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By Ken Wilson

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Dear CLC Friends,

Job 5:9 reminds us that God “does great things too marvelous to understand. He performs countless miracles” (NLT). Indeed He has surprised us in the past months! CLC International often has special projects, but the past year has gone beyond our expectations. He gave us marvelous opportunities to spearhead an unprecedented publishing project to produce Gospels of John and hundreds of thousands of books in Ukrainian to help meet the spiritual needs of the Ukrainian refugees. Additionally, an unexpected email from a printer in Belarus opened the door for us to print 10,000 Bibles in Chinese, in collaboration with a mission from Switzerland. They are currently being distributed in many countries.

What a joy to see the Lord raise up supporters to help CLC publish 10,000 French language Bibles for our ministries in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast! Many of you generously donated to these projects. THANK YOU!

Our new special project is to provide two 3-wheeled vehicles called “Kéké” for Sierra Leone in West Africa so that our team can increase the distribution of books and Bibles to local churches and attend many conferences with book tables in the cities of Freetown and Bo (see page 10).

We praise God for these open doors and for surprising us with many opportunities! You can still contribute to these important CLC projects (see page 23).

We heartily thank you for your support. God is faithful and is still performing miracles!

Gary Chamberlin,
CLC International Director

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Ukraine: A time for action!

by Gary Chamberlin, CLC International Director

Ukrainian soldiers receiving Gospels of John

Though CLC does not yet operate in Ukraine, several years ago I made an exploratory trip there, together with Nikita, my Russian colleague. We were warmly welcomed by many members of the Ukrainian Evangelical Publishers Association. We also visited several small Christian bookshops in the capital of Kyiv and elsewhere.

Little did I realize that those very contacts I made in Ukraine would be so important for what is happening now.

receiving the millions of refugees. We have countless contacts with pastors, churches, Christian organizations and individuals in these countries. How could CLC sit still in the face of such a huge need?

I strongly sensed the Lord's prompting to respond by doing what we do best, providing for people's spiritual needs with the Scriptures, appropriate Christian literature and even children's Bibles in the Ukrainian language.



Gary Chamberlin & Tomasz Kalisz holding Ukrainian titles published by CLC

My Polish CLC colleague, Tomasz Kalisz, and I formed a committed duo with a passion for the *CLC Ukraine Project*. We decided to focus our attention on the Gospel of John, several evangelistic titles for different age groups and books and Bibles for children. We made an appeal for help and funds began to pour in from churches, individuals, the global CLC Fellowship, and many Christian publishers, foundations and trusts. Praise God, the response has been overwhelming. God is faithful! As of now, over £300,000 (\$365,000 US) has been donated! Many of you contributed generously to this project. THANK YOU!

Doing what CLC does best

As the CLC International Director, I felt the need to jump into action during the first days of the war in February. CLC is in a unique position because we have ministries with national workers on the ground in many of Ukraine's neighboring countries who were

The joy of working together

The enthusiastic response has been humbling and we are grateful for the unprecedented collaboration with churches, donors, publishing houses and the Ukrainian Bible Society.

Remarkably, CLC has published about 400,000 pieces of literature in the Ukrainian language including 210,000 Gospels of John, 70,000 children's Bibles, and some excellent evangelistic material for children, teens and adults. We were also able to purchase many hundreds of children's Bibles in the Russian language from the Ukrainian Bible Society. In the first month of the war, we were able to get them across the border into Poland to distribute to those Ukrainian refugee children that are mother-tongue Russian. Praise the Lord!

The results

Many churches, Christian aid organizations and individuals have expressed their sincere gratitude for all of the excellent materials that are available to freely distribute.

It is moving to see photos of the Gospel of John being distributed to Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines! It reminds me of how Ken & Bessie Adams, the founders of CLC, were involved in distributing the Scriptures in the UK to German prisoners of war in the 1940's.

It touches our hearts to receive photos of Ukrainian children in Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Ukraine holding their very own Bible that CLC published for them. Both Protestant and Catholic believers have distributed our children's Bibles among three groups of Ukrainian orphans who escaped to Poland. What a joy to know that, though uprooted, they are learning of Jesus and reading stories from the Bible at a young age and in their mother tongue.

I personally met an elderly woman who came to the CLC Budapest shop looking for the Scriptures to give to two Ukrainian families being housed by her Lutheran church in Budapest. She went away with a grateful heart and with a pile of free books for adults and children. Everyone needs to know the Gospel message!

What's next?

First, CLC will continue to print and

distribute excellent Christian literature to the Ukrainian refugees as long as the Lord provides. If you feel moved to support this project, please do. The needs continue.

Second, various Ukrainian publishers and individuals who know of us or have discovered CLC through the Ukraine Project have been asking us to finally come to Ukraine to publish and to distribute through bookshops. I ask you to pray with us for such a huge project. May the Lord, in His perfect timing, give us the financial and human resources for such a project. We need the right person to spearhead this endeavor and committed Ukrainian staff to take it forward. Pray with us that we will know the mind of the Lord in this important matter.

