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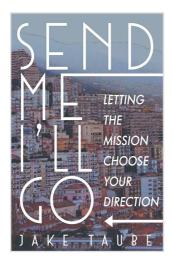


HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL IN ITALY

ON OUR BOOKSHELF

SEND ME, I'LL GO

By Jake Taube



Jake Taube analyzes current mission trends and challenges potential disciple-makers to personalize the decision to spread the message of salvation. This book examines the call of the Great Commission and offers a vision for western Christians to live the responsibility of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the world's unreached people groups. ISBN: 9781619581821

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Dear CLC Friends,

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7 NET)

We are excited to present this edition of CLC World to you! It is filled with stories, testimonies, praise reports, and prayer requests for our CLC staff and thousands of people who receive Bibles and Christian books from us each month. These are stories of people who are ordinary "clay jars," but with God's power, spectacular things are happening. Your faithful prayers and financial support are the lifeline that keeps it going. Thank you!

Read on page 6 about what it means that two new countries achieved "Established" status, on page 9 of a grieving woman who accepts Christ and finds hope. Read on page 10 of a biker who was rescued by Christ in prison and who now helps distribute the Message of Life. Praise God with us for 10,000 Bibles for Mozambique, and much more.

Our prayer is that as you read this, you will commit to pray with us and add your "clay jar" to the work as the Lord directs you.

Blessings,

Jim Pitman, CLC Regional Director for North America & The Caribbean

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OUR MISSION IS TO HONOUR GOD RY MAKING CHRISTIAN LITERATURE RESOURCES AND **AVAILABLE** TO NATIONS, ALL TO **HELP** PEOPLE COME TO FAITH AND MATURITY IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.



BALANCING MISSION WITH BUSINESS by Gary Chamberlin

Ken Adams, our founder, famously said that CLC is 100% mission and 100% business. The global staff considers themselves to be missionaries with a calling to provide quality Christian literature to the nations. Carrying out this mission requires both a heart for ministry and a commitment to good work ethics and high product standards. There are no shareholders and no individual owners of the operation. God owns CLC.

CLC's international staff are driven by God's love, and desire to see people come to faith and spiritual maturity in Jesus Christ. We want to make God's Word available throughout the world, along with books that share the message of redemption in Christ. If there are profits in the work of any of the 43 countries, we focus on expanding the global distribution of Christian literature. This allows us to reach out in cities and countries where there is true spiritual need for Christian literature. Yes, CLC is still 100% mission and 100% business.

CLC FACTS

- Over 120 bookshops in 43
 countries
- Publishing in over 20 languages
- 18 Wholesale distribution
- centres worldwide
- 600 Workers around the world



COMMUNICATIONS



International Website www.clcinternational.org

We are grateful that we were able to re-launch our CLC International website during the 2024 Council. Praise the Lord! We are grateful for all the work from the Digital and Communications departments as well as the effort from the International Office leadership team. We continue to work and tweak things, and this will be an ongoing process. Take a look at www.clcinternational.org!

PLEASE PRAY for our team as we continue to work on the website. Pray for clarity as we look for ways to improve the website as well as vision as we work with the different teams and consider different strategies.

AFRICA Update: Shipment is here!



Praise the Lord that the shipment of 10,000 low-cost Bibles in Portuguese arrived to Maputo at the end of July. Thank you for praying! We are able to make available the Word of God at a very low cost.

CONTINUE TO PRAY as we distribute the Bibles around the country. May these Bibles reach many people in Mozambique, especially those that have never had access to one.



WORLDWIDE

Shipments

We praise the Lord for providing the funds to stock our shops. Many countries around the world are expecting their Christmas shipment right now. There are often delays, but we have seen the hand of the Lord performing miracles countless times.

PLEASE PRAY for the shipments to make it in time, without issues or delays. May they clear quickly and easily from customs. Pray for accuracy as well as physical strength for our staff as they receive and process the shipments. May the material be a blessing to many during this Christmas and end of the year season.



During the last week in September the CLC International Council meetings took place just outside Rome. The Council should meet every four years, but due to Covid we were not able to meet together since 2016. It was a wonderful time of encouraging, learning, sharing and worshiping. There were 31 people attending from 21 different countries where CLC work, plus 5 outside



guests. While English is the main CLC language, translation was also taking place to and from Spanish as well as

French. These meetings are a little foretaste of heaven as the nations come together.

There were some significant decisions, discussions and presentations:

• Gary Chamberlin was re-appointed as International Director. Hervé Lessous (Europe), David Pabón (Latin America), Sohee Yoo (Asia) and Jim Pitman (North America and Caribbean) were confirmed as Regional Directors for the next four years.

• Ivano Cramerotti has been appointed as Digital Director. This is important as it is the first time someone with digital responsibility has been appointed to the international leadership group.

Two countries were granted "Established"

status within CLC, meaning that they have achieved a degree of stability and leadership. Those countries were Ivory Coast, represented by Martine Ouffoué, and Panamá, represented by Héctor Burke.



• We spent a wonderful time honouring both the Tyndale Publishing House and the Tyndale Foundation, represented by Sharon Heggeland and Peter Cerra. We have great commercial relationships with Tyndale in many countries. They have also supported CLC many times through the Tyndale Foundation. They were presented with a full-colour book of many of the CLC projects to which they have given grants. Finally, we honoured them by having Mercy Muthoni of CLC Kenya wrap them in Maasai blankets.

