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## ASK, SEEK, KNOCK, AND REJOICE ALWAYS!

by David Wright

TCM's DNA is to pray first and keep praying through every season, every project, every circumstance, and every opportunity to give praise. This is what we have been taught to do from the Lord's Word. Two examples of such teaching are:

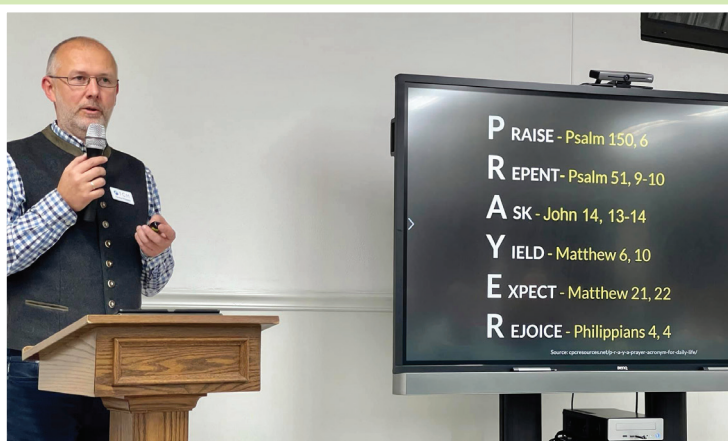
1. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).
2. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Without exception the results, perhaps different than hoped for, have always been better than we imagined. Through the years we have shared multiple examples of this truth with you. This current challenging season that continues has had us on our knees seeking, asking, and knocking. We rejoice with how our Lord has so generously responded.

When we could not meet face to face Zoom prayer sessions better equipped TCM to develop a global online event called PrayerFast in November 2020. Christians from 34 countries joined this digital gathering. We have seen answers to the prayers of the nearly 600 PrayerFast participants and, we are convinced, there are more answers yet to come.

Our desire for corporate prayer led us to orchestrate two Prayer Retreats at Haus Edelweiss. The first was held in September and the second was in October. These two retreats brought more than 100 brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout Europe to the campus to pray. These sessions were led and hosted by TCM professors and TCM staff. They were also blessed with the more than twenty volunteers from the United States, who through prayer overcame the many challenges of international travel brought about by a pandemic.

We are grateful for your prayers. We invite you to join us for PrayerFast 2021. This global event will take place on November 13, 2021, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. EST. There will be both online tables as well as viewing groups that will join from living rooms, dining rooms, and churches across the globe. Register at [www.tcmi.org/pray](http://www.tcmi.org/pray). It is always amazing to see what our Lord will do. Let's rejoice, pray continually, and give thanks for those doors that open as well as those He closes.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR



PrayerFast

CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Online Forum · 10 am · 12 pm (est)

There is no cost to attend this event

REGISTER TODAY AT [TCMI.ORG/PRAY](http://TCMI.ORG/PRAY)

## VISAS IN HAND!

*We are excited to announce that the long-awaited Austrian visas have been received by our three American staff members working at Haus Edelweiss. During a long period of waiting, Chad and Nicole Dillon and Jacob Jones acknowledge God's hand working through it all. Below are the reflections from Jacob and Chad and Nicole.*

### CHAD AND NICOLE DILLON

To say the last 18-20 months have been challenging would be an understatement. The beginning of 2020 is a time we will never forget. Our journey started with coming on staff with TCM – Nicole as the Food Services Coordinator, and Chad as the Campus Pastor/Office Manager. We were excited about the new journey, selling everything we owned and leaving the U.S. to begin our new ministry at Haus Edelweiss in Austria. However, things quickly became challenging as COVID-19 cases began to rise around the world. In addition, there were many, many delays in receiving our Austrian residence visas keeping us from staying at our new home longer than three months at a time. These delays necessitated travel back and forth from the States, each time adding stress in finding living arrangements, and in experiencing life-changing events with our families. It was also often difficult to get information about our visa status during these trying times. But to the Glory of God, through these delays that caused us to go back and forth between Austria and the USA God continued to use us. In each return visit to the United States we can point out times when God worked in our lives, not only in our own circumstances but in the experiences with others as well. It was not always easy during that time. It is hard to see the rainbow when you are in the midst of a storm. Now we can look back and see how God was a part of each step and for this we praise God for who He is and how He provides!