Finally, I invite you to pray that the books and Scriptures that CLC is freely distributing will touch the hearts of the readers so that their lives may be changed by the power of the Gospel.



Ukrainian girl with a Bible

Sweet and Sour Chicken for Me, and a Bible for You!

by Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director

Can you help?

Being part of the international CLC family brings great joy and opens up multiple opportunities. We are known for working in many countries, with people on the ground who understand the local situation. Having done this for over 80 years, CLC is trusted by publishers, donors and other ministries. In the last year, a donor in Switzerland wanted to donate 10,000 Chinese Bibles to be distributed freely to Chinese people living and working outside of their own country. The donor wanted to know if we could participate in this - of course we could, and we would be delighted to do so!

Which Bible Version?

Then the hard work began. A Bible version had to be selected and it was decided to use the Modern Chinese Union Version. This Bible is in simplified Chinese which means it can be read by mainland Chinese and Singaporeans. Traditional Chinese script is used in Hong Kong and Taiwan. So, this project was directed specifically at those able to read simplified Chinese.

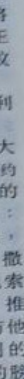
You may be interested to know that Bibles

are produced in a few specific countries with the necessary specialised printing presses. A significant proportion of the Bibles in circulation today are printed in China (yes!), South Korea, Belgium and Belarus. In this case, it was decided to print the Bibles in Belarus at a printer where we have good relationships.



Once printed, the Bibles had to be distributed to a number of countries around the world. The main recipients were in the UK, South Korea, the Netherlands, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Panama, with some remaining in Belarus. In all of these countries there are significant

numbers of Chinese workers who have set up a variety of businesses. In the UK, especially, there are a large number of Chinese students.



Of course, the Word of God only has an impact once it is read, so the process of giving away the Bibles one by one is important. In the UK, a significant proportion of the Bibles have been sent to those working with university students including those in Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Exeter, Sheffield, Leicester, Warwick, Coventry and Dundee. Tens of thousands of Chinese students come to the UK every year, many with little or no understanding of Christianity but, at the same time, very open. Many have turned to the Gospel before returning to China to be part of the ongoing revival there.

In South Korea there has been demand for these free Bibles from a variety of people:

- A prison officer in a prison for foreigners wanted to reach out to Chinese prisoners.
- A pastor doing multi-cultural work in Seoul has used the Bibles to evangelise the Chinese immigrants in his neighbourhood.
- A 67-year-old lady asked for a Bible for her new daughter-in-law so she could learn about God in her mother tongue.
- One of the largest churches in Seoul has received 200 Bibles for use in their Chinese language services and for street evangelism.

We thank God for the privilege of being part of this distribution of His Word.

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PROJECT UPDATE *10,000 Bibles for Francophone Africa*

by Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director



Martine, Director of CLC Ivory Coast

Back in 2020, I was day-dreaming about what could be done to boost the CLC ministry in West Africa, and help to fulfil our vision to bring God's Word to as many people as possible around the globe. Since, by God's grace, we had successfully raised funds a couple of years previously for 10,000 Bibles in Portuguese for Mozambique, I wondered if a similar project could benefit the people of BENIN, BURKINA FASO and IVORY COAST. A conversation with Gary Chamberlin (then CLC European Director and now also CLC International Director) led to another conversation between Gary and Hervé Lessous, Director of CLC France. Hervé was enthusiastic and a plan began to take shape!

We decided to go for variety, with three different covers and colours! Additionally, the Bibles would have extra important content on the opening pages: a summary of the Gospel message and a suggested prayer for salvation, written by members of the CLC Africa teams. Plus, they would display the contact details of the CLC ministries in France and Canada as well as in the three African countries mentioned above.

Upon obtaining a printer's quotation, a fund-raising campaign was launched. Many people prayed and gave. Subsequently, the Bibles were ordered and delivered to France at the end of last year... a wonderful Christmas present at the CLC warehouse in Montélimar! Then, in January, there came the task of shipping the Bibles to the

three countries in West Africa. It was not easy, since it coincided with a change in the French Postal Service, which limited the number of mail bags allowed per day to Africa. (Mail bags were our method of choice, as they are a much more economical form of despatch). We began by allocating 1,000 Bibles to each of the four CLC centres in the region, which meant sending 1,000 each to Benin and Burkina and 2,000 Bibles to Ivory Coast. At last, the day came when CLC in Abidjan, Bouaké, Cotonou and Ouagadougou were able to display and begin to sell the beautiful new Bibles!



