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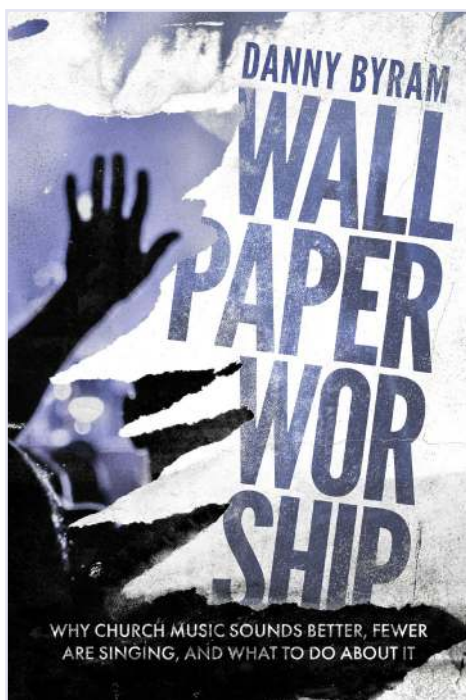


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CHRIST AT WORK
THROUGH THE
PANDEMIC

ON OUR BOOKSHELF...

WALLPAPER WORSHIP

**WHY CHURCH MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER, FEWER
ARE SINGING, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT**



by Danny Byram

*In **Wallpaper Worship**, Danny Byram makes the comparison between today's church worship and wallpaper—meant to emphasize the design of its surroundings, but not meant to be engaged with. Through an examination of personal worship experiences, the history of worship, and examples of biblical worship, Byram unpacks this analogy. He shares how to awaken our identities as corporate and individual worshippers, and passionately participate in the God-ordained activity of worship.*

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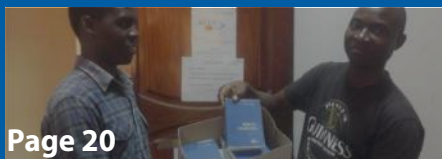
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Dear Reader,

Many of our CLCers had to spend months confined at home. Some, like Sharon Jones had events canceled in a couple of countries. Others, like Alessandra Platania in Italy, were confined to their home without the liberties that were normal before the quarantine. Others, like Carlos Marin from Peru, were stuck in a country away from their family.

Many of the CLC bookshops around the world, with a few exceptions like Korea and Uruguay, had to close their doors to the public. Some of them are still closed to this day. Despite this, we can say that God is good and that he has watched and will continue to watch over His ministry during this tough time.

Please, join us in prayer for the worldwide ministry of CLC. May we be able to reach more people than ever during this time of crisis.

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FROM THE FRONTLINES, IN SOUTH KOREA...

the experience of CLCers in one of the first countries to be hit by the pandemic.

by Sohee Yoo, CLC Korea Executive Director of Planning & Foreign Rights

The third week of February was when the COVID19 became highly infectious in Metropolitan areas and Seoul. I felt devastated to accept this news since most of our employees live in Metropolitan areas, and they commute by public transportations. The first thing I did was to ask all of our employees to call before coming to work if he/she or even if one of their family members is feeling sick. Since one of our designers was six months pregnant, we asked her to work from home.

The second thing I did was to purchase sanitizers to place on every floor and in the bathrooms of our offices and ordered an infrared thermometer so that we can check everyone's temperature before we begin morning devotional times.

Third, CLC Korea usually have visitors stopping by to sign the contract or to just talk with the editorial staff or with our director. So, we made a guest book for every visitor to sign their arrival time with their name, phone number and reason why they visit our company. We also check visitors' temperatures along with their time of departure from our company and keep that record for a few weeks. If they call to make an in-person appointment, we ask them to send their inquiries to our email address or call instead. If they must visit in person, they must wear a mask to enter our building.



The busiest season of our company is in March and September as the spring and fall semesters begin in Korea, and that is when the sales increase. We were concerned about our spring season since the social distancing began in March and all the theological seminaries were closed for several weeks. However, our Lord blessed us, and we sold more books online than any previous period. Many pastors or well-known

theologians requested that we publish their books. We still receive inquiries almost every day. We continue to promote our new books and even some old books to our visitors on Facebook, Instagram, our website and some major Korean online book shopping websites. It has been successful. We are praying that it will continue. I am very grateful to share that none of our employees, including their family members, tested positive or even had any symptoms of COVID19. Therefore, CLC Korea was never closed during social distancing except national holidays, and we continue to work diligently at providing and publishing many books as usual.



4 Last but not least, CLC Korea families were disappointed that

we could not hold the International Council in May of this year. We were even having English lessons every Friday since the fall. We were about to practice singing the songs in English and Spanish. Then, Covid struck. As the time gets closer to next year's International Council, we will resume English lessons and start practicing the songs and prepare all the necessary things.

Keep us in your prayers, and we hope everyone will stay safe and healthy. Looking forward to see you all next year in Korea!

CLC WORLD News

HOW CLC COUNTRIES FACED LOCKDOWN DURING THE PANDEMIC

... in Italy



CLC Italy Director Ivano, with team members Alessandra, Silvia, & Danjlo

During the spring season, Italy underwent a long period of lockdown for almost two full months.

