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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Our *Why* Still Matters!

As I look across our teams and read the stories in this issue of *CLC World*, I'm reminded again of why we do what we do. CLC exists to make God's Word known and to help people encounter Jesus through Christian literature. That vision, born in the hearts of Ken and Bessie Adams, still shapes our global ministry today. Their obedience to God's call continues to inspire faithful servants like Liz Patten, whose lifetime of dedication has encouraged and motivated colleagues around the world.

That same why continues to drive us—in Kenya, where a new ministry centre is taking shape; in Myanmar, where 20,000 Burmese Bibles are ready for printing; and through the Children's Bibles Project, bringing Scripture to young readers for the very first time.

I'm inspired as I see the cover photos of my colleagues who share this calling—regional and national directors and co-workers from Thailand to Panama and France—serving faithfully in 43 nations.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and generosity. Together, we continue to live out our why—sharing God's Word and His hope with a world that still needs both.

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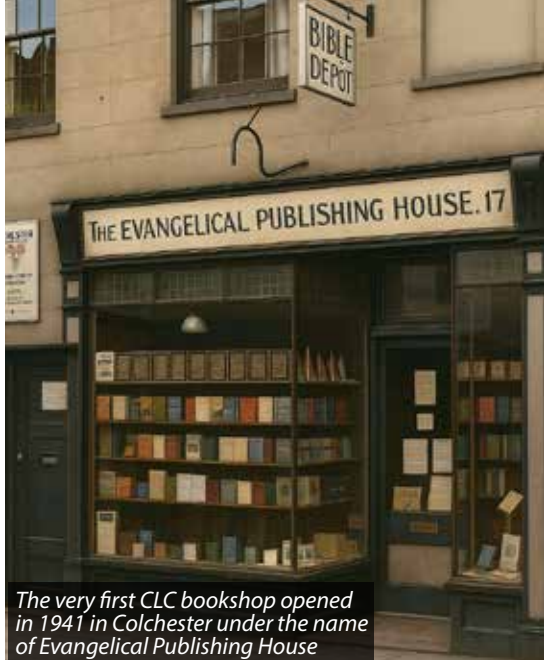
A testimony from the book, Leap of Faith

"A lady about middle age entered the shop, restless, nervous, obviously ill and in need. She asked for an interesting book, 'One that will grip.' While being served, she said with disgust, 'Religion! Are all these books religious? I don't want religious stuff. I'm ill and bordering on a nervous breakdown. My life is in a mess. I cannot sleep. I must drown myself in something arresting—Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie or the like!'

"I, too, have been ill,' came the answer, 'and have known sorrow and grief. I, too, have read Sherlock Holmes, but he didn't help!'

"Oh, did any special author help you?' asked the customer.

"Taking up the Gospel of John in magazine format, I said, 'Jesus helped me. If you are heavy laden, He is the Burden-bearer. If you have sorrow, He will give you joy. If you are in darkness, He is the Light of the world. If you have sinned, God will forgive you because Jesus died.'



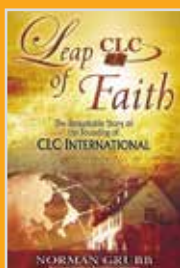
The very first CLC bookshop opened in 1941 in Colchester under the name of Evangelical Publishing House

"'Jesus! How can Jesus help me?' questioned the customer further.

"'Jesus bore our sins and griefs and carried our sorrows. You can have peace now through the blood of His cross.'

"She was arrested by the Name of Jesus. She became quieter. We walked to the shop door together. She left with the Gospel and a copy of a small booklet, A New Life. In less than ten minutes she was back again. Handing in a bunch of lovely flowers, she said, 'No one has ever spoken to me of Jesus before. No one has ever shown me understanding and kindness! In a minute she was gone. We have never seen her again."

WANT TO KNOW MORE?



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Leap of Faith

by Norman Grubb

The Remarkable Story of the Founding of CLC International

The book carries you from two people in an upstairs bookroom to a worldwide chain of Christian bookcenters and publishing, multiplied by only a "shoestring" of faith and committed, although unlikely, lives.

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AFRICA

Letting God's Light Shine in Benin

Pray for our CLC team in Benin serving in Cotonou, a vibrant city known for its lively markets and rich cultural heritage. In a nation where voodoo is still widely practised, our bookshop shares the light of Christ through Christian literature. Through the ministry of CLC, we bring hope and truth to those seeking light in dark places. Emmanuel Ladeyo and the team, comprising Adelaide and Alex, tend to the bookshop in Cotonou.



PLEASE PRAY that God would protect and encourage our workers as they serve faithfully. Pray that the hearts of the Beninese will be opened to the gospel, that lives will be transformed and that many will grow in faith and maturity through the power of God's Word.

WORLDWIDE

CLC International Office



Please pray for the International Board of Trustees and our International Director and Regional Directors, who represent different countries, languages and cultural backgrounds. They carry the responsibility of making key decisions that impact the ministry of CLC worldwide. Our Trustees were recently able to meet in person and discuss many pertinent matters. We thank God for this opportunity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the Lord to guide them by the Holy Spirit, giving wisdom, discernment and unity in Christ. Pray that their choices honour God, strengthen the ministry and advance the mission of making His Word accessible to all nations. Pray for their families as these roles usually require a significant amount of travelling outside their home countries.

MYANMAR

20,000 Burmese Bibles

From National Director Jacob Mung: "We give thanks that the Burmese Bible is ready to print! Please pray that the Lord will provide the substantial funds needed to print the 20,000 copies, meeting the great need for God's Word in Myanmar. We are also encouraged that an organisation has requested nearly 200 boxes of Christian discipleship books." See page 23 to donate.

