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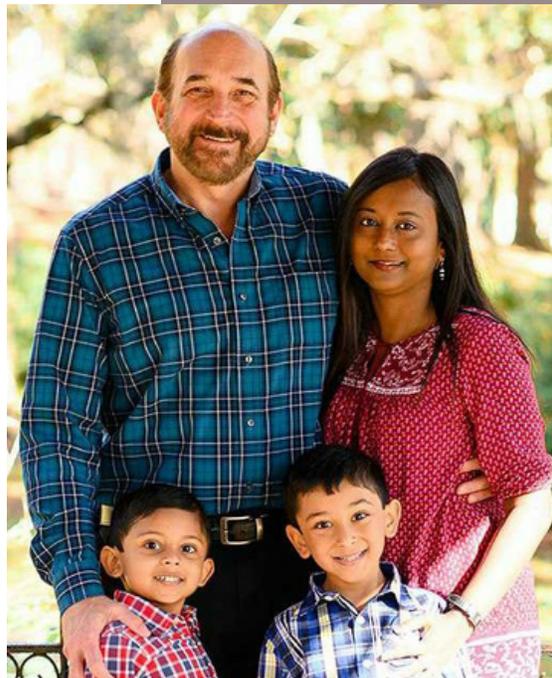


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From the International Director



After two years that were fraught with travel restrictions, delays, cancellations, and other obstacles to doing ministry as usual, 2022 has been, in contrast, like a breath of fresh (unmasked!) air. We have been able to get back in the field and serve the Lord by serving local churches around the world with sound, biblical training.

Indeed, more and more countries are open for foreign travelers and there are fewer and fewer restrictions, whether on planes or upon arrival. Consequently, our team has been very busy – and the fruit of these labors are evident, as this issue of *Alere* will demonstrate!

As always, we are so grateful for those who pray for us and support this vital work with financial gifts. We hope these testimonies will bless you as they do us!

Be sure to read the Jensens report about their move to Thailand (p. 33). Also, the Dins experienced a sudden relocation to Pakistan (p. 35). The Richardsons are gearing up for a move to Belize (p. 37).

In the field, we have new Global Instructors, as well as new National Missionary Partners (NMPs) in India, West Africa, and the Philippines. Speaking of fields, there are several new ones, as well (p. 7)!

These are exciting times for us as we are seeing, first-hand, the power of the Holy Spirit to apply the truths of God's living Word to pastors and ministry leaders around the world for His glory alone!

Steve Curtis, PhD
International Director



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Enhancing Trust

from Don Johnson

Expansion in West Africa

The work of Timothy Two is growing in West Africa. A beachhead of sorts was established in both southern and northern Ghana several years ago and now there are groups operating in Liberia, Nigeria, Togo, and new ones soon in Cameroon!

This past year, there have been over two dozen pastors and lay leaders to complete our four-year program within Ghana. These men and women have been challenged to continue to share what they have learned, with others throughout West Africa.



Two groupings of graduates together resulted in 27 certificates of completion, in Ashaiman, Ghana, near the Capitol City of Accra.



Two dozen graduates were honored in the northern city of Tamale, Ghana

New workshops will be held for the first time in the upcoming months, in Kampala, Uganda, Bafoussam and Duala, Cameroon, as well as Kakata, Liberia. The study group in Aba, Nigeria will be graduating in January, 2023. Fumbisi, Ghana (far NE corner, near the Burkina Faso border) will be the site of the *Loving God* Workshop in January, led by Pastor Monday Thompson Amoak, a 2022 Tamale, Ghana graduate.

The *Loving God* workshop also just took place this month (December) in Mpigi, Uganda, just outside of the Capitol of Kampala, led by Don Johnson.

HELMUTH AGUILAR

LATIN AMERICAN NMP

During 2022, the Timothy Two workshops were taught in El Salvador, training brothers from the Christian Reformed Church and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. In developing this teaching ministry of discipleship inspired by the great commission of the risen Jesus, the sense of urgency of Jesus' mandate in Mt.28: 16-20 is felt.

There were brothers from the group of El Salvador who wanted to finish the 4 modules and for that we convened and shared in an interactive way about the knowledge of the divine character and nature, as well as the sinful condition of the human being and the solution under the order of salvation. Then the themes of the ministry of each Christian with their respective gifts and competencies that God provides by his Spirit.

The results have been outstanding because the students were able to learn that the *being* and *doing* of the church goes far beyond understanding biblical-theological concepts and that we need to relate this knowledge to the life and mission of God in the world. Said missionary task is simultaneous (Acts 1:8), by virtue of the fact that we always have to go everywhere in the same way, illuminating the world that the Lord loves with the light of the gospel of the kingdom of God.



I leave with you, 2 testimonials from this seminar:

When the Sonnenbergs came, I wanted to be in both workshops. While I chose the children's workshop, I asked God that I wanted to receive the pastoral workshop. God heard my prayer and now I thank God because I had the opportunity. This workshop helps me build my faith and be able to share it.

- Antoni Alexander Ponce

Each workshop strengthened my professional work and my relationship with God; however, I must comment that workshop 3 was the one I liked the most, since it has affinity with my profession as a Psychologist and I learned that God is in control of our lives and we are comforted through His word in difficult times that we go through as human beings. The contingent issues addressed in workshop 3 help me in my professional counseling task.

- Francisco Laura

I ask for prayer for the next trip to Chile that I want to make early next year.

HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

NEW FACES

GRADY DAVIDSON

A native of Virginia, Grady has served as pastor of Lookout Valley Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Chattanooga, Tennessee, since 2002. He and his wife Becky are the proud parents of two adult daughters, Hannah (Austin) and Lydia (Will). Grady and Becky are thrilled to have entered a new season of life as grandparents as well! Grady's life verse is Habakkuk 2:14, "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."



NEW PLACES

NEW FIELDS OF SERVICE

In 2022, workshops were conducted in Tajikistan, Togo, Guatemala, and Panama - all new fields for Timothy Two.

Already planned for 2023 is work in the new fields of Cameroon, Morocco, Bhutan and The Gambia! ***Praise the Lord for these open doors to serve!***



NEW FACES

DALE BROWN

A pastor, counselor, coach, mentor, speaker and teacher for over 30 years, Dale has helped hundreds of people survive and thrive beyond the challenges of their lives.

He holds a B.S. from the University of Texas and the M.Div. and Ph.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist

Theological Seminary.

Dale has pastored six churches in Texas and New England, traveled and taught overseas and led Men's Retreats and Conferences.

He has led study trips to Israel and Greece/Turkey and mission trips to Kenya, Tanzania, Mexico and Guatemala.

Martin McCrory



Martin has pioneered and pastored multi-cultural churches in Britain, South Africa and America for over two decades, rallied Christians together in stadiums for united prayer for many years, and served as both a radio and television teacher.

Martin has taught in Africa, Europe, Britain, United States, Costa Rica, Australia, New Zealand and China.

Martin has been married to Vanya for 35 years (2022), and they have 3 beautiful daughters: Evangeline, Aquilla and Guinevere. He is a Scottish-born, South African Pastor-Theologian, and an Honours Cum Laude alumnus of the South African Theological Seminary (www.sats.ac.za), with research majors in Systematic Theology and the Pastoral Epistles.

He has served as the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Director for Franklin's 100th Festival in Durban, South Africa, as well as Director of the BGEA School of Evangelism.

He now has the privilege of being sent by his base-church, Grace Community Church of Topsail (gracetopsail.com), as a missionary teacher for TTPI, to serve and train indigenous pastors/leaders in the Southern African region.