All the bookshops had to close due to the government's instructions, and we were able to work only through wholesale and web sales. Our bookshops reopened to the public on May 5th. All of this situation pushed us to work more on social media interaction with the audience especially through Instagram. We improved online. We sent out more newsletters, offered free content in cooperation with other organisations and were

able to offer free shipping on orders above a certain amount. It was a time of learning and God miraculously carried us through this tough time.

... in Thailand

The Thai government increased restrictions to limit the spread of Covid-19 by temporarily closing all entertainment, universities, schools and by banning religious gatherings.

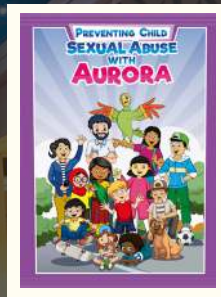
The bookshop reopened on April 10th after being closed for about ten days. Sales were very slow. The best sellers during this time of crisis have been tracts and Bibles. We hope Thai people will open their hearts to Jesus Christ. We thank God for his provision. We strongly believe that God is in control.



VIAJA CON PABLO (TRAVEL WITH PAUL)

How quarantine sparked a new project!

by Sharon Jones, CLC Peru - Buena Tierra Editorial



When I travelled from Peru to the UK in March, I knew the coronavirus could cause me some problems as I was due to go to Poland for the ECPA conference and to Spain to deliver training in three cities. What I didn't know was that during my flight over the Atlantic everything would be cancelled! I had to trust God knew the exact timing and wanted me in the UK for this time. Lockdown happened fairly quickly after my arrival, and I felt peaceful knowing I needed to settle in for a while. Thankfully I have been staying with my parents, and it has been such a blessing. The uncertainty of not knowing when I'll be able to get back to Peru is hard, but I am choosing to focus on what I CAN do here rather than what I CAN'T do because I am not there.

I am a missionary with Latin Link, from the UK but living in Peru. My 'normal' CLC work is with *Buena Tierra*, a small publishing ministry based in Lima. We produce Bible teaching materials for children aged 18 months up to 15 years old. We are passionate about equipping those in kids ministry to teach the Bible well, and we focus a lot on training. We also have an incredible resource about the prevention of child sexual abuse. It was this material that brought me to Europe, to train in Spain and promote our English translation, hoping that many CLC countries may take it on for themselves. However, the lockdown put an end to the original plans, and I needed to reevaluate how I would use my time.



Preparing a lesson

Along with two colleagues in Peru, we saw an opportunity to create some new resources for families to enjoy the Bible at home in quarantine. Over 11 weeks we developed 7 sessions full of activities which could easily be done at home with few resources. It is called 'Viaja con Pablo' (www.viajaconpablo.com), and the aim is to Stay at Home, Travel with Paul, Get to Know God and Strengthen your Faith. It had been a while since I had written and created resources, and I loved it! Now I am continuing to work on the prevention of child sexual

abuse materials and I am hoping to deliver some workshops online in Spanish and English. For a while I have had to be focused on the publishing and sales business of *Buena Tierra*, but during this time God helped me remember my passion for creating, teaching and equipping, and I am so thankful for that.

I am continuing to look forward with hope. However the situation with CLC Peru and the job losses for dear friends, with whom I have worked for many years, has been the hardest aspect of this time. God has been good, and I have been able to raise some support for them as their income stopped completely. I do not know what it will be like when I finally get back. Yet, as we have been emphasising in our 'Viaja con Pablo' material; God is good, God is sovereign and God has a plan.



August 31st - September 6th

Week 36 - Bible Distribution in Latin America

Monday (31st) - Week of Prayer & Fasting

Each year, CLCers around the world observe a day of prayer and fasting together in September. This year we will allocate a whole week for seeking the LORD in a special way. Please pray that we will be able to put time aside for focussed prayer in the week beginning September 7th. May the LORD lead us and hear our prayers, to His praise and glory.

Tuesday (1st) - Chile

In June, we launched a special promotion of the *Jesus for Everyone* Bible. Our greatest joy was to see that churches bought many of these Bibles to give to non-Christian families who were seriously affected by the pandemic, along with a food aid package. We have great plans for Bible distribution growth because we know that the spiritual need will continue to be tremendous.

- Patricio Romo, CLC Chile

Wednesday (2nd) - Uruguay

September is a special month for Hispanic Christians because it is the *Month of the Bible*. Please pray that people will visit us, that we will have good sales and that our customers will be encouraged to give a Bible as a gift. At the time of writing, activities are gradually returning to normal after the pandemic. Please pray that our customers will return, 100%, to the bookstore.

- Albaro Silva, CLC Uruguay

Thursday (3rd) - Panama

As September is the *Month of the Bible* in Latin America, traditionally, it is the second-best month of the year for sales. Please join us in praying that despite all the consequences of the pandemic, this will be a month of much blessing in sales and distribution of God's Word in Panama.

- Milton Cheng, CLC Panama

Friday (4th) - Bolivia

We thank the Lord that He has sustained us throughout the pandemic. In fact, He miraculously provided for our family during the time of quarantine. We were able to distribute several copies of the *Jesus for Everyone* Bibles so that His Word reached many people in need. Some believers who were employed by the government to visit homes doing COVID-19 tests left a Bible in each house.