• We received updates of current donor projects. In India they are in the process of building a multi-purpose headquarters in Chennai; in Panama a plot of land has been purchased in the city of David with a view to building a mini plaza which will include a CLC bookshop and a CLC-run coffee shop; in Kenya the team is planning to build a new headquarters including a retreat centre for developing authors; for Myanmar we are planning on printing 20,000 Bibles in Burmese; and, for a wide variety of languages, an international project is underway to produce at least 25,000 children's Bibles. It is humbling to see the faith targets that many of our teams have. See page 27 to donate to these projects.

• The award for the 2024 CLC Book Cover of the Year went to S. Korea. Second place went to France and third place to Kenya.

• It is our practice to have an excursion during our large group meetings. This always has a very positive impact on building our relationships and fellowship. What an amazing day we had visiting historic Rome and seeing monuments such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and St. Peter's Basilica. To top it all off, we enjoyed an excellent Italian pizza for lunch!

• We launched a significant upgrade of the CLC International website. Take a look at www. clcinternational.org. You can keep up with the latest news of CLC around the world.

• The eBook platform was presented. There is a website – www.clcebooks.com – with 7,500 eBooks representing six different languages. The iOS and Android apps are now available for download. We still consider ourselves to be in a beta testing stage while we iron out a few teething troubles, but it is substantially ready to go.



• On a personal level, as one of those 'celebrated' for nearing retirement, it was encouraging to see we have an emerging generation of CLC leaders around the world who will make an impact for many years to come. In the photo you can see a group from the Council who were all born in 1981 – Mat (UK), Monica (Ecuador), Sohee (South Korea), Daniel (Mexico), Ollivier (France) and Fritz (Canada).

• It has always inspired me to know that we are part of a worldwide family, serving the Lord with the same vision – albeit

in very different circumstances. It is our desire to support and encourage those CLC ministries with less means than ourselves. At the same time, they inspire us by their commitment, faith and ingenuity. This was summed up in the theme of the Council – **Stronger Together.**



DONATION PROJECT: CLC Plaza David: A Beacon of Hope and Spiritual Growth

CLC Panama has been working tirelessly over the past year on a project that will enrich lives in the community of Lassonde, an area of the city of David in the Province of Chiriqui: the CLC Plaza David.

by CLC Panama & CLC World Staff

The acquisition of the property for the plaza marked an important milestone in the mission of CLC Panama to establish a solid Christian presence in the region. By the grace of God, through prayer, and with the support of the community, the CLC Plaza David is expected to open its doors sometime in 2025. This space will be dedicated not only to the sale of Christian literature, but we pray that it will become a center of spiritual growth where individuals and families can find inspiration, guidance and support in their faith journeys.

The CLC Plaza David, spanning an impressive 642 square meters, will house five separateretail spaces, each designed to serve the needs of the diverse community while promoting spiritual and economic growth. One of the spaces will become the new CLC David Headquarters that will offer a wide range of books, Bibles and items that inspire and facilitate spiritual





growth. In addition, a gourmet coffee shop will add to the offerings, creating a welcoming environment for fellowship where the community can gather to enjoy delicious food and beverages that nourish both body and soul.

Three additional spaces of varying sizes are available for lease. The inclusion of eight parking spaces further enhances the plaza's accessibility, inviting people from all walks of life to visit and benefit from the resources and services offered.

We pray that the CLC Plaza David will be a place where faith and commerce intertwine to uplift and serve the community to the glory of God. With every Bible, book and gift shared, we hope to enlighten hearts and contribute to the spiritual growth of Panama. The anticipation grows as we approach the opening day! We are excited for the opportunity to expand our work and to serve as a beacon of hope and truth in this vibrant community. We look forward to welcoming everyone to join us on this exciting journey! *To support this project, see page 27.







Divine Appointments at CLC Westland Mall, Panama



A woman walking through the Westland Mall Shopping Center, where one of our stores is located, was struck by the books displayed in the window and was drawn into the shop. Once inside, she shared that she was going through significant pain as she grieved the death of one of her children due to a terminal illness. Our staff asked her if she would allow the Lord Jesus to enter her heart and comfort her amid the pain and she agreed. She left the store and took several books with her. Her life was forever changed on that day. To this day, she is a recurring customer.





Although most people who walk into our shops around the globe see businesses run by business people, we view ourselves in a different light. Yes, we do business, and we try to do so as well and

effectively as we are able. But, more importantly, we consider ourselves to be missionaries, for the simple reason that, more than anything, we are driven by the desire to provide God's Word to folks so that they can come into a relationship with God.

Perhaps one of the most unique examples of distributing the Bible is at the Biker Club's annual gathering. In 2019, the gathering was expected to draw over a half million enthusiasts, ranging from casual motorcycle riders all the way up to the notorious motorcycle club, The Hell's Angels. CLC USA made plans to attend this gathering in Daytona, Florida and, in addition to showing up at this most unlikely event, they brought along with them 10,000 specially printed Biker Bibles, which include testimonies of bikers who have

come to Christ, as well as other helps.