Martin's passionate life maxim is to learn "the way of God more accurately" (Acts 18:26), in order to "greatly help those who through grace have believed" (v.27), by "showing from the Scriptures that the Christ is Jesus." (v.28)

Debbie Huston

Administrative Assistant

At the first of the year, Debbie began working in the Timothy Two office in Wilmington, North Carolina, serving as Administrative Assistant.

Debbie has always had a passion for missions and is glad to serve the Lord in this way.



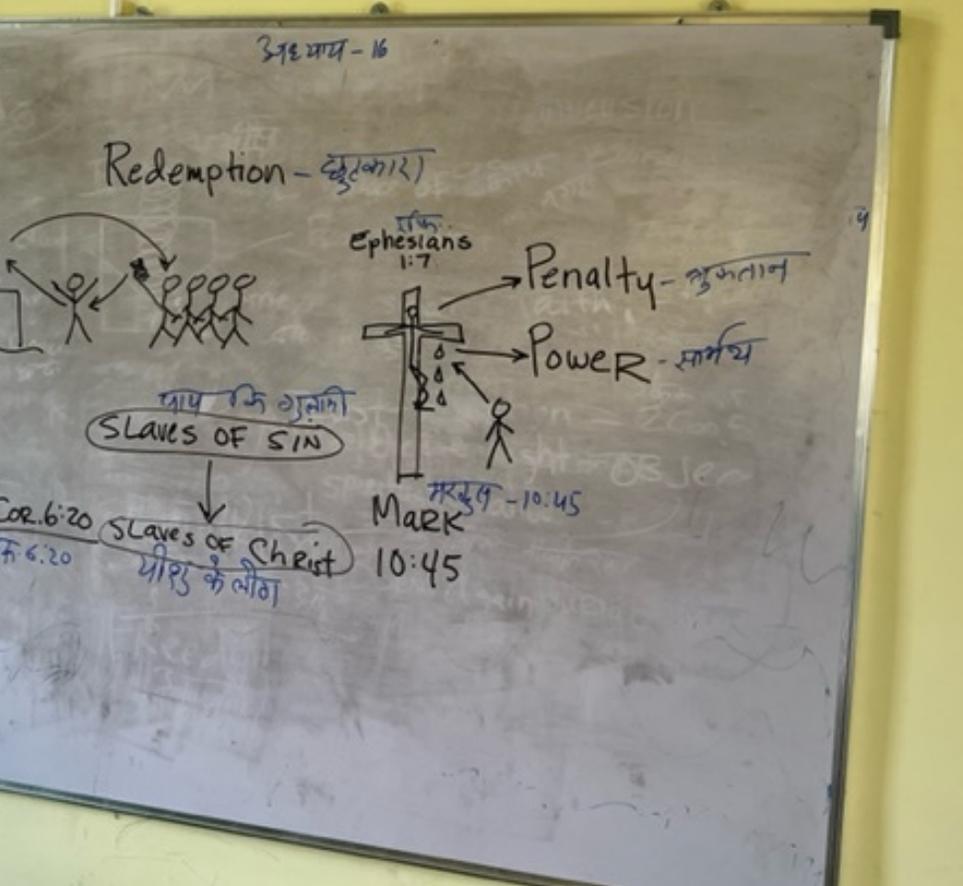


MY FIRST YEAR WITH TTPI

By Mike Williamson
Global Instructor

Despite a cancelled training that was to begin in the war zone of Ukraine, my first year as a global instructor with Timothy Two Project International included pastor trainings in Central America and Asia. I was able to see first-hand the accuracy of this frequently quoted statistic: 85% or more of the world's pastors have little to no biblical, theological, and pastoral training.

Yet the lack of training does not mean there is a lack of love and commitment for the Church of the Lord Jesus and His precious, redeemed sheep. The pastors I worked with desire passionately to obey Jesus' command to Peter, "feed My sheep." They want to feed Jesus' sheep, and to do so with deeper, clearer, and more practical knowledge, wisdom, and skill. In 2022, I observed over and over that the 4 Foundational Workshops TTPI offers to pastors does provide that training.



I cannot begin to recall the number of times pastors expressed gratitude for our studies on the Attributes of God in Workshop 1: Knowing God. We taught them how God has provided in nature, Scripture, and Christ the means to know Him personally, and how to use those means. We discussed ideas of how to teach, disciple, and preach to their people the practical daily value of understanding God as their all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present Father.

As well, our studies in the great New Testament concepts of salvation in Workshop 2: Loving God, brought consistent excitement and busy hands, copying the diagrams we used on the whiteboard as they were

taught how to teach their people in accessible ways the glory of regeneration, adoption, repentance, saving faith, justification, and propitiation. Perhaps none of these pastors had ever taught their congregations what it means for their daily walk with Christ that He is God's great and final Prophet, Priest, and King over his Church. By God's grace, they are doing it now!

As I taught Workshop 3, Practicing Kingdom Living, in Central America recently, our hearts were brought under the Spirit's gracious conviction many times. A primary requirement for pastors is to "manage his own household well" (1 Timothy 3:4). And so, as we studied "What does the Bible

say about Husbands?" and "What does the Bible say about Fathers?", the Spirit was doing His searching work in each one of us. Pastors eyes were meeting in knowing glances of their need for Christ to produce in them a more godly management of their homes. We talked about how to do it, as well. When the shepherds are diligent to shepherd their homes well, they will shepherd their churches well, also. the reader keeps reading the article and to draw her attention to other articles.

The final 4 lessons of this Workshop 3 addressed what the Bible teaches about sickness, grief, suicide, and death. These were weighty topics which gendered some heavy discussions. Most of the pastors were experiencing sickness, grief, and impending death in their own churches and families.

"I cannot begin to recall the number of times pastors expressed gratitude for our studies"

For some time, the normal light-hearted banter of this group was replaced with dead-earnest discussions of how to shepherd people, equipped with biblical truth, to walk through the dark valleys in their lives, while trusting the Heavenly Shepherd who is with them. Never was the beauty and sufficiency of the Word of God clearer.

It is an unspeakable privilege to be part of God's training of pastors globally. I love being able to offer them the kind of training, through TTPI, that most would never experience otherwise. I find that with each training I conduct, I love these men more and more. They are precious shepherds of Christ's sheep, and Christ loves them deeply.

What opportunities will 2023 hold for me, training pastors through TTPI? I hope to continue working with pastors in Central America, Asia, and Eastern Europe, as well. My 30+ years of local church pastoring here in the USA have made it possible to be available for these groups of shepherds. By God's grace, may many more be equipped to for the greatest calling in the world, the call of Christ Himself to "feed My sheep."



REFLECTIONS OF A NATIONAL MISSIONARY PARTNER (NMP)

**Pastor Edem Yao Sunu
(Ghana, West Africa)**

Jesus is the heart of missions. David served with God's heart (Acts 13:22, 23, 36). We are submitted to God's heart in receptivity. Mission is a light to the nations and salvation to the ends of the earth (Acts 13:47).

When I think of God's heart, I think of the motivation of love. The Spirit's motivation is love (Romans 5:5), the Father's motivation is love (John 3:16), and the Son's motivation is love (2 Cor 5:14).

The operation of missions without love becomes weary, painful, exhausting, a work of the flesh and religion. Missions and church-planting must be sourced in God's love in His Word.