- Gamaliel & Marlene Padilla, CLC Bolivia



Growth in Bible sales during the pandemic

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Ecuador

We thank God that during the pandemic we sold even more Bibles than usual. During the month of September, our prayer is that many households will turn their hearts to the Word. To encourage this, we plan to have special offers with promotional marketing. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to reach families with these offers and that they will feel blessed by the discounts

- *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*

September 7th - 13th

Week 37 - Health & Finances

Monday (7th) - Central Asia 2

Please pray for the health of the team and our families. The mother of one of our members is recovering from a stroke. We need wisdom to attract more customers so that we can cover our expenses and continue in ministry. At the time of writing, our country has been in quarantine for almost five months. We are grateful that we could continue to sell Bibles during this period.

- *Director, Central Asia 2*

Tuesday (8th) - Mexico

Please pray for us as we reorganise the warehouse activities in a smaller space in order to cut our costs. We are also looking for God's direction for new strategies to increase sales. We want to use our van to promote our materials locally. We also want to increase our web activities, including Zoom conferences with authors, with the aim of bringing God's Word and comfort to His people. - *Maria del Carmen Castañeda, CLC Mexico*



CLC Mexico Zoom meeting

Wednesday (9th) - Spain

For some time now, we have been struggling with heavy cash flow problems and a large drop in the level of sales. This was made worse when the pandemic forced us to close our bookshops for two months. When we reopened, the flow of customers was very slow. Our financial situation is very complicated now, and we ask for God's direction that we may proceed according to His will. - *Darwin Vergel Dueñas, CLC Spain*

Thursday (10th) - Philippines

Our overall sales dropped dramatically in the first half of the year. At the time of writing, our Cebu shop is still closed due to the pandemic. Please pray for wisdom and God's leading that we will be able to sustain our ministry. We need to adjust to the situation while, at the same time, trusting God to guide us. - *Romualdo Macinas, CLC Philippines*

Friday (11th) - Philippines

We thank God that Mr. Joel Galicia, the manager of our Cebu branch, recovered from the coronavirus disease. Please pray that the COVID-19 pandemic will end soon. Meanwhile, let us continue to pray for God's protection over all His people and especially the CLC workers worldwide. - *Romualdo Macinas, CLC Philippines*

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Benin

During the pandemic months, low sales with continued expenses have significantly drained our financial reserves. At the time of writing, some of our supplier invoices are still waiting to be paid.

Please pray for us and all CLCs worldwide for an increased flow in sales.

8 - *Emmanuel Ladeyo, CLC Benin*

September 14th - 20th

Week 38 - Europe

Monday (14th) - Spain

From September 14 - 19, we are involved in a joint programme together with the Thompson International Bible Institute, the social foundation of CLC Colombia and the local Thompson team. This will involve a virtual seminar regarding the Thompson Bible, hopefully followed by two face-to-face seminars in October - one in the Canary Islands and another in Madrid. Please pray for these activities. - *Darwin Vergel Dueñas, CLC Spain*

Tuesday (15th) - Germany

Like almost all other CLC countries, this year we had to cancel every special event and work with less staff in the hope that customers would return, despite the inconveniences and the risks. During our times of low footfall in the bookshop, we have sought to be a spiritual encouragement to our customers via phone calls and our website, especially those who are older and more vulnerable. - *Valentin Schweigler, CLC Germany*

Wednesday (16th) - Cyprus

We have a lady customer who uses her tithe to purchase Bibles from us. Each month, she spends €200 to purchase Greek Bibles, which she displays at a kiosk so that anyone who is interested may take a Bible for free. She asked if we would pray for the Bibles to come into the right hands and that the Word of God will speak to people's hearts.

- *Eva & Sotos Photiades, CLC Cyprus*

Thursday (17th) - Belarus

We are looking for opportunities to supply Bibles and Christian books to the public through secular channels. So far, our attempts and efforts have not been very successful. Please pray that God will help us to identify the right opportunities to introduce our Bibles and books to the secular market. - *Lina Pinkevich, CLC Belarus*

Friday (18th) - Belarus

Last year and for the third time, the CLC Belarus premises was flooded. Praise the Lord that the books were not damaged. However, it seems that it is time to refurbish the bookshop and the office. We would like to do this in October - November 2020 or February - March 2021 if God allows. Obviously, it needs much planning, financial investment and hard work. Please pray for us! - *Lina Pinkevich, CLC Belarus*

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - France

Please pray for the members of our General Assembly who will meet in Montélimar on September 20th. It is anticipated that some important decisions will be made. Also pray for our annual conference for the CLC bookshop managers on September 21st and 22nd that we will enjoy good fellowship and find the Lord's leading in how to adapt our strategy to the current and future situation in France. - *Hervé Lessous, CLC France*

September 21st - 27th

Week 39 - Asia

Monday (21st) - Korea

September is one of our busiest seasons as the autumn academic semester begins in Korea - whether this will be in the classroom or via online lectures. We are expecting more books to be published this autumn, based on many of the lecturers' requests. Please continue to pray for our employees at the Paju warehouse as they will have to pack and send the books off. - *Sohee Yoo, CLC Korea*

Tuesday (22nd) - Korea

Pray for us to choose the right titles, good authors and translators to publish. Although we are not certain when COVID-19 will end, may God help all of us not to be discouraged and to be thankful always. Also please pray for the entire staff, including our families, that all will stay safe and healthy during this difficult period. - *Sohee Yoo, CLC Korea*