One of the event participants shared his own story. As a young teenager growing up, his father was always working, and his mother struggled with mental issues. So this teenage boy was left to care for his brother and sister much of the time. Living in New York, he left home at age 16, for a fast and fluid life on the streets. Quickly, he found himself pursuing a life of alcohol, crime, drugs, music, and sex. Eventually, he landed in prison facing a long jail sentence, following the shooting of his own friend, who was

coming at him with a knife. Empty and realizing he was far from God, this man



out to God at that moment when he had reached the end of the line. Very graciously, his Heavenly Father did, in fact, provide release for him from prison, and he joined with CLC in sharing the Message at the Biker event with as many people as possible. What a wonderful opportunity!



Week 44 - International Office Trustees

Friday (1st) - New Trustee

Please join us in thanking God for Mónica Rojas, who was recently accepted as a new trustee of the CLC International Office charity, which is based in the UK. Pray that she may quickly adapt to this new responsibility. Mónica also serves as the National Director for CLC Ecuador, so she will participate remotely.

The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Trustees

Please pray for the CLC International Office Trustees as they prepare to meet later this month on Wednesday, November 13th. In the meantime, there will be various reports shared for discussion. Pray for wisdom and understanding for all. Pray especially for John Raby, who is the Chair of the trustees.

November 4th - 10th

Week 45 - Events

Monday (4th) - Mexico

From the 7th–9th of this month, we will have an event for women in the city of Guadalajara. There is a confirmed attendance of 1,400 participants. Please pray for all the logistics involved and for the heart of each delegate who will be present. Pray that our resources will serve to build up their lives. Thank you.

Tuesday (5th) - CLC Global Day of Prayer

Three times each year, CLC has regular global days of prayer and fasting, when more than 100 CLCers around the world take part in a Zoom meeting in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. The programme includes praise and worship, testimonies and a devotional message as well as small group prayer according to language. Please pray for today's gathering.

Wednesday (6th) - Board Meetings

Hervé Lessous (CLC European Director) serves as a Board member for the WEC Cornerstone Bible College in the Netherlands. This Board will meet next week on November 12th and 13th. Hervé also serves on the Board of Livr'Afrique, an Association for low-cost books to French-speaking Africa. This Board will meet







on November 18th. Please pray that the Livr'Afrique Association may continue to operate for many years in the future.

Thursday (7th) - Indonesia

Please pray for good health for our team at this very busy time of year. This month, we will have several book tables at the Christmas Story Workshops. Our desire is that we may see more people having access to evangelical literature and that they will

put their trust in God, and continue to grow in faith and maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday (8th) - Mexico

On November 10th and 11th, Alina Herrera, creator and designer of the "Sheep" brand, which has produced many gift items, such as calendars, diaries and mugs, in partnership with CLC in Latin America, will visit Mexico. Alina also teaches the Word to women through her testimony and shares the inspiration she receives to shape her designs. We will be in three locations with her during the two days.

The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Cyprus

In November, we hold, as usual, our Christmas Book fairs, which must be planned well ahead since there is much preparation and work involved. These are usually refreshing and satisfying times, leaving us blessed and encouraged as we see and renew fellowship with brothers and sisters that we know and become acquainted with new ones, thereby extending the ministry of the bookshop in Nicosia.

November 11th - 17th

Week 46 - Africa

Monday (11th) - Mozambique

This year, we have experienced significant difficulties with being able to pay our foreign suppliers due to challenges with the central banking system. This has been very challenging for us, and, if the problem continues indefinitely, it has the potential to prevent our ministry from continuing in the long term as 95%+ of our stock, which is in the Portuguese language, comes from overseas.

Tuesday (12th) - Mozambique

For many years, we were seeking a solution to help simplify the very complex process of importing stock from our suppliers in Brazil. We thank God that He provided a consolidator for us at one of the Brazilian publishers. Please pray that this arrangement may continue for many years, recognising that it may only work to the degree that yesterday's prayer request will be answered.

Wednesday (13th) - Sierra Leone

Our annual rent to our landlords for our second bookshop in the centre of Freetown is due for payment on December 31st. They are asking for \$3,000 US, which is a big increase for us. For 2024, we were able to negotiate and pay \$2,500. Please pray that they will be gracious to us and that we may come to a similar agreement for 2025.

Thursday (14th) - Sierra Leone

We praise God for the building project that has enabled us to have our own bookshop in the city of Bo, and we are thankful to all who contributed towards this project! Please pray that we may receive the completed documentation for the lease of the land as, at the time of writing, this is still outstanding.



Friday (15th) - Kenya

Please pray for the annual ACABA (African Christian Authors' Book Awards) Gala, which will be held at the end of this month, on Saturday, November 30th. This is the fourth year that CLC Kenya has organised this event, which, this year, will be held in Kampala, Uganda. Pray, too, for the Pre-Gala Book Fest for Kenyan authors, on November 22nd, in Nairobi.

The Weekend (16th - 17th) - Kenya

We thank God for the opening of a new CLC bookshop this year on the compound of the NPBC (Nairobi Pentecostal

Bible College) and for our new assistant who will help in spearheading sales and customer relations. We pray that the bookshop will be a success and a blessing to the Bible College community and beyond.

November 18th - 24th



Monday (18th) - South Korea

Today, we will begin advertising our Christmas sales on Facebook, Instagram, our website and YouTube channels. Around this time, one of our children's books, *The Picture Bible for Little Ones*, printed in China, is expected to arrive in Korea. May we creatively promote this book in ways that will capture the hearts of parents and children so that it becomes a meaningful and cherished gift during this season.