PLEASE PRAY for God's guidance and provision as these resources reach eager hearts and transform lives.



DONATION PROJECT

A Permanent Home for CLC Kenya

by Muthoni Omukhango, Gary Chamberlin & CLC World Staff

For nearly two decades, CLC Kenya has been faithfully serving the Lord by publishing, distributing, and mentoring—equipping the Church and nurturing a new generation of African authors. Now, by God's grace, a long-awaited dream is becoming reality: the establishment of our first permanent headquarters.



Milestones of Faith

At the close of 2024, we acquired four acres of land in Tinga-Oltepesi, Kajiado County, about 68 km (42 miles) southwest of Nairobi. This was

more than a land purchase; it was a testimony to God's faithfulness since our beginning in 2007.

The choice of Oltepesi was deliberate. With a population of almost six million, Nairobi continues to grow in this direction. With the Magadi Road highway under development, the area will soon be even more accessible. For us, Oltepesi offers not just strategic value but also the serenity needed for mentoring authors and hosting ministry initiatives.

In May 2025, a fence was built around the property, and the first steps were taken to transform the land into a place of ministry.

By October, construction began on the ground floor of a two-storey administration block that will eventually



house the heart of our work—offices for CLC Publishing & Printing, the African Christian Authors Book Award (ACABA), and Mama Africa Book Box (MABB).

A Vision Beyond Buildings

This new headquarters is not simply an administrative centre. It is being designed as a Kingdom hub—featuring retreat space for writers and creatives, and a conference centre for the wider Body of Christ. Set away from the noise of the city but close enough for accessibility, Oltepesi will be a place where discipleship, creativity, and collaboration flourish.

A Call to Walk With Us

As we look ahead, we are filled with gratitude—for God's provision and for the partners, friends, and prayer supporters who have walked this journey with us. We invite you to continue standing with CLC Kenya: pray for us, visit the site if you can, and consider giving toward the construction costs.



Join Us in Building a Legacy of Faith

A new chapter is unfolding for CLC Kenya—one rooted in prayer, perseverance, and the vision to see God's Word transform lives across Africa. What began as a dream is now taking shape in the soil of Oltepesi, where our first permanent home is rising, brick by brick, through God's grace and the generosity of His people.

This is more than a construction project. It's a space being prepared for impact—a place where writers will find rest and inspiration, where discipleship will grow deep, and where Christian creativity will thrive for generations to come.

Will you be part of this story?

Your prayers, your visit, your financial

support—all help turn this vision into reality. Together, we can establish a lasting home for ministry that will equip believers, nurture authors, and proclaim Christ through literature across Africa and beyond. Please pray for Patrick and Muthoni Omukhango (CLC Kenya National Director), as they carry this vision forward. (See page 23 to donate).



CLC PUBLISHING FROM KENYA TO COLOMBIA

By Barnabas Achoki, co-author of *Marriage, Thistles and Flowers*



Towards the end of last year, our publisher, CLC Kenya, held its annual ACABA (African Christian Authors Books Awards) in Kampala, Uganda. The CLC Director, Muthoni Omukhango,

insisted that Grace and I attend this ceremony. We reluctantly agreed to attend; little did we know what awaited us there.

Grace and I were shocked when our book, *Marriage, Thistles and Flowers*, was selected to be translated into Spanish and Italian. That was a pleasant surprise. We recently received another surprise

when, during the RECONNECT Marriage Conference and retreat, Muthoni sneaked in and handed us a copy of the Spanish edition.

Here, we see the CLC Colombia Director, David Pabón, showing off *Rosa y Espinas* (our book in Spanish) during



the recently concluded CLC Latin America Conference in Panama City, Panama. The book will be sold in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. This book will go to places Grace and I may never reach and speak to the readers in a language Grace and I do not speak. Thank you, CLC, and to God be the glory.

HIGHLIGHT

FEATURE STORY

A Daughter Remembers: The Faith That Built a Global Ministry

an interview with Marge Almack,
daughter of Ken and Bessie Adams

by CLC World Staff & Marge Almack

When you ask Marge Almack about her parents—Ken and Bessie Adams, the founders of CLC International—her answer comes quickly and without hesitation. She doesn't talk first about their accomplishments or the global impact of their work. She talks about Jesus.

"They wanted new believers to know for sure that Jesus is God and God's Son—our Redeemer," Marge reflects. "Providing God's Word and evangelical Christian literature that affirms this truth was essential to them. It was about keeping people rooted in Christ and away from false teaching."

That conviction, simple but powerful, became the "why" that carried Ken and Bessie across oceans, to unfamiliar places, and into lives they could never have imagined touching. It also became the foundation of what we now know as CLC International: a ministry whose mission is to honour God by making Christian literature and resources available to all



Bessie and Ken Adams

nations, to help people come to faith and maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Life Shaped by Daily Faith

For Ken and Bessie, faith was never just private—it shaped everything. "They were daily in the Word and in prayer," Marge recalls. "They were one in heart and mind. Dad was the visionary. Mum was a woman of faith and trust and had an evangelistic heart."

That steady rhythm of prayer and Scripture was the compass for every decision. When opportunities came, they sought God. When difficulties mounted, they prayed all the harder.

"God chooses people who are obedient to do amazing things for His glory."

— Marge Almack

Sacrifice for the Sake of the Gospel

The path of obedience was not without cost. Leaving behind family in England, Ken and Bessie came to the U.S. to establish CLC, and

from there, the work spread to many countries.

Ken often traveled for weeks or even months at a time, laying foundations for the ministry in new places. Back home, Bessie shouldered the weight of family life, relying on God for strength. “Mother was willing to trust God for wisdom and strength when Dad was gone,” Marge remembers. “That trust was central to why they did what they did.”