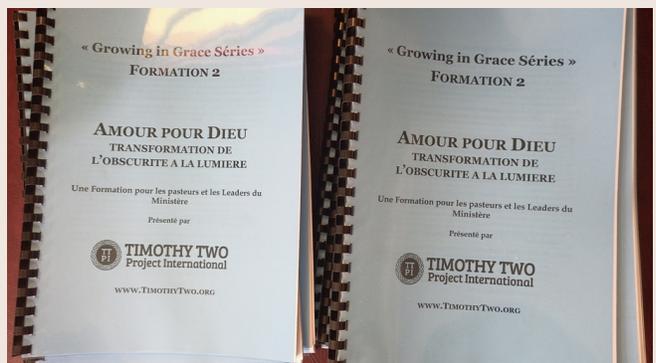
Pastor Edem

This has been my single motivation to accept to be a national missionary Partner representing West Africa. Just in one year of being part of this mission involving in training of pastors and church leaders in remote villages in Ghana and Togo has been a great blessing. To God be the glory for those who pay, those who pray and those of us who goes....



A workshop in Togo

This is exactly the experience I got when I first came into contact with Timothy Two Project international through our instructor Dr. Donald Johnson. I see the Love of God in a very practical way beyond words and money. It is life, the Life of God!



The Timothy Two workbooks in French, for use in West Africa

LATIN AMERICA

Overview

DAN SONNENBERG,
LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Introduction

Since 2016, Beth and I have served as Global Instructors to pastors, ministry leaders and children's ministry workers throughout Latin America. I also serve as the Regional Director for Latin America to coordinate the work of our National Missionary Partners. And because this region is readily accessible, I train some of the U.S.-based Interns. During 2022, I trained three interns on various trips to El Salvador and Guatemala: Grady Davidson, JR George and Dale Brown. Some of these have already begun teaching workshops on the field.



Workshops Completed in 2022

During 2022, I taught a total of twelve workshops with groups in El Salvador, Panama, Guatemala, and Colombia. Beth taught three workshops in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Colombia. And I supervised and provided support for six National Missionary Partners who taught a total of twenty-two workshops: two in Cuba, five in El Salvador, one in Chile, three in Colombia, four in Haiti, five in Dominican Republic and

two in Peru. All told, together with our National Missionary Partners, we taught a total of 37 workshops in 9 nations of Latin America this year.

Sonnenberg workshops in 2022

Row 1: Dan's group of youth leaders in Panama

Row 2: Dan's group in Cojutepeque, El Salvador, Beth's group in Santa Tecla, El Salvador

Row 3: Dan & Beth's combined groups in Cartagena, Colombia; Dan & Beth's combined groups in San Miguel Petapa, Guatemala



National Missionary Partners

Latin America



NMP Luis Rojas Espinoza's group in Cachingarani, Peru



NMP Wisly Denis' group in San Rafael de Yuma, Dominican Republic



NMP Leo Padrino's group in Havana, Cuba

NMPs

At the heart of the mission of Timothy Two is the idea of equipping national pastors so that they can then train others (2 Tim. 2:2). We identify our National Missionary Partners by their grasp of the material as well as a demonstration of a disciplined and spiritually mature faith.

It is always exciting when we can commission a new NMP! Several are featured throughout each edition of *Alere*. Here are some NMPs in Latin America and the workshops they have conducted.

NMP Obed Michel's group in Vallieres, Haiti



NMP Rafael Meza Batista's group in Quibdo, Colombia



Africa Overview

Wonderful and Challenging!

The year 2022 has been both wonderful and challenging at the same time!

By Bryan Slater Africa Regional Director

The wonderful items include the many workshops that have been completed, resulting in many more pastors being trained. We have seen pastors come to faith in Jesus Christ in the middle of a workshop. We have heard about pastors who trusted in charms that they kept for protection from evil. Because of the teaching they received in the workshops, they repented of their trust in charms and came to embrace Jesus alone for their salvation and protection. We have watched pastors come to understand who they now are as children of God. Pastors' marriages have been healed. Pastors are now preaching the truth of God's Word instead of unhelpful errors to the people in their churches.

We frequently receive testimonies like this one from Pastor Job James:

"Workshop 2, which is "Loving God," has proven to me that as a pastor, I was not prepared well because all my teachings are full of errors. I wish all churches in the world would make sure that before sending pastors to plant churches, they should first have the TTPI foundational workshops."

Another example of the wonderful work that the Lord is doing comes from a huge refugee camp in Tanzania, on the border of Burundi. There are well over 100,000 people in this refugee camp, from Burundi and the DRC, who have fled war and other very difficult situations. One of our National Missionary Partners, Dr. Godwin Gunewe, led the four foundational workshops in the "Growing in Grace" series. Dr. Gunewe trained ten pastors inside the refugee camp. He was very excited when he found out that two of the pastors who he trained took the call to train other pastors very

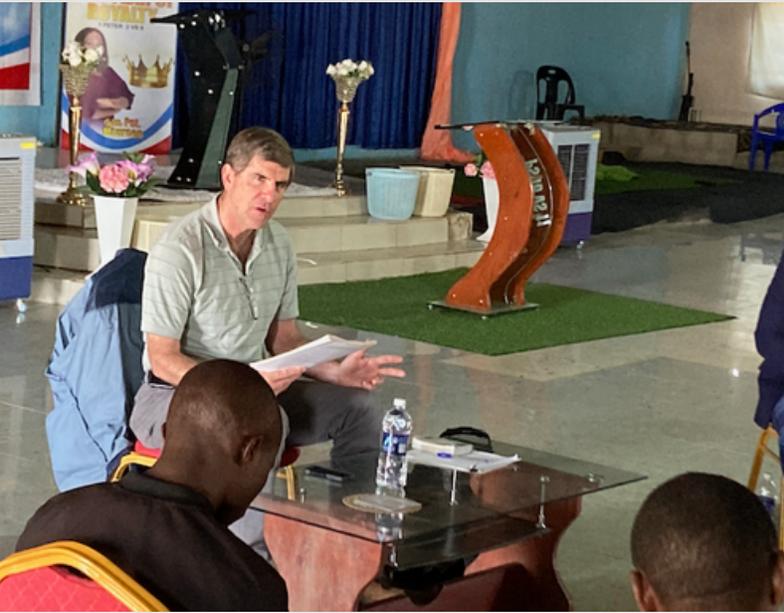


The students in Blantyre, Malawi, presenting me with a map of Malawi

seriously, and they trained sixty-five other pastors. The impact of seventy-five pastors being trained inside a refugee camp is difficult to overstate. The whole refugee camp will be impacted by the Word of God because of this work done by Dr. Gunewe. Examples like this happen repeatedly around the countries of Africa where we work.

The challenges in 2022 were difficult, but God gave us grace in the midst of them. In April, Ann and I were in Burundi when she took a wrong step in the dark, fell into a cement culvert and badly broke her arm. After an extremely difficult week in Burundi, where Ann had a rod put into her arm, we flew back to the USA. Then, we found out that there was a serious problem with the surgery which was done in Burundi, so she had to have another surgery to take that rod out and place a new one back in her arm. We are so grateful for the Lord's help as Ann is almost completely recovered from these surgeries. A second huge challenge happened when I tried to get into

Mozambique but was denied entry. I slept the night in the airport on metal chairs, and they forced me to buy an airplane ticket out of Mozambique the next day. The Lord allowed this door to remain closed, but opened another door for an unplanned workshop in Malawi, which was excellent. A third challenge happened in Zambia. I had landed at a fairly remote airport. As the host pastor and two other pastors were coming to pick me up, they blew out a tire when they hit a bad pothole in the road. On the way back to the host city, we blew a second tire when we hit another pothole. We had already used our spare tire so we were stuck in the middle of nowhere, at night. The stars were beautiful as we waited an hour for a pastor in the next city to bring a tire off of someone else's car so that we could drive another sixty miles to the city where I was staying.