Wednesday (23rd) - Thailand

Please continue to pray for the sale of the CLC property in Bangkok. There have been several difficult issues over many years concerning this. Pray that God will guide the new buyer in all the steps relating to the purchase of the building and that there may be a smooth sale process with no obstacles. - *Amanda Intajuk, Thailand*

Thursday (24th) - Philippines

At the time of writing, we need to negotiate with our overseas suppliers for more favourable terms and conditions in the face of the impact of COVID-19. Please pray that they will extend more grace to us. We are also renegotiating the rentals of our branches to lessen the losses. Thank you for praying with us. - *Romualdo Macinas, CLC Philippines*

Friday (25th) - India

Usually in the months of September, October and November, we hold special sales in many of our centres, and we visit schools, colleges and churches with our books and Bibles. In fact, these three months are our main mission months. At the time of writing, we are very concerned about what will happen due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Please pray for us.

- *Justin Chellappan, CLC India*

The Weekend (26th -27th) - Asia

During our time away from Korea, we have connected with many North Korean and Chinese friends by asking them questions about life. These questions have resulted in many interesting responses and good conversations about spiritual issues. Pray that God will work in the hearts of these people, especially now when the uncertain times we are living in cause many to raise questions about the meaning of life. - *Lewis Codington, Asia*

September 28th - October 4th

Week 40 - USA, Canada & The Caribbean

Monday (28th) - USA

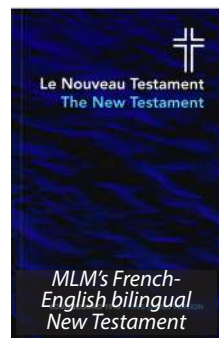
We praise the Lord for sustaining us personally and as a ministry through these last months. The Lord has supplied and blessed us, and we are in a better place than we have been in a number of years. Increased Multi-Language Media (MLM) Bible sales carried the ministry while there was a lull in publications and the bookstore was closed from mid-March into June. - *Charles Hurd, CLC USA*

Tuesday (29th) - USA

We thank God that our new French-English bilingual New Testament arrived from India after being delayed in printing due to the virus! Pray that it will find good acceptance and sell through the first printing quickly. - *Charles Hurd, CLC USA*

Wednesday (30th) - Canada

Last February, the most important French-speaking Christian book distributor here offered CLC Canada to take over their distribution as it was close to bankruptcy. We accepted, knowing



that if it would close, we ourselves would have a supply problem. Our main challenge now is to restore the confidence of the European publishers, by far our most important suppliers. Please pray for us.

- Antoine Roberge, CLC Canada

Thursday (1st) - Barbados

Due to COVID-19, CLC Barbados was, like almost everybody, on lockdown for seven weeks. We lost an estimated US\$10,000.00 in sales, which left us unable to immediately meet the amounts due to our suppliers. However, when we reopened, our staff volunteered their help, and now we are trying to regain lost ground. - Marion Manning, CLC Barbados

Friday (2nd) - Barbados

At the time of writing, we are making a very special effort with a sale of used books - some that we already had and a much-appreciated shipment being sent by CLC USA. We are praying that this sale of books at accessible prices will make a significant difference to our cash flow. - Marion Manning, CLC Barbados

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Antigua

Please pray that God will show us the way forward to increase sales, and also that we may encourage our customers, some of whom are now out of work and needing help. Also pray for our government to have wisdom in making the right decisions, for the police officers handling the increase in crime and for the families of our staff members as we call on God for salvation, health, finances and general well-being. Thank you. - Arah Martin, CLC Antigua

October 5th - 11th

Week 41 - The International Office



Monday (5th) - Europe

At the time of writing, I have not been able to visit any of our teams across Europe since February due to COVID-19. However, I thank God for the continuing harmony with the dedicated CLC Directors and teams across Europe. We are now maintaining more contact through emails, virtual meetings, WhatsApp and Messenger. Please pray that I can still effectively fulfill my role under these conditions. - Gary Chamberlin, Europe Regional Director

Tuesday (6th) - Asia

My term as a Regional Director was extended until next year (2021). I thank God for the countries under my care and for the various means to communicate and connect with them. Please pray that we can continue to improve these communications among us even when we are not able to meet physically. Pray that I will be a blessing and an encouragement to the teams. - Romualdo Macinas, Asia Regional Director

Wednesday (7th) - Africa

My term as a Regional Director has also been extended. I was thankful to visit the CLC team in Sierra Leone in early March, just before international travel became too complicated. My plans to visit other teams around Africa had to be suspended. Please pray that I may be able to encourage and help our African teams, even at a distance, via the means of communication at our disposal. - Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director

Thursday (8th) - Latin America

We thank God for the generosity of a publisher who donated stock to CLC in Latin America

earlier this year. The donation comprised mainly Bibles and some books, some 48 pallets in total (two truckloads). This is such a blessing for every Latin American country given the many needs that have arisen because of the pandemic. - *Humberto Urrutia, Latin America Regional Director*



Rudy & the CLC Netherlands van

it says: *Read God's Word: the Bible* - in Dutch of course!). - *Rudy Kuijer, International Office / CLC Netherlands*

Friday (9th) - International Office

Please pray for wisdom for me as I consider the many possibilities for future projects to support the International Office. I am already involved with work on the CLC World magazine and the World Reports, as well as a new CLC International website. Please pray for good communications as I contact CLC colleagues around the world. Thank you. - *Yaninna Scalante, International Office*