Yet alongside the sacrifice came joy. The family celebrated each answered prayer—funds arriving just in time for a project, new workers joining the team, and most of all, people coming to faith in Jesus.



Marge & Bill Almack at their retirement party in 2016 with two of their sons, David and Jim

“They were a great team,” Marge says. “Opposite in temperament, but always encouraging each other. Neither of them was highly educated. They just decided it was best to follow their Captain—the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Legacy That Still Inspires

Today, decades after those first steps of faith, CLC has grown far beyond what Ken and Bessie could have imagined. “The growth of the work and the many national leaders who are leading CLC in their own countries and internationally would thrill them,” Marge says with a smile. And their “why”? It is as relevant as ever. “Yes,” Marge insists, “Jesus is worthy of every sacrifice to get the truth of the Gospel to every nation!”



The Adams sisters, Jan & Marge

Sidebar: A Family of Prayer

Even as she looks back, Marge continues to look forward—inviting us into prayer:

For CLC: “Pray that the Lord will continue to give godly, humble, visionary leaders—obedient to the Holy Spirit. Seeing God raise up national leaders is thrilling! CLC is a family, and my prayer is that this aspect will continue as we support each other through prayer, finances, and every way possible.”

For the Almack Family: Marge and her husband Bill are preparing to move in with their daughter Heidi’s family by the end of the year. “They’re building a grandparents’ addition to their house. This is God’s provision for us! Please pray for this transition, as we downsize, pack, and adjust.”

The Heart of “Our Why”

Ken and Bessie’s lives remind us that the mission of CLC was never built on human strategy alone. It began with two ordinary people who believed that obedience to Christ was worth everything—and who trusted God to use their small steps of faith for His glory.

Their story is, in many ways, the story of CLC itself: prayerful, sacrificial, Christ-centered, and filled with joy at seeing God work. It’s why we do what we do, and why the mission continues—until every nation has access to the truth of the Gospel.

PROJECT UPDATE

Bibles for Young Hearts

Update on the CLC Children's Bibles Project

by Gary Chamberlin

"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14

The **CLC Children's Bibles Project** continues to move forward with purpose and faith, bringing God's Word to children who might otherwise never hold a Bible of their own.

What began in a small CLC bookshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where I noticed how few children's Bibles were available in Thai, has grown into a global mission to make Scripture accessible, affordable, and age-appropriate for young readers.

The project focuses on countries where Christian resources are scarce and printing options are limited, including **Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Portugal, and Thailand.**

The vision is for each CLC country to have three editions of children's Bibles available in its national language: for ages **2–4, 5–8, and 8–11.** Each version combines vivid storytelling with engaging illustrations, helping children understand and love God's Word at every stage of their growth.

A major focus of the current phase is the **translation and printing of more than 23,000 copies of *God's Colorful Kingdom Storybook Bible*,** a beautifully illustrated edition originally published by **Tyndale House.**



Designed for children aged **8–11,** this Bible features 31 stories that trace the



Bibles made it all the way to Kenya

arc of God's redemptive plan—from creation to Christ's resurrection and beyond. The project includes translations into **14 languages** for distribution across **19 countries,** including **Ukraine,** where families are deeply in need of hope-filled Christian materials. *CLC Poland* is overseeing the Ukrainian translation to ensure children can read and understand these stories in their own heart language.

Together, these efforts form the heart of CLC's wider goal—to print **at least 50,000 children's Bibles,** and, as the Lord provides, perhaps even *100,000.* Each Bible costs around **\$4.60** to print and ship, yet its influence stretches far beyond one child.

In many homes, parents and grandparents read alongside their children, turning each Bible into a shared family experience of faith and discovery. One small book often becomes a light that reaches an entire household.

Through this project, CLC continues to see how God uses simple tools—paper, ink, and story—to open hearts and transform lives. See page 23 to donate.

FEATURE STORY

Called to Serve: The CLC Journey of Liz Patten

by CLC World Staff & Liz Patten

When Liz Patten reflects on her journey with CLC International, it's clear that books and Bibles were never just ink and paper to her. They are lifelines—tools God uses to reach hearts and change lives. For more than 30 years, Liz has given herself to this mission. But her story started long before CLC.

A New Testament and a New Life

At 14, Liz received a small New Testament from the Gideons International (now 'Good News for Everyone'). She read it daily, captivated by the truth inside. One verse in particular gripped her: *Everyone who calls upon the Name of the LORD shall be saved* (Romans 10:13). "Eventually," Liz says, "that was exactly what happened!"

That moment of faith set the course of her life, eventually leading her to say "Yes!" to God's call to missions while at a youth conference in France. Her surrender was deepened during a short-term trip to West Africa and, later, by two years of service in Cameroon with the Full Gospel Mission.

After returning from Cameroon, Liz pursued Portuguese language studies in Coimbra, Portugal, with plans to serve in Angola. It was there that she discovered CLC—not as a concept, but as a living, breathing ministry.

"I was a regular visitor to the CLC bookshop in Avenida Emidio



Liz & colleagues from Africa and the Caribbean during an International Council



L to R: Petra, Abel, Liz & Johane before the CLC Maputo bookshop opening in 2017

Navarro," Liz recalls. "My friendship with the missionary couple who ran it grew into a sense that God was directing me to join CLC."

Rita, one of the missionaries, handed Liz copies of *CLC World* magazine and invited her to prayer meetings focused on Angola and Mozambique. Liz's heart stirred. She realized God was weaving together her love for books and her call to Africa with CLC's mission.

