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Alere is a Latin word meaning to nourish; to educate; and to cherish - all good descriptors of the ministry of Timothy Two!

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From the

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

All by His grace;
all for His glory

Another year, another display of God's glory and His grace!

In countless encounters with followers of Jesus around the globe – just a handful of which are shared in this year's magazine – we at Timothy Two continue to stand in awe at the way in which He uses us to build up the Kingdom on earth.

His glory is evident in the creation in general, of course, but especially in His creation of people - the bearers of His glorious image. Throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the West, our team has been blessed to make new eternal friends and renew relationships with those we already know and love. We see, in them, reflections of His glory.

His grace is evident in the way that these people have been changed – transformed from darkness to light! Beloved, it is true that grace

changes everything: character, priorities, passions, and, of course, destinies. He is pleased to save us, redeem us, and call us His own. We see His pleasure in the lives of the many people we serve, and we hear of it in their testimonies. Yet, we also see evidence of the fallenness of this world from which believers are redeemed – poverty, sickness, suffering, and sin – on a virtually unimaginable scale.

So, we hold on tightly to His promise: one day (hopefully soon!), sin and death will be no more and there will be an everlasting chorus of praise and thanksgiving rising up from every nation, tribe, people, and tongue – declaring His glory and still amazed by His grace. Aren't you excited to be a part of what God is doing? We sure are! And we are grateful for your prayers and partnership with Timothy Two.

~Steve Curtis

The Kingdom of God Is Expanding



through TTPI in Africa!

If you understand the goal of cross-cultural missions, what has happened in these nations through TTPI is exactly what missionaries should be doing: working themselves out of a job.



Teaching in Lusaka, Zambia

**By Bryan Slater
Africa Regional
Director**

When we first joined Timothy Two Project International in June, 2016, we started working with one pastor in Tanzania. The Lord used our relationship with Pastor Godwin Gunewe to open many doors for training pastors all across Tanzania. The Lord raised up a second key pastor named Godwin Chisaye, who was finishing his doctorate from North-West University in South Africa. After we had spent much time with these two pastors, we sent them off as National Missionary Partners (NMPs). NMPs are national pastors with godly character who know the training material well and are therefore well-equipped to lead workshops with TTPI. For the past five years, these two faithful pastors have conducted 230 workshops all across Tanzania. Pastors across the whole nation are now familiar with TTPI's work, which has affected many pastors and churches there.



In 2023, the same thing just happened in Zambia. We started conducting workshops in Zambia in 2018. A few months ago, I made my last journey to Zambia to conduct workshops because TTPI has now commissioned three NMPs to lead workshops with pastors: Emmanuel Mwale, Obrian Mayambu, and Loved Jere; and one NMP to lead workshops with children's ministry workers: Godfrey Chilumbu. These pastors are now doing many workshops in Zambia, which have affected more pastors than I can count. We praise God for moving in Zambia in this way so that now we are leaving the work there to national pastors, under my supervision. If you understand the goal of cross-cultural missions, what has happened in these nations through TTPI is exactly what missionaries should be doing: working themselves out of a job.

We do training in African nations, because most pastors have no access to solid biblical and theological training. Once NMPs are raised up, then they are better able to do this same training than we are. This frees us up to go and train in other nations where we have not yet been.

There are similar stories taking place in Kenya, Burundi, Ghana, Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo. The Kingdom of God is being expanded through the work of TTPI through our NMPs in these countries! For this, we praise God!



Commissioning Pastor Stefano

“...the twelve Sunday School teachers, who Ann trained, had trained 180 other Sunday School teachers...”

When I receive an invitation to go to a city to train pastors, I spend time interacting with the host pastor so that expectations are set. Then, I pray in faith, asking the Lord if that is where I should go. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (ESV). In other words, the Lord has already prepared ahead of time which workshops I should be doing, so I seek Him to find out what His plans are. Of course, I don’t know what the results will be until I go to conduct the workshop. In October, we went for the second time to Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi. There are about 60,000 refugees from Democratic Republic of Congo, which has been in a civil war for many years, and from Burundi, because of a former war between two tribes there. After conducting Workshop One early in 2023, we received a report about three months later from the host pastor, Pastor Jacob. He gave us a tremendous report. In the past three months, the

twelve pastors I trained had trained 204 other pastors in the refugee camp, and the twelve Sunday School teachers, who Ann trained, had trained 180 other Sunday School teachers in the camp. Also, the Sunday School teachers themselves reported things like this: “Workshop One helped me a lot. I have new ways to help children understand. A new teacher was raised up. A mother told me that ‘now my children can repeat to me what they learned in church.’ We had thirty children and now we have over seventy.” When we were with them for Workshop Two, they were so excited to be learning the Word of God again. They are very poor so they have no access to training of any kind. You have to understand that the



*Ann with interpreter, David Swedi, in Dzaleka refugee camp in Malawi
Bottom: Bryan with interpreter, William*

UN only provides each person the equivalent of twelve cents per day for living expenses. These pastors I have trained have committed to giving themselves away for the sake of the gospel. Their plan is to continue training all of those who were already trained in the first workshop. They have found great joy in training others in the Word of God. The Lord is using their faithfulness to expand the Kingdom of God! I don’t have space to tell you about Ghana or Nigeria where workshops have been bearing much fruit. Workshops in Kenya are going strong. We have opened new fields in Benin and Cameroon. We could go on and on. It is marvelous to see Jesus’ Kingdom come!

2023: A Great 2nd Year!



Pastors in Kesinga, India

By Mike Williamson, Global Instructor

2023 has been my second year serving the Lord with TTPI. It has been a great year, a wonderful and full year! I have had the awesome privilege of training pastors in 2 cities in India, as well as training groups in El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Poland. The Lord opened opportunities to teach groups of pastors, leaders, or future missionaries on 13 occasions, with perhaps 200 students in attendance (some of these in more than one training).

What did I observe during this year of training? The pastors in every training group were hungry for the Word of God, overflowing with gratitude for the pure teaching of the Word of God. What some of us might consider the “elementary teachings of the Word of God” were labeled as “new teaching” by many of these seasoned pastors of churches. They joyfully received both basic and more extensive teaching about our great salvation in the doctrines of election, regeneration, adoption, propitiation, and justification. They overflowed with thankfulness as we explored ways to teach these precious truths to the people they shepherd and how to use these doctrines to help their people with the doubts, fears, and struggles they face daily. They are sad when our trainings are over but excited that we’ll be coming back with more! Who is sufficient for such things?



Pastors and Leaders in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Finally, it was a humbling experience to teach and fellowship with these brother-pastors who daily live their lives facing danger for the cause of Christ and His Church. Persecution seems to lurk at every turn for most of them, but you would never know it from the joy on their faces and the loving confidence in God they display. PRAY for these pastors, and hundreds of thousands like them, who faithfully continue their ministries and desperately call-out for more training along the way. TTPI exists to respond to their calls.



