



The Continuing Need for Our MCL Training

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Hebrews 12:1

I recently received the following testimony about our **Management for Church Leaders (MCL)** training. It came from **Pastor Walter Chebon Eriama**, one of our global trainers who is from **Busia, Kenya**, after he recently conducted an MCL training in the village of Aedemoru:

"I wish to appreciate you again for your passion and continued prayers and support you have been and still give me to accomplish what God has deposited in my spirit. I am truly encouraged and humbled besides being grateful to God because of your fervent support. By the grace of God, I have managed to train 10 Pastors and it has created a great impact. The Pastors have testified that the MCL course is a very transforming course for today's church leaders. Though few, they had time for discussion in groups and to give their reports on what they learned. The training center was deep in the rural area and all of them have expressed great satisfaction over the course content and wished another one could be arranged for the Pastors who were unable to attend this time. I still count on your prayers and continued support. Thank you and God bless you abundantly."

We are grateful to our global trainers like Walter who continue to take our training to new cities and nations. And we are thankful to God for connecting us to trainers like him and for continuing to show us that our work is not done and that there are so many more pastors who need our training.

We Thank You Lord!

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

1 Chronicles 16:8

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day here in America today, we are ever mindful of all that God has done for us and this ministry. While Thanksgiving is a national holiday in our country and was established to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings upon our nation, many celebrate the day without ever mentioning Him or acknowledging His existence, let alone His blessings. As a matter of fact, our culture is actively working to remove God from our society! Thanksgiving Day has become a holiday that is more about watching football, eating turkey, and retail shopping deals than thanking God for His blessings. America has indeed become a more secular and ungrateful nation.

But we stand with other American Christians and ministries that do honor God on Thanksgiving Day and thank Him for His blessings. We are specifically thankful this year for His continued financial provision, His protection while we traveled, His guidance and direction in our lives and ministry, and His mercy and grace when we fall short of His desires for us. God is still good when we are not, and He is always faithful to His promises!

We proclaim today and every day that God is our provider and Jesus is our Savior!! We will not be intimidated by our culture, and we will not keep silent! As it says in **Acts 18:9**, *"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent."* Like Paul, we commit to doing the same!

We give our thanks to God alone and no other, and we give Him all the honor and glory due His name!!

Global Training Summary



Our network has trained a total of 6,138 pastors and leaders via 148 conferences in 23 nations so far in 2022. Here are the summaries for the past 3 months:

September was a very strong month for our MCL training. There were 17 training conferences held in 10 nations (**Nepal, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Burundi, Tanzania, Liberia, Togo, India and Indonesia**) by 16 different MCL Trainers. Those network trainers trained 713 pastors and church leaders in September!

Our global trainer network continued their training of our MCL material in October with another 10 conferences in 8 nations (**Togo, Uganda, Burundi, Ghana, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Kenya**). They trained a total of 528 pastors and church leaders in these conferences. *(The photo above is from the training in Rajshahi, Bangladesh, October 7-8th, taught by Pastor Swadhin Biswas.)*

Our global trainer network resumed its strong pace in November, conducting another 11 conferences in the nations of **Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Burundi, Ghana, Cameroon, Bangladesh, Indonesia and India**. Thus far, our global trainers have trained a total of 309 pastors and church leaders in November.

This brings our annual total to 6,138 trained as mentioned above and surpasses our 2022 goal of 6,000!! There are also another 7 conferences being held in December in 6 nations, so we anticipate an additional 400 pastors and leaders being trained by the end of this year. We are thankful to our global trainers and to God for these results!

Egypt Training Report

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."
2 Timothy 2:2

I (Barry) just returned from Cairo, Egypt where we trained 65 pastors, church leaders and trainers with the Middle East Leadership Training Institute (MELTI) October 20-22nd on our Management for Church Leaders (MCL) training.



This was my first international trip for training in the past 3 years due to the covid

global pandemic. Helping me train was **George Hakim, Director of Training for MELTI** (photo above). He is already one of our global MCL Trainers and was effective in his training of our material.

The conference was attended by MELTI trainers from various parts of Egypt, and they in turn will teach our MCL to others in Egypt and throughout the Middle East. The feedback on our training was that it was important and valuable for them. Their participation was excellent, and they were very enthusiastic about teaching it to others.

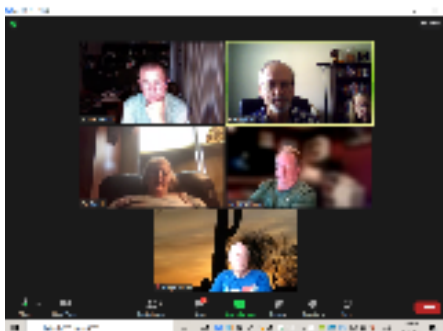
I also received very positive and encouraging comments and personal notes from some of the attendees, so our time together



was a blessing for me as well. Serving as my translator was **Wahid Wahba, President of MELTI** and also a FaithLife Ministries board member.