Pastor Lobé

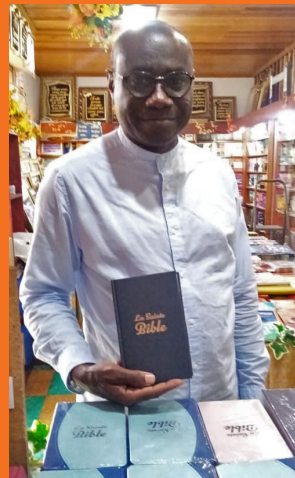
And what do the customers have to say? Pastor Lobé, a regular and long-term customer of CLC Abidjan, went on record: *"I want to say thank you to the Almighty God and to CLC which at last has its very own Bible! I am very happy and I will certainly tell my colleagues, my friends and my congregation about this! May the LORD bless CLC in this Project, for CLC is a missionary work in God's service!"*

On behalf of all our teams in BENIN, BURKINA FASO and IVORY COAST, a heartfelt and huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed, both financially and prayerfully, to this Project. *God bless you!*

PROJECT GOAL

*The idea is to **supply the Bibles 100% free** to our African bookshops. They are then sold at an accessible price and, with the money from sales, the Project can be repeated, thereby ensuring a continuous supply of these Bibles. However, when the Bibles arrive at the African ports, there are still customs and delivery costs to pay. These fees have increased substantially in recent months. If you would like to send a donation to help with these costs, please do so using the information at the end of this magazine.*

*If you or your church would be interested in sponsoring a quantity of these Bibles, either for evangelism projects and/or to supply God's Word to a church in a less well off community in BENIN, BURKINA FASO or IVORY COAST, please contact me at this address:
liz.patten@clcinternational.org.*



LATIN AMERICA

Book van purchase

We thank the Lord for an answer to prayer. CLC Peru was able to purchase a new book van which will facilitate the mobile ministry in several cities around Peru. Praise the Lord that they will be able to plan routes to visit churches, schools, seminaries and different events.

PLEASE PRAY for the growing ministry in Peru and for the future opportunities that will come out of this new book van. Please also continue to pray for Cristian Farias, the Director for CLC Peru and a member of CLC Chile, who remains based in Chile but has several trips to Peru arranged for this year.



Purchasing the van

LATIN AMERICA

New Regional Director

From International Director Gary Chamberlin:

"Please pray for our brother David Pabón in his new position as Regional Director of Latin America. David is also the Director of CLC Colombia, the largest CLC country in Latin America. Praise God for David's willingness to take on this important role.

PLEASE PRAY for David as he balances his notable responsibilities in Colombia with this new role which will take up about 30% - 40% of his time. Pray also for his dear family."



David Pabón

PROJECTS

Sierra Leone Kéké Project

Please consider donating towards the cost of two motorised tricycles (known locally as "kékés" for our team in Sierra Leone, West Africa. These will greatly facilitate outreach activities at churches and events in different parts of the country. In the photo, CLC manager Alfred Kaikai is standing beside a kéké which has been "photoshopped" with the CLC logo to illustrate what we are praying for!



Alfred Kaikai



September 1st - 4th

Week 36 - (Continued) Worldwide

Thursday (1st) - Uruguay

September is the "Month of the Bible" in Uruguay (and in other countries in Latin America, such as Ecuador). We hope to have some good promotional offers for our customers and for the churches. Please pray that many will be reached with God's Word through these endeavours. - *Humberto Urrutia*

Friday (2nd) - Ecuador

Please pray for our participation in the International Book Fair in Guayaquil as it is a great opportunity to evangelise and reach many people who do not know about the Lord. Please also pray for our goal of a 10% increase in sales this month compared to the same month last year. - *Mónica Rojas*

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Romania

Since the start of CLC's Ukraine Outreach Project, many refugees either returned to Ukraine or moved from Romania to other destinations. Nonetheless, God has connected us with organisations that are able to contact Ukrainians and place our literature in their hands. At the time of writing, many thousands of books have been distributed, and we trust in God for help to continue. - *Ronela Micula*

September 5th - 11th

Week 37 - Africa

Monday (5th) - Benin

Please pray for an improvement in the national economy in general and for an increase in our sales. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom as we place orders with our suppliers for the end of the year that we may have the right stock for our customers. - *Emmanuel Ladeyo*

Tuesday (6th) - Burkina Faso

We are thankful to God for His many blessings, including a successful eye surgery for Sami

Luc Noufé in May and for good health for our families. We also thank Him for the availability of our brother Gérard Ouedraogo who retired from CLC last year. He has been such a help during my convalescence and also in doing book tables.