Pastors and Leaders graduating in Raipur, India



Pastors in Kathmandu, Nepal

PERSECUTION AND PRAISE FROM PAKISTAN

BY ASHER DIN

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support you've shown us throughout this year in every way. Indeed, the Lord has been gracious to us in His steadfast love and mercy. My family and I have been gradually settling into Pakistan, although we have been faced with many challenges.



With the overall disconcerting situation of the country, we are grateful that both of our daughters are remarkably dealing well with everything. Eleanor has transitioned into 9th grade, while Isabella is embracing the challenges of 6th grade. Both girls are acquiring new skills and have developed a heart for serving others.

Samar, in addition to homeschooling, is actively involved in leading Bible study groups for women and initiating sewing centers among women. We are grateful for this enriching experience.



There is a huge need for women empowerment in Pakistan. A large majority of women work at the brick kilns and in rich families' homes. Unfortunately, women are treated very poorly and discriminated in many ways. The skill of sewing equips a woman to independently work from home and earn a living for her family. Sewing skills provide a woman safety, confidence, and joy.

On August 16, 2023, a devastating incident happened in Jaranwala (Punjab), Pakistan. A mob of angry Muslims burnt 26 churches and more than 300 homes. Furthermore, 3000 homes were looted as the Christians had fled to save their lives. I visited Jaranwala the very next day to witness the damage and also comfort the affected families.



Unfortunately, life in Pakistan for Christians is very precarious and unpredictable due to the blasphemy law. Since this incident, numerous Christian families have lost their jobs in Jaranwala because the business owners and landowners do not wish any longer to have Christians working for them. Persecution in Jaranwala has caused a lot of fear among Christians throughout the country. It can happen to any Christian regardless of place and time. Thus, Christians need a lot of prayers and spiritual growth.

Recently we have started two Timothy Two workshops. The plan is to train men and women to provide the message of hope and joy in Christ to unreached places and people groups.

One of the main questions that remains among Christians in Jaranwala is, “Why did God allow persecution to happen to us?” It is not an easy question to answer. Yet, it is a great opportunity to teach and serve to help the Christian community in Pakistan to faithfully grow in Jesus Christ. To overcome fear is only possible through walking with Christ through prayer and reading His word daily. The participants in this class have joined the TT classroom with the mission to first self-learn and then pass it on to others in Jaranwala. It is only then, through faith, a person shall become a true witness to Christ in this world. To “carry the cross” and “turn the other cheek” is only possible through faith and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Also, I have found great delight preaching and teaching many students at 7 remote brick kilns and 5 villages. 92% of Christians living at the brick kilns and villages are illiterate, so they cannot read the Bible. Thus, 15 literacy classes have been established so that they can read the Bible and hear the voice of the Lord speaking to them directly through His Word. There is a great hunger for the Word of God. Therefore, prayers are needed for more people to hear their God calling them to learn to read and serve one another with love and affection. One great way to love, nurture and care for one another is through sharing God-given hope and joy in fellowship, giving all the glory to our gracious God.



Above: By the grace of God, through the gracious help of friends, we distributed food, water, and some other items to the victims.
Right: preaching at a brick kiln



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THAILAND

By Matt Jensen,
Serving in northern
Thailand

Last year, our article included the exciting news that we had made it to Thailand and begun language study. Now, I am writing to tell you that we are almost finished with language school and are about to start ministry in Chiang Khong. It's hard to believe that this time has come! Here are a few highlights from 2023.



*Matt and Danielle,
with Judah and Gabriel*

New teammates

God has graciously answered many prayers for teammates. Nico, Roxanne, and Nicholas Van Zyl are raising support to move to Chiang Rai and begin language school (see page 20). We are overjoyed at God's merciful answer!

Many visitors

Steve Curtis, Matt's parents and brother, the Van Zyls, and two brothers from a supporting church came to visit us this year. It has been great to see familiar faces and fellowship together!

Six opportunities to preach - in Thai

This would not be possible without supporters who understand the importance of language study. I did not think it would be possible to begin preaching within two years, but the Lord has been gracious. Language school has provided us with a solid foundation for ministry in Thailand.

We've shared the gospel with many

We have had many opportunities to share the gospel. I've gone with a local pastor a few times to visit unbelievers, pray for them, and share the gospel. Additionally, Danielle and I both have been able to share the wonderful news of our Savior with others whom we have befriended.

We are finishing up language school

We just started our last semester of language school. It is hard to believe that we are coming up on two years in Thailand - really hard! It's amazing to see the fruit of these past two years of language study.

We are transitioning to Chiang Khong

We currently live in Chiang Rai for language school. After language school, we plan to move to Chiang Khong and begin ministry there. Chiang Khong is accessible to many closed countries, and we are excited to see what the Lord has for us. We've begun renting a house, so we are officially transitioning to Chiang Khong. Once language school is finished, we will move the remainder of our things.

The new training center

We now have a training center in Chiang Khong (pictured below). I plan to hit the ground running next year teaching Timothy Two workshops. I've heard about many pastors who are interested to learn with Timothy Two, both in Thailand and in surrounding areas.



Thank you to Timothy Two for its work in the Majority World, and to the readers of this magazine who are supporters of Timothy Two. None of the work would be possible if not for you! Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to contribute a small part to this great work, for the inestimable glory of our great God and Savior.

from Zimbabwe

By Wilbert Chipenyu

In 2023, I had workshops in Zhombe (rural) and Masvingo (urban), Zimbabwe. The workshops were attended by pastors from several churches. I am grateful to God that I was able to do the training alongside some NMPs from the first groups I trained in Zimbabwe. I was encouraged to see how the NMPs were leading some lessons in very clear and captivating ways. I have no doubt that, when resources are available, these brothers will do a good job wherever they will be. All the workshops' participants were from the African Independent Churches. Some had been discouraged against the training programs, being told that the Holy Spirit would lead them in whatever they would do (hence, training was not necessary). The training in Masvingo town had fewer challenges than those in rural Zhombe, so I will focus on the training at Zhombe.

Zhombe is a Ndebele speaking area where some pastors cannot understand any other language than the vernacular. Fortunately, the host/interpreter is fluent in Shona and English, as well, so the training sessions were well understood, as he would explain the doctrines in Ndebele whenever a participant missed something. I can personally understand the language to some degree but am poor in speaking.

After the first day of training, the host testified that some pastors whom he invited were losing out by missing the training. On the last day of each training session, I asked him to get feedback from the participants. In each case, they always mentioned how the training took them to "another level." On the last day of workbook three, he asked me to let him lead training in one lesson to show that he has grasped the content and that he can now teach other people in Zhombe after completion of the training.