Certainly, the Lord allows difficult things to take place in our lives. At the same time, the Lord our God is building His Kingdom through the hardships and opposition which come into our lives. And he is doing this powerfully through TTPI!

people who are a part of their churches. The impact is phenomenal. It is all about what the Lord God has done, often through the sacrifice of national pastors, who are leaving their families for a few weeks at a time to train other pastors. We do give National Missionary Partners a stipend so their families won't starve while they are conducting workshops, but no one is making a profit off of these workshops.

Consider a few numbers which paint a picture of what the Lord is doing. In Africa since 2016, 184 workshops have been completed by Global Missionaries, who are people like me (Ann and I have done the majority of these). Another 311 workshops have been completed by National Missionary Partners, who are national pastors whom we have trained and now send to train others.

Here is what I know: God is doing a great work in Africa through TTPI, and we are thankful to be a part of what he is doing!!



Remember that a workshop averages twelve pastors, who are committed to training other pastors. Each of these pastors is influencing between 20 and 300





*Top to bottom:
With the Jensens in Thailand;
Teaching in Tajikistan;
With dear friends in the Philippines*

ASIA OVERVIEW

By Steve Curtis
International Director &
Interim Asia Regional Director



Well, 2022 sure looked a lot different in Asia than the previous two years! Several Asian nations stayed on lockdown for far longer than most of the rest of the world. That limited my ability to travel and teach in many of the nations where I regularly serve; specifically, India, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines. In fact, after our family was essentially evacuated from our home in Manila in March of 2022, we waited for two full years before I was able to return! In the intervening time, I simply served where I could – I went where I was allowed to go. That meant that much of 2020-2021 was spent conducting vision trips and/or teaching in

Mexico and parts of Africa and Europe. (Even this year saw me in Africa again – read about our whole family’s trip to Aringa, Uganda on page 27). Praise God, however, I did finally have the opportunity to return to Asia this year!

First, the Lord opened the door for me to go to Thailand and the Philippines in March of this year. It was wonderful to be back and to meet with and teach dear friends who had endured this long season of uncertainty and difficulty. This trip was special in two respects: I was able to return to our community in the





The regrettable part about this trip was that I had planned to visit Myanmar again, too, but the visa never came through. This was particularly sad for me because I longed (and still long) to see our friends there in person and encourage them in the Lord – to let them know that we are standing with them.

Myanmar, in fact, is an important part of the Timothy Two story – both past and present. The ministry came to be largely in response to a request from a pastor there. My relationship with him is meaningful, and it continues to this day (he even asked me to name his baby!). He was one of the several there that I had hoped to visit. The military coup that upended the country has led to much persecution and suffering for the Christians there. I continue to pray that the Lord will open that door again soon!

Philippines and I was able to visit a Timothy Two family, the Jensens, who had just moved to Thailand! Read Matt’s update on page 32 to learn how they are doing as they study the Thai language and seek out opportunities to share the gospel.

Second, I went to a whole new part of Asia (for me) – Central Asia. I conducted a workshop in the north of Tajikistan. What a blessing that was! The participants were hungry for God’s Word, they were attentive and engaged, and they reported afterward that they had a much better grasp on the character of God than they had before – amen! They specifically said that they had always, only thought of God as loving, but that our time

together compelled them to explore His holiness and His justice – in ways that actually made His grace and mercy and love all the more precious.

Finally, I returned to Southeast Asia in September. In Thailand, I taught a group in Chon Buri and I was blessed to visit Matt and Danielle again (and note their impressive progress in such a difficult language!). Then, I returned to Manila. On the first visit, I was unable to retrieve some of our belongings that we had left behind in 2020, but this time, I was able to really “close out” that chapter in our lives. I was also able to train a new NMP, Joseph Ramos, who is already actively teaching in several Philippine provinces.



"The need is great in Asia, with a billion Hindus, half a billion Buddhists, and almost a billion Muslims"

Although I didn't get back to India in 2022, I hope to soon. The work there is progressing well, both in the north and east, where Timothy Two missionaries labor, and a new National Missionary Partner (NMP) is in training in the middle of that country. Read the India update on page 30.

Now that most of Asia is opening up to travel, I plan to return in the coming months; hopefully, to be able to resume covid-interrupted work in China, Cambodia, and/or Malaysia. One last development in Asia that is of significance is the unexpected circumstances that led to a Timothy Two family being relocated to Pakistan. Read Asher's story on page 35.

The need is great in Asia, with a billion Hindus, half a billion Buddhists, and almost a billion Muslims scattered among the nations of the various Asian regions: Middle East, East, Central, South, and Southeast. We continue to pray that the Lord would open doors - and send teaching missionaries there to equip national pastors to train others in the Word of God.

JR George

MY JOURNEY

My journey to becoming a Timothy Two Project missionary began with a prayer. Shortly after my wife and I retired, my prayer was to be available to serve not only at the home church we attend but also for other ministries that the Lord might bring my way. The results of that prayer was being led to Timothy Two Project International.

At the time (two years ago), we were visiting family and helping at Siloam Missionary Homes in North Carolina, where I met Steve Curtis. Steve was residing at Siloam and during our visit, he shared T2's mission statement with me. It really tugged at my heart.



Steve asked if I would consider co-teaching as an intern at a workshop that was being planned for March of 2021 in the country of Liberia. The Lord blessed and I was able to go with Don Johnson, who resides in Minnesota and serves as a T2 missionary.

Then this year I was asked to go as an intern with Dan Sonnenberg to Guatemala to be

involved with another workshop. Dan serves as the Regional Director for Central and Latin America. The trip was a blessing to me as well as those who attended. The brotherly love and eagerness to learn and grow in their knowledge and understanding of God and His word during each day's workshop impressed me, as did their obvious love for their individual ministries.

During our return trip home from Guatemala, Dan asked me if I would consider joining T2 as a missionary. I began praying and seeking the Lord's direction.

As I prayed, the thought occurred to me "what is the desire of my heart?" ... or maybe better, "what has the Lord put on my heart?" Following the Lord's leading I talked to Dan about the opportunity to serve in the teaching ministry of T2. He responded with, "How often and what time of the year works best for you to teach"? I indicated to Dan that being retired I was looking for an opportunity to serve during the winter months of "November through April." He began looking and praying for the right country for me to hold on my own series of workshops as a first-time teaching missionary. A few weeks later, he let me know there was a need to teach the T2 series of workshops in San Salvador, El Salvador. This began my journey of going as a teacher on my first missionary trip, teaching the T2 workshop series, Growing in Grace.



"Serving with T2 is giving me the opportunity to help equip pastors and ministry leaders."

Beginning in August, while holding a Zoom meeting with the national coordinator and translator from El Salvador, we developed a schedule to bring a series of these workshops to fifteen pastors and ministry leaders in San Salvador. This prompted me to send out support letters to family, friends and my church family. Praise the Lord, as of the writing of this article, I was fully funded for both workshop #1, "Knowing God," which was held November 15th-18th and workshop #2, "Loving God." to be held after the first of the year. Through the ministry of these workshops, each pastor or ministry leader will become equipped in the essential doctrines of the faith and will then have the means to equip others. This is my desire, to train ministry leaders who have had little or no formal biblical or theological instruction, who can in turn train those in their congregations, who can then go out to reach and teach others.