Tuesday (19th) - Thailand

We thank God for answering our prayers and sending someone to help us with social media advertising. Since this person has joined our team, we have experienced an increase in our online sales, which we trust reflects a growth in the spiritual lives of those who have received our resources.

Wednesday (20th) - Thailand

Please pray that the CLC Ministry Foundation will be approved soon. If we have our own Foundation, we will be able to put the Chiang Mai building (where the bookshop is located) and the Bangkok building under the CLC ministry name. We thank God that we were able to regain the Chiang Mai building. Pray that it will be used to His glory.



Thursday (21st) - Philippines

Please pray for new leadership in the Philippines as our National Director, Romualdo Macinas, will be retiring early next year. Pray for his successor to be well prepared. Pray for a new generation of leaders to be raised up to take the ministry to new heights for many years to come.

Friday (22nd) - Japan

Please pray that our bookshop in Kyoto becomes a true channel of blessing for many. Christian bookshops in Japan are facing significant challenges,

so please pray that more individual Christians and churches generally will recognise the important role that these bookshops play.

The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Japan

Please pray for a fundamental spiritual revival in Japan, one that will not only renew the church but also challenge the nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Week 48 - Europe

Monday (25th) - Central Asia 2

Please pray that we will be able to get a new order of Christian books in the Russian language in good time before Christmas. It has been several years since we could obtain a larger order due to the situation in our country. Please pray for us, that we will have wisdom in how to import the books.

Tuesday (26th) - Romania

We praise the Lord for the sales He enabled us to have, which helped us to remain stable and to continue the work of our ministry even though many other retailers are facing a serious decline in sales in the midst of a very unstable and challenging economic environment.

Wednesday (27th) - Romania

Please pray for the Lord to intervene in our challenges, which include new requirements from the government, involving much additional work for us, the loss of some trained workers and the difficulty of finding their replacements. This is due in part to the elevated levels of emigration, and high expectations relating to salaries, which we cannot offer on a par with Western Europe.

Thursday (28th) - Germany

Please pray that the Lord enables us to be a blessing to the many "analogue" people who still love to come to a "bricks and mortar" local Christian bookshop. Pray for conversations that will encourage our fellow believers in their faith. We have fewer workers now, but the workload is still the same, so please also pray that the Lord continues to strengthen us. Thank you.



Friday (29th) - Eastern Europe 1

We praise God for allowing us to continue His ministry in our "special" circumstances. In the past months, we experienced some difficulties with our website due to the server being outside of our country, leading to increased costs. We praise God for the digital team who have worked hard to fix this.

The Weekend (30th - December 1st) - Bulgaria

Please pray for Lidiya, our bookshop manager in Sofia. At the moment, there is no Board of Directors, and Lidiya needs some additional support and help. The ministry would also benefit from a change of software in the bookshop. Please pray for God to supply these needs.

December 2nd - 8th Week 49 - Latin America

Monday (2nd) - Colombia

Through the project *Learning to Read and Write with Purpose*, we have supported a group of soldiers, who were unable to read, with workshops so that they can begin their learning process. This included the purchase of 60 chairs so that they could take their classes



comfortably. Please pray that God will use this experience to bring about much good in their lives.

Tuesday (3rd) - Chile

We thank God for His help in the sale of our warehouse as the property was located in an area where this was difficult to achieve. Now, we are asking for prayer for the young people who come to our bookstores that they may always feel

welcomed and find answers through the Word and good Christian literature.

Wednesday (4th) - Ecuador

We are very thankful to the Lord for all that He is doing in our country through CLC. Please pray for us as we plan to sell the first place where CLC opened in Ecuador. Currently, the property is for rent, but it is small and has no parking facilities. The sale will help us to move to a new property in the city of Quito with enough space for the distribution and administration.

Thursday (5th) - Mexico

Around our facilities, there are many transportation terminals that lead to the cities of southeastern Mexico. At the end of the year, there are many people arriving and leaving the city, which generates a lot of traffic in the area. Let us pray that many believers and also non-believers will be interested in entering the bookstore while waiting for their departure time.



Friday (6th) - Mexico

CLC Mexico has made an agreement with the SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics), which will enable us to have Bibles, Bible portions and materials that have been translated for more than 80 ethnic groups in Mexico available at CLC. Please pray that we can reach many through this agreement.

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Venezuela

We are thankful that we have been able to sell low-cost Bibles and evangelistic tracts to ministries that work in outreach to those in prisons. Similarly, we have been able to supply low-cost Bibles to a ministry in Caracas that delivers them to people without resources, including children and young people, in dangerous or inaccessible areas.

December 9th - 15th

Week 50 - United States & Canada

Monday (9th) - United States

Please pray for Charlie Natter, who oversees our shipping operations. He asks that you pray for accuracy in packing and labelling the hundreds of boxes he ships out every week and that the boxes will arrive safely at their intended destinations.

Tuesday (10th) - United States

We praise the Lord for many wonderful customers who buy our products to give away



for the glory of God. Seth is one man who buys Bibles each week and sends them to hospital and prison chaplains as well as to port ministries so that they can give them away. May the Lord bless this work and provide the funds for Seth to continue to do it.