It was a jaw-dropping experience, seeing how good he presented the lesson. I gave him another lesson to see whether he had only studied that one lesson well. He proved me wrong and did it in the same good way.

I was grateful that one missionary brother, Thinus Herman from South Africa, gave me enough Bibles this year again to give to all the participants during the workshop in Zhombe.

Two testimonies from elderly men:

- Mr. Mpofu says "I am coming to workshops, not fearing that the stray animals will destroy my crops. If they do, I will not regret and will ask the Lord to give me peace because the workshops are enriching me for my ministry."
- Mr. Gwauya also says "I have been worshiping in a church where they say the Bible is outdated; hence, we were listening to the Holy Spirit for what to preach on. I broke away to a Bible-reading church, but without much understanding of the doctrines - though I was made a leader. Now I am well-equipped through the Timothy Two workshops to teach the doctrines to others."

Mission to BELIZE

By Mark Richardson

Belize is a small country in Central America that you may have heard of as a tourist destination. Snorkelers, fisherman, and those attracted to activities in the warm Caribbean Ocean come to vacation on one of 200 small islands spattered along the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world. Others head inland to investigate 2,000-year-old Mayan ruins or explore tropical jungles.

Children gathered at Church en Casa -
a home church in Belize



Wilson preaching in his mother's
veranda, St Margarets Village, Belize



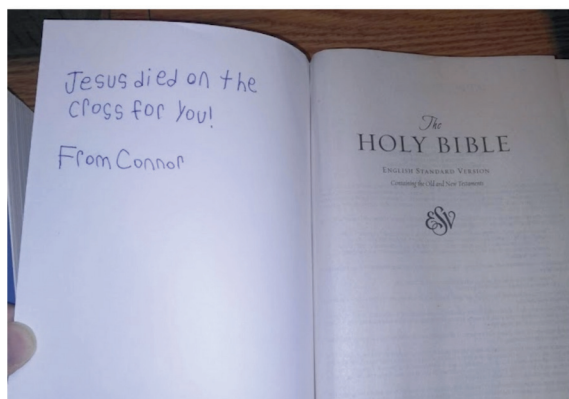
Yet the people there are more interesting, and of greater value, than mountains or oceans. The indigenous Hispanics are an ancient and diverse culture that has been dramatically influenced in the last 500 years. Roman Catholic missionaries, militants of the cultic gospels, the slave trade from Africa and the Middle East and China's groping arms have poured religious traditions and a pantheon of gods into a region that struggles with poverty and civil wars along with the drug trade and human trafficking.

Herein lies a great contrast, the glory of God and His invisible attributes displayed as the backdrop for false religions and those who love themselves, money, or power.

Belizeans need the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to combat heresy and sin. My wife and I are engaging in church planting in the rural village of

Chances are good that these children do not have both parents at home, their parents were never married, and neither parent attends services with them.

A young man in Michigan wrote to the child in Belize who would receive this Bible



St Margarets, where we plan to move indefinitely to encourage and support indigenous pastors. Earlier this year, our home church in Michigan supplied us with 96 personally addressed Bibles to take to the village. Propelled by prayer, 93 of them made it to the village and many of them immediately into the hands of both children and adults. Three, by God's providence, were given away to security officers at an airport checkpoint when they were struck by the handwritten notes inside the front covers.

The others were given to Wilson, a 25-year-old man who organizes worship services at Church en Casa, a home church that meets at his mother's house.

Belizean children after receiving their first Bible



Those children admitted that this was their first Bible and most said it would be the only book in their home. Chances are good that these children do not have both parents at home, their parents were never married, and neither parent attends services with them. A handful of women and only an occasional man attend the weekly services there. Please pray with us that the Gospel will be shared, souls saved, and lives transformed in the Mayan Mountains of central Belize.

Joel praying with the saints at Church en Casa, St. Margaret's Village, Belize



Developments in Latin America

By Dan Sonnenberg,
Latin America Regional Director

The Costa Rica trip resulted in four new groups in four cities who are beginning the Growing in Grace series of workshops. The vision trip to El Salvador resulted in one new group beginning the series and several new groups that will begin next year.



Limon, Costa Rica



Villa El Salvador, Peru

In 2023, I taught a total of eight workshops, completed vision trips in Costa Rica and El Salvador, completed a Re-Forma Quality Assurance Institute with my Spanish speaking National Missionary Partners, participated in the GProCongress II, a pastor trainer conference in Panama, and began working together with a new Assistant Regional Director for Latin America.

I taught Growing in Grace series workshops in Peru (1), Costa Rica (1), Panama (2) and Florence, SC (1), and I completed introductions to the Re-Forma workshop in Peru (1), Guatemala (1) and Ecuador (1).

Ten of my Latin American National Missionary Partners (NMPs) taught 20 workshops in 7 countries this year: Wisly Denis in Dominican Republic (5), Helmuth Aguilar in Chile (4), Jaime Lopez, Luis Gilbert, Rafael Lopez and Danilo Castro in Guatemala (4), Rafael Meza Batista in Colombia (3), Luis Rojas Espinoza and Daniel Eguiluz in Peru (2), Juan Jimenez in Ecuador (1), and Helmuth Aguilar in El Salvador (1). The National Missionary Partners are bearing much fruit in these countries.

Several of the workshops taught this year include the new, more

advanced, Re-Forma workshop. I normally introduce Re-Forma to a group in three days, then, over the next 6-8 months, the National Missionary Partners facilitate the teaching and assessment of each student as they complete the assignments of the 35 outcomes. The outcomes provide training and evaluation in the areas of Biblical knowledge, ministry skills and Christian character.

Most of the NMPs who are using Re-Forma were able to participate in the Quality Assurance Institute which provides extensive training in facilitation and assessment.

On my vision trip to Costa Rica, I was accompanied by two NMPs, Helmuth Aguilar from El Salvador and Jaime Lopez from Guatemala, who were able to share testimonies of how the workshops are benefitting pastors in their countries. The Costa Rica trip resulted in four new groups in four cities who are beginning the *Growing in Grace* series of workshops. The vision trip to El Salvador resulted in one new group beginning the series and several new groups that will begin next year.

Tarapoto, Peru



Acosta, Costa Rica



I am thankful to have begun working with Assistant Regional Director Grady Davidson, who is helping me with the work in Latin America. Grady is an experienced pastor living in Chattanooga, TN. He has already begun teaching workshops with new groups, and is becoming familiar with our National Missionary Partners.

Finally, I am currently in discussions with new workshop coordinators in Mexico and Peru that may result in several new groups, and I look forward to receiving connections through my friend in Guatemala to new workshop coordinators in Cuba, Bolivia, Brazil and Mexico in the coming year.