From my time in the mid 70's at Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music to the present time, my desire has been to share biblical Truth with others through teaching, wherever God leads me to do so. Serving with T2 is giving me the opportunity to help equip pastors and ministry leaders who have never had the opportunity like I have had, to experience the joy of knowing and understanding the essential doctrines of our faith. Knowing that their life, and mine, will be forever changed as we grow closer to our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

My goal would be the same as Ezra in the Old Testament where he writes, "He (Ezra) set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach." (Ezra 7:10)

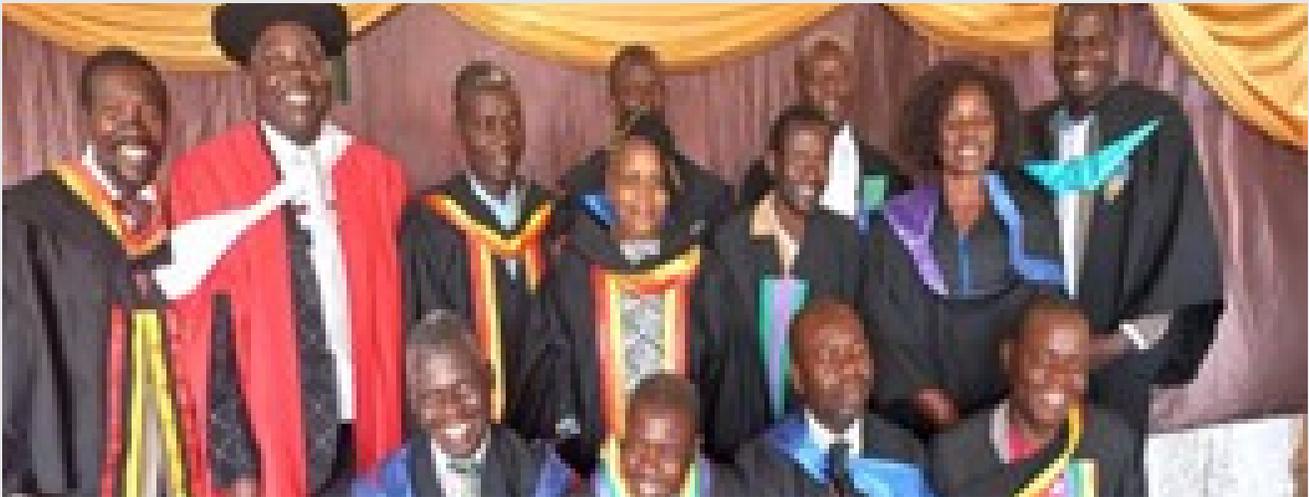
WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

BY WILBERT CHIPENYU

Although there are quite a few encouraging stories worth telling from both South Africa and Zimbabwe, I want to focus on the training done at Nembudziya in Gokwe, Zimbabwe. This was done in July 2022. I was joined by three brothers who are upcoming NMPs.

From our place, we drove and arrived in a small town around 10pm and put up for the night in that town. We met with the three brothers mentioned above at that town the following morning. They told us that the small Toyota we use could not make it to the venue because the roads were in bad shape at that time. We requested a certain Christian family to keep the car at their home as we left for Nembudziya. We got on a twelve-seater bus, which was overloaded with 18 passengers and a huge load of luggage on top. The contractor had to stay on top of the bus because there was no space for him inside. The bus used what they said was a shorter road, which was 50km from the town where we were. Nevertheless, the state of the road saw the bus taking more than four hours to get to Nembudziya. I wondered how the driver could even identify where to drive because there was no sign of a proper road!





Graduation class in Nembudziya

It was a joy that the contact person had prepared supper for us. He took us to his home in a nearby village and, after supper, he led the way back to the lodge since it was getting dark and he feared that we could get lost.

The following morning, we commenced the training with 10 participants and others joined us later. During the first break, I asked five brothers who came on bicycles how far their homes were. They both were cycling for ten or more kilometers to come to the venue. Regardless of the distances, they were arriving on time. I could see the dedication they displayed. Another brother who is a night security guard at the nearby school was coming from over-night work straight to the training and was actively participating throughout the day. One participant was transferred to a faraway place to be an overseer in his denomination after the other training workshops. He travelled all the way to come for the remaining training.

During the training process, we were presenting a lesson each in rotation among the four of us (the three brothers and myself). It was really an encouragement to see how the three brothers were using their various gifts and skills to present the lessons in encouraging ways. There

were very few cases where they would ask me to assist in clarifying a point or two. I am convinced that these three can now do a good job in training others. All in all, I was very much encouraged by the participation of all the brothers and sisters in all lessons each day of training.

At the end of the last day of training, the leader of the participants gave a vote of thanks, indicating how they benefited from the training they received from all the four workbooks. It was a joy to hear each member take the opportunity to identify a particular aspect of the entire training that stood out. The leader suggested to the participants that, while TTPI training equipped them for ministry, they should not keep the knowledge to themselves! He encouraged the members to get into teams and plan areas where each would train fellow pastors and church leaders who could not make it to the training at Nembudziya because of limited space. All the members pledged to take the training to the other pastors and church leaders. After the speeches, we had the graduation.

For the graduation, the head teacher brought the gowns for her school, for all the participants according to the sizes. The result was uniformity of all the members.

NEW RE-FORMA WORKSHOP

BY DAN SONNENBERG,
LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I introduced our new workshop entitled, "Re-Forma: What Every Pastor Needs to Know, Do and Be" this year to groups of pastors and ministry leaders in Panama, El Salvador, Colombia and Chile. These groups had previously completed Timothy Two's "Growing in Grace" series of four basic workshops. Re-Forma is a results-based workshop with 35 outcomes. There are three major categories within the 35 outcomes: 1) biblical-theological knowledge; 2) practical ministry skills; and, 3) personal character. To be effective in ministry, pastors need to gain sufficient knowledge about many biblical-theological subjects; they need to develop skills in preaching, teaching, counseling, disciple-making, mentoring and leadership; and, they need to develop and demonstrate godly character qualities including integrity, humility, compassion, welcome, forgiveness, kindness, hospitality and the fruit of the Spirit. This workshop provides hands-on training in all of these areas. When the students have shown the facilitator they have successfully demonstrated all the outcomes by completing the assignments for each outcome over the period of 4-6 months, they will be awarded Re-Forma's Certificate of Biblical Training for Ministry.

Timothy Two and Re-Forma have partnered together to create this workshop. Re-Forma staff members provide the 35 outcomes and conduct their own Quality Assurance institutes in which those who teach the outcomes are given specific training in various aspects of the outcomes. Timothy Two staff members wrote and edited the text of the workbook that we are using with our groups. For more information about Re-Forma go to <https://www.re-forma.global/>.

Unlike most of Timothy Two's other workshops, I can introduce this workshop to groups of participants, but I cannot serve as the facilitator in Latin America. In order to assess the participants' knowledge, practical ministry skills and the quality of their character, the facilitator needs to speak the participants' language, understand the local culture, know the participants individually, and spend much time together with them. That is why we are utilizing our well-trained National Missionary Partners to serve as facilitators. Early next year, I am planning to introduce Re-Forma to groups in Ecuador, Peru and Guatemala.

Aringa

Timothy Two and Myrtle Grove EPC teamed up in Uganda



Twenty-four years ago, Myrtle Grove Evangelical Presbyterian Church "adopted" the Aringa people in northwest Uganda. This region was 95% Muslim at the time. Over the years, the church developed meaningful relationships with these precious people and even had two of her missionaries shot in the field by robbers there. Two other missionaries were martyred in Aringa. In 2011, Steve Curtis was asked to travel to Aringa to begin discipleship training.