### JACOB PAUL JONES

I have been walking with Christ for five years now. Throughout those five years, I have experienced seasons of great frustration alongside even greater provision. These last two years have been no exception. In March of 2019, when I started my journey with TCM, I had left the United States only once in my life, just married my wonderful wife Kendra in January, and I was nervously looking forward to moving to our new home in Austria. I was not aware that this move would not happen for over two years. Every three months I was required by law to return to the United States, away from my wife and the place I thought God had called me. I will admit that this season held within it wave after wave of unfamiliar struggles, yet God never lets these trials have the last word. Looking back, I can identify a myriad of Divine evidence sewn throughout the entire experience.

Our Creator, through not getting my Austrian visa, orchestrated my life in a way that allowed me to be at my mother's side as she passed into eternity. I would gladly trade two years of waiting for those precious moments in which I could pray with her, listen to her stories, and offer her comfort. Kendra and I were able to stay with my father for three months after her passing, a time in which I was able to walk with him through this transition and deepen my own relationship with him as well. This is not to mention the other ways that I saw God work through different communities to provide what I needed over these years.

Now, as a grateful owner of an Austrian visa, I can see how God used such disheartening circumstances for good. I not only received my visa, but I came through the experience with new best friends, a renewed relationship with my father, and I got to know my mother and see her bravely approach the end of this part of her story. I know that the many prayers that were said on my behalf were heard by God and I am so thankful for them all.

I now look forward to my first full year on staff at Haus Edelweiss as we plan to host ministry training courses throughout 2022. As this next season approaches, I know God will bring blessings and challenges alike. Yet, I can't help but be excited to see all of our students, professors, and volunteers in person again. These burdens we feel upon our lives always seem to feel a bit lighter when we are surrounded by our brothers and sisters in Christ. I am thankful for all that God has done thus far and can hardly wait for what is next. May the Kingdom grow evermore, and all of the glory be to God, in all of our circumstances, forever.



## IF THE LORD WILLS

by Rick Justice

The drop in temperature and the falling leaves indicate it's time to plan for next year's activities. When I teach strategic planning in my courses, at least one student will say: "But James 4: 14 says we don't know what tomorrow will bring. How can we plan anything?" I trust the student isn't asking this question hoping to get out of another lecture. But I quickly learned to add James 4: 15 to my lecture notes: "Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that'" (ESV, 2016).

Next year promises to be a very busy academic year if our plans come together and if the Lord wills. Of the many things we anticipate next year, four areas stand out:

1. Reopening of the Haus
2. Delivering the planned classes
3. Celebrating graduation
4. Completing an accreditation self-study

### REOPENING THE HAUS

Since the global pandemic restricted travel to the Haus and to most of our course centers in 2020 and 2021, our travel was severely curtailed. The 2020 and 2021 courses were delivered as planned, by electronic means rather than in-person. We anticipate this will change in 2022 and we will return to our hybrid model for teaching. We look forward to seeing our colleagues and students soon.

### DELIVERING PLANNED CLASSES

Currently, the Haus academic staff has planned and/or scheduled 44 courses at Haus Edelweiss, 86 courses at our in-country training centers, and 25 courses to be delivered 100% online, for a grand total of 155 courses in 2022. This is a significant increase considering we delivered 119 courses in 2020 and will have delivered 122 courses by the end of 2021.

### CELEBRATING GRADUATION

Restrictions to travel and to gathering in large groups also affected the ability to celebrate our graduates of 2020 and 2021. We will add these graduates to the 2022 celebration planned for May 8, 2022. At this point we do not know how many graduates and spouses will be able to attend, but we will potentially celebrate upward of 130 graduates. The Haus staff is securing another venue for the celebration since the Haus and Stift Heiligenkreuz will not be adequate.

### ACCREDITATION SELF-STUDY

TCM will soon celebrate its tenth year of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). At the end of the 10-year cycle, each institution is required to complete a comprehensive evaluation for reaffirmation. This evaluation includes a self-study on quality assurance and institutional improvement. The staff, faculty, and Board of Directors will participate in conducting our self-study throughout 2022. You may participate in this study as well. Part of our self-study will measure how TCM adds value to the general public environment. If TCM has impacted your life in some way we want to hear about it. Please send us your comments describing how TCM influenced you, your family, or ministry. Please send your comments to: [tcinfo@tcmi.edu](mailto:tcinfo@tcmi.edu).