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - International Office

Please pray for me as I seek to be available to help various CLC teams short term, practically or with evangelistic outreach. I am thankful for the miracle of being able to drive the CLC van again after it spent four years in a garage! It is great for taking book tables to conferences and for other activities. (On the van

October 12th - 18th

Week 42 - Africa

Monday (12th) - Mozambique

In August, CLC Mozambique launched a brochure entitled *More than a Crisis: The Move of God in Human Suffering*, co-written by a member of the team and a volunteer friend of CLC. Pray that this booklet will be used to encourage believers and to lead people to trust in Christ as the one and only Saviour. - *Abel Chau, CLC Mozambique*

Tuesday (13th) - Mozambique

CLC Mozambique has a dream of having a bookstore in Nampula in the northern part of the country. Praise God that He is opening the doors for us through a Bible Institute there. We also received a small grant for starting up such a store. Progress has been slowed down due to COVID-19, but please pray that this dream may become a reality very soon. Thank you.

- *Abel Chau, CLC Mozambique*

Wednesday (14th) - Kenya

We are thankful to God that we moved offices last year to a private location, thereby minimising rental costs and securing the continuation of the ministry during the (then) unknown crisis that was to come. We are also thankful for our small but united and very committed team who continued to work sacrificially during the pandemic. We are grateful for the ongoing work with our published authors during this period. - *Mercy Muthoni, CLC Kenya*

Thursday (15th) - Ivory Coast

We were thankful that we did not need to close our bookshop during the pandemic, even



though some other retail areas of Abidjan were shut down. In fact, many customers expressed their appreciation for our ministry at a time when churches were not allowed to meet due to the restrictions, and there were days when the Lord surprised us with good sales. - *Martine Foto, CLC Ivory Coast*

Friday (16th) - Sierra Leone

We thank God that this year we could order new stock from international suppliers, especially as this has not been the case for a while. Please pray that despite the economic and other challenges that we are facing, our customers may be delighted with the great selection we have available and that word will spread among the individual believers and the churches.

- *Donald John, CLC Sierra Leone*



The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Africa

Earlier this year, the difficult decision was taken to close the CLC bookshop in Monrovia, Liberia. At the time of writing, it is not yet clear whether someone else will take over the ministry under a different name. Please pray that whatever the outcome, Liberia may still have access to a wide range of Bibles and good Christian books that will be a help for many. - *Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director*

October 19th - 25th

Week 43 - Websites & Social Media

Monday (19th) - Europe

Many of the CLC European websites were already strong before COVID-19. We thank God that through this year, they have grown substantially and are so appreciated by our customers. Please pray for our teams across Europe as they put increasing emphasis on their websites by constantly updating, making the websites more user friendly and offering excellent customer service. - *Gary Chamberlin, Europe Regional Director*

Tuesday (20th) - United Kingdom

During the pandemic months, many have turned to the internet for their Bibles, books and other Christian resources. We are thankful that online sales increased significantly during the shutdown, thereby enabling us to keep our warehouse running for the whole time. The crisis has changed the way that Bibles and books are sold, and we want to remain relevant. Thank you for praying for us. - *Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust*

Wednesday (21st) - International Office

Praise God for two new members of the CLC technical team: Wilco van Haaren and Travis. Please pray that we will find the best way to collaborate and to divide our roles. Also pray that Travis and Wilco will quickly get up to speed with the website platform and the programming languages involved so that we might better (and faster) serve our CLC countries.

- *Cristi Cotovan, International Office Digital Department*



Thursday (22nd) - Uruguay

During the months of the pandemic, there has been a significant

increase in our website sales. To effectively maintain this flow, we are asking for prayer that we may have a person on our team who will work exclusively with our social networks. - *Albaro Silva, CLC Uruguay*



Friday (23rd) - Ecuador

Please pray for our website as we think that with the pandemic, it should have grown more. Every day we are working to improve and facilitate sales through this site. Even so, we continue to cry out for the Lord's direction to be creative with what we publish, and to make more continuous changes and give quick solutions. - *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Burkina Faso

After we showcased some of our books on Facebook and WhatsApp, we received phone calls from much further afield! A priest called us from a town some 250 kilometres from our bookshop, and someone else called from as far away as Chicago in the USA, having discovered our telephone number on Facebook! Please pray that we can see more results from these activities. - *Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso*

October 26th - November 1st

Week 44 - CLC Among the Nations

Monday (26th) - Ivory Coast

Please pray for our bookshop in Bouaké that the LORD will continue to bless us despite COVID-19. We are thankful for new customers who have been reached using social media, especially Facebook. Also pray for our country as we approach the general elections period as this can be a very tense time for the nation. The big day is October 31st. Thank you. - *Marie Sekongo, CLC Ivory Coast*

Tuesday (27th) - Burkina Faso

Please pray for our small bookshop in Ouagadougou, the capital. Pray that despite the many difficulties, we may keep the flame burning that was first lit on August 2nd, 1991! Pray also for the general elections in November that there will not be political and socioeconomic crises added to the other present challenges of terrorism and COVID-19. - *Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso*