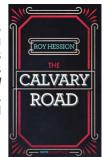
Wednesday (11th) - United States

Tim Hurd in our Multi-Language Department asks for prayer for the safe delivery of the many Haitian Bibles we ship regularly to Haiti.

Pray specifically for a church in Jacmel, called Baptist Church of Orange Grove, which recently received a shipment of Bibles. Their summer children's programme was very successful in spite of the country's difficulties, and many children professed faith in Christ!

Thursday (12th) - United States

"Neighborhood Crusades" is an urban street ministry in Philadelphia, seeking to reach the unsaved through antiviolence and antidrug crusades, the distribution of gospel tracts, outreach to the homeless and a school of evangelism. For 40+ years, it has impacted the lives of troubled youth and families. Our CLC publication, *The Calvary Road* by Roy Hession, is part of the curriculum in their evangelism classes. Pray that they may effectively teach students how to witness and lead others to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Friday (13th) - Canada

Currently, we are in the process of digital transformation, which

consists, in our case, of changing our computer systems - now more than 25 years old - and redesigning the website. This is a major project that requires time, energy and resources. Please support us in prayer so that we can successfully complete this project, which will have a positive impact in the long term.

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Canada

We ask for your prayers for our staff as we have not yet achieved a good level of stability within the team. The inflationary economic situation in Quebec, and the rest of Canada, is affecting our ability to retain talent. We want to reduce the turnover rate and keep new employees longer.

December 16th - 22nd

Week 51 - The Caribbean

Monday (16th) - Book Donation

We praise the Lord for a recent large donation of books from Waverley Abbey in the United Kingdom, which is being sent to the Caribbean islands for distribution there. The economy in the islands is still very difficult, so we would appreciate your ongoing prayers for God's provision for our work.



Tuesday (17th) - Antigua & Barbuda

We praise the Lord for a new tent and folding table so that we can offer our books and Bibles in an outside area near the bookshop. Pray for good results and for more opportunities to do book tables.

Wednesday (18th) - Antigua & Barbuda

There is a small area of our bookshop that we would like to rent out to

gain some regular income. Please pray for wisdom in finding the right person or company to rent to.

Thursday (19th) - Barbados

We have a large room and two offices in our building that are not currently being used, and we would like to rent them out to another Christian organisation. Please pray for the Lord's provision and direction in this area.

Friday (20th) - Dominica

Pray that we will continue to expand awareness of the CLC ministry and grow our effectiveness through book tables and social media platforms. Pray, too, for steady improvement in the economy and for many souls to be won through the bookshop ministry.

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Trinidad & Tobago

We praise the Lord for two new permanent book tables at churches as well as opportunities for book tables in other areas. We have some wonderful volunteers who are helping with them. Please pray that God will bless our efforts and that we will have what people need.

December 23rd - 29th

Week 52 - Season's Greetings



Monday (23rd) - Cyprus

Christmas and the month of January is the period when we distribute, with increasing demand, daily reading calendars in Greek, both through the bookshop and through various churches. The calendars are distributed among believers and to people who do not know the Lord as their personal Saviour.

Tuesday (24th) - Worldwide

Please pray that those who visit our bookshops today in search of last-minute gifts may still find the right book or other item to bless those they have in mind. Pray for our staff to be able to help them in this. Pray for any staff who will be travelling after work today to spend Christmas Day with their families and friends. Pray for safety in travel and a blessed Christmas celebration.

Wednesday (25th) - Christmas Day

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace". Isaiah 9:6

"Thanks be to God, for His indescribable gift!" 2 Cor 9:15

Thursday (26th) - Worldwide

Pray for our staff in countries where they will be able to enjoy a well-deserved rest between Christmas and New Year after the very busy period leading up to Christmas. Pray that they may be renewed in every way for their return to work next week.





Friday (27th) - South Korea

Pray for the reading of children's books around this time as many customers will have purchased them as Christmas gifts or received them as Sunday School Christmas prizes. Pray that these books will bring joy and help children to grow in their faith. May they spread Christ's love and make an impact on the lives of young readers and their families as God's Word reaches their hearts.

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Worldwide

As 2024 draws to a close, please join us in thanking God for all the ways in which CLC has been able to make His Word and a further

variety of Christian resources available all over the world during the past 12 months. To Him be the glory for all the health and strength, abilities and blessings that He has given us this year!

December 30th - January 5th

Week 1 - Around the World

Monday (30th) - Testimony from CLC Italy

At the beginning of 2024, our Turin manager was facing significant difficulties in carrying out her duties and our Marketing manager left to serve elsewhere. We reassigned the Turin manager to be responsible for marketing, and God immediately provided someone to manage the Turin bookstore, a former assistant who was already 80% trained! So, God provided all we needed at the right time. At the end of the year, we look back and see how much He has helped us!

Tuesday (31st) - Core Values

For the last two years, CLC has had an emphasis on the theme "Stronger Together" as we have focused afresh on our four core values of Faith, Fellowship, Holiness and Sacrifice. Pray that in 2025 our unity will abound as we find tangible ways to support each other. Our desire is to help each country fulfil our goal to see Christian literature distributed around the world. Thank you!