- Sami Luc Noufé

Wednesday (7th) - Ivory Coast

I thank the Lord that, following last year's sudden departure of one of our staff members to her home country, He has sent us a new team member: Marie Akadjé. Pray for Marie that she may integrate well and that she may work dynamically and have wisdom in all her dealings with our customers. - Martine Foto



Marie Akadjé

Thursday (8th) - Kenya

In addition to the increased cost of living in Kenya, the prices for our printing consumables have gone up by 72% over a period of time and could rise still further. Obviously, this has affected various aspects of our ministry, including our pricing structure. We pray for God's provision and wisdom in handling this. - Muthoni Mercy

Friday (9th) - Mozambique

The costs of importing Bibles and books from Brazil pose a serious threat to their affordability in Mozambique. One way to lower these costs would be the availability of someone in Brazil to consolidate our orders from various publishers and send them to us as one single order. Please pray with us that we will find that "someone" to do this, preferably as a volunteer. - Petra Nemansky

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Sierra Leone

This year, thanks to some generous donors, we received a quantity of "Pastors Packs" from Crossway in the USA. We have distributed these Packs free of charge to pastors in rural areas where there is no direct access to a Christian bookshop. Please pray that these books and Bibles will enrich the lives of these pastors and those to whom they minister. Thank you. - Alfred Kaikai

September 12th - 18th

Week 38 - Asia



Book table in Thailand

Monday (12th) - India

We thank and praise God that at the time of writing, we have just received permission to open a book centre in the new premises of the Christian Medical College in Vellore. We are excited at this prospect, and we hope that we will have already opened by the time you read this!

- Justin Chellappan

Tuesday (13th) - Thailand

During the spread of COVID-19, many missionaries left, which led to a loss of customers for us. Now, many have returned, and a reunion event was held in Chiangmai, where CLC Thailand had the opportunity to do a book table. It is our prayer that following this significant meeting, our missionary customers will return to the bookshop.

- Amanda Intajuk



Wednesday (14th) - Philippines

We thank God for the continued opportunity to have a book table in one of the churches in Baliuag, Bulacan. We are considering opening a new bookshop in this city. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for us. - *Romualdo Macinas*

Thursday (15th) - Philippines

This year, the Manila International Book Fair will be held from September 15th to 18th. Please pray that many books and Bibles will be sold, and for more contacts and future customers. Pray also for good weather for this event and that those who attend will be blessed. - *Romualdo Macinas*

Friday (16th) - Philippines

The CLC Davao branch has been struggling with low sales since the start of the pandemic. Despite this, we are thankful for occasional large orders, such as the customer who requested 300 copies of *Wilmington's Guide to the Bible*. Please pray for more "quantity" orders like this! - *Romualdo Macinas*

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Philippines

Further to yesterday's prayer point, please pray that our sales will quickly pick up at CLC Davao. Pray also for a new manager and one other additional staff member as the present manager will be resigning. Otherwise, we may need to consider closing, which obviously we do not want to do. - *Romualdo Macinas*

September 19th - 25th

Week 39 - Europe & International Council Meetings

Monday (19th) - Eastern Europe 1

During the last two years, most independent public and social organisations were closed down in our country, often without previous announcement. Praise the Lord that, so far, we have been able to continue. We are doing our best to follow all the government rules in order to not give any reason to close CLC. Please pray for God's protection for us.

Tuesday (20th) - International Office

On September 20th and 21st, there will be special meetings of the CLC International Council (the governing body of CLC) for two hours each day by Zoom. Young Ho Park, Director of CLC South Korea, will be the devotional speaker. Please pray for good fellowship and for unity in the various decisions that need to be made. - *Gary Chamberlin*

Wednesday (21st) - France

On July 1st this year, CLC France acquired the publishing house known as *Emeth*, whose vision is to make the Jewish roots of the Christian faith better known. Let us pray that this vision will be perpetuated and developed through the publishing arm of CLC. - *Hervé Lessous*

Thursday (22nd) - Netherlands

From October, we will have some major staff changes: Bertus Keuter will resign as National

Director after 13 years of service, and Wilco van Haaren will start a new job. We are thankful to have found a young couple to be new managers for the bookshop in Apeldoorn. Pray for enough sales to cover our costs so that the shop continues. - *Bertus Keuter*

Friday (23rd) - Netherlands

Corine Brijs, the manager of the Apeldoorn shop for the past several years, had heart surgery for the second time at the beginning of July. We are thankful that all went well and without complications. Please pray for her full recovery so that she can take up her new role in the bookshop to support the new managers, Karel Jan and Louis (see yesterday's prayer point).