Guayaquil, Ecuador



From South Africa to Thailand



With the Jensens in Thailand

By Nico Van Zyl

Since 2012, when I lived for a year in Thailand and saw the spiritual need for the gospel in Thailand, I have wanted to go and spend more time there. Roxanne and I have been praying for many years whether God wants us to move permanently to Thailand to live and work there and to be involved in cross-cultural missions, especially in evangelism, church planting, and the training of leaders. At the beginning of the year, we started to investigate different ways of going: working with mission organizations and/or churches that work in Thailand.

We found Timothy Two Project International and reached out to Steve Curtis. We had a few meetings with him and a missionary couple in Thailand (Matt and Danielle Jensen, above). In God's providence, we were also able to visit them in August 2023, in Chiang Rai and in Chiang Kong, in the northern parts of Thailand.

Timothy Two is renting a facility in Chiang Kong, where they plan to train leaders – not only in Thailand, but also in surrounding countries. Chiang Kong is at the border of Laos and Thailand and is also close to China and Myanmar.

Please pray with us as we pray and plan to get everything in order in the coming months.

Roxanne and I believe God is leading us in this way to be involved in evangelism, church planting and strengthening, and the training of leaders in Thailand. Thailand and the surrounding countries are mainly Buddhist countries, and the Thai people are a least evangelized people group with less than 2% professing to be Christians, and half of the 2% are Roman Catholics. We plan to go long-term, focusing on language acquisition in Chiang Rai for the first two years, and then moving to Chiang Kong. For these plans to materialize, we need to start raising funds. I plan to resign as the Conference Manager of African Pastors' Conference, and we desire to be sent as missionaries from Birchleigh Baptist Church. We hope to be in Thailand in the next six months to a year.

If anyone wants to donate, visit:
<https://t2support.org/VanZyl>

We have a 10-page portfolio on Thailand, which includes our background and our plans in Thailand. If anyone wishes to look at this portfolio, please let us know (nico@timothytwo.org).

A Vision for Japan



The Dixon family

By Michael Dixon

A tremendous shockwave ripped through the Atheist and Apologetic world when Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a central and outspoken figure in the New Atheist movement, announced her conversion to Christianity in November 2023. Although she was born into an Islamic society, Ali had fled Islam to the Netherlands where she discovered the writings of Atheist philosopher Herman Philipse, subsequently renouncing all religion. She was an outspoken critic of religion, and had spent much of her life working to turn others away from God. Then everything changed.

In describing her conversion from Atheism to Christ, Ali wrote that “I ultimately found life without any spiritual solace unendurable—indeed very nearly self-destructive. Atheism failed to answer a simple question: What is the meaning and purpose of life?”

Ali’s observation of the hopelessness of a

life without meaning is a clear and striking description of modern day Japan. Although it is a first-world nation with a relatively free society, Christianity accounts for less than 1% of the population – the lowest percent of Christians in the world, trailing only North Korea.

Christianity accounts for less than 1% of the population in Japan

The predominant religion of Japan is a hybrid Shinto-Buddhism, but as a technologically advanced society most Japanese would technically qualify as Atheist (belief in nothing), or more often as Agnostic (they might believe in something, but believe it is impossible to know and thus worthless to pursue).

Without God, the result is indeed self-destructive. Japan holds one of, if not the, highest suicide rates among developed countries. The intense societal pressures, long working hours, and demanding lifestyles in Japan have given rise to a prevalent sense of depression and



emotional exhaustion. Many Japanese individuals find themselves caught in an unyielding vortex of achievement-driven pursuits, resulting in a profound sense of emptiness and disconnection.

In my conversations with Japanese people, there has been a readiness to admit the pressing issues affecting their society, but many fail to see the real problem. It is not the pressures of materialist society but rather the lack of a real relationship with their creator. Without Christ, they have no hope, and thus in no scenario will they find the peace and completeness they seek. Ayaan fled Islamic society to a wealthy liberal European country, yet she still suffered. Her problem was not oppressive society, but rather a lack of meaning. It was the realization of this that led her to the correct solution: only in Christ that she was made whole.

Unfortunately, in spite of being one of the most unreached people in the world, they have a shockingly low level of evangelistic outreach.

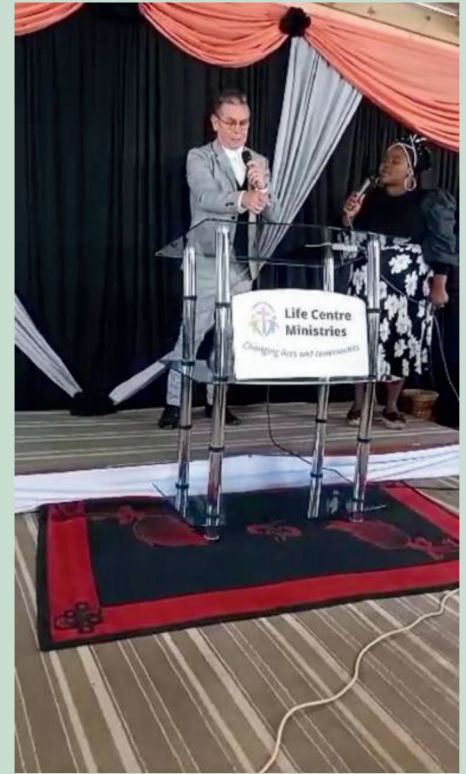


This is because traditional missional outreach has a very high cost with a very low rate of success. The Japanese are a people who avoid controversy at all cost. To convert to Christianity would mark one as an outcast, potentially shaming their family's name.

Attempting to grow new leadership in traditional methods is difficult as well. To attend seminary would cost a young man much, perhaps even his family and career. To pay for his education would require a church large enough to support his salary, and these remain relatively rare.

There are reasons for hope, however. The Japanese people do see a need, and most have at least some concept of Christianity. There are, surprisingly, a large number of Christian middle and high schools, and even a few universities. Although at one time these were staffed with people with some theological training, usually that is no longer the case. These schools are generally called Christian to denote a western style education. Yet, they are a tremendous resource as a readily available outlet for evangelism to young Japanese. They do allow some religious instruction, and a program to educate and train teachers and indigenous small group leaders in these areas would go far in turning the tide. In addition, English language schools are open to using the Bible and Christianity to teach American culture. Together, these could very well be the catalyst to reach a young generation hungering for meaning and finally spark a revival in one of the world's oldest and most isolated cultures.

We could see Japan embrace the transformative power of Christ's love, offering hope, healing, and a renewed sense of purpose to its people. Through compassionate care, guidance, and the message of Christ's redemptive love, we could produce the next generation of pastoral leaders, which would illuminate a path towards a brighter and more fulfilling future for Japan. To this end, my family is prayerfully preparing to move to Asia and reach the lost and disciple believers in Japan. Please pray with us and consider whether the Lord would lead you to partner with us in this vision.



The Builder of All Things

Martin McCrory
Assistant Regional Director - Africa

I'm a home builder.

