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## JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER

by David Wright  
Vice President of Ministry Services

**Tuesday September 27, 2022:** I attended a conference in Orlando, Florida with several other leaders of churches and Christian mission organizations. We all looked forward to this wonderful gathering. The opening session speaker, Ashley Woolridge, had hit the ball out of the proverbial park, with his inspiring lesson on reaching the lost with the Good News of Jesus. Just as he was wrapping up, I received a text on my silenced phone. It was from Southwest Airlines, "Your flight scheduled for Wednesday at 4:25 PM has been canceled. Please contact us to reschedule." With Hurricane Ian blowing toward landfall within 24 hours, I decided: "Get out of Dodge, David!" I turned to my friend on my right and said, "I am driving my rental car to Indianapolis. I will talk to you later."

With a sense of great relief, I was on the road within 35 minutes. The lines headed north were a mix of stop and slow-go for the better part of my first two hours. But there was a feeling of freedom that I embraced. I drove for nine hours and stopped for the night in Marietta, Georgia. When I lay down in my bed, I checked my messages and one stood out to me. It was from my dear friend Zhenia.

I have written about Zhenia before. He is a TCM graduate who continues to serve thousands of people in Ukraine. Among those he serves are Ukrainian soldiers. On the same day I was able to freely leave Orlando, I received this message from our friend. ***"Last week we made daily front-line trips. We also took care of a refugee handicapped family that was staying at our house. On top of that, Russian kamikaze drones now keep attacking my city two to three times daily. But here is what I want you to share with our American friends: Dear fellow Christians! Greetings from Ukraine, the country torn to pieces by this current war. I praise God for your prayers and help that you have directed to us in these most challenging of times. Thank you for staying with us in prayer and provisions. You encourage Ukrainians to press on with our ministry to make a difference in the darkest and hottest places on our map. Your prayers and influence help more than you might imagine or know. Just like Ruth did in her dark days of life. I learned of Ruth's courage and trust in God as well as so many others in the scriptures in my classes with TCM. Even Jesus' admonition to have faith, trust in Him, and to fear not, for He has overcome darkness was illustrated by my professors and friends from TCM. We pray for this war to end, and we trust in God every day. And we carry on!"***

I was safely in bed with the freedom to drive home the next morning. South of me others were bracing for Hurricane Ian and the devastation that would result. And in Ukraine, Zhenia and many others, known and equipped by TCM, serve their communities amid military attacks.

Please remember those who have lost much because of Hurricane Ian. Let's also remember and pray for refugees who have fled Ukraine and are now living in many other European countries. Please give thanks for the thousands of people opening their homes, churches, businesses, and hearts to help them. And yes, let's pray for those that remain in Ukraine that provide food, water, shelter, medicine, and much needed spiritual guidance and prayer to families throughout the nation.

***"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:12-13).***

### UKRAINE RELIEF UPDATE

Shortly after February 24, 2022 when the war in Ukraine began. TCM created the Ukraine Relief H.E.L.P. Fund. H.E.L.P. is an acronym that stands for Humanitarian aid, Evangelism and disciple making training, Logistical networking, and PrayerFast support. Assistance supported through these efforts included the provision of food, water, medicine, clothing, shelter, transportation, child care, visa assistance, prayer, and spiritual counseling.

To date TCM estimates that 234,411 "Safe Nights" have been provided to refugees and to many who have remained in Ukraine. The value of investments made is \$610,096. This assistance continues. We also know that winter will soon be upon many within Ukraine who will be without utilities. Your prayers and ongoing support will continue to bless thousands. Thank you!



# STRENGTHENING A LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP

by Megan Herring  
Executive Assistant to the President



Church Service in Poland



Gene Dulin preaching at a church in Poland



Praying for the TCM and Polish Church Partnership



Signing New TCM and Polish Church of Christ Agreement

On September 2, 2022, the National Council of the Christian Churches in Poland and TCM signed a new Memorandum of Understanding naming TCM as their official seminary. Andzej Bajenski, leader of the Christian Churches in Poland and long-time friend of TCM, and Tony Twist met together in Poland at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Christian Churches in Poland to sign this MOU. Members of the National Council prayed prayers of blessing over our relationship.