A Passion Aligned with a Purpose

Liz had always been a reader. "My mum taught me to read when I was four, and I never looked back," she says. Saturdays were often spent with her dad at the junior library. As a new believer, she devoured Christian books.

So when she sensed God calling her to join CLC, it felt natural. “It was no real surprise that this passion for reading was transformed into a calling to spread the Gospel through literature,” she explains. There were challenges, but Liz’s conviction was clear: “I wanted to be a missionary.”

For Liz, ministry has never been about titles or positions. What drives her daily is “A genuine desire to serve God and to do something with my life that will have an eternal impact.” That passion has taken her across continents: two years in Angola, seven in Mozambique, two more in Portugal, and countless visits to CLC ministries in Africa.

Projects like the *Low-Cost Bible Project* for Mozambique, which has distributed over 30,000 Bibles so far, stand as fruit of her faithful service.

But just as important as the projects are the people. “Encouraging my colleagues, many of whom work in very challenging conditions, has been one of my greatest joys,” she says.

A Day in the Life

These days, Liz’s role looks a little different. Her mornings begin with strong tea, Bible reading, and prayer. Much of her work is now digital—Zoom calls, emails, and WhatsApp messages with colleagues in Mozambique, Sierra Leone, and beyond. She also prepares material for the Prayer Focus calendar and coordinates Global Prayer Days, helping keep the ministry united worldwide.

In between, she takes walks with her adopted terrier, LittleTed—a faithful companion during this season of ministry.

Holding the Baton

As Liz looks towards retirement in the



next few years, she remains as focused on CLC’s mission as ever. “We just hold the baton for a while, and then we have to pass it on,” she reflects. Her prayer is that new leaders will rise up, especially in Africa, to carry the vision forward.

And to those considering a similar call? Liz is quick to encourage: “Once you are certain that this is what God wants you to do, just go for it—110%.”

Sidebar: How to Pray with Liz

For Liz: Pray that she will remain an encouragement to colleagues right up until retirement and beyond.

For CLC Africa: Pray for strong, godly leaders to step into place so the ministries in Mozambique, Sierra Leone, and throughout the continent can continue to flourish.

For CLC Globally: Pray that our mission remains strong and clear in every nation.

Her “Why”—and Ours

After more than three decades with CLC, Liz sums it up simply: “From the beginning, my ‘why’ was clear: Jesus is worthy, and His Word must be shared.”

Her story, woven into the larger story of CLC, reminds us that the mission is not abstract—it’s lived out in the faithfulness of ordinary people, serving an extraordinary God.



CLC Thailand staff & International Office team

November 3rd - 9th

Week 45 - Worldwide

Monday (3rd) - India

Every year, we conduct a big sale in our HQ during the first week of November, and this year also we are planning to have the same. Please pray for all the arrangements, for a good response and to get new contacts.

Tuesday (4th) - Caribbean Travels

Please pray for Jim Pitman (Regional Director for the Caribbean) and Gary Chamberlin (International Director) as they plan to visit CLC Barbados in the first week of November, possibly 5th - 8th. Pray that their visit would be encouraging and effective.

Wednesday (5th) - Mozambique

Praise God that last month, the team was able to meet together in Maputo for a few days during the visit of Liz Patten and Petra Nemansky from the International Office. Pray for them as they put into practice the conference theme of "Serving Together".



Team meetings in Maputo

Thursday (6th) - Mozambique

Please pray for a consolidation of new stock from several publishers that is on its way from Brazil. Pray for CLC Maputo as they receive the goods and dispatch a part to our provincial bookshops in Beira and Nampula that everything will arrive safely.

Friday (7th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray as we carry out repairs and cleaning after tenants vacated one of our apartments, unfortunately leaving quite a mess. Pray that we can find responsible new tenants in the month of November.

The Weekend (8th - 9th) - South Korea

Please pray for our publishing team as we prepare several titles for release by November 20th, in time for Advent and Christmas. Pray for God's guidance, strength and efficiency in the editing and printing process. May these books bless many readers during this season.

November 10th - 16th

Week 46 - Focus on Pakistan

Monday (10th) - Devastating floods

CLC's National Director writes: "I humbly request your prayers for Pakistan. Many cities are facing devastating floods, and people are going through very difficult times. Food crops have been destroyed, and countless families are struggling. Please continue to remember Pakistan's Christian community especially."

Tuesday (11th) - Sales

Not surprisingly, the sales at our CLC bookshop in Karachi have been going down due to the impact of the situation in the Middle East. Kindly pray for God's blessing and provision in this situation.

Wednesday (12th) - Convention

The annual Sialkot Convention in Punjab exists to encourage prayer and unity while strengthening the Christian faith. Please pray that the Bibles and books sold at this

year's event (in September) will bear fruit in many lives.

Thursday (13th) - Special blessing

We want to share the good news that CLC worker Mr. Shan will become a father in the next months. Please pray for God's blessing for him and his wife and the baby.

Friday (14th) - Books

One of our best-selling titles is *The Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians* by Michael Wakely. Please pray that this book, which tells the story of men and women of faith and courage, will continue to be an inspiration to many.

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Promotion

Please pray that God would give us creative and effective ideas to promote our Advent-related books so that many readers may be encouraged to prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ and share His hope with others.

November 17th - 23rd

Week 47 - Worldwide

Monday (17th) - Cyprus

This month, we plan to hold our usual Christmas book fairs in addition to having a few more book tables in both November and December. Pray this will be a time of renewing fellowship with old customers and getting to know new ones.

Tuesday (18th) - Cyprus

Please pray for health and strength for the activities mentioned yesterday as much physical work is involved. Also, please pray that many will be blessed by the materials that will be purchased.