Building analogies are ubiquitous throughout the sacred Scriptures (He 3:4; Mt 16:18; 1 Co 14:12; 1 Co 3:9; Ep 4:12; 1 Co 3:10; 1 Pe 2:4-48; et al)

Paul laid the foundation of Jesus Christ for the church (1 Co 3:11), and as Christ now builds His church (Mt 16:18), the Holy Spirit uses Timothy Two Project international (TTPI), to lay (and, sometimes, to re-lay) that same foundation, in places where the doctrines have been more like shifting sands! That's why, after the completion of all four TTPI Workshops, we award the "Certificate in Biblical and Theological Foundations".

It's all, pretty much, hidden work; it's mostly underground; it's obscure – we're doing the groundwork – but it is absolutely vital to the build! In my case (in the dustbowls of Africa), I must dig thru the 'stumbling stones' of language and culture; I must break up the ancestral and animist 'rocks of offence', in order to offer a 'rejected stone' as the only 'chosen Cornerstone' for a right build (1 Pe 2:4-8).

My first job was as a junior foundation’s inspector of enormous structures. It is fastidious work, meticulously correlating between drawings, and what is actually going on (in) the ground. One literally walks between the steel bars of these massive caged bases, shuttered by excavated earth, that gets pumped with tons of concrete. I was 18, and the experienced, sweaty contractors were intimidatingly breathing down my neck about my inspection detail. I remember going to my boss, in the hope of shaking off their sweat threat, and asking, “Peter, why are you so rigorous about this conformity to the plans? The guys are giving me such a hard time!” And he said, “Martin, when I’m gone, a hundred years from now, I still want this building to be standing.”

He was a wise master-builder.

Perhaps, Paul had something like that in mind with laying Christ as the sole foundation, in the hope that after a 100 years...wait...1000 years...no...2000 years, the Church would still be standing!

I still work construction, but, together with that, I now take the ‘blueprint’ plans in the Bible to meticulously examine the ‘foundations’ of the church, in the hope that she will remain standing, because she is, in fact, built on Christ, the solid rock! I take the steel rods of Christian doctrine, and bind them together with the steel ties of application (James 2:17), so that they shape towards Christ (Lk 24:27, 44), asking the Holy Spirit to pour Himself into that shape, to form a cohesive foundation, that will carry the added load of ‘living stones’ (1 Pe 2:5), who are “looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.” (He 11:10)

Come with me to the least of these (Mt 25:40). Take my hand, and I’ll take yours. It’s hidden work, but then, “When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” (Mt 6:3), so that the “builder of all things” (He 3:4) gets all the glory!

Love strong,

Martin



Top: with Bryan Slater (Regional Director - Africa) and workshop graduates in Malawi

Bottom: with Congolese pastors in South Africa

Preceding page: with Bryan in Malawi and preaching in South Africa

By Don Johnson
Global Instructor

I don't know what I would do with my time, if I were not getting ready for winter's cold blast, here in NW Wisconsin, during the months of October and November. It is not unusual for me to show some photos of winter and cold to those that I am meeting with the very first time. It is part of who I am! It must be some Scandinavian thing – that I am tougher than the winter winds of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

If I look for some level of understanding on the part of the west Africans I am meeting with, there is none. They understand the words, but they don't understand what is behind the words of "snow" and "cold" and they don't understand the amount of time it takes to get ready for winter on the tundra-forest of North America.



DISCIPLESHIP *in* WEST AFRICA

Instruction in God's word continues to be strong in West Africa. To date, we have graduated groups in Nigeria and Ghana and we will be completing two groups in Liberia this coming spring, in both the cities of Buchanan and Monrovia. And we have begun to make inroads into three other West African countries as well: Togo, Benin, and Cameroon (God's Good News cannot be denied!')

This past year, four West African NMPs have been teaching in local towns and villages: Owerri, Mbaise, Calabar, Pnumbra, Uyo Akpaj, Okutukutu, Ukpa-Kiri, Umirom, Akpajo, Ndiolombe, and Bayelsa in Nigeria; Kulkpeni and Osiabura in Ghana. These are just some of the local villages where pastors have been trained by our NMPs. (Read some of their reports on pages 27-31.)



NMP Pastor Prosper Ahuronye led this group of pastors and church leaders in a village in Nigeria, in a study of God's attributes.



"Students" (pastors) near Kulkpeni, Ghana will be studying the "Trusting God" Series (Seminar #3) next time.

Presently, we have four NMPs (National Missionary Partners: pastors who travel and teach various seminars) in west Africa. There are two each in Ghana and Nigeria, and three more who desire to fill that role in Liberia, in the upcoming months (Note to self: Try not to make teaching look quite so easy!); but the Holy Spirit is moving with power in the lives of pastors and church leaders throughout west Africa. Since all four NMPs are willing to travel and teach anywhere and at anytime, their ministry is limited only by the funds that are needed for such purposes (for travel, meals, etc.).

I have made my last trip to West Africa. Old age and Parkinson's disease have slowed me down and possible replacements have been found by Dr. Steve Curtis. I will miss the rich discussions regarding Jesus' divinity, as well as His role as "the Christ" (No, Christ [Messiah] was not simply His last name. And what exactly are we saying by calling Him "Jesus Christ"?). I will **not** miss the 9 hour flight from Minneapolis to London Heathrow Airport and the ensuing 8 hour flight to Monrovia, Liberia, along with the two hour nighttime drive to the city of Buchanan. (Note to self: I must be up at 6:30 am to prepare for the first day's class). Thankfully, I no longer need to schedule a very expensive COVID test for the following week so that I may re-enter the United States.

These Ghanaian "students" of God's word are holding fast to their study guides.



Leaving a Legacy for Christ

After serving with Timothy Two for 6 1/2 years, Don Johnson decided that he can no longer travel, due primarily to the onset of Parkinson's disease (see preceding article). His contribution to this ministry will be greatly missed! He shared this news with some of the people he served in West Africa, and their responses illuminate the way the Lord used Don in powerful, and lasting, ways. This response from Chukwudi in Nigeria is just one example of Don's "footprint" for Christ.

Sir,

This is really heartbreaking for me, knowing how much you love teaching. I am writing with a heavy heart and I really don't know what to say. There are no words left in me to describe how I feel deep down within me to hear you say it's the end of the road. My faith rests in hope knowing that He who has called you is faithful and will faithfully keep His own.

God is infinite and so is His wisdom. We have come to believe that nothing overwhelms God. "Even when things look the worst, God is carrying out His his perfect plans" this is what we believe and teach! This is not the end, for with God all things are possible! God is at work in you and this will all end in a testimony.

You are great a teacher Sir, your words and your exemplary life has shaped my life and what I do for the Lord. For this, I bless the Lord always on your account. Your work and labour for the Lord has not been in vain for we are the fruits of your labour, which before God has a great reward.