- *Bertus Keuter*

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - European Conference & European Director

Please pray for the CLC European Conference that will take place in Cyprus from October 5th - 8th. Pray for the election of a new European Director that will take place, and pray for a useful and encouraging time of fellowship and interaction between the delegates from different countries. Pray that everyone will return home encouraged to continue in their service. - *Gary Chamberlin, International Director*

September 26th - October 2nd

Week 40 - Latin America

Monday (26th) - Venezuela

By now, many of our computers and printers that we use every day in the bookshops and in the administrative department are several years old. We pray that the Lord will provide the resources to enable us to update this equipment so that we may continue to develop the work of the ministry day by day. - *Yohel Peña*

Tuesday (27th) - Venezuela

There are various repairs to infrastructure that need to be carried out in some of our bookshops. We thank God that, at the time of writing, we are about to start a major repair in the Barquisimeto bookshop. We pray that the Lord will provide the resources for the work in other bookshops, such as those at Maracaibo and Caracas. - *Yohel Peña*



Wednesday (28th) - Chile

Radio Armonía is the main Christian radio station in Chile. It is well established and reaches the whole country. Since July, CLC has had a slot of 25 to 45 minutes each Friday when we conduct interviews, recommend books and advertise our special offers, etc. The programme is also streamed on YouTube, and, so far, every week has brought results. - *Patricio Romo*

Thursday (29th) - Colombia

September is the *Month of Love & Friendship* in Colombia and so we have been especially promoting books on the themes of marriage, courtship and healthy relationships in

general. Also, our publishing house is launching two books to counter gender ideology: *Why God Made Me a Girl* and *Why God Made Me a Boy* (both by Joe Owen). - *Iris Vargas*

Friday (30th) - Colombia

Please pray for health and strength for our teams as we prepare for our stocktaking, which we will start next month in various cities and continue through October and November. Pray we will work quickly and accurately. Also, please pray for our publishing house. In November, we plan to launch the book, *The Normal Christian Life* by Watchman Nee. - *Iris Vargas*

The Weekend (1st - 2nd) - Colombia

October is the *Month of the Bible* in Colombia. Please pray that we may be instruments used by God to place His Word into as many lives as possible. - *Iris Vargas*

October 3rd - 9th

Week 41 - North America & The Caribbean



Barbados' Bible display

Monday (3rd) - Antigua

We are grateful that, although we have experienced loss of sales, God has met our needs. We are drawn to pray more, and we know that God still answers prayers and that he is a very merciful Father! Please pray for His continuous protection on our lives and ministry, especially during the Caribbean hurricane season, which peaks in October.

- *Arah Martin*

Tuesday (4th) - Barbados

We are grateful to the Lord and to other CLCers who have helped us rebuild our inventory, which had become depleted during COVID-19. Now it includes (among many other items) an excellent Bible display and a wonderful selection of verse cards. Please pray for our protection as we have been warned that this year could bring an "above average" hurricane season. - *Marion Manning*

Wednesday (5th) - Dominica

We thank God for helping us to keep the bookstore open during these challenging times and for the new customers who continue to find us. We are especially grateful for a gift from one customer that will enable us to finance new exterior signage as well as some radio advertisements for the bookstore. We trust God to lead us in His plans. - *Tajya Wilson*

Thursday (6th) - United States

Please pray for the new candidate for CLC USA, Amy Beevers, who has moved here in September from Germany to serve as a missionary in our Editorial Department. Pray for ongoing funding for her as she needs to raise support for this position. - *Charles Hurd*

Friday (7th) - United States

Please pray for our facilities and maintenance team as we continue to renovate our older buildings. Pray also for an additional maintenance person to join us as Dave Desch prepares

for retirement in the near future after many years of faithful service. He hopes to continue helping on a part-time basis as he is able. - *Charles Hurd*

The Weekend (8th - 9th) - United States

Pray with us for the publishing process as we review proposals and print and distribute new titles. It is our heart's desire to see these books carry out the mission of CLC that people may come to faith and grow in the knowledge of God - and that we may glorify the Lord in this work! - *Charles Hurd*

October 10th - 16th

Week 42 - International Office

Monday (10th) - Regional Directors' Meeting

Please pray for the Regional Directors' (RD) meetings that will be held in Cyprus from October 9th - 11th. Although there are regular Zoom meetings, these will be the first in-person RD meetings since 2019. Pray for the International Director as he chairs the meetings, which are largely for assessment and strategising. Pray for unity and for God's leading. - *Gary Chamberlin, International Director*

Tuesday (11th) - European Regional Director

Pray for the new Regional Director for Europe, who will have been elected at last week's CLC conference in Cyprus (see prayer point for 24th - 25th September). Pray that they will have much wisdom and insight for their new role and for good relationships with the individual European Directors in the various countries. - *Gary Chamberlin, International Director*

Wednesday (12th) - International Office team

Please pray for the International Office team in Sheffield, UK. Pray especially for good health for Cristi Cotovan, who works very hard in the digital department with very little face-to-face contact. Pray also for Nick Lugg, who oversees the finances and for Neil and Sheena Wardrope who (between them) have a number of varied responsibilities.

- *John Raby, Chair of Trustees*

Thursday (13th) - Board of Trustees

Patricio Romo and Petra Nemansky have recently been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the CLC International Office (IO). Please pray for them as they grow in their understanding of, and contribution to, IO matters. Pray especially for Patricio, who is based in Chile and for whom English is not his first language. Petra is based in the Netherlands.