It was actually these trainings that produced the *Growing in Grace* workshop series that is at the heart of Timothy Two's mission! Steve traveled several times to Aringa, and Rissa Curtis joined him twice back then to train children's ministry workers.

In 2022, a team from MGEPC joined the Curtis family and returned to Aringa. The team is pictured above, from left to right: Phil Brooks (elder), Steve and Rissa Curtis (with Judson and Timmy), Pastor Stacey Miller, April Hubbard (missions and children's ministry director), and April's son, Buckley.

While in Aringa, Steve taught a church planting workshop, assisted by Stacey and Phil, and Rissa and April worked on a children's ministry workshop. Buckley worked with a soccer outreach to the youth. Judson and Timmy enjoyed meeting new friends - and Judson even had an African birthday!



RISSA REUNITED WITH DEAR FRIENDS



JUDSON'S BIRTHDAY!

LOVING

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CHURCH IN

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CHURCH PLANTING WORKSHOP



OUR HOST, CHARLES, AND HIS FAMILY

SERVING THE CHURCH IN TANZANIA

BY GODWIN CHISAYE
TANZANIA (NMP)



For three years now, I have been with Timothy Two Project International, conducting workshops in central, northern, and coastal areas of Tanzania. Through teaching, I have been growing spiritually as the experiences I hear from pastors and the way we interact helps me to learn more and more about the Word of God. Tanzania has three major denominations: Catholics, Lutherans, and Anglicans. However, the Pentecostal churches are growing rapidly, as well. These denominations have very few Bible schools or theological colleges. Therefore, few pastors are privileged to study in such institutions. This means that we have very few church ministers who have received formal biblical education. The majority of pastors who are ministering have no grounded, biblical knowledge – especially those who are ministering in rural areas. So far, I have conducted more than 20 workshops, which means that I have reached more than 100 pastors. Timothy Two has brought significant change in biblical, grounded teachings among pastors and ministry leaders.

In many of the workshops, many pastors were reluctant and did not want to attend. They believed

that they don't need to go to Bible or theological schools in order to minister. They believe that what they need is to be filled with the Holy Spirit and, after that, they are capable to minister. So, from the beginning it was very hard to pursue these pastors and convince them that, apart from relying on the Holy Spirit, we also need to gain very important biblical knowledge about the God whom we believe in and serve.

During workshop 1, however, those who attended realized that they needed that knowledge - and confessed that they were preaching something which was irrelevant to the biblical teachings.

After completing all 4 workshops, more pastors want to come to learn. Now, I am receiving a lot of invitations from pastors around Tanzania because they have heard about TTPI and some have seen the materials we use to train pastors. TTPI has impacted the church in many ways. I am praying for all those who are praying and giving so that I can go and teach pastors. We thank God for TTPI in Tanzania and we are praying so that we will reach as many pastors as we can.

➔ Northern India



For several years, after Steve Curtis and Don Kistler traveled to teach in Northern India, Raj (last name withheld for security) has been faithfully training pastors and seeing them grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.



Banner designed by Samuel, TTPI's NMP in Visakhapatnam for workshops

➔ East India



Over the past couple of years, Don Johnson has traveled to Visakhapatnam to train pastors alongside host and interpreter, Samuel.

After working with Samuel, Don suggested that he was ready to become a T2 NMP. As a result, Samuel is now training others in India with the Timothy Two workshop series.

REACHING INDIA

Number of People Groups 2,373	People Groups Unreached 2,135 (90.0%)	Progress Level
Total Population 1,410,717,000	Population in Unreached 1,342,022,000 (95.1%)	Largest Religion Hinduism (80.1%)

India has a population nearly identical to China (1.4 billion each), making those two nations the most populous by far in the world. In India, there are nearly a billion Hindus. There are also nearly 200 million Muslims. There are about 30 million Christians. To put that in perspective, roughly 2 percent on Indians identify as "Christian," with nearly half of those being Roman Catholics. As the data from the Joshua Project show above, there are nearly 2400 different "people groups" in India - and more than 2100 are unreached!

➔ Central India



TTPI Global Instructor, Mike Williamson, has been working with a pastor in Central India - and he is encouraged to

believe that this pastor may also be ready soon to begin serving as an NMP, teaching others around his region!

Further, many of those who profess to be Christian continue to believe in and/or practice non-Christian religious activities, such as a belief in karma, purifying in the Ganges River, or reincarnation. In short, the need is incredibly great for biblically-sound pastors who can lead and plant biblical churches to reach that nation for Christ.

By God's grace, many missionaries are serving in India. Several of TTPI's global instructors and NMP's are honored to be among them! Already, the fruit of these labors is clear. Pastors are growing in their faith and, in the process, learning more about what is biblical and what is not. They are increasingly jettisoning superstitions and religious traditions and leading their church members to do likewise. Also, they are actively engaged in proclaiming the true gospel, which alone can transform lives and communities with the light of the Word.

The Impact of TTPI in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Pastor Steve Migisha Mushenga, NMP

Recently, I conducted workshops in three different cities in the North Provinces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): Tongo, Nyanzale City, and Uvira City. In Tongo, 12 pastors have benefited from our training and were awarded their certificates and today they are doing well in their respective churches training other church leaders using the same model we gave them.

In Nyanzale City, 13 pastors from different churches (mostly baptistic and pentecostals) have had our 4 workshops and have recently graduated and received their certificates. When these pastors graduated, they committed to continue teaching others pastors in the region; they testified to us that they enjoyed the courses and are now on fire training others in their churches, as we recommended in keeping with the model of 2 Timothy 2 : 2. Thus, if each of these 25 graduates trains a group of 12 in the two cities of Tongo and Nyanzale, they are impacting the region by training another 300 church leaders who will, in turn, train others and so forth.