Meeting you, knowing you and working with you has been a great honour and privilege to me and will ever remains so till the Lord's appointed day for me. Thank you Sir for the man you are, thank you for the teacher you've been, thank you for the father you have become. It is an honour and a delight to have known you.

I am praying for you and will continue to do so. The Lord will strengthen that which is weak to the praise of God the Father. We are serving a faithful God that is Gracious and True.

May the Lord bless you Sir, and may He accomplish that which concerns you through Christ our Lord... Amen!"

GHANA

by Monday Amoak

National Missionary Partner

By the grace of the Almighty God I have been able to organize the teaching seminars in three towns where I did teach this year for Pastors/Leaders. The name of these towns are Fumbisi, DC Kura and Kulkpeni.

FUMBISI - UPPER EAST REGION

Fumbisi was where I did my maiden training on Workbook 2, *Loving God*, from 27 February - 2nd March 2023, after Dr. Don Johnson had Workbook 1 training with them in 2022. The training was held at Fumbisi Good News Bible Church for 20 Pastors/Church Leaders, who were drawn from three language groups: the Builsa's, Mamprusis and Komas. All the trainees were so excited to be there. Some of the pastors testified to the fact that they have learned new deeper truths from the teachings that they did not know before.

DC KURA/KANIMO - NORTHERN REGION

The second town was DC Kura, where I led Workbook 1, *Knowing God*, in April 2023. The training was held both inside their Church building and outside for 12 Pastors/Church Leaders who were drawn mainly from the the two towns - DC Kura/Kanimo. We had to sit outside around noontime due to the absence of electricity. The workshop came off on the 12th - 15th April 2023 without any major challenge. All the trainees were so excited to be there. Some of the pastors testified to the fact that they have learned new deeper truths from the teachings that they did not know before.

The second training on Workbook 2 came off from September 2023. The training was held at the Good News Bible Church



building for 10 Pastors/Church Leaders who hailed mostly from these two communities - DC Kura/ Kanimo. Two Pastors could not join us this time because one was down by illness and the other Pastor due to family challenges. The workshop was able to come on successfully on the 26th - 29th. The participants went through the training with so much delight and grateful hearts for more workbooks being received.

KULKPENI - NORTHERN REGION

The third town is Kulkpeni, where we had Workshop 1, *Knowing God*. This training occurred in the Good News Bible Church building for 11 Pastors/Church Leaders who were drawn mainly from Kulkpeni and its surrounding towns. Though the pastors were supposed to be 12, one attended the first day but fell sick along the way and could not continue to the end. The workshop came off on the 14th - 17th of June 2023 without any problem at all. All the trainees were so delighted and grateful to be part of such a viable training. They testified to the fact that they have acquired more knowledge of God to apply that to their lives and ministries. The next training on Workshop 2: *Loving God* is expected to come on soon.

Teaching Sound Doctrine in Nigeria



Chukwudi Anyanwu

Praise God!

To the glory of the Lord, the past ten months have been filled with the Lord's grace and mercy being released upon men and women of God (pastors and ministry leaders) in different parts of southeastern Nigeria. I have conducted six workshops in six different locations, mostly in the villages and rural communities where there are no formal seminary schools, and mostly among pastors with no form of theological training.

As I travelled into these villages conducting trainings and teaching them, it came to me as a surprise when I heard some of the errors, which most of these pastors believe and teach in their respective churches. For example, at Ndimolumbe, the pastors believed and taught in their congregation that the Trinity are three different Gods that function separately, having no need of each other.

Through the mission of Timothy Two Project International at Ndiolumbe, the right doctrinal teaching about the Trinity, and other clear and sound doctrines from the Bible, were taught to these pastors who are now teaching the same to members of their congregation and other believers within their respective villages and communities.

Here are some of their testimonies:

Teaching these workshops has been one of the best things in my life. The Holy Spirit has been our master teacher, breaking and bringing the word of God to our understanding and setting apart a people for Himself.

"This lesson from Timothy Two Project International has taught a great thing to me, which I did not preach on. It has enlightened my spirit about the church, it has given me an understanding, especially in preaching about the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and the Father as a Trinity. I understand that they should not be preached differently but that they are one. I have learnt that."

"I am grateful to this organisation because it has enlightened the church to understand certain things which we did not believe. The teaching has helped us to grow in grace and be steadfast in the things of God."

"I am grateful to God for the teaching that we have received, making us to understand that God the Father and Jesus Christ are one and not two, I have learnt so much from that. Those of us who were fainthearted, our spirit is now strong knowing that there are great benefits in serving the Lord, and if our work ends today, we have hope of eternal life."



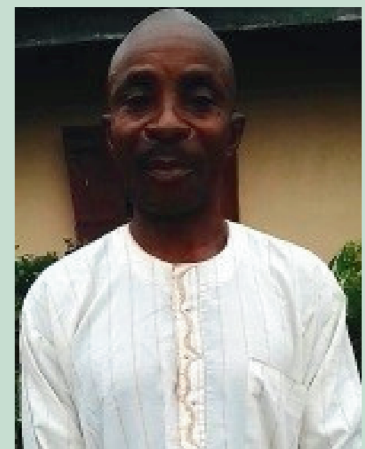
“...the pastors believed and taught in their congregation that the Trinity are three different Gods.”

God has been and doing a great work among these local pastors, Ministry/church leader through the activities of this organisation.

At Akpajo Eleme Rivers state, a door of favor was open to us. We were warmly welcomed by the indigenes of that community. From the host pastor to the participants, all were very ready for the training and worship which Timothy Two had come to present. The mission of Timothy Two in Akpajo Rivers State was heavily blessed by the Lord through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. God moved in the minds and hearts of the pastors in attendance in an unusual way, daily setting out a people for Himself. Men and women of God were breaking down in tears as the Holy Spirit moved in their hearts, as others burst out when they could no longer keep within themselves the work and the move of the Holy Spirit in them.

Time will fail me to write one after the other all that the Lord has done through Timothy Two Project International in these past several months.

It has been an amazing and a fruitful year filled with God’s goodness, mercy, and love. We are praying and believing God for the grace and to make the provisions for us to reach out to more church leaders in different parts of Nigeria, who are lacking in the essential truths of the gospel of our Lord. We are counting on the Lord’s grace to enable us to reach out further, and labor victoriously for His kingdom.



*Top: workshop participants
Below: Workshop host*

IMPACT IN THE FIELD

NMP Edem Sunu shares how lives were changed in Osiabura, Ghana



Pastor Edem (r) with graduating student; teaching; sharing a meal

During this workshop, *Trusting God*, a lot of hearts were touched, and corrections were made. I am saying this because key topics such as husband, divorce, money, grief, and suicide touched my students so greatly.