Please pray for these trainers as they go and teach others in the Middle East what we have taught them!

Annual Board of Directors Meeting



We held our annual board of directors meeting on Saturday, November 5th, via a Zoom call. As usual, we first reviewed our results, activities, and financial reports for this year. In 2022 we reached 4 new nations with our training (**Netherlands, Iran, Turkey** and the **Seychelles**), we added active trainers in 3 new nations (**England, Cuba** and **Egypt**), and we trained over 6,100 pastors and leaders so far. Our plans for 2023 include adding active trainers in 4 additional nations, adding 3 new MCL Trainers, training another 6,000 pastors and leaders, recording our MCL #1 training on video for internet access, and developing self-training versions of our MCL #2 and DCL training manuals.

Ministry Update Presentations



Barry gave ministry update presentations to **First Lutheran Church** in El Cajon, CA, on September 4th, and to **Grace Lutheran Church** in Knoxville, TN on November 20th. In

both presentations he shared a video on how our ministry began and how we reached 100 nations with our Management for Church Leaders training in 2020. He then updated them on what has happened the past 3 years during covid and where we are at now in terms of numbers trained, nations reached, and other key statistics. He then shared our vision of having 50 nations with active global trainers by 2025 (we currently have 38) and our plans for the next few years.

Training Resource Development



We continue to develop new training resources for our global trainer network. We now have an **Arabic** translation of our MCL #1 Self-Training Book. This was also given out at our conference in

Egypt last month and will be used extensively throughout the Middle East. We are also beginning a translation of our MCL #1 training manual into the **Assamese** language, which is used in West Bengal, India, and are awaiting corrections to our MCL #1 training manuals in **Punjabi** and **Kirundi**. We are also waiting for final translations of our MCL #2 and DCL training manuals in **Swahili**, which have been delayed due to communication problems. Additional MCL #1 translations into the languages of **Sudanese** and **Bassa** (Liberia) are under consideration. We are also in the process of recording our MCL #1 training on video for use by us and other partner ministries. Once these are completed, we will also consider recording our MCL #2 and DCL training.

Video Training Update



Barry recorded six more chapters of our Management for Church Leaders Volume #1 training with a Chinese translator for **China Partner** this quarter. These recordings will be shared with their network of pastors and church leaders in China at a later time. So far chapters 1-10 have been recorded with the final 2 chapters to be recorded in December. Barry also recorded training videos for 3 chapters from our MCL #1 for use by our ministry and the **Leader Foundation Institute** online Bible school based out of Romania. We will record the other 9 chapters in the months ahead. We are also recording our MCL #1 training in a way that enables us to use it as a foundation for all of our training videos.

Our 2023 Preliminary Schedule

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Purpose/Host</u>
TBD	Armenia	MCL #1 - <i>Pastor Arman Davtyan</i>
TBD	Honduras	MCL #1 - <i>Pastor Peter Hearne</i>
TBD	Madagascar	MCL #1 - <i>Young Ohm, Leadership International</i>
July	La Fox, IL	Ministry Update Presentation - <i>Lord of Life Lutheran Church</i>
Nov 3-4	Cumming, GA	Annual FLM Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 12-17	Panama City, Panama	GPRO II - Global Congress for Pastoral Trainers

Prayer Requests



- God's healing from a fever for **Pastor Chebon Eriama**, our MCL Trainer from **Busia, Kenya**.
- Healing for the children of **Pastor Wilson Esambe**, our MCL Trainer in **Cameroon**, who are all ill.
- Thankfulness to God for our **ministry accomplishments in 2022**.
- That our **2023 Plans** are in God's will for this ministry.
- God's guidance and presence in all of our **MCL #1 video training** recordings.
- Thankfulness for God's protection and guidance for Barry on his trip and training in **Cairo, Egypt, October 17-24th**.
- Thankfulness to God for **Dr. Baboka Martin** who filled in for Barry and gave an overview of our MCL & DCL training to trainers with **Leadership International** in **Cape Town, South Africa, Oct 4-7th**.
- God's provision and safety for all of our **Global MCL Trainers**, especially those who will be training in December.

Other News & Notes

- Barry continued his Zoom recording of our MCL #1 training with a Chinese translator for China Partner with chapters 5-10.
- Our annual board of directors meeting was held on Saturday, November 5th, via Zoom. We reviewed our 2022 operations and approved our 2023 strategic plan and budget.
- We recorded 3 chapters of our MCL #1 training on video in November.
- We will be mailing out our fundraising appeal letters this week for end of year donors.



If you are a Thrivent member, remember to check your 3rd quarter Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have any available, we would be grateful if you would consider designating them to our ministry!

Considering a donation for a year-end tax deduction?



If you are thinking about making a year end charitable 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 train more leaders and establish more global trainers as well. All donations are tax deductible. Simply mail us a check made payable to **FaithLife Ministries** to the address on the right by December 31st!

Thank you for your prayers & support!

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