- *John Raby, Chair of Trustees*

Friday (14th) - Global Day of Prayer and Fasting

On October 18th, there will be a day of prayer and fasting for CLC global. As part of this, many CLC staff from around the world will participate in a two-hour Zoom meeting to listen to God's Word, and to worship and pray together. Please pray for all aspects of the logistics for this meeting - both technical and otherwise! - *Petra Nemansky, International Office*

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - International Office

In these times of shaking, please pray that CLC may be a light to bring stability to a confused and hurting generation. May God show us more effective and creative ways in which we may present and share his Good News and let us not forget to pray for the survival and strengthening of our more vulnerable CLC teams around the world.

- *Lewis Codrington, International Office*

October 17th - 23rd

Week 43 - Central Asia & Europe

Monday (17th) - Central Asia 2

Please pray for our vision going forward. During COVID-19, we reduced our expenses (and therefore our staff), and we were able to hold on thanks to this and our financial reserves. However, we still do not have enough book sales to cover our expenses. We ask the Lord to guide us as to the right decision for the future of the ministry.

Tuesday (18th) - Central Asia 2

Recently, we had a customer with a mentally sick son, for whom she bought a Bible and some Christian books. She says that, when she reads them to him, "he calms down and believes that the demons leave him". Please pray for this family that Jesus will reveal himself to them and save them. Pray also for us that we may know how to speak with people who come to the bookshop.

Wednesday (19th) - France

At the time of writing, CLC France hopes to participate in the Frankfurt Book Fair, which will take place on October 19th and 20th. Our main aim with this is to work on new projects for our publishing department for the coming years. Please pray for fruitful connections for us.
- *Hervé Lessous*

Thursday (20th) - France

During 2022, CLC France has been leading a group of Christian bookshops that is interested in reflecting on the possible future of Christian bookshops by 2030 in our country. We need the Lord to inspire us as we try to think ahead and find some new ways to encourage visitors to come to our shops. Our aim is to reach people of all ages! - *Hervé Lessous*

Friday (21st) - United Kingdom

We are grateful to the Lord for a variety of new team members with particular skills that we need in marketing, digital marketing and customer services who have joined us in recent months. Since the merger with Kingsway Trust, there has been a significant refocusing of our work towards distribution, online trading and communications and events. We thank the Lord for providing the people we need for this time. - *Neil Wardrope, KCLCT*



Children's book table

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Cyprus

For two years, we were unable to hold any book tables due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

We praise God that we could start again with a book table at a children's camp in July! Many books were purchased, especially missionary biographies. At the time of writing, we hope and pray that we will be able to hold pre-Christmas book tables in the month of November. - *Eva & Sotos Photiades*

October 24th - 30th

Week 44 - Africa

Monday (24th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for peace and security as our country is going through difficult and challenging times with much tension amongst political leaders and their parties. We have suffered a number of industrial actions this year, which have caused great inconveniences for citizens. Pray that God will enable us to love one another again as Sierra Leoneans.

- *Alfred Kaikai*

Tuesday (25th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for our newly created Outreach Department in Freetown, which has the aim of visiting as many churches and events as possible with our Bibles and books. Pray for health and strength for George Kapindi, who is contacting the pastors and attending these events. Pray for many doors of opportunity to be opened for him. - *Alfred Kaikai*

Wednesday (26th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for Matthew and Isatta Ndoinjeh at our provincial bookshop in Bo. Matthew is usually involved in outreach activities while Isatta remains in the bookshop, serving the customers there. Pray for successful fundraising (approximately £10,600 or \$13,000 US in total) for two motorised tricycles (known locally as "kékéés") to enable Matthew and George (see yesterday's prayer point) in their outreach ventures. - *Alfred Kaikai*

Thursday (27th) - Kenya

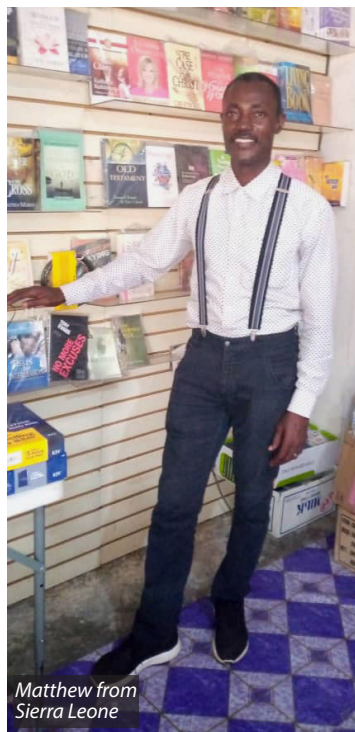
We are believing God for clarity of direction relating to our Print-On-Demand (POD) ministry. At the time of writing, our Head of Printing has recently left, and, for the time being, his responsibilities have been redistributed amongst others. We pray for strength so that we will be able to handle the added work. - *Mercy Muthoni*