I had five students – who are pastors – yet were not legally married; not even customary marriage, yet are living with women, having children, and living life just as couples simply because it is acceptable in some of these villages per their culture, unless there's a major problem such as death before one is brought to book [marriage legally recorded]. And it is very normal for fathers and husbands in these villages to be autocratic and dictators.

So now that they have learnt the teaching on marriage and divorce, many are ready to follow the biblical teachings and promised to do the right thing.

Two participants who are siblings lost their mother and another's wife delivered a baby through surgery – BUT, surprisingly, all three of these gentlemen participated fully without any excuses, which spoke volumes to me and was a great blessing.

~ Edem, speaking of another workshop

It is always a blessing to read the words directly from a workshop participant, who testifies to its fruitfulness! This is a sample from NMP Edem Sunu after a workshop. Pictured below: Edem with workshop participants

IMPACT

From Adolf Kudor to TIMOTHY TWO PROJECT INTERNATIONAL.

I am so grateful for this great opportunity given to us to know the truth in christianity.

I wish to use this opportunity to thank the supporting officials for investing their time, money and resources into this life changing project. May God richly bless you.

This programme as a matter of fact, # exposed us to the truth of the bible. From this we would continue to grow in loving God because according to the bible we have been justified, reconciled through our Lord Christ Jesus.

I am therefore expecting more teaching from Timothy Two Project International in order to gain more insight into the truth of the bible so I could also teach other people. Thank you!!



Three Fundamental Steps: Know, Be, and Do

National Missionary Partner
Helmuth Aguilar



Scenes from the Chile workshop

Among the recent workshops and seminars of Timothy Two, held in Central America and southern Chile, there is one that I would like to highlight due to the close contact and long-standing friendship with the majority of the students: it is the one carried out with members of the Church of Christ in Chile.

I arrived from El Salvador on the first week of February 2023 to carry out some workshops in the commune of Puerto Octay in the Los Lagos region. We agreed to hold the workshops at Pastor Nolberto Navarro's house because there is heating and it is more accessible for students.

CHILE WORKSHOP

It seemed like a significant experience to continue the missionary work of my parents

I was traveling by bus, about 45 kilometers from my place of stay, Llanquihue, and I was staying at the pastor's house. The workshops were given to ten students, in an environment of camaraderie, sharing mate (a traditional, hot herbal drink), bagels and the main meal.

Teaching these interactive workshops in the south of Chile, in the city of my childhood and adolescence, was a unique occasion to remember the missionary work that my parents carried out. Seeing the way in which the gospel has been developing in that commune, located at the foot of Lake Llanquihue, motivated me to want to teach with greater zeal and enthusiasm the biblical truths contained in the modules of the Timothy Two Project.





I think it is important to mention that my parents were the first to found an evangelical church in Puerto Octay and people still remember them. That is why it seemed like a significant experience to continue the missionary work of my parents, who with great effort and sacrifice they incarnated, without having any financial support. The purpose of these workshops has been to share the heart of discipleship that Paul entrusted to Timothy and is made up of three fundamental steps: Know, be and do, as 2 Timothy 2:2 says: What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust it to faithful men capable of teaching others as well. By following these three steps, the project continues to collaborate and help solve the greatest crisis of the contemporary church: untrained or partially trained pastors and leaders.

I returned to El Salvador, but the group of students from Puerto Octay continued to delve deeper and reflect on what they had learned. They had the facilitation of Pastor Emy Aguilar. All ten Timothy Two students graduated on Saturday, November 11, 2023.



I take this opportunity to thank God and the directors of Timothy Two for allowing me to teach these workshops, since they have served to reaffirm the faith of the participants and commit them to the ministry that the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted to them, having given them tools that will help them perform more effectively.

EQUIPPING *to Serve*



Journal notes from San Salvador workshop by J. R. George

At the time this article goes to print the fourth workshop in San Salvador will be finished. The certificates will have been handed out, and tears will have been shed by those attending as we say goodbye. My goal was to present all four of the “Growing in Grace” workshops within a one year time frame, and praise the Lord that has happened.

Last year at this time I was in the process of completing an article for Alere magazine which was titled, “My Journey” which tells of the Lord leading me to T2 and the first workshop. The following “observations” are from my journal during this past year.

Journal notes from this last year -

When God calls His children to serve Him – in whatever way – there is no sweeter place for the person to be than in that calling. Being in that place of service brings joy, contentment, and more

importantly, glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ.

I shared “My Journey” during the evening service at my home church, sent out the first “Equipping to Serve” newsletter, and “need” letters to family, friends and church family. The following quote by J. Hudson Taylor spoke to me “God’s work done God’s way will always have God’s provision”. The quote goes on to say “One of the hardest – but most important – lessons for a missionary to learn is that he is wholly reliant upon the Lord for funding, direction, and ultimately, the effectiveness of his ministry”.

Encouraged by Eph. 3:20,21

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Attendees have told me how they, and their congregations have been blessed by the series of workshops they have attended. I also have been immensely blessed in bringing these workshops to my fellow brothers.



Workshop road blocks

- Physical - developed plantar fasciitis, respiratory infection.
- Mental - feeling some anxiety and traveling confidence.
- Negative balance in my account after returning from workshop #3



JR and Roann George

Blessings

- Translation APP
- Testimonies of the workshop attendees.
- Answered prayer - respiratory virus went away. Cortisone shot for Plantar fasciitis.
- Anxiety replaced by relying on the strength and support God supplies.
- Good discussions during workshop
- Fund balance back in black.
- Participants and their hunger for more.
- Shared results from workshop #2 with my home church.
- Sharing thoughts from workshops 1,2 and 3 at a missionary conference.

Proverbs 3:5,6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths”

FAITH *in the* FIRE

Millions of Christians around the world face daily challenges of persecution, oppression, and ostracism

By Steve Curtis
International Director

2023 was a busy year of travel for me! Here's a quick rundown:

- January/February: **Mexico** and **Uruguay**
- March: **Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan,** and **Türkiye**
- April: **Mexico**
- May: No travel, as I had hernia surgery
- June: healing from surgery and attended our denomination's national meeting in **Denver**
- July: our family went to **Spokane**, where Rissa's mother and sister live. Rissa and the boys stayed with them while I continued on to **Thailand, Myanmar,** and the **Philippines**
- August: **Morocco**
- September/October: **Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,** and **Türkiye**
- November: **Morocco**

Perhaps more in this year of travel than previously, I was up close and personal with the struggles of many Christians in the Majority World. Of course, I am quite often in the presence of those



*In Pakistan
with Asher Din*



Preaching in Pakistan

challenges which are all too common to poverty: chiefly, hunger and sickness – and no job opportunities to meet either of those needs. I encountered those conditions again this year, as well, and yet I also saw and heard of the harsh persecution that confronts believers who stand for Christ. In Pakistan, I stood in the burned-out home of a young man who was, even then, in prison for the charge of blasphemy. In fact, his home stood in a village full of homes that were reduced to charred wood and ashes – simply because they are followers of Jesus. In Morocco, I had to meet secretly with house church pastors because conversions to Christianity (and events like ours intended to encourage such conversion) are overtly stated in the nation’s constitution as illegal. These men are not “ashamed of the gospel” (Rom. 1:16), but they are seeking to be “wise as serpents” (Mt. 10:16) in the way they minister to new believers and evangelize the lost. As for the Central and South Asian nations I visited, most are considered “restricted” or “hostile” to Christians, according to persecution.com. In all of these places, it is not uncommon for employers, former friends, and even family members to cut off new believers.