Wednesday (19th) - Netherlands

Pray for Hervé Lessous (CLC European Director) and the other Board members of the WEC Cornerstone Bible College in the Netherlands as they meet today. Pray for the Lord's presence in the lives of the students, teachers and Board members.

Thursday (20th) - South Korea

Praise God for CLC Korea's 50th anniversary celebrations this month and Dr. Young Ho

Park's 50 years of faithful service as National Director. Pray for God's continued strength and wisdom for him and that CLC Korea's publishing will help many draw closer to the Lord.



Friday (21st) - United States

Pray for Bea Galloway who started work in our bookstore in October to assist the store manager, Alma, on a part-time basis. Pray, too, for good fellowship as Bea and her family have moved onto the CLC residential complex in Fort Washington.

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - United States

Please pray for James Bock as he takes on the important role of finding new books to publish and as he works with our authors. James and his wife Ciji are also adjusting to being new parents as their son Lionel was born in August!

November 24th - 30th

Week 48 - Worldwide

Monday (24th) - Peru

Please pray for María Díaz who became manager in Lima last month. She was previously in charge of the Trujillo store. Pray that God will guide her and that, together with the team, she can strengthen our work with churches, schools, and Bible institutes.

Tuesday (25th) - Panama

A young father who visited our bookshop in City of David expressed his gratitude for the wealth of materials available in CLC. He shared that he was raised in a Christian home but later fell away. After four years in prison, he returned to Christ.

Wednesday (26th) - Panama

Pray for the young father mentioned yesterday, who now desires to teach the scriptures to his five-year-old son and to be a good example to him. Pray that the Bible story books purchased at CLC will be a real help to this family.



Gary Chamberlin, David Pabón, Muthoni Omukhango & Ivano Cramerotti at 2024 ACABA

Thursday (27th) - Kenya

Our fifth annual ACABA* programme is happening on November 29th for 300-500 attendees. This major event awards the best African authors and their books. Thanks to collaboration between CLC countries, some books have even been translated into other languages for a wider readership.

* African Christian Authors Book Awards

Friday (28th) - Kenya

Please pray for a sense of God's presence at the ACABA event tomorrow and for lasting impact in every way. Pray for Ivano Cramerotti (CLC Italy) who will give training on book cover design and for Gary Chamberlin who will be our keynote speaker.

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - France

Please pray for the second gathering of the "Books and You" Literary Fair, which will welcome more than 25 Christian authors and will be held on November 29th in Paris. Pray for good connections, encouragement and blessing.

December 1st - 7th

Week 49 - Testimonies**Monday (1st) - Italy**

Wonderfully, CLC Italy has been able to buy the Turin property where they have their bookshop. They have rented the property

since 2008, and CLC is well established in the city. Pray for God's continued blessing on this ministry.

Tuesday (2nd) - Cyprus

A Christian fireman who was recently involved in extinguishing fires that left many without home or work was heard giving a testimony in church. A CLC customer who was present subsequently supplied him with Bibles from our bookshop to distribute to the villagers.

Wednesday (3rd) - Ecuador

Thank God for His opportunities to serve in the Indigenous community of Calpi in the mountains of Riobamba. One such opportunity was at a conference with the theme "Preach the Word". Since it is a remote area, there are few possibilities to obtain Christian books.

Thursday (4th) - Ecuador

Book table in Quito

In the opening hours of the conference mentioned yesterday, all our Bibles were sold, so, despite an eight-hour journey, we returned

to Quito to fetch more material. It was so encouraging to see the desire of our brothers and sisters to have a Bible.

Friday (5th) - Kenya

By God's grace, we are making progress towards moving CLC Kenya to a permanent home 68 kilometres from Nairobi, the capital city. We are thankful for recent funding to drill a well on the CLC property, and we pray for God's blessing upon the donors.

The Weekend (6th - 7th) - Central Asia 2

Many people who come to our store have never seen a Bible. Wonderfully, this gives us the opportunity to explain that it includes several of the books considered holy in another faith and to address questions that they may have, now or later.

December 8th - 14th

Week 50 - Worldwide

Monday (8th) - South Korea

Pray for a wide distribution of our Advent books—that they may enter many homes and churches during this season. Pray that our customers will give them as gifts, and that each book will lead hearts to the true hope and joy found in Christ.

Tuesday (9th) - South Korea

Please pray as we prepare for the upcoming spring semester. Ask for wisdom and efficiency for our team so that all manuscripts scheduled for publishing will be completed in time. Spring is always busy as it marks the beginning of the new school year.

Wednesday (10th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for a very good level of customer response to the new stock that has arrived for the Christmas season. Praise the Lord with us for our faithful suppliers and for increased Bible sales.



Some of the France bookshop staff

Thursday (11th) - France

Please pray that Christian bookshops in France and elsewhere will be adequately supported with volunteer help this Christmas season and always, and that they may continue to be a source of great blessing and welcome for all who enter!

Friday (12th) - France

Please pray for the Board meeting of CLC France, which will take place today, when we will review the year 2025 and prepare

new projects for 2026. May God be at the centre of all our plans!

The Weekend (13th - 14th) - Cyprus

Many daily reading calendars (in various languages) are distributed in December and January. Most are given by believers to friends and relatives who do not know the Lord as their personal Saviour, so please pray that He will work in their hearts as they read.

December 15th - 21st

Week 51 - Worldwide

Monday (15th) - Canada

At the time of writing, we hope to have gone live with our new software last month (in November, 2025), after considerable delays. Please pray with us for a good adaptation to the new system.

Tuesday (16th) - Canada

At the time of writing, we are planning to move our E-commerce Department to the warehouse, involving a considerable reorganisation of space, product and personnel. Please pray for a good adaptation to this.

