## VISION & VICTORY TCM WINTER REPORT 2021



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# PrayerFast 2020

"Hindsight is 2020" has never been more applicable. Yet with

the challenges that a world-wide pandemic brought, we stand

in awe of God's faithfulness. Only because of Him can we

say that 2020 has been a surprisingly successful year. As you

read this Vision and Victory edition of The TCM Report you will

see evidence of God's abundant provision. We believe such

fulfillment occurs as His people humble themselves and submit to Him. At TCM this submission begins with prayer and fasting.

Yes, as we move forward, we are relieved to have 2020 in the

rearview mirror. But as we reflect, there were many moments of

Held on November 14, 2020, PrayerFast was a virtual global gathering that brought more than 500 people from

forgiveness, and petition to the Throne of God. Planning for

such an undertaking began in April, as TCM's leadership team

lamented not being able to bring friends of TCM together in

one place. However, with so many of our supporting churches

having success gathering online, we prayerfully began to

An event had to be simple, effective, and available to anyone

with Wi-Fi. It had to be in multiple languages – after all, it was

to be global. Through an anonymous gift, a virtual platform

was created for the event. We established a name and a

special logo to illustrate our desire to focus on two key spiritual

disciplines - PrayerFast (Prayer and Fasting). We set a date.

Recruitment of virtual table hosts ensued. Fifty-three brave souls

said, "I will." They needed training on the system. We were

explore the possibility of a global online gathering.

rejoicing. TCM's inaugural PrayerFast was one such moment.

by David Wright



#### TCM President Tony Twist served as host. The four main sessions included in this celebration of God's love were all focused on the need to pray and the importance of fasting. After each of the four main sessions, participants were dismissed to their virtual tables for discussion and prayer led by the table hosts. The four main sessions were:

#### Introduction

A keynote address was made by TCM Professor Jordan Scheetz. Jordan focused on the key elements to developing disciplemaking movements.

#### Looking Back

TCM's history as illustrated by TCM professors Oti Bunaciu, Meego Remmel, his father Amo and his son Jakob (all TCM 34 nations together to lift prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, graduates).

#### Looking Around

Exploring progress of TCM's expansion into new territories, featuring TCM professor Jozsef Steiner, and TCM ministry partners Shodankeh Johnson and Wallace and Mary Kamau.

#### Looking Ahead

Tony Twist explained TCM's desire to expand worldwide prayer support for the ministry of TCM and extended an invitation to commit to praying and fasting for TCM and the global Church of our Lord throughout 2021.

We extend to you this same invitation to keep TCM in your prayers throughout 2021. We also invite you to join us for PrayerFast 2021 on November 13, 2021.

#### Missed PrayerFast? Visit tcmi.org/pray to watch a recording of the event, as well as access prayer resources available to you!



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We prayed! And fasted!

going live in two weeks!

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#### **TCMII CLASSES** WINTER

#### **U.S. COHORTS:** Indianapolis and Arizona

Introduction to Old Testament Studies Disciple Making

- Disciple Making
- Theology and Practice of Worship

#### ONLINE

History of Christian Theology Introduction to Old Testament Studies Pastoral Ethics Hermeneutics Exegesis of the Gospels Old Testament Theology Transforming Leadership Mission Theology Homiletics Hermeneutics Young Children and Children's Ministry Hebrew 1 Survey of Church History Homiletics Greek 1

Jordan Scheetz, Arizona Myron Williams, Arizona David Roadcup, Indianapolis John Sarno, Indianapolis

Oti Bunaciu Fred Hansen

Meego Remmel Jordan Scheetz Jordan Scheetz Sara Fudge Jim Buckley Mihai Malancea Leonid Mikhovich Chuck Sackett Myron Williams

Sara Fudge Beth Langstaff Leonid Mikhovich Dumitru Sevastian



#### **IN-COUNTRY** January - April

Theology and Practice of Prayer Mission Theology Homiletics Introduction to Old Testament Studies Introduction to Old Testament Studies Christian Ethics The Missional Church Disciple Making Hermeneutics Exegesis of Revelation Transforming Leadership Introduction to New Testament Studies Disciple Making Homiletics Introduction to Old Testament Studies Christian Ethics Cross-cultural Ministry Introduction to Old Testament Studies The Missional Church Transforming Leadership Disciple Making

History of Christian Theology 1

Pavel Coufal, Czech Republic Mihai Malancea, Central Asia Leonid Mikhovich, Central Asia Konstantin Nazarov, Hungary

Konstantin Nazarov, Belarus

Meego Remmel, Turkey Evginey Siniy, Russia Jozsef Steiner, Moldova Fred Hansen, Romania Fred Hansen, Estonia Timotei Rusu, Moldova Fred Hansen, Kenya

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#### **ESTATE PLANNING AND TCM** by Megan Herring

The COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that it is a good practice to review our Wills, Trusts, and beneficiary designations periodically. As we review them, key questions to consider include:

- Are my estate planning documents and Will up to date?
- Have I updated the beneficiary designations on my life
- insurance, retirement plans, and annuities? Whom do I want to name as my fiduciaries (Personal Representative, Trustee, Guardian, Attorney-in-Fact, Healthcare

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- How do I want to provide for my spouse, children, • grandchildren, and other loved ones?
- What gifts do I want to make to my church and other key ministries?