Wednesday (28th) - USA

Pray for the USA as we go through some difficult times as a nation. There is much political gridlock and posturing, as well as general unrest. Pray that we will be instruments of peace in the midst of this and will be able to accomplish what the Lord desires. Please pray for peace as we lead up to elections in November. - *Charles Hurd, CLC USA*

Thursday (29th) - Uruguay

At the time of writing, so far this year we could make only one mobile outreach tour with the CLC vehicle. In normal circumstances, these mobile tours allow us to travel all over the country four or five times a year. People are already asking us when we will be able to take materials out to them again! - *Albaro Silva, CLC Uruguay*



Friday (30th) - Cyprus

We regularly hold book fairs in three other cities on the island during the month of November. We hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will not affect the possibility of holding these events this year also. Please pray for many people to attend, and for good contacts and good sales too! These book fairs are very essential for the upkeep of the bookshop. - *Sotos & Eva Photiades, CLC Cyprus*



The Weekend (31st - 1st) - Korea

November 1st is our 46th anniversary, and we have been blessed in many ways. Please continue to pray for our Director, Young Ho Park. Bless his health condition as he is 74 years old and still working full time as National Director of CLC Korea. May God continue to give him wisdom with which to bless our team! - *Sohee Yoo, CLC Korea*

November 2nd - 8th

Week 45 - CLC Around the World

Monday (2nd) - United Kingdom

A sad reality of COVID-19 has been the cancellation of all Christian events, conferences and gatherings in the UK. As KCLCT, we serve many of these events with Christian resources. Some, such as Spring Harvest, have been done online very successfully. At the time of writing, we still hope to run our own conference, *Mission Worship*, in November. Thank you for praying for this. - *Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust*

Tuesday (3rd) - Canada

One of our bookstores is located in an area of Montreal that serves a largely English-speaking clientele. However, this market has become difficult in recent years due to giant online competition. If we close for lack of profitability, the only English-language Christian bookstore in the entire eastern part of the country would disappear. Please pray for our profitability. - *Antoine Roberge, CLC Canada*



Wednesday (4th) - USA

We praise the Lord for Jim and Jeanette VanVeldhuizen and Corky Drury, and for their many years of service spent in CLC. Please pray for the Lord's continued guidance and provision in their next steps as they retired at the end of June. Pray also for Daniela Pitman who has joined our Accounts Department and for others who will help shoulder the load. - *Charles Hurd, CLC USA*



Thursday (5th) - Thailand

Please pray with us urgently that CLC Chiangmai may soon be able to move to a new location. There are many issues at the current building, including expensive utilities' bills and a lack of parking facilities for our customers. Thank you. - *Amanda Intajuk, CLC Thailand*

Friday (6th) - Japan

At the time of writing, the number of people infected with COVID-19 is increasing in Japan. We are thankful that CLC staff and their families have not been affected. We would like to ask for prayer for the daughter of one of our staff members from our Hiroshima bookshop. She was born with a heart condition, and the situation is sometimes tough. Please pray for her protection. - *Satoru Nakano, CLC Japan*

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Japan

We thank God for the six CLC bookshops in Japan. Please pray for our already very tight financial situation, which has been additionally challenged by the pandemic when our two strongest bookshops were closed for a number of weeks. At the time of writing, each bookshop is open again, but sales are less than half the usual amount, and church activities are still restricted.

- Satoru Nakano, CLC Japan

November 9th - 15th

Week 46 - International Office & Around the World

Monday (9th) - International Office

We thank God for the trustees of the CLC International Office, who freely give their time and talents to ensure that the International Office runs smoothly and legally! Please pray for them and their families, and also that the Lord will continue to give them unity and wisdom as they serve together in this way. Pray especially for John Raby, Chair of the trustees.

Tuesday (10th) - International Office

We are thankful to God for Nick Lugg who works in the International Office Accounts department, keeping all the financial records in order and effecting numerous transactions in the service of the CLC global ministry. Please pray for him that the Lord will continue to equip him for this important part of the ministry.

Wednesday (11th) - International Office

We thank God for Ruth Williams, a member of CLC UK, who spent 35 years serving with CLC France and more than 10 years serving as an International Office trustee. Ruth recently retired and moved back to the UK. Please pray for her as she makes this major adjustment.

- Sheena Wardrope, International Office

Thursday (12th) - France

Please pray for Denis and Marie Coutier who have moved this year from Marseille to Lille, where Denis is the new bookshop manager in succession of Ruth Williams (see yesterday's prayer point). Please pray for the Coutiers in their new surroundings. Pray that Denis will build good relationships with the customers and that the bookshop will continue to be a place of God's light and blessing.

- Sheena Wardrope, International Office



Ruth Williams, Marie & Denis Coutier

Friday (13th) - Colombia

We are thankful that during the pandemic, we could continue with our editorial work in preparation for when we could print again. Our titles include *Pro-Life* by Randy Alcorn, of which two associations in Europe have ordered 1,000 copies each. We also plan to produce the *Little Sheep Bible* and a discipleship training series for parents for distribution in Colombia.