## A WARM WELCOME FROM KENYA

by Esther Murage

I started working for TCM in 2019 to coordinate TCM's newly appointed mentoring center in my home country, Kenya. Since then, I have seen a huge transformation in the lives of the growing number of students in Kenya, and I am humbled to have seen that same transformation in my own life and ministry as well.

First, I have seen TCM live out their core value of Servant Leadership in a genuine and tangible way. Previously, I thought that Leaders should be served and exercise power at their discretion. This is not the case with TCM. I see this "different" style of leadership in the TCM leadership team, faculty, and the other staff members. This was clear since the first time I visited Haus Edelweiss for the bi-annual Regional Representative meeting, and it has been my source of inspiration to continue serving with TCM.

I am happy to have had the opportunity to experience TCM from the perspective of a student too! After taking two courses alongside the students whom I am in charge of shepherding, I have been able to implement this culture of serving in all areas of my life and leadership roles.

It has been a joy to witness the impact that TCM has had on our students here in Kenya. The benefits are evidently trickling down to their congregation as I see the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ which is the ultimate goal of TCM.

For quite some time Missions of Hope International, TCM's main partner in Kenya, has had a desire to equip more church leaders to fulfil its mission to redeem disadvantaged communities in Kenya and beyond. TCM came on board and made this possible. So far, tens of the church leaders are in training. One such leader is Raphael King'ola from Grace Chapel International who is currently serving as an elder. He also serves as one of the directors for Missions of Hope. He confesses that TCM has opened his eyes to how to lead his church best. He has since referred more from his church to become TCM students so that they can also be impacted for the ministry and continue making disciples.

Another leader is Jane Nyaboke who before she joined TCM, was a regular member at her church. But upon enrolling at TCM, she now serves as a leader in women's ministry. She says that she is very grateful she got the opportunity to be equipped for ministry and has since referred more people from other churches to join TCM. I came across her friend two days ago who reaffirmed that indeed Jane is a changed person, and this is clearly demonstrated in her spiritual life, social life, and other aspects of her life. That is very encouraging.

Will you please pray for our TCM students in Kenya? The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected many of them. Some have lost their jobs and others have experienced very difficult seasons of ministry. We are continuing with the TCM program and doing what we can to support the students who need extra help during this time. Please pray also that the Lord continues to bring us new students who need the training the most. TCM in Kenya is a blessing that is not only timely but a necessity. I am humbled to be a part of this spiritual venture. We pray that what these students learn will impact not only their churches, but slowly transform all of East Africa.

God bless you!





TCM CLASSES: *Fall*

IN-COUNTRY

October

Worldviews and Religions	Mihai Malancea, Armenia
Christian Ethics	Meego Rimmel, Central Asia
Theology and Practice of Worship	John Sarno, Bulgaria
New Testament Theology	Peter Penner, Central Asia
Mission Theology	Jozsef Steiner, Albania
Hermeneutics	Fred Hansen, Estonia
Old Testament Preaching and Teaching	Konstantin Nazarov, Russia
Cross-cultural Ministry	Oti Bunaciu, Moldova

Haus Edelweiss Session 7 – Online (October 7-13)

Cross-cultural Ministry	Oti Bunaciu
New Testament Preaching and Teaching	Konstantin Nazarov
Hermeneutics	Andrey Puzynin
Theology and Practice of Ministry	Chuck Sackett
Old Testament Theology	Jordan Scheetz

Haus Edelweiss Session 8 – Online (October 28 – November 3)

Marriage and Family Life Education	Jim Buckley
Contemporary Issues in Intercultural Studies	Mihai Malancea
Old Testament Preaching and Teaching	Daniel Maris
Research Methods	Nancy Olson
The Missional Church	Jozsef Steiner

November

Servant Leadership	Myron Williams, Central Asia
Marriage and Family Life Education	Jim Buckley, Ukraine
Systematic Theology	Sorin Badragan, Belarus