Friday (28th) - Kenya

Next month, we will host our second annual Awards Gala for African Christian Authors (ACABA). We pray for God's provision and that all the plans and efforts to promote authorship in Africa will bear lasting fruit. We pray, too, for the authors in our *Authors Collaboration* programme that they may be encouraged to continue with their writing despite their challenges. - *Mercy Muthoni*

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - Kenya

Please join us in thanking God for the many volunteers He has given us, thereby enabling us to keep our ministry going. Please pray especially for Jackline and Helen, who help manage the day-to-day



Matthew from
Sierra Leone

administration of CLC ministries. We thank Him, too, that this year we could renovate the building structure hosting CLC Kenya as we now have a more suitable working environment. - *Mercy Muthoni*

October 31st - November 6th

Week 45 - Africa & Asia

Monday (31st) - India

In the first week of November, we conduct an annual special sale at the CLC (ELS) headquarters. We will do it again this year, so please pray for all the arrangements and for an excellent level of customer response. Thank you. - *Justin Chellappan*

Tuesday (1st) - Mozambique

Please pray for CLC Mozambique's team conference at the beginning of this month. Pray especially for safety for those who will travel from our bookshops in Beira and Nampula - distances of 1,150 km and 2,000 km, respectively - to arrive in the capital, Maputo. Also pray for the International Office staff who will facilitate training. Pray for a blessed and refreshing time. - *Petra Nemansky*

Wednesday (2nd) - Mozambique

Please pray for Carlos Cunha (CLC Portugal), who will travel to Mozambique for the team conference (see yesterday's prayer point). After the conference, Carlos will install an electronic sales and inventory system in CLC Maputo, similar to the one being used by CLC in Portugal. Pray that this goes smoothly and that the local team will learn to operate it quickly and accurately. - *Petra Nemansky*

Thursday (3rd) - Thailand

Please pray for good sales in the last two months of this year, including our internet sales. Also, please pray that we will have sufficient cash flow to allow us to continue with our purchases of the desired inventory. Thank you. - *Amanda Intajuk*

Friday (4th) - Philippines

Our Print-on-Demand equipment needs to be upgraded because some of the items are deteriorating now. We especially need to upgrade the cutter and the laminator. Please pray for God's provision for these two items. We now rent the printers as we find this to be more practical than buying. Thankfully, there are companies that facilitate the rental service. - *Romualdo Macinas*

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Worldwide

Please pray for the other CLC Regional Directors as well as myself as we seek the Lord about different requests to open up a CLC ministry in various countries of the world. The Christian population is often very small in these countries, but the people who bring the requests are sometimes willing to help and the need is certainly great. - *Romualdo Macinas, Regional Director for Asia*

November 7th - 13th

Week 46 - Latin America

Monday (7th) - Venezuela

This year, we have a new National Director and a new Board of Directors. We ask you to pray for God's blessing for them so that they may be able to continue to develop the ministry faithfully in accordance with God's purposes. We also ask that the Lord will renew

the strength, commitment and CLC mission vision in each member of the team.

- *Yohel Peña*

Tuesday (8th) - Uruguay

At the time of writing, we are experiencing delays of shipments coming from the USA. Not only that, but the costs are constantly rising, and it is increasingly difficult to get space on the ships to Uruguay at affordable prices. Please pray for these challenges, and pray, too, for safety and wisdom for our mobile ministry trips to the interior of the country where the distribution has decreased. - *Humberto Urrutia*



Wednesday (9th) - Ecuador

This month, we will be holding the National Booksellers Event. Please pray that the Lord will give us the direction and wisdom to train and help other Christian bookstores to grow with practical tools, and get to know new and valuable resources that will allow us to continue spreading the word of the Lord in Ecuador. - *Mónica Rojas*

Thursday (10th) - Colombia

For CLC Colombia, November is the *Month of Social Work* with our Social Foundation

now celebrating 10 years since its beginning. We have planned different activities, such as Thompson Bible seminars, humanitarian aid (including community kitchens and medical treatment) and the teaching of reading and writing with a purpose. We also deliver books to prisons. - *Iris Vargas*

Friday (11th) - Colombia

Once again, this year, the CLC Colombia online shop is holding its Black Friday event to continue encouraging our customers to buy from the comfort of their own home. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that the event will run from the November 25th - 27th.