Wednesday (17th) - Projects

Please pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of generous donors to support key CLC projects: a new building in Chennai, India; a new HQ near Nairobi, Kenya; the 50,000 Children's Bibles Project; and 20,000 Bibles for Myanmar. Thank you!

Thursday (18th) - France

Please pray for the Christmas book deposit season in the churches in France, which will run until the end of December. Pray that this service, which blesses churches every year, will result in many spiritual and useful gifts being given this Christmas!

Friday (19th) - Kenya

We thank God for the many wonderful connections made during our National Director's trips to the USA and Thailand this year. Please pray that CLC in Kenya will continue to grow its impact through these opportunities.

The Weekend (20th - 21st) - Italy

CLC Italy has recently relocated the warehouse from Sicily to south of Rome, improving efficiency and strengthening literature distribution nationwide. We thank God for a good rental contract. Please pray for the sale of the Sicily property and guidance to purchase near Rome.

December 22nd - 28th

Week 52 - Christmas Week



CLC Barranquilla bookshop

Monday (22nd) - Worldwide

Pray that as customers look for "last minute" gifts in CLC around the world, they may be able to find the "right book (or other resource) for the right person at the right time". Pray that our staff will be able to help where needed.

Tuesday (23rd) - South Korea

Give thanks to the Lord for His guidance throughout 2025 and for the fruits of ministry this year. Pray that during Christmas, our staff and partners may find rest, health and renewed encouragement.

Wednesday (24th) - Worldwide

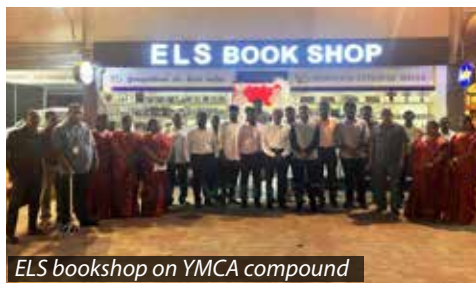
Please pray that all our workers around the world will be able to enjoy a well-earned rest during the festive period, enjoying time with family and friends and celebrating the coming of our wonderful Saviour and King.

Thursday (25th) - Happy Christmas

Please pray for those who will receive books and other resources obtained at CLC as gifts this Christmas. Pray for Christians to be encouraged and strengthened through these items, and for those who need Christ, to be brought further in their journey towards Him.

Friday (26th) - India

We praise and thank God for all the funds He has so far supplied for our multistorey, multipurpose building project in Chennai and ask you to please pray with us that we will have all we need to complete the vision. (See page 23 to donate).



ELS bookshop on YMCA compound

The Weekend (27th - 28th) - India

We thank God for two new outlets opened this year! Please pray for a strong and ongoing response from the public to our CLC (ELS) book centres on the YMCA compound in Ritherdon Road and in Avadi, Chennai.

December 29th - January 4th

Week 1 - New Year

Monday (29th) - Germany

CLC Germany began in 1948 and, nearly 80 years later, we praise God for our large and bookshop in Hamburg! Nonetheless, the ministry has some financial challenges to resolve, so please pray for God to make a way for us.

Tuesday (30th) - Germany

Our manager, Valentin, will retire in 2026 after many years of faithful service in CLC with his wife, Adelheid. We are praying - and searching - for a long-term solution for this ministry but with awareness of the



Hamburg bookshop storefront

possibility that CLC Germany may close early next year.

Wednesday (31st) - Around the Globe

Please thank God with us for our dedicated staff and volunteers around the world and all the books and resources that have been distributed this year through CLC's work in over 40 countries, via 18 warehouses, 126 bookshops and e-commerce sites. To Him be the glory!

Thursday (January 1st) - International

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We give thanks to God for bringing us into 2026 and pray that it will be filled with His grace and guidance. Ask the Lord to grant wisdom and vision as CLC Directors and teams make plans and set priorities for the year ahead.



Friday (2nd) - South Korea

Please pray for our National Director's, Young-Ho Park, health as he turns 80 this year, asking the Lord to grant him renewed strength and vitality. Also, please pray for continued health, strength and unity among the staff as we embark on a busy year of ministry together.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Peru

CLC Peru is thankful for the support of other CLC countries, offering us their time, technical skills, professional support and their prayers, all of which allow us to continue strengthening CLC's work here. Please pray for God's blessing upon all those who have helped us!

January 5th - 11th

Week 2 - New Beginnings

Monday (5th) - France

Please pray for an increase in our sales this year, which were in decline for several months in 2025. Pray, too, that Christian booksellers in our country and everywhere may be encouraged and renewed.

Tuesday (6th) - Eastern Europe 2

We praise God for the life and leadership of Nikita, who has recently stepped down

from his role as National Director after many years of service. We thank him for his input and perseverance despite difficult circumstances and ask for God's blessing on him and his family in their future.

Wednesday (7th) - Eastern Europe 2

We thank God for Vera, our accountant, who has accepted the role of National Director following Nikita's departure. May she know God's strength and enabling as she adapts to her new responsibility, and may the team know God's presence in a country affected by social uncertainty.

Thursday (8th) - Peru

We thank God for our management software. Last year, we continued with our training in it, especially in accounting, which required investing more time to make progress. Pray that we may be able to issue our 2025 income statements through it in early 2026.



Friday (9th) - Panama

We glorify God for the beautiful testimonies that fill us with daily strength to continue serving. One such testimony comes from a customer who gave the book *Vidas de Cristal* to her 16-year-old niece who was terminally ill. (Please see tomorrow's point for praise).