New Testament Preaching and Teaching	Konstantin Nazarov, Ukraine
Mission Theology	Mihai Malancea, Russia
Christian Ethics	Meego Rimmel, Hungary
Homiletics	Leonid Mikhovich, Georgia
History of Christian Theology 2	Oti Bunaciu, Latvia
Hermeneutics	Andrey Puzynin, Russia
History of Christian Theology 1	Joseph Howard, Turkey

December

History of Christian Theology 1	Sorin Badragan, Kenya
Research Methods	J.K. Stevens, Kenya
Intercultural Studies	Mihai Malancea, Central Asia

ONLINE

New Testament Theology	Konstantin Nazarov
M.A. Integrated Reflection Ministry Project	Andrey Puzynin
Certificate Integrated Reflection Ministry Project	Andrey Puzynin
Introduction to New Testament Studies	Konstantin Nazarov
Research Methods	J.K. Stevens
Christian Ethics	Meego Rimmel
Disciple Making	Myron Williams
Hebrew 1	Konstantin Nazarov

U.S. COHORTS

Hermeneutics	Sara Fudge, Indianapolis
Christian Ethics	Meego Rimmel, Indianapolis
Introduction to New Testament Studies	Fred Hansen, Arizona
Hermeneutics	Jordan Scheetz, Arizona

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by Megan Herring

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 Bequests	 Life Insurance Proceeds

As 2021 winds down, we say **Thank You** for all your prayer, volunteer, and financial support of TCM. Because of your prayers, your time, and your financial gifts, God has used TCM to impact the world through our students and graduates in many ways. We know many of you consider additional giving at year end so as you consider your end-of-year giving, know that our creative and generous God will use your creative giving to answer prayers.

Contact Megan Herring at [megan@tcmi.org](mailto:megan@tcmi.org) for more information about planned giving.

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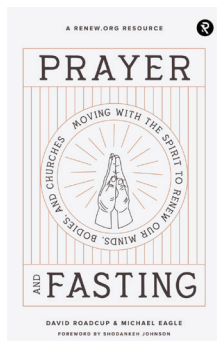
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## TWO NEW BOOKS!

TCM professors and graduates have recently written and published two new books described in the following paragraphs. Both books are available through [Renew.org](https://www.renew.org) and [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



Above: Mike Eagle and David Roadcup

### PRAYER AND FASTING: Moving with the Spirit to Renew Our Minds, Bodies, and Churches

Co-authored by TCM Professor David Roadcup and TCM graduate Mike Eagle.

TCM ministry partner, Shodonkeh Johnson, states, "This book reintroduces the readers to two vital acts that connect us directly with our God. We can think of fasting as a brush that removes obstacles in our path to God and prayer as our line of direct communication with him."



Above: Tony Twist and Mihai Malancea

### GRAND META NARRATIVE: God's Story as an Invitation to Theology

Co-authored by TCM President Tony Twist and TCM graduate and Professor Mihai Malancea.

All of us think about God and draw conclusions about Him. In other words, we all do theology. So how do we do theology well? We do theology well by starting with how God has revealed Himself. And God has revealed Himself in a "grand metanarrative." Tony and Mihai will guide you step by step through this grand story God has given you and into which He invites you. When you place yourself within God's metanarrative, you will know who God is, where you come from, who you are, and where you are going. And that's the perfect place to begin doing theology.





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## PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK

by Tony Twist

Acceleration through a pandemic. Unanticipated international PrayerFast retreats. Amazing new global partnerships. More and more PrayerFast partners coming on board. Many TCM graduates and students ideally placed to serve Afghan refugees.

Why do these bring such joy? Because, like any good father, our Heavenly Father is greatly pleased when His children love and help each other. His pleasure simply surges through us when we take up the towel, pour the coffee, give an extra helping, or pray a heartfelt prayer.

That is why I was so touched when I heard. TCM graduates and students living and serving near Afghanistan have been helping refugees. They are providing food packets which they personally prepare containing two-week provisions of flour, oil, canned food, rice, and other supplies. They are recruiting more volunteers who speak languages close enough to the refugees' languages to hear what else may be needed.

TCM has agreed to come alongside our graduates and students in this relief initiative. If you want to help financially, please designate your gift to Afghan relief. It will cover costs for food packets, transportation, housing, volunteer oversight, and other needs that will arise as the situation changes and winter approaches.

And please pray this good work will bring many to Jesus and glorify our Father.

Yours gratefully in Him, *Tony*