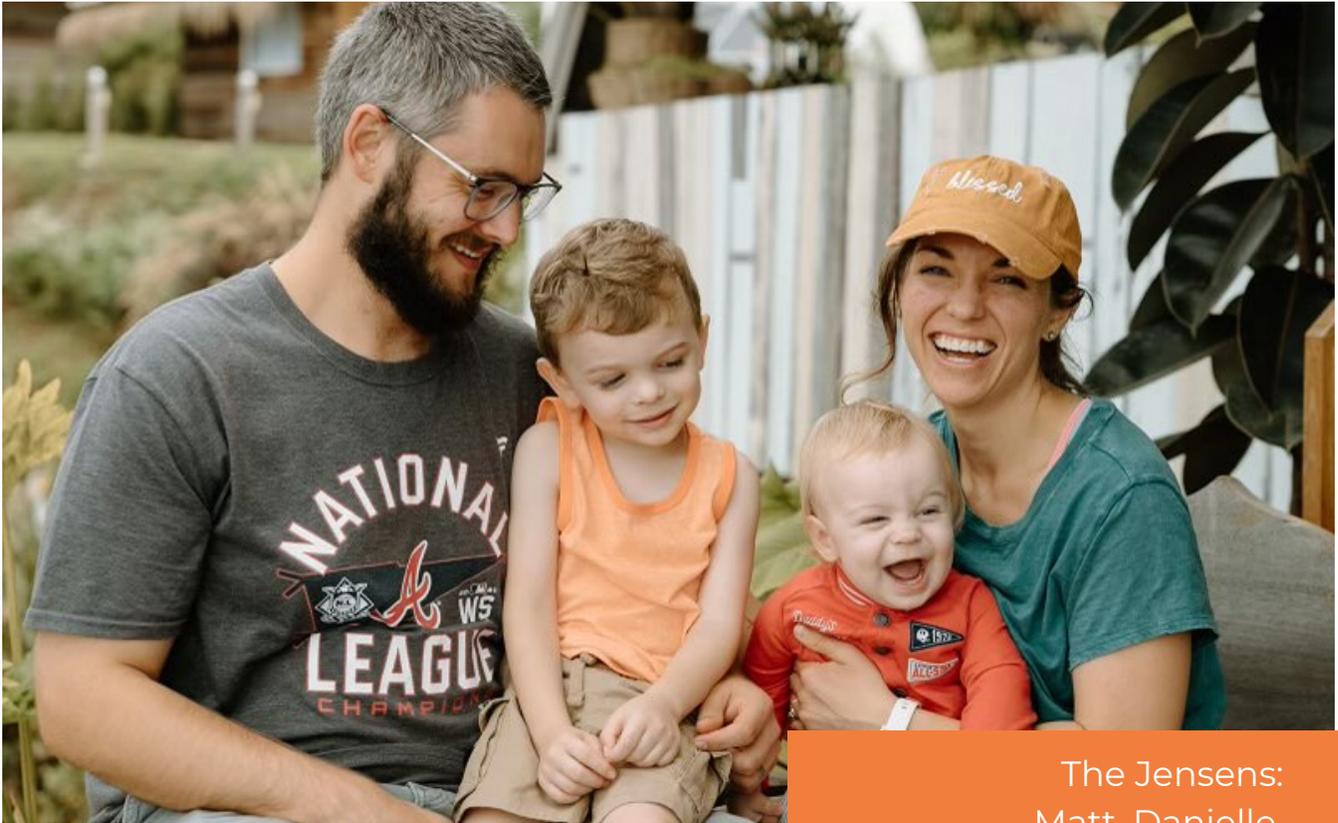
The city of Uvira is also being reached, as it has welcomed two workshops so far, and I plan to go there in the start of next year to teach the two remaining courses. In this city, 13 pastors from mostly pentecostal and revival churches are being taught our *Growing in Grace* series.

Considering the number of invitations to train pastors through TTPI, we can surely believe that many cities and church communities in the DRC will soon be impacted and we shall all glorify our God for opening the door to train pastors in developing countries, including the DRC.

Soon, I will be training 14 pastors in Goma City and targeting other cities for the next coming years. May God richly bless and provide for the Timothy Two Project International's mission and vision to reach untrained pastors in the DRC.



NEW LIFE IN THAILAND



The Jensens:
Matt, Danielle,
Judah and Gabriel

This has certainly been an eventful year for the Jensen family!

Matt and Danielle with their two sons, Judah and Gabriel, moved to Thailand in February of this year. Travel was still somewhat tricky. In fact, they had to quarantine for 10 days upon arrival. Many others were denied entry for petty things, but the Lord opened the way for the Jensens.

After quarantine, the Jensens moved to Chiang Rai. They began language school at this time. Steve Curtis joined Matt for his first day of class, stopping by on the way to the Philippines. Danielle and Matt received education visas through the language school, Judah and Gabriel following Matt's visa.

Getting visas was not an easy process, either. Matt had to make a surprise trip to Chiang Mai, leaving Danielle and the kids in a new country within their first couple of weeks in Chiang Rai. Several trips to immigration later, the Lord opened this way for the Jensens, too.

Language school has been going well for Matt and Danielle. They have finished four books and are working on the fifth. Once the sixth book is complete, they will begin elective classes. Danielle will have a less demanding language learning schedule next year, as she begins homeschooling Judah. Matt is also in seminary pursuing his MDiv.

THE LORD HAS OPENED MANY DOORS FOR MINISTRY

Matt has shared the gospel with a few people whom he sees on a regular basis. Danielle and Matt were able to share with a German man passing through Chiang Rai. In the Lord's providence, Danielle and Matt have the only Buddhist teachers at their language school. They are currently reading the Bible with them. Danielle's teacher seems very curious about Christianity and not sure about Buddhism. Matt's teacher asked if he would explain each passage they read together daily in class. There have been several other edifying conversations with local believers. Although language school is their ministry right now, the Lord is still using them in unexpected ways.

In 2024, the Jensens will need to apply for a new visa type. One way Thailand regulates missionary activity is by giving a certain number of missionary visa slots to government recognized foundations or churches. The foundation that the Jensens were planning to work with shut down. Rather, it was shut down due to Covid-19 because many volunteers had to return home. No volunteers mean no ongoing work. No ongoing work means no more foundation. The foundation was put in an impossible situation. The good news, though, is that nothing was in the foundation's name. A building, a piece of land, and a few vehicles remain for use. Matt and the director of this former foundation have been discussing new visa options. It seems possible to receive missionary visas through the church which is affiliated with the former foundation. It will be interesting to see how the Lord works this out for the Jensens.



PLEASE PRAY

The Jensens will remember 2022 for the rest of their lives as their first year living in Thailand. Much has happened, and they will one day look back to this year with mostly fond memories. 2022 has also provided much fodder for prayer. The Jensens ask that you keep them in your prayers in 2023, and they hope that this article is helpful to that end.

WHAT TIMOTHY TWO HAS DONE FOR ME AND OTHERS IN MY COUNTRY

By Pastor Jere Loved,
Zambia (NMP)



I joined Timothy Two Project International in 2018 and graduated in 2019 with TTPI certificate and our trainer throughout these 4 Workshops was Dr Bryan Slater. This was done in Lundazi District, Eastern Province of Zambia and ever since then, I have been working with TTPI.

I don't know how to explain how these Workshops have positively transformed my spiritual life, my ministry as well as my marriage. If there is a person whom God has saved, equipped for ministry and mended his marriage in Zambia through TTPI, it is me.

TTPI lessons have positively transformed many churches and leaders in different places around Zambia where I have conducted these TTPI Workshops. The outcomes always have been these:

- Salvation of the church leaders
- Promotes unity and love amongst church leaders
- Brought safe and sound biblical knowledge of God in church leaders
- Awaken and engaged church leaders into the call of Evangelism
- Church members are offered the true Gospel because they now have leaders that have good Theological foundations.
- Promotes peace, love and care in families as leaders are taught biblical family lessons

TTPI Workshops are suitable for church leaders but I must testify that they are necessary and suitable to any person who believes in the Bible. God has touched and saved many people apart from church leaders around the world through these TTPI lessons.

To me this is what I have concluded and believed about these TTPI Workshop's lessons:

- They are Christ-centered and Biblically-balanced
- They are life-transforming lessons.
- They are good for discipleship classes in a local church
- They are good for family daily devotions
- They are good theological foundational lessons for church leaders
- These lessons can be taught in any Faith-based and Bible-believing Organization
- They can also be used as a door to door Evangelism tool.

I will forever be grateful to God for Timothy Two Project International because it has helped me know God and get saved. Your lessons have helped me also serve God in truth unlike before. I am now on Mission With God sharing this truth I learned from TTPI in my country Zambia. I pray for and wish all Timothy Two leaders God's blessing and more grace upon your life, families and ministry as you continue helping many know and serve God better than yesterday in different places around the world like you did to me.



Suddenly in

PAKISTAN

An Unexpected Journey

By Asher Din

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
(Psalm 28:7)*

Greeting from Pakistan!

God's faithfulness and grace in the last 14 years has been clearly evident to us. He allowed us to live in the US as a family and for me to get theological training for His kingdom work. He has trained me to train others (Proverbs 27:17) so that they may be sent into the world to preach the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20).