Wednesday (January 1st) - South Korea

CLC South Korea would like to wish everyone a happy New Year, and may the Lord continue to bless each of you. We begin this new year with thankful hearts, especially looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in November! Please join us in praying for our National Director, Dr. Young Ho Park, for strength, wisdom and health. As we embark on this milestone year, may we all remain committed to working diligently to spread God's Word and further His kingdom.

Thursday (2nd) - Ministry Locations

It is always a sad moment for us in CLC when we have to close a bookshop or even a whole country, usually when there is only one bookshop, which is no longer doing well. Please pray that this year we may be able to maintain and grow the ministry in all locations where we are currently privileged to serve, and even that we may be able to open new centres of ministry.

Friday (3rd) - Canada

We give thanks to God for His continued support. For the past two years, we have devoted a lot of time and effort to improving our digital presence on social media platforms, which



has allowed us to attract more youth and young adults between the ages of 18 and 45 years. We are also in great demand to sponsor evangelical events for young adults and women's ministries.

The Weekend (4th - 5th) - Kenya

We praise God for the ways He has provided for our team through our Print-on-Demand facility, our publishing and through gifts. Although our volunteers are spread around the country, we have been able to meet weekly online to read the Bible together and share what God is

saying to us for the ministry and individually. This has strengthened unity and enhanced our growth.

January 6th - 12th

Week 2 - Publications

Monday (6th) - Children's Bibles

CLC is seeking to provide affordable children's Bibles for Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, India, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Myanmar, Portugal and Thailand. Some Bibles will arrive at their destinations this month. Others will follow as the Lord provides the funds. Please pray and consider supporting us in our goal to produce 25,000 children's Bibles in the next few years. See page 27 if you would like to make a donation.

Tuesday (7th) - Europe

Publishing is a significant part of our global ministry. We are already making plans for our yearly CLC Publishing Training plus a Rights Fair in collaboration with the ECPA (Evangelical Christian Publishing Association). This annual conference has whelped to transform our publishing endeavours over the past decade, especially in Europe.

Wednesday (8th) - Europe

Please pray that the meetings mentioned yesterday - which this year will be held in Krakow, Poland - will be a blessing and an incentive to further grow the production of excellent books in many languages and for people to grow in their faith.

Thursday (9th) - Asia

There is a need to have more publishing training and a Rights Fair for the south Asia CLC countries of India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. Therefore, please pray for the significant preparations that are already underway for an important CLC-ECPA publishing event that will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, at the end of August, 2025.

Friday (10th) - Asia

The event mentioned yesterday will allow dozens of Christian publishers in south Asia, including CLC, to meet with US publishers to acquire foreign language rights and then publish in multiple languages. Please pray for divine connections for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom worldwide.

The Weekend (11th - 12th) - South Korea

With 2025 having just begun, we are already busy preparing for the upcoming spring semester and new enrolments, which will begin in March. Please pray for us as we work to

have all the textbooks ready in time. Some of the translations are being delayed, and we ask for your prayers that these will be completed before the school term begins.

January 13th - 19th Week 3 - Around the World



Tuesday (14th) - Mexico

Monday (13th) - French-Speaking countries

Tomorrow, on January 14th, the CLC French-speaking teams in the various countries will meet together on Zoom. The idea is to share our news with each other and to enjoy a time of fellowship and praying for one another. Those attending will be in Benin, Burkina Faso, Canada, France and Ivory Coast. Please pray for this time of encouragement and building each other up.

From January 14th –16th, CLC Mexico will have an event with 700 pastors and leaders near the city of Culiacán Sinaloa in the north of the country. Let us pray for God's blessing on this time and also for safety in all the travels since this can be a hostile area in which to move about.

Wednesday (15th) - Mexico

Please pray for the renovation work at the distribution warehouse and bookshop. This month, we should begin installing the floor in the main area of the warehouse. Please pray for God's grace that we may obtain good quality materials and labour at a reasonable and fair price. Also, please pray that we may find a place in Mexico City where we can open another bookshop.



Thursday (16th) - Colombia

For many years, CLC Colombia's Social Foundation (FSCLC) has supported indigenous evangelisation organisations in many ways, including the supply of books and resources to translate the Word of God, and theological training for indigenous leaders. Last year, the FSCLC, led by Ana Cristina Torres, was invited to Puerto Inírida, in the region of Guainía, for a meeting of Christian indigenous people. It was a long journey, but we thank God for these opportunities.

Friday (17th) - Outsourcing

Some of our teams need to outsource certain tasks, either because this is more economical or because we have not been able to find a staff member with the required skill set. The tasks are as varied as editing and accounting! Please pray that we will be able to find all the skills that we need to do a great job in each country where we are present, whether the work is done in-house or externally, and that we will build very good relationships with our external partners.

The Weekend (18th - 19th) - United Kingdom

In the UK, more and more books are being produced on POD (Print-on-Demand) equipment that has the potential to disrupt traditional forms of distribution, including

our own. Once again, we need to adapt to new technologies. We have started POD in our own warehouse, but we are still new at this. Pray for wisdom and open doors so that we can grow this dramatically.

January 20th - 26th Week 4 - Asia



Monday (20th) - Thailand

Next week, our CLC International Director, Gary Chamberlin, will visit our team in Chiang Mai with Sohee Yoo, the new Asia Regional Director. Please pray that these days will be a blessing and encouragement for all. CLC Thailand is small yet vibrant and has just published two new children's Bibles in the Thai language. Please pray that families will be blessed through these.