- David Pabón, CLC Colombia

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Venezuela

Please pray for health and strength for the CLC team in Venezuela. At the height of the COVID-19 period, the CLC bookshops were closed for three months. Although the impact on sales and

income has been very severe, we are grateful for the opportunity to still serve and minister. Please pray for the Lord's provision for our team in every way. - *Delvis Blanco, CLC Venezuela*

November 16th - 22nd

Week 47 - Europe

Monday (16th) - France

Today and tomorrow (16th and 17th), there are plans for a meeting in Paris with approximately 400 church leaders and representatives from other missions. CLC will have a book table at this gathering, which will be held at the Paris Evangelical Centre. It is a wonderful opportunity for making contact with many partners. - *Hervé Lessous, CLC France*

Tuesday (17th) - Poland

We need more space! We are now printing more and more books, and there is no longer sufficient storage space in the bookshop. We could use a nearby room, conveniently accessible and not too expensive. Our bookshop is located in the city centre, and the cost of renting other premises is generally very high. - *Eva Rymer, CLC Poland*

Wednesday (18th) - Poland

In common with all the other CLCs around the world, we pray for more customers! Meanwhile, we are very thankful for those who already come and visit us, whether they are regular or just occasional or "one off" buyers. We pray that the books they purchase and the testimonies we share with them will help to lead them to the Saviour. - *Eva Rymer, CLC Poland*

Thursday (19th) - Italy

According to statistics, very few Italians read books. The same seems to be true for Italian believers as very few read even one book a year - other than the Bible. This is a challenge for a literature mission like CLC. Our desire is that we may help many to grasp the importance of good Christian literature for their spiritual growth. Please pray for wisdom as to how we can do this. - *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*

Friday (20th) - Italy

Once again, we can ask the question: How do we reach with the Gospel those who will not read a book? We are trying to improve our selection of Christian media - movies, music, gift items and audio books - so that a larger percentage of the population may come into contact with the good news. Please pray for divine inspiration for our marketing team. - *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - France

We praise the Lord for the relocated bookshop in Fort de France, Martinique, which opened to the public on July 1st. Hervé Lessous, director for CLC France, was able to visit them soon afterwards. Please pray that customers will come and enjoy the new bookshop and for the team that they will continue to serve well. - *Sheena Wardrope, International Office*

November 23rd - 29th

Week 48 - Latin America

Monday (23rd) - Colombia

We are very thankful that we have been able to meet our financial commitments throughout this very challenging year. Going forward, we ask for prayer for wisdom and discernment in all

our decision making for the various departments of the ministry. It is our desire that many will be won for the Lord through our resources. Thank you. - *David Pabón, CLC Colombia*

Tuesday (24th) - Ecuador

A customer told us about their neighbour's child; this child had already visited our customer's home where he was introduced to Christian literature. Later, in hospital with an undiagnosed condition, the child asked for our customer to bring him more literature about the Lord and the Bible. Our customer shared several books with him, and we are praying that the Lord will work in his life and body. - *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*

Wednesday (25th) - Panama

Please pray for the finances of the CLC ministry and especially for our staff and their families whose income has been significantly affected by several months of closure and quarantine. We do have some web sales, but these amount to only a small percentage compared to our usual bookshop sales. As everywhere, our overall economy has been severely impacted. - *Milton Cheng, CLC Panama*

Thursday (26th) - Bolivia

We ask for prayer for our economic situation post-pandemic, specifically that the Lord will help us to implement an effective distribution strategy for the materials that we have in stock. May He guide us clearly, give us creative ideas and provide us with material and human resources so that we can move forward after this crisis

- *Gamaliel & Marlene Padilla, CLC Bolivia*

Friday (27th) - Chile

The pandemic has helped us to strengthen our new web platform. We have especially promoted it while our bookstore in the capital, Santiago, has had to face a long period of quarantine. We ask for prayers that, as we approach the end of the year, the website will be strengthened even more in both technical and sales aspects. - *Patricio Romo, CLC Chile*

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Uruguay

As we approach the end of 2020 with all of its unexpected challenges, please pray that our team (and all the CLC teams around the world) will be strengthened and encouraged to finish the year well. Also pray that many people will already be planning to offer Bibles and Christian books as Christmas gifts in the month of December. - *Alvaro Silva, CLC Uruguay*

November 29th - 30th

Week 49 - End of the Year

Monday (29th) - Mozambique

Looking back, we thank God for all those who have shown mercy to the CLC ministry during the time of the pandemic. Our landlord in Maputo gave us a rental discount for three months of the emergency measures, in line with our corresponding drop in sales. We pray for the Lord's blessing on him and everyone else who has helped CLC during this difficult time.

- *Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director /CLC Mozambique*

Tuesday (30th) - Mexico

As we approach the end of the year, it is our prayer that the Lord will place in the hearts of all CLC staff members a genuine love, passion and willingness to serve Him in reverent fear. May we truly fulfil the mission and vision of CLC, and may the fruit of the Holy Spirit be reflected every day in our work and personal lives. - *María del Carmen Castañeda, CLC Mexico*



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Latin America meeting with Josh McDowell



CLC Mexico team meeting

CLC International Zoom Meetings

CLC has remained in contact, like so much of the world, on Zoom. In fact, we have been more connected during this time than under normal conditions. We have had two international prayer meetings attended by more than 100 team members and we hosted a special meeting with the author Josh McDowell. We publish his books in a number of languages and it was a wonderful opportunity for so many CLC workers to hear from Josh directly. Josh himself was amazed to see the CLC family from all parts of the globe.