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Panama

After the young girl passed away (see yesterday), her mother shared a letter she found. It read: "*I like this book because I identified so much with the stories ... I am very happy because I know where I will be. Thank you, Lord, for everything.*"

January 12th - 18th

Week 3 - Focus on Philippines

Monday (12th) - Philippines

Praise God for Pastor Rex Gilbuena, the Dean of Global Life University (Guiguinto Campus), who has expressed how CLC Malolos has impacted his life, giving him joy in finding quality Christian resources

that help equip both leaders and students in their spiritual walk and ministry.

Tuesday (13th) - Philippines

Praise God for sister Fé Esquillo, one of the students at Global Life University, who has shared how the books and Bibles she found at CLC have been a great help in deepening her faith and preparing her for God's calling.



Students from Global Life University

Wednesday (14th) - Philippines

Praise God for those who at CLC Malolos have found not "just books" but tools that strengthen their devotion and calling. We are grateful for how God uses us to be a channel of blessing for churches, schools and individuals who are hungry for Him.

Thursday (15th) - Philippines

Please continue to pray for CLC Malolos as, since February last year, we have experienced lower sales due to the closure of a main store near to where our shop is located. We remain grateful for God's sustaining grace and humbly ask for your prayers.

Friday (16th) - Philippines

We thank God for our participation in the Manila International Book Fair in September 2025 where many Bibles and Christian books were sold. Please pray that the new connections we made at the Book



CLC Philippines staff with a local athlete visiting the Book Fair stand

Fair will continue to grow and bear fruit in 2026.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Philippines

CLC Philippines will be celebrating 69 years of ministry in 2026! Rejoice with us as we praise God for all His blessings and trust Him for all that is yet to come.

December 19th - 25th

Week 4 - Provision and Impact

Monday (19th) - India

Please pray for ELS India's 63rd staff conference at the end of January, thanking God for Justin Chellappan's leadership and inaugurating Jose K as the new National Director. Pray for safe travels, God's blessing and team unity. Sohee Yoo and Gary Chamberlin will also attend.

Tuesday (20th) - Ivory Coast

Pray that we may continue to have a good stock flow to supply our customers in Abidjan and Bouaké, especially with items that they may not find elsewhere. Pray, too, for a great spiritual impact for Christ in Bouaké and for CLC's part in this.

Wednesday (21st) - Peru

We thank God for opportunities to distribute several hundred children's Bibles last year. Please pray that God will strengthen the faith of the children who have received them and that we may maintain the necessary stock levels to continue this work.

Thursday (22nd) - Mozambique

Please join us in thanking God for our partners in mission in Mozambique. They include *Mosaic Mozambique* and missionary Inge Michel who serves with AIM and helps our bookshop in Nampula. Pray for the Lord to supply all their needs according to His promise!

Friday (23rd) - Venezuela

We praise God that in September 2025, we received a generous donation – 4,400 Bibles from one of our publishers - with four different editions. Pray that as we sell these quality Bibles at a very affordable price, we

may bless many people in our country.

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Venezuela

We praise God for increased sales last year, despite the continuing long-term social and economic instability. It is a miracle for us! Please pray for this to continue and for a significant improvement in the national economy.

January 26th - February 1st

Week 5 - Focus on West Africa

Monday (26th) - Burkina Faso

We are thankful that our bookshop is an oasis where, in addition to finding good literature, believers come to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. One retired military customer always prays for the ministry before leaving the shop, expressing his hope that CLC will long continue here.

Tuesday (27th) - Burkina Faso

Thank God for the protection, safety and survival of the CLC ministry in Burkina Faso, despite many years of terrorism. Pray for the country's financial situation and for improved living conditions for people throughout the country. Pray for a spirit of true tolerance and coexistence.

Wednesday (28th) - Burkina Faso

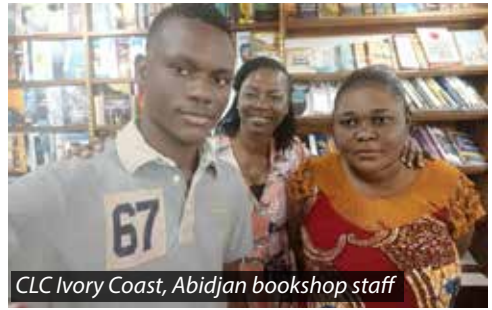
Please pray for the continued protection and safety of CLC missionary Luc and his family as well as for the safe delivery of Bibles and books coming from France. Pray for a good flow of stock in 2026 to bless our customers with helpful literature.

Thursday (29th) - Burkina Faso

We are grateful to the Lord for the financial support of CLC France through their project to sell secondhand books in order to raise funds for new stock for our bookshop in Ouagadougou. This has especially helped to increase our range of Bibles.

Friday (30th) - Ivory Coast

We bless God for a series of four evangelistic tracts that are much used in outreach campaigns across the country. Also, we are grateful that two of the CLC "economy" Bibles were recently chosen for an evangelistic campaign in the interior.



The Weekend (31st - 1st) - Benin

We are grateful to God because, despite the crises all around us, we still exist, and hope is possible for the future. We therefore ask for prayer that we may finish paying off all the debts incurred by our relocation, which took place in mid-2024.

February 2nd - 8th

Week 6 - Advancing the Gospel

Monday (2nd) - Myanmar

Thank God with us that the Burmese Bible is ready to print. Please pray that the Lord will quickly provide the substantial funds to print 20,000 copies as there is a huge need for Bibles in Myanmar. Page 23 to donate.