Tuesday (21st) - Thailand

We thank God that CLC Thailand continues to exist, despite many challenges. We still own a property in Bangkok, which we have tried to sell for a long time but without success. Please pray for Amanda and Ken as they now plan to reopen the bookshop there instead of selling the property.

Wednesday (22nd) - Philippines

Please pray for our publishing ministry in the Philippines. We especially need God's provision and direction as we work on publishing the *Wiersbe Expository Outlines* for both the Old and New Testaments. Thank you.

Thursday (23rd) - Myanmar

Please pray that our publication projects may continue, despite the soaring prices. Pray for our staff who are actively involved in their local churches and para organisations in addition to the ministry with CLC. These include pastoral ministry, women's and children's ministries, teaching, Bible clubs and Bible camps.



Friday (24th) - Pakistan

Please pray for our team leader and his staff that they may constantly seek God's wisdom and direction in the ministry. Pray for their safety and protection. Thank you.



The Weekend (25th - 26th) - India

Gary Chamberlin and Sohee Yoo are attending the CLC ELS India Annual Conference in south India this weekend. The large team has dedicated workers serving in 23 bookshops, wholesale distribution, publishing and at the headquarters. Pray for the Lord's guidance as the new CLC-ELS Director will be elected. Pray for a blessed and encouraging time together as Justin Chellappan, the current Director, leads the meetings. Thank you!

January 27th - February 2nd Week 5 - Africa



Monday (27th) - Ivory Coast

We are very thankful for our new website, which was created by our young IT intern, Emmanuel Anselme. May God bless him for this precious help. Pray that many people will find it helpful. Pray also for Emmanuel's health as he often suffers fevers.

Tuesday (28th) - Ivory Coast

For years, we have been assisting teams of pastors who evangelise in the country's prisons by supplying them with relevant materials. These include Bible reading notes as well as evangelistic tracts and Bibles for evangelism at a special price. We have heard many testimonies of conversions, and we give glory to God for these souls who are saved!

Wednesday (29th) - Burkina Faso

The evangelistic tracts, *The Film of your Life* and *The Match of your Life*, are a real response to the needs of churches that are delighted to finally have such attractive materials to use in outreach. The messages they contain are very touching and a source of blessing to those who receive them, so please pray that many will give their lives to Jesus Christ through reading them.

Thursday (30th) - Burkina Faso

Pray for the possibility of having a CLC book deposit in Bobo, the second city. Many of our customers are asking us to come there and so we already have some contacts. Pray that this dream may become a reality so that more people may be reached with the Word and with helpful Christian literature.

Friday (31st) - Benin

Last year, CLC Benin changed its location after our landlord sold the premises we had occupied for many years. Please pray that we will not lose our previous customers through this change of address and that we will gain new ones also. Pray for Adelaide, who is responsible for the social media posts, that she will be able to effectively use these to reach our public. Thank you.

The Weekend (February 1st - 2nd) - Burkina Faso

Please pray for Eli, the 24-year-old son of Gérard, our former colleague who is now retired but still helps us on special occasions. Eli suffers from a tumour, which is lodged in his head. Laser surgery has removed the tumour through the nostrils and ears, but, so far, Eli is still suffering. Please pray for the family in this very difficult situation.

February 3rd - 9th

Week 6 - Europe

Monday (3rd) - Cyprus

We are always encouraged by opportunities to share the Gospel with customers. Some find us on the Internet and others just by walking in! We especially enjoy it when younger



people express a desire to read the Bible, like the young Armenian who found us online and asked for a Bible in English. He was eager to learn more about God and so we were able to share and pray with him.

Tuesday (4th) - Italy

Due to the conditions of the building not being suitable, there is quite an urgent need to move our warehouse from its current location in Motta to Pomezia. Although we have found some viable solutions, we need God's

confirmation to take this step, ensuring that we are under His blessing. This is especially the case given our financial situation. Please pray with us!

Wednesday (5th) - Italy

A few years ago, we regretfully closed the bookstore in Palermo. However, we know that Sicily has a great need for CLC to reopen in the Palermo area. Please pray that the Lord will reveal the timing, strategy, financial resources and clear details about the location, together with the provision of a manager with the qualities and willingness to learn. Also pray that the churches will support this ministry.

Thursday (6th) - Romania

We thank you for praying for us and are happy to share that we finally published the books that were delayed, including *The Practice of Godliness* by Jerry Bridges, *The Genesis Genealogies* by Abraham Park and *The Gift of Forgiveness* by Charles Stanley. Additionally, we published two children's Bibles: *The Baby's Picture Bible* and *The Great Explorer Bible*.

Friday (7th) - United Kingdom

It is our desire to have New Testaments and Gospels available in many different languages in our warehouse. With our Print-on-Demand equipment, we now have the ability to produce these materials in-house. However, it is a process that requires a lot of preparation and then contact with the relevant language groups. Please pray for us to make breakthroughs with this project.

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



Currently, we only have one bookshop in the UK, although our desire is to open more, given the right opportunities. Meanwhile, please pray for Yvonne Edu and her team of volunteers in the bookshop in Aberdeen (located in the Kings Church, in the former convention centre of the city). Pray that we may continue to offer resources that help people to grow in their spiritual walk.