In 2020, TCM received bequests and other planned gifts from five donors who remembered TCM in their estate giving. Thank you! We are very grateful to be recipients of these estate gifts!

If you have questions about estate planning in general or would like more information about including TCM in your Will or as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan, please contact Megan Herring at megan@tcmi.org.

### "WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"



ministry purposes."

#### IN 2020 **TCM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE**

#### **PROFESSORS' REFLECTIONS ON 2020**

by Tom Sears

As you may know, TCM moved almost 100% of its courses fully online during 2020. We praise the Lord that we did not have to cancel a single course because of the pandemic this past year! Though we occasionally offer courses 100% online anyway, I was curious to find out how this "forced experiment" professors to take a critical look at the content in their courses of delivering almost everything online affected the quality of the teaching and how it might impact how we conduct courses in the year to come (2021). Some of what I found might surprise you, and other parts probably won't surprise you at all. Let me present you with a short list of the biggest themes that I heard from our professors when asked to reflect on their courses in 2020.

#### "We were surprised at how well the course went."

Several professors admitted to their nervousness and skepticism about doing courses fully online. But overwhelmingly, the feedback from professors and students was positive. Dr. Jozsef Steiner from Hungary said, "I like to laugh, cry, and share jokes during the calls. But now I am convinced that these things can still happen even fully online. Face-to-face is still easier, and I am excited about getting back to that. I wasn't afraid of the technology, but I was afraid that I couldn't share personally in this way. But it can work."

#### "Community can exist online."

It seemed each professor saw an increased amount of community during the online portion (the whole portion) of these courses. Perhaps this was because the students knew the whole course would be online, and maybe it was because of the increased intentionality from the professors to facilitate this community throughout the online courses. Dr. Chuck Sackett said, "In the future, I want to incorporate two or three video conferences before the face-to-face retreat. Having to do this

because of the pandemic made the students connect toward the beginning of the class, and I would like to see it happen again for each class I teach."

#### "The new tools I learned about this year will improve my course even when we return to face-to-face sessions."

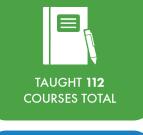
It was not uncommon to hear that the pandemic forced the as well as the tools they were using to deliver that content. Being forced to move everything online led to the addition of new tools. Some professors used this opportunity even to revamp their entire course to optimize them for the future. Dr. Sara Fudge stated: "One student gave really good feedback on the additional resources that were added to my Hebrew class to compensate for everything being online during the pandemic. These extra resources and aids I will continue to use even after we return to face-to-face sessions."

#### "We are even more convinced that the hybrid model works."

As stated, almost every course in 2020 was moved fully online due to the pandemic. It worked. The courses were conducted. Students were able to stay on track. But it seemed that each professor was very excited to return to the hybrid model as soon as possible and get back to face-to-face sessions. This "forced experiment" did not move us to consider keeping everything online in the future, but it emphasized the importance of having a face-to-face aspect to ministry training. Many new things were learned, yes, but this foundational truth became even clearer for the ministry moving forward.

#### "We're all in this together."

Dr. Chuck Sackett also made an interesting comment about how the Lord is preparing the global Church for ministry in the future. He said, "The fact that we are living in this COVID-19 pandemic, people are preaching into a camera every Sunday.









So the fact that we have been having class in that way and Most professors I talked to also shared a funny story about preaching to each other that way is pretty decent training for conducting courses fully online, many of them doing with little what they have to do Sunday after Sunday for who knows how children running into the camera view during class times and much longer. And I'm assuming, like us, many will maintain an making funny faces. This could be viewed as distracting (and online presence anyway. We've been forced to make some maybe it was in some circumstances). But isn't that just real life? adjustments that I think in the long run will pay off for future Yes, this year was difficult. But it also brought a sense of raw, unfiltered, real life with it. And the sense I came away with after talking with our TCM professors about 2020 is that everyone knows, "We're all in this together."



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#### **PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK**

Tony Twist, President

#### Vision and Victory 2021

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine, according to the

power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Robust prayer and fasting praxis birthed every Holy Spirit movement throughout history. Prayerful, faithful disciplemaking movements remain our best hope for real change today.

Doing more than we asked or imagined, God has used the 2020 pandemic to accelerate TCM forward. Not one was class cancelled due to the pandemic. Global circumstances and dynamics were driven to favor our ministry model, delivery, and need. We cannot and will not go back. Only forward to His new normal.

On November 14th, PrayerFast 2020 kicked off our Global Prayer Support Network to undergird the future vision and mission of TCM. Many from our Board, faculty, staff, graduates, students, volunteers, partners, donors, and friends participated. Over 400 people from 190 locations in 34 nations were engaged. So far, 159 individuals have committed to provide this ongoing support role for 2021. We have now exceeded our goal of 100 GPS partners for 2021. Thank you, Lord!

Again, doing more than we asked or imagined, He is positioning us to build a growing prayer and fasting movement in 2021 to continue accelerating with power into a future only He knows. Going forward, robust prayer and fasting support will be as critical for TCM as our financial, volunteer, and partnership support.

If you have not done so already, will you please commit to praying and fasting at any level you can in 2021? It is our best hope for real change today. Visit <u>www.tcmi.org/gps</u> to sign up today!

Yours gratefully in Him,

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