Tuesday (3rd) - Digital Department

Please pray for the staff of our digital department as they seek to serve CLC on a global scale through retail websites and in other ways. Pray for Ivano Cramerotti as he leads the team from Italy, where he is also the National Director

Wednesday (4th) - Publishing

Please pray for 14 CLC countries preparing files to publish Tyndale's *God's Colourful Kingdom*, a children's Bible for ages 9-12 years. About 23,000 copies will be printed in 13 languages. Pray for accurate translation and timely completion. Page 23 to donate.

Thursday (5th) - International Director

Please pray for the election of CLC's new International Director, led by Chair of Trustees, John Raby. Nominations and a Zoom election in March will involve all Council members. Pray for unity, clear guidance and God's chosen leader.

Friday (6th) - Sierra Leone

Pray for David Scouler and Liz Patten as they plan to visit the CLC team in Sierra Leone from February 17th-26th. Pray for divine appointments and that training will be relevant, devotional times will be invigorating and the encouragement given will be long-lasting!

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Sierra Leone

We are very thankful to ELS India for a generous donation of *Picture Bibles* for children. Following the logistical challenges to get the Bibles to Sierra Leone, please pray for our bookshops as they promote these Bibles. May people all over the country benefit from reading them!

February 9th - 15th

Week 7 - The Caribbean**Monday (9th) - Barbados**

Pray for leadership renewal as we pray for God's guidance in identifying and appointing new board members who will bring wisdom, energy and a heart for ministry.

Tuesday (10th) - Barbados

Pray for clarity and unity as the Board works with legal counsel on the land and parking issues, that all dealings would honour the Lord and protect CLC's testimony.

Wednesday (11th) - Barbados

Pray for God's provision to meet operating expenses, reduce debts and strengthen the sustainability of the bookstore ministry. Pray for vision and creativity as the team explores new products, opportunities and partnerships that can extend the ministry's reach in Barbados.

Thursday (12th) - Dominica

We praise God that, despite slow and steady sales, all bills are met on time and our customers continue to thank God for the bookshop ministry. Pray for more connections and lasting fruitfulness from our social media outreach.

Friday (13th) - Trinidad

Thank God for our regular book tables at

several churches and more opportunities in other churches where we are just awaiting dates. Pray for more of these as it is a wonderful way of finding new customers.

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Trinidad

Sadly, we have had to close our bookstore in Point Fortin as we could not afford the rent. We thank God for its ministry through the years and that we were able to pay the rent to continue the ministry in Tobago.

February 16th - 22nd

Week 8 - Eastern Europe**Monday (16th) - Eastern Europe 1**

Praise God with us that, after two stressful years following the passing of a new religious law, CLC was successfully reregistered according to that law earlier this year. Please pray as we still must register again as a publisher and distributor.

Tuesday (17th) - Eastern Europe 1

Praise God for our bookstalls during various conferences and other Christian events. Thank Him that our books are a blessing for the participants and that these "extra" sales provide support for our ministry during the times when there are not sufficient customers in the bookshop.

Wednesday (18th) - Eastern Europe 1

Praise God for our customers who are open to share their life stories in the bookshop where they find attentive listeners and special comfort in a peaceful environment.

Thursday (19th) - Eastern Europe 1

Pray for a customer who met Jesus in jail and is now growing spiritually. Pray that the children's Bible he purchased for a young girl who suffers from spinal muscular atrophy would be a blessing to her and show her the way to the Lord.

Friday (20th) - Eastern Europe 1

In previous years, CLC in our country has been able to print Bibles, but since these have all finished, we are now thinking of the possibility of a new print run. May God help us in every way for His glory!

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Please pray for all our dedicated staff in Eastern Europe and Central Asia where the work is often very laborious, particularly at a bureaucratic level. Pray for strength and perseverance and that they may know that their work is not in vain in the Lord.

February 23rd - March 1st

Week 9 - Equipped to Share

Monday (23rd) - Mexico

Give thanks with us that God continues to work through us, especially as many Bibles and resources are purchased as gifts for those who do not yet know Christ as Saviour. Please pray that God will prepare the hearts of all who receive these gifts.

Tuesday (24th) - Mozambique

Please pray for our "economy" Bible project in Mozambique, which is now in its fourth print run of 10,000 copies each time. Pray for all the logistics, including printing, paying and shipping! Pray that it will not be long before the eagerly awaited Bibles arrive!

Wednesday (25th) - United Kingdom

ReBible is CLC UK's response to a growing movement in the country. This long-term, bold objective is to supply one million Bibles for £1 each. In these early initial stages, we thank God for some very productive discussions with publishers who share our vision.

Thursday (26th) - United Kingdom

Our initial commitment in the ReBible project (see yesterday) has been to purchase 50,000 NLT Bibles and 50,000 ESV Bibles with the first instalment having arrived in September. At £1 each, we expect that churches and mission organisations will buy quantities to give away.

Friday (27th) - United Kingdom

Clearly, this ReBible project (see 25th/26th) will cost a significant amount of money, so we are launching out in faith, trusting that others in the UK church will help grow the

vision. A website will be launched shortly with the name ReBible.co.uk.

The Weekend (28th - March 1st) - United Kingdom

Please join us in praying for and promoting the ReBible project. We want to be a part of what God is doing in our nation. There is so much disillusionment and discontent; this is our opportunity to share the Good News of the Gospel. See page 23 to donate.

HIGHLIGHT

CLC ASIA & CLC LATIN AMERICA REGIONAL MEETINGS

CLC teams across Asia and Latin America recently gathered for their respective regional conferences — vital moments to strengthen vision, share resources, and encourage one another in mission. These gatherings foster unity, inspire new initiatives, and equip teams to serve more effectively in sharing God's Word across their nations and beyond, creating lasting impact.



*CLC Panama staff (host country)
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