- *Iris Vargas*

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Peru

We thank God for a significant reduction in the level of our old debts to publishers, and we are thankful for a special offering from CLC Chile that has helped towards this. With God's help, we would like to end the month of November having made significant further progress in this area. - *Cristian Farias*

November 14th - 20th

Week 47 - Worldwide

Monday (14th) - Antigua

This year, we have made some adjustments to improve our customer service. Customers use the social media app *WhatsApp* to contact us, and, where possible, we provide what they need. This includes a "home or office delivery" to those within a certain distance. This is especially important while churches are not fully open with many online services still taking place. - *Arah Martin*

Tuesday (15th) - Mozambique

Please pray for the continued distribution of Bibles amongst those displaced by terrorist activities in the north of Mozambique. We have been partnering in this with YWAM, who have a discipleship training base close to where our bookshop is located in Nampula. Pray for safety for the students as they visit the districts and pray that the Bibles will reach those who need them most. - *Petra Nemansky*

Wednesday (16th) - United Kingdom

We thank the Lord for the hard work and skill of our events team, especially Chris Hartingdon and Daryl Wearing. We have been able to serve many conferences this year and engage with a wide variety of brothers and sisters, including the Lambeth Conference (a global meeting of Anglican bishops), the Vineyard churches and the Elim Pentecostals. - *Neil Wardrope, KCLCT*

Thursday (17th) - United States

With our continued emphasis on importing international products and day-to-day work shipping out from our warehouse, we rely heavily on the US Postal Service and several shipping and logistics companies. Please pray with us for good pricing and efficient delivery of inbound and outbound orders that God would speed them on their way, especially as we approach the Christmas season! - *Charles Hurd*

Friday (18th) - Romania

Please pray for our immediate and long-term staffing situation. Many people leave Romania, which makes it difficult to find (or even to keep) suitable workers, to the point where our team has reduced from six people to three. Eventually we will also need a replacement for the National Director, who has already reached retirement age.

- *Ronela Micula*

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Worldwide

Please pray for all our teams around the world as they prepare for what will be - for most of them - the busiest few weeks in the calendar. Pray for health, strength and stamina for those working in our bookshops and for excellent customer service via our online bookshops as well. Pray for speed and accuracy in preparing customer orders.

- *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

November 21st - 27th

Week 48- West Africa

Monday (21st) - Francophone Africa

We are very thankful for the project to supply 10,000 Bibles in French for CLC Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. Please pray that our teams will be able to sell these Bibles in a reasonable period of time, finding churches and organisations (as well as individual customers) who will be interested in purchasing larger quantities.

- *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Tuesday (22nd) - Sierra Leone

Our prayer and our desire this year is to be able to reach out with even more book tables at churches and events in the Bo city region. Also, that we may have an increase in customers at the CLC Bo shop and hear testimonies from them about how our books have changed their lives. Please also pray that we will have a real spirit of commitment and devotion in the CLC ministry. - *Alfred Kaikai*

Wednesday (23rd) - Burkina Faso

Please pray for an end to the terrorism that blights our country and seems to increase almost every month. May the Lord enable our defence forces to overcome this problem so that we may live securely. Pray, too, for the safety of our team as we take book tables to various churches and events, both inside the capital and to the provinces. - *Sami Luc Noufé*

Thursday (24th) - Ivory Coast

We are thankful for the constant encouragement of our International Director concerning the importance of the use of social media and for the involvement of Lionel Couret (CLC France) and Ruth Williams (CLC France, retired), who have both helped to improve our Facebook page and other online activities. May the Lord bless them, and may He help us to continually do better. - *Martine Foto*



Martine at the radio show

Friday (25th) - Ivory Coast

We thank the Lord that, despite the difficult sociopolitical situation and the high cost of living that seems to increase every day, we often manage to have good sales. This is despite certain local "piracy" activities carried out by others who sell illegal photocopies of Christian books. We see our sales as a proof of God's goodness and faithfulness to us. - *Martine Foto*

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Ivory Coast

Our partnership with the Assemblies of God radio station, "Hosanna FM", has been extended. Let us pray that more Christians will come to discover CLC through the airwaves of this station and visit us, both on our Facebook pages and in person at the bookshops. - *Martine Foto*

November 28th - 30th

Week 49- Latin America

Monday (28th) - Technology

Thank God for technology! Even though some of our National Directors are based in different countries, they are able to meet regularly with their teams to share God's Word, pray together and strategise over Zoom. Some examples would be Cristian Farias (CLC Peru, based in Chile), Liz Patten (CLC Mozambique, based in the UK) and David Scouler (CLC Sierra Leone, based in Australia).

Tuesday (29th) - Peru

This year, we have especially been promoting the book, *New Mercies Every Morning* by Paul Tripp. We thank God for the opportunity to get it into the hands of leaders and the general public so that as many people as possible may understand the depth of God's grace. Please pray for the ongoing effect of this project in many lives! - *Cristian Farias*

Wednesday (30th) - Peru

We thank God that this year we were able to import stock from 11 different publishers, thereby adding more than 1,000 titles to our inventory. Please pray that these books and Bibles will continue to sell and that we will be able to meet our commitments to the suppliers. - *Cristian Farias*

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