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Yet there is joy!

After sharing the challenges faced by many of our brothers and sisters in the world, I don't want to leave the impression that they are miserable and depressed – far from it! I can honestly say that there is a palpable joy in their lives, understandable only because of their faith in Christ. They know He loves them. They know He is with them in their times of deepest need. They know that He – and He alone – is their hope, their purpose, their destiny. And this certainty sustains them and even enables such incredible joy.



With Chris, Jony, and Ruama in Manila



With Ki and Rebecca, in Myanmar

Moving on to Southeast Asia, I was thrilled to be reunited with my dear friend, Ki, in Myanmar. It was Ki's email that ultimately led to the founding of Timothy Two more than a dozen years ago. Covid restrictions and a coup in Myanmar had prevented my return since 2019. In the Philippines, I encouraged our NMP Joseph Ramos and enjoyed a visit with future TTPI partner, Chris Juloya. Finally, in Thailand, I was able to meet with, and encourage, the Jensens (see page 13). I am excited to see what the Lord is going to do there!

By His grace, God is presently using Timothy Two in 65 nations;
May He alone be glorified in every project in every nation!

A YEAR FULL OF *Transitions*



Workshop participants in Chalchuapa, El Salvador
(September 2023)

By Grady Davidson
Assistant Regional Director
Latin America

It's delightful to meet and work alongside the "people of peace" (Luke 10:5-8) whom the Lord brings to Timothy Two from across Latin America

2023 was quite a year for me! The year included a move for me and my wife from Lookout Valley in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Wildwood, Georgia, in April; the quiet ending of my 21-year pastorate at Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in May; moving my in-laws from Bristol, Virginia into the downstairs apartment in our new home in June; and my onboarding as a Global Instructor with Timothy Two in June as well. Since then, I have been raising support and launching into my new ministry with T2 in Latin America.

My first solo workshop experience with Timothy Two was in Chalchuapa, El Salvador, with a lively group of Pentecostal pastors and church leaders. They were ready to pray and sing at the drop of a hat, and they really enjoyed putting on impromptu dramas and engaging in other forms of interactive learning. Two anecdotes from my time there come to mind.

First, on the drive back to my lodging after the second day of the three-day workshop, I asked one of the church leaders in the car with me which of the 14 lessons we had covered up to that point he appreciated the most. "All of them," he replied. I pushed back a little bit, thinking he was just being polite to the missionary from the States. "Really, all of them," he insisted. "I never got to go to seminary and study. Now I'm getting to study." Wow! He was so grateful to have the opportunity to study the attributes of God that are the content of *Growing in Grace*, Workshop One.



The workshop in Chalchuapa ended joyfully, tearfully, and expectantly. The participants were eager to get the second workshop scheduled! The workshop also ended with a tortuga. I do not know why.

Second, on the workshop's final day, I shared an illustration that I read years ago in a book by Dr. R.C. Sproul. I mentioned Dr. Sproul by name as the source, and out of curiosity asked if anyone knew the name (not expecting name recognition among Central American Pentecostal believers). But one leader in the back grinned and nodded to me almost imperceptibly. Talking with him later, I learned two things. First, that he was the key leader who helped create momentum for holding the T2 workshop in his city; and second, this gentleman had been studying theology, and he recognized Timothy Two as a way to quietly introduce solid Reformed doctrine to his brothers and sisters.

I'm also enjoying my role as Assistant Regional Director for Latin America, working with Regional Director, Pastor Dan Sonnenberg. It's delightful to meet and work alongside the "people of peace" (Luke 10:5-8) whom the Lord brings to Timothy Two from across Latin

America, who then open up the doors and avenues for training pastors and leaders in their areas.

Looking to 2024, I currently have six workshops on the calendar between January and May in Costa Rica and El Salvador. I am so grateful for the privilege to "reach and teach" pastors and leaders in the Majority World.



Workshop participants in Limon, Costa Rica (September 2023)

MINISTRY IN INDIA

BY NMP SAM PRAKESH



In the glorious name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, greetings from Indian families and churches.

We are incredibly grateful to God for the Timothy Two Project International. Dr. Don Johnson, Dr. Steve Curtis, the board, the staff, and everyone else who helped us out by being from that area and providing us with a great deal of financial and spiritual support deserve our sincere gratitude. We are grateful to TTPI for giving us the chance to go around our state of Andhra Pradesh in southern India, equipping laypeople and pastors who want theological training for the ministry. There is a great need for theological training and theology-focused education among many Indian pastors.



*WE ARE PROUD TO TESTIFY THAT TTPI BRINGS
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION TO PASTORS' HOMES!*

With few exceptions, all the pastors were non-theologians who had already begun their careers in church service. Most of them have never attended a seminary or Bible school! Because of their roles in the church and with their families, it is too late for any of them to return to their theological studies. These days, theological training is unquestionably crucial for Indian pastors. Non-Christians ask us a lot of questions about theology, hermeneutics, apologetics, and other related subjects.

There is a great need in the globe to reach and teach/train pastors and ministry leaders, especially in a country like India! For this reason, we Indian pastors are constantly grateful to the LORD! We Indian pastors are always thankful to the LORD, for He moved the hearts of faithful men who would know the desperate need!

I remember the tagline of a prestigious university in India: "Education at Your Doorpost," when they started distance education for those who couldn't get to the university. Now, Timothy Two Project International stands in the gap to educate faithful men who will be able to teach others, as well. We are proud to testify that TTPI brings theological education to pastor's homes!

We are overwhelmed with joy at being sent as teaching missionaries to the border of the states of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. We drove 5 hours to reach tribal pastors who live on mountains (900 meters above sea level). They don't have schools or hospitals; they depend on the forest and use its resources for their livelihood. Praise God, we were able to provide teaching material and training for 20 leaders. Many student pastors said, "We never attended this kind of Bible class!" The lessons in each module are constructively built upon one another and thought-provoking. They're so happy to be part of the TTPI family.



*Sam and Siri,
with Patricia and Michael*

The Mission

"...what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

2 Timothy 2:2

The Vision

"...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

2 Peter 3:18

The Call

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!*

*For great is the Lord,
and greatly to be praised!*

Psalms 96:3-4