CLC France Director Hervé & Jocelyne in the new shop

New CLC France bookshop in Martinique

The two Caribbean islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique form part of France. CLC has had a presence on both island for many years, but recently the Martinique shop was moved to a new location. Clearly this was a challenge to achieve during the coronavirus, but we give thanks to God that it has been opened to the public and is now serving the local community.

Websites on the Increase

So much of the world has had to transfer their activity online, and the same is true for CLC. For many, the website suddenly became the only way to serve our customers. We thank the Lord that so many of our teams were well prepared for this challenge and they have seen dramatic increases in their online sales. At the same time new websites are being developed for Peru, France and the United Kingdom. How much of the move online will be permanent is yet to be seen.

REFLECTING ON THE 2019 CYCLONE & THE 2020 PANDEMIC

Excerpts from a Report from the CLC team in Mozambique

"How the world has changed in such a short time! Suddenly, the world was plunged into a crisis that changed our way of life forever. A crisis that once again shows that the world cannot offer any certainties, not even in countries with the most developed economies. But for those of us who know Christ, it has given us a platform to testify that a relationship with God offers that firm foundation that the world so desperately needs, and that there is a hope and a future beyond our expectations.

Here in Mozambique, it is impossible to say how this will turn out, but most people will experience it as 'yet another crisis' of which their lives are made up. Many here remember all too well the devastation caused by Cyclone Idai in 2019. And many are not yet on top of it. However, there is hope. A hope that becomes tangible when the body of Christ reaches out to another in need."



CLC Mozambique team member Abel with one of the widows who lost their house



Purchasing and distribution of emergency food packages



Purchasing of the building materialsand transportation to the various locations





Happy girls with their new dresses!



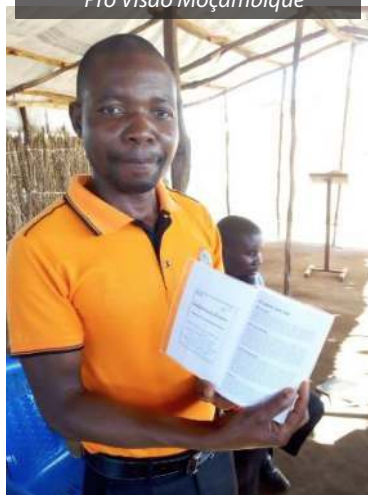
CLC Mozambique team member Sacramento distributing Bibles in Beira and Dondo to those who have lost theirs during Cyclone Idai or never had one



CLC Mozambique team member Sacramento with a local pastor



Bible distribution in the provinces, in partnership with Pro Visão Moçambique



And that is exactly what happened when people gave, in this case via CLC, to those who were affected by the cyclone last year...

"The response was overwhelming, and with the donations received we have been able to do so much more than we thought would be possible. All those who received help were deeply touched by the love of brothers and sisters from across the world. And all were touched by God's care for them in the most wretched of circumstances."

Here is just one of the messages of appreciation:-

"My name is Pastor Zacharias. I would like to thank you very much for the love you have shown us. We have received from you roof panels, food packages, soap, and so much more. And we were able to provide lunch for 80 children for a whole month! ...May the Almighty God bless you!"



Meeting with pastors in Beira to discuss the distribution of Bibles

mission worship

Mission: Worship

by Neil Wardrope, KCLCT Mission Director

Part of the mission statement of WEC International – the sister mission of CLC – says: ‘Praying to see Jesus known, loved and worshipped’. The ultimate goal of the church should be to see people from all nations bowing before King Jesus.

The Kingsway CLC Trust was formed out of the Kingsway Trust merging with CLC UK. The Kingsway Trust has its roots in the original Kingsway organisation which has a tremendous legacy in bringing new music to the church. This has revolutionised worship not only in the UK, but around the world.

It is with a great sense of responsibility, and recognition of the past, that KCLCT is able to announce that, despite the restrictions of coronavirus this year, we have been able to form relationships with three of the most widely known and respected producers of Christian music – Hillsong, Bethel and Capitol. We are very excited to be able to distribute this music across the whole of Europe.



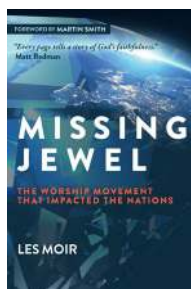
BETHEL MUSIC



KCLCT has the vision to equip the church to serve, to share the good news and to worship. What an honour and a privilege! We are not interested in simply ‘selling product’ but rather: *to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith* – Ephesians 4:12,13.

In 1960, A.W. Tozer stated that ‘worship is the missing jewel in the church’. In the decades since that time, there has been an explosion

of song writing, of musical creativity and an ever-greater emphasis on worship.



Les Moir has written a book titled *Missing Jewel* that charts this story. And it is a great story! From Graham Kendrick to Noel Richards, from Matt Redman to Tim Hughes, so many have contributed God-honouring songs of worship, often in a very

collaborative way.

KCLCT also forms a small part of the story which continues to this day. Each November, we host the Mission Worship Conference in Eastbourne, UK. At the time of writing, we are still trusting that this will go ahead, potentially in a different format. You can check on the website missionworship.com for details and to register. It provides an opportunity to learn, to worship and to engage with God. There are no spectators – everyone is involved.



It is our prayer and desire that, wherever people are on their spiritual journey, they have ever closer and more intimate experiences of God. We trust that these initiatives will encourage many to engage in meaningful worship.

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