February 10th - 16th Week 7 - Latin America

Monday (10th) - Peru

We thank God for the doors that He opened last year for book tables in both churches and schools. May He continue to strengthen these relationships in 2025 and open yet more doors to make Him and the ministry known. Please pray, too, for Christian Farías, the National Director for Peru.

Tuesday (11th) - Peru

For some time, we have been working to enable our website to accept automatic payments. We ask the Lord that we may soon implement this payment system to facilitate online purchases for our clients.

Wednesday (12th) - Uruguay

We are grateful to the Lord for His goodness, reflected in our small team who go the extra mile in every area of the ministry so that Bibles and Christian books and other resources are distributed as widely as possible. We ask for prayer for the Lord to bring the right people to CLC and that we may continue to trust that He is in control of all things.

Thursday (13th) - Ecuador

This year, in partnership with the ministry "Answers in Genesis", CLC Ecuador will be promoting literature to help the church, parents and educators on the topic of gender identity. We see that training and support through conferences and Christian literature are needed to help children, youth and families find light, hope and biblical answers to this issue.

Friday (14th) - Venezuela

We are thankful that despite our challenges, we have still been able to purchase merchandise from CLC Columbia, which is across our western border. Further, last year, we received a very generous donation of several thousand Bibles from a publisher in the USA. The Bibles are to be sold at accessible prices to help both the people of the country and the ministry of CLC.

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Colombia

We thank God for an opportunity last year in the city of Medellin to hold a seminar with an author named Samuel Perez-Millos. 250 people participated in this seminar, and the topic of the Trinity was discussed, based on the content of one of Samuel's books. Please pray for more such opportunities this year to help people to be strong in their faith and hold to sound doctrine.







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February 17th - 23rd Week 8 - Staff

Monday (17th) - Chile



We thank God for the health recovery of Nicolas Peña (CLC Antofagasta) and Hector Flores (CLC Concepción) and that they could both return to work after a period of medical leave. Please pray for Bertha Zuniga and Patricio Romo that they will also know the Lord's healing touch and power. Thank you.

Tuesday (18th) - Italy

With the general rise in prices, several of our staff are struggling to manage daily expenses, starting with the rent for the places where they live, forcing them to settle for housing at the edge of acceptability. We ask for prayer for God's provision in this difficult situation so that their remuneration will be adequate for the times we are living in.



Wednesday (19th) - Romania

For some time, we have been asking you to pray for a replacement for our National Director, Ronela Micuela, as she would very much like to retire. Please continue to pray for this topic as we hope to be able to find God's answer to this situation very soon. In the meantime, we are grateful to Ronela for her availability so that the ministry has been able to continue until now.

Thursday (20th) - Retirement

Please pray for those who have recently retired from CLC that they will experience God's blessing in their new season. These include Neil and Sheena Wardrope (UK) and Romualdo Macinas (CLC Philippines). Pray for Neil as he will still work one day a week for CLC in addition to serving on the Board of Trustees in the UK.



Friday (21st) - Protection

Please pray for all our staff and their families but especially those who work in countries where there is hostility to the Gospel and/or where the country is experiencing unrest and/or involvement with war. Pray that they will know God's peace and provision at a deep level and on a continuous basis. Thank you.



The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Health & Provision

Please pray for all CLC staff worldwide for good health and God's provision for their families in every way. Pray especially for those who live in countries where health facilities and medicines are not readily available and/ or are very expensive. Pray especially for the children in these families as they can be quite vulnerable to sickness at times, and this is a great concern.

Monday (24th) - Planning

Please pray for the communications team as we work and plan for 2025. Pray for good communication between our team members as we are located all over the world and in different time zones. We praise the Lord for the work we have been able to do in 2024 and are expectant for 2025.

Tuesday (25th) - International Website

We praise the Lord that the updated version of the CLC International Website is now up and running. It has been a joint effort as the International Office, CLC Digital and CLC Communications all worked together to achieve this. Pray as we continue to work together to finish up some final details and then to continually keep the website up to date and vibrant for our public.

Wednesday (26th) - Communications

Please pray for creativity for our communications department as we seek God's help to think of different ways to improve, whether communicating in written, oral or visual forms. May the Lord guide and direct us as we communicate CLC news, projects and prayer requests worldwide so that we may have an impact for His Kingdom.

Thursday (27th) - Prayer Focus

Please pray for Liz Patten as she prepares the Prayer Focus calendar three times each year. This document has many "moving parts", so please pray for this exercise as Liz receives news from the CLC community around the globe and breaks it down into daily prayer points. We are thankful for the impact this has in keeping us together as we pray for one another. "Stronger together".

Friday (28th) - Proofreaders

We praise the Lord for our proofreaders who freely give their time to check and edit our communications before they go out! Pray for Jacqui, Cindy and Marcia as they carefully read and edit various documents so that our readers can better comprehend what we want to say.

The Weekend (March 1st - 2nd) - New opportunities

Pray for the opportunities we have as CLCers to present the ministry of CLC in various ways in churches and at in-person events as well as invitations to speak via radio, TV and online channels and at different times throughout the year and all over the world. Pray for a greater awareness of this ministry and the ways in which it can provide resources that can help to bring people to Christ and then grow to maturity in the Christian faith.

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