By His grace, I earned the MDiv, MATS, and DMin degrees from Erskine Seminary while in the US. I was in the process of completing the MTh when my student visa expired. Erskine Seminary was in the process of seeking to extend the visa but, due to a staff change, the needed paperwork failed to be properly processed. The error was not discovered until one week before the visa expired on July 7, 2022. So, my family and I had to depart from the United States quite abruptly on July 6.

This disruption caused a great deal of frustration and stress for me and my family. It was a transition for which we were not ready but had to undertake hastily. We wrapped up everything in less than 4 days and left the US for Pakistan.

For Samar and me, returning to Pakistan after fourteen years has been very exciting yet challenging at the same time. Samar saw her family after fourteen years. Our two daughters experienced Pakistan in its fullness for the very first time. Eleanor (14) was three months old when we traveled to the US. Isabella (10) was born in the US. They are now gradually adjusting and getting used to life in Pakistan especially enjoying some spicy foods, the richness and taste of fruits and vegetables.

Although, life has been very different, hectic, challenging, and

hard in many ways (security, religious persecution, high inflation, and a country close to being declared bankrupt, political crisis, etc.) yet we have strongly felt God's enduring presence with us at every step of the way in our transition back to Pakistan. He has brought us here for a purpose and mission and we wish to fulfill it by His strength and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The good news (eternal hope and joy) of the cross must be preached to all ends of the world in spite of hardships.

The Lord has given us the vision to train young leaders/pastors and send them out into some of the remotest areas of Pakistan. Thus, we have begun the Timothy Two training in the isolated areas of the Punjab province. Currently, several participants had been waiting for many years to get Bible training but were unable to do so as most of

them did not have the financial support to attend a seminary and get Bible training. They are now very happy because Timothy Two has allowed them to work full time to support their families and still get Bible training. They did not have to go anywhere. Rather, Bible training went to their doorstep free of any cost.

Also, our target is to train individuals who are already pastors, but without any theological training. Such pastors here are called "half boiled" preachers. Unfortunately, such pastors have led many Christians astray. Among Christians, 80% are illiterate and so cannot read the Bible. Such people are highly vulnerable because they believe everything that comes out of the "half boiled" mouths of these preachers' who, in turn become boastful and wish to gain self-importance. The illiterate Christians have begun to perceive the "half boiled" preachers as agents of Jesus Christ and, rather than seeking His presence directly, they feel more comfortable going to these "agents."

Our goal is to glorify God and therefore we wish to invite, have fellowship with, and in love and affection train, the "half boiled" preachers, so that the church in Pakistan can unify and we together can fulfill the mission of Christ as His body. Our Lord has taught us to teach each other in humility. We learn from each other. Therefore, Timothy Two provides such resources and platform to all who wish to learn the truth of His Word together.

I have also been preaching in many villages and brick kilns. There are so many opportunities here to share the gospel through different ways. Unfortunately, the caste system is still alive here in different ways, especially among the churches/house churches. The educated ones do not wish to mingle with the illiterate ones. The enemy is using it to cause division and disruption in congregations. Most pastors tend to focus on, and minister to, congregations that can put more in the offering plate. Therefore, please also join us in praying for training and planting more and more preachers and evangelists who will tend to the needs of the illiterate and isolated congregations, caring and helping them to learn to read the Bible through a literacy course. There is a great need for the illiterate congregations to self-read the Word and develop a relationship with it. May the Holy Spirit help us all to become His witnesses to all who do not know Him.



REACHING BELIZE

BY MARK AND FRANCISKA RICHARDSON

Several years ago, the Lord planted a seed and has since been growing a desire in us to serve Him with our whole lives. Having spent decades worshiping in local churches, we have seen some of the joys and sorrows of those who minister to the church. Some of those were missionaries who would come and go, speaking of far-off lands and the wonders and trials that they encountered there. We have seen ordinary people serve the Lord with all that they have, knowing that it all came from God and should be returned to Him for His glory. Having these experiences of pastors, missionaries, and friends pouring their gifts into us has helped shape our understanding of who Christians are. We have learned that followers of Christ are ordinary people who do just that, follow Him according to His Word by the power and guidance of His Spirit.



Joel, Mark, and Wilson



Franciska with children's ministry

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Our lives are a witness to God's goodness, provision, and faithfulness because of God's work within us. His convictions are powerful, and our desires have been sifted and guided by the Word of God and our local church. We looked at how we could spend and be spent by zeroing in on how we can learn, grow, and serve Him more. Then we stepped out in faith by starting to remove nonessential obligations and possessions and I [Mark] started working towards a seminary education. Seeking clarity in the direction we felt we were being pulled, I spent a season studying the Bible looking for God's answers to many questions. What is Gospel missions? Why is it done? Who is supposed to do it? How and where do they do it? And, what is currently being done? This led to intentional conversations with our home church and to a partnership with Timothy Two Project International.

In the last two years the Lord has provided two opportunities for us to spend time in the country of Belize. There we found a Hispanic culture that is a mix of ancient Mayan traditions, Roman Catholic heritage, and a more modern influence of cult religions. We found some people who are currently rejecting God and some who are battered by weak theology and false doctrine. And we have grown to love them. We were able to spend 6 weeks in and around the village of St Margaret while getting a glimpse of native customs and a peek into the local church culture. And by God's grace, we met a young man of like faith (Wilson) who is evangelizing in this village. A Christian bond has formed between him and us, which is founded on a love for the local church and the people of Belize.

We have sold our home in Michigan and continue to prepare ourselves to leave our church, our friends, and our adult children. With their encouragement, we are continuing to cast off that which is not necessary as we gather support for our indefinite move to Belize as missionaries of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We desire to aid, equip, and encourage indigenous pastors and church leaders in the gathering, planting, and building up of the local church in Belize.

Only an Architect who wields unlimited power and who is perfect in holiness can author an eternal plan that is not restrained by space or time. Only this God can build a church that will withstand the powers of evil. And only this God will bring all creatures into submission. All of us have opportunities to serve God, and by the power of Christ we are to be laborers for the Almighty as His plan unfolds in this world. May the Lord grant each of us grace to follow Him for our sanctification and His glory.

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. (Ephesians 3:20-21)



THERE IS STILL A LOT TO DO!

By Jaime Pena,
El Salvador (NMP)

As FEBES (Federation of Baptist Churches of El Salvador) and in my capacity as coordinator, I feel encouraged and challenged by what we have achieved with the support of Timothy Two Project International, but there is still a lot to do!

This effort was significant for us when we began preparations in July of 2021 for the workshops to begin in September. We had high expectations with our churches. We invited our 33 member churches to participate in this effort, 10 churches thought it was a waste of time, 20 found it interesting, and of those, 10 promised to participate, and 3 made the arrangements although they were not sure.

In the end, 6 churches committed to participate and a sister church from the other Baptist convention accompanied us in this process. In all, 7 churches and 20 students participated. From this effort, we certified 15 leaders, while 5 did not complete the process. This was the result after 2 years, with 84 lessons taught in 4 face-to-face workshops and an investment of \$63.00 for each participant in each workshop.

Small contributions, small groups, but great efforts full of significance, like mustard seeds sown in hopes of future growth. And we trust that it will become a large tree in which all the birds of the sky nest and produce fruit, 30, 60 and 100 fold.



Jaime Wilfredo Peña – Workshop Coordinator, El Salvador

The task is ongoing and we need more contributions, more prayers, and more willingness, because we must continue multiplying these efforts. We have been called to this purpose and we have no excuse to say no. God is faithful and He will touch hearts and send those he needs for his purpose.

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!

Psalm 96:3-4