and leaders in the town of **Metro**. This was his first training as an MCL Trainer!

6. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** from **Uganda** trained 110 pastors and church leaders in the town of **Zilobwe** in January.

7. **Pastor Dhan Thapa** from **Nepal** trained 40 pastors and church leaders in January in the city of **Kathmandu**.

8. **Pastor Gordon Onyango** from **Kenya** trained 286 pastors & leaders in February in **Narok**.

9. **Pastor Rajendra Sundas** from **Nepal** trained 80 pastors in February in **Chitwan**.

10. **Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** from **Uganda** trained 80 pastors and leaders in February in **Kasubi**.

11. **Pastor Suveni Rubaduka** from the **DRC** trained 45 pastors and leaders in February in the city of **Kalemie**.

12. An American, **Pastor Blake Northam** (from TX), trained 71 Bible School students in February in the town of **Thika, Kenya**.

2019 Global MCL Trainer Award Winners!



FaithLife Ministries annually recognizes the efforts that members of our Global Trainer Network have made in spreading and multiplying our Management for Church Leaders™ training. As a group, they have trained 6,285 pastors and church leaders via 93 training conferences in 21 nations in 2019! These are wonderful results and a testimony to God's work through each of them! We thank God for their enthusiasm and commitment to training pastors and leaders with our training materials and congratulate all of them!

I am pleased to announce the winners of our MCL Trainer Awards for 2019 and they are as follows:

1. **Multiplier Award - Pastor James Ochwo** of **Uganda**, who trained 1,642 leaders last year!

2. **Organizer Award - Pastor Stephine Obonyo** of **Kenya**, who conducted 14 training conferences in 2019, 10 of them with his own resources.

3. **Missionary Award - Pastor James Ochwo** of **Uganda**, who conducted training in 3 nations in 2019. He did training in the **Dem. Rep. of Congo** and **Kenya** in addition to his own nation of **Uganda**!!

4. **Overcomer Award - Pastor Wilson Esambe** of **Cameroon**, who overcame armed conflict within his own nation, malaria and travel difficulties to train 259 pastors and leaders via 4 conferences in 2 nations in 2019!

5. **Dedication Award - Pastor Kiyingi Emmy** of **Uganda** who demonstrated his commitment to our training through the training of 857 pastors and leaders via 13 training conferences he conducted last year!

Congratulations to each of our winners for 2019!

We are so thankful to God and to each of them for their efforts on behalf of this ministry in 2019. We look forward to how God will use all of us to further His Kingdom in 2020!

Our 2020 Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
Jan 20-24	St. George's, Grenada	MCL #2 - <i>John Lewis, Grenada Inst. for Theological Education</i>
May 1-3	Belize City, Belize	MCL #1 - <i>Pastor Julio Quiroz, Belize Church of God</i>
June 7	La Fox, IL	Ministry Update Presentation - Lord of Life Lutheran
Oct (TBD)	Capetown, S. Africa	MCL #1 - <i>Caleb Davison, Leadership International</i>
Nov 7	TBD	Annual FLM Board of Directors Meeting

Prayer Requests



- Thankfulness to God for His **provision of finances & people** that produced the wonderful training results that were achieved in 2019.
- For God's provision of **finances & good health** for our **70 Trainers** in our Global Trainer

Network in 2020.

- For healing for **Gideon Nair**, our MCL Trainer in **India**, who was recently diagnosed with MS (Multiple Sclerosis).
- For God's wisdom and guidance in the development of a new **Vision & Plan** for **2025** as well as other ministry projects we are working on.
- For God's protection and provision for **Pastor Wilson Esambe**, our MCL Trainer in **Cameroon**, as he takes our MCL training to the island nation of **Seychelles** in March, making it the 100th nation to receive our training.
- For God's **patience** as we wait on confirmation of upcoming training trips and opportunities for 2020.
- Thankfulness to God for His provision of a person to translate our MCL training into **Farsi**.

News & Notes



- **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for the 4th Quarter of 2019 are now available to direct to the non-profit of your choice. Please consider directing yours to us.
- **Tax receipt letters for 2019** were mailed out to anyone who donated \$250 or more in a single donation in 2019. If you would like a receipt for your donations, just let us know.
- We have finally completed the translations of our **MCL #2** training manual and Trainer's manual into **French**. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving a copy of either manual.
- We trained a total of 6,482 pastors and church leaders in 36 nations in 2019!
- In January we passed the **50,000** mark in the number of pastors and church leaders we have trained globally since 2002!
- Earlier this month **Sweden** became the 99th nation we have reached with our Management for Church Leaders training!
- We added our 73rd Global MCL Trainer, **Bishop Chebon Eriama** from **Busia, Kenya**.

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Thank you for your prayers & support!

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