The relationship between the Christian Churches in Poland and TCM began in 1963 when Gene Dulin and John Huk spent a month visiting churches and individual Christians in Poland. Gene and John went to encourage the believers in Poland and received an equal amount of encouragement in return. In 1967, Gene and John returned to Poland and traveled with George Bajenski and Kostic Jakoniuk. This visit included participation in a youth rally, meetings with church leaders in Warsaw, and preaching in numerous churches throughout Poland. From this visit forward, Poland became a regular country of ministry for TCM.

Throughout the 60 years of ministry, TCM has been involved in ministry in Poland in varying ways:

- Regular visits by TCM missionaries to equip and encourage the Polish Christians.
- Assisting with youth conferences and camps.
- Printing of Christian books in the Polish language.
- Assistance and resources for church planting within Poland.
- Benevolence, including clothing, food, medicine, books, and other resources to individuals and families within Poland

Leadership training began in 1983 through the Summer Seminary at Haus Edelweiss, which grew into Leadership Training Conferences held regularly in Poland. From this foundation, leadership training matured into two primary outlets:

- TCM has provided finances, equipment, materials, and other resources to support the work of the Christian Bible Institute in Warsaw, which has provided Advanced Certificate and undergraduate degrees to hundreds of Polish Christians over its 30+ year history.
- TCM has admitted 129 Polish leaders to TCM's accredited degree program, welcomed 194 additional Christian leaders as they audited TCM courses, delivered 51 accredited graduate-level classes in Poland, and issued 35 degrees to Polish graduates since 1997.

We eagerly anticipate the next phase of ministry in Poland with our strengthened relationship with the Christian Churches. Please pray with us that God will continue to use this strengthened relationship to develop many effective Polish disciple-making leaders who will impact their churches, culture, and country for Christ.



Early Polish Preachers



Gene Dulin and John Huk during preaching tour to Russia and Poland



Andrew Bajenski and Gene Dulin in 1991

## LET ALL THINGS BE DONE IN A FITTING AND ORDERLY WAY

I know that Paul's admonition in his first letter to the Corinthians (14:40) was to provide instruction for orderly worship, but I believe we can apply this principle to other areas of life as well. TCM has always valued strategic planning, doing all things in a fitting and orderly way. Part of that planning process is to provide healthy leadership for today and for tomorrow. I find it invigorating to prepare the next generation of leaders through succession planning, and, when done with much prayer, it is extremely rewarding.

To that end, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Sara Fudge was named as the Academic Dean at our recent Faculty meeting. Sara follows a line of Deans (Eleanor Daniel, Roger Kemp, Peter Penner, and me) who brought their own set of skills and assets to the role, just as Sara will.

Sara completed her Ph.D. in Ancient Near Eastern History and Bible from the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion. Before coming to TCM, Sara served in multiple positions with Cincinnati Christian University giving her broad experience for her new role. At TCM, Sara has provided academic leadership through her roles as Professor of Biblical Studies and as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness which she will retain for now.

As TCM strengthens its research arm and participates more fully with Bucharest, Chisinau, and Tübingen research interests, Dr. Fred Hansen was named as the Director of Research for TCM. Fred completed his Ph.D. from Radboud University. Fred will remain as Professor of Biblical Studies and Robert Lowery Chair of New Testament Studies while providing counsel to students during their thesis completion.

Dr. Yulia Lubenets was also appointed as the Professor of Church History and Research Methods. Her Ph.D. was earned from the University of Bucharest. Yulia is one of several faculty members who earned graduate degrees from TCM and joins the faculty as an alum.

As TCM prepares future leadership, I will continue to be the Chief Academic Officer, Vice President of Educational Advancement, with both Sara and Fred reporting to me.

Some institutions would describe my new role as that of Provost. As a humorous aside, one of our current students, M. Wade Wingler recently commented: "Since this is a new role for you, doesn't that make you an amateur-vost, not a pro-vost?" (Quote used with permission.) Don't you just love the honesty of our students!

*by Rick Justice*  
Vice President of Educational Advancement



Fred Hansen



Sara Fudge



Yulia Lubenets



Cedric in Action



Cedric and Maria Leung



Super-Cedric

## WELCOME, CEDRIC AND MARIA

With great pleasure we want to introduce two new staff members at Haus Edelweiss. They are a young married couple, who lived in Vienna, Austria the last two years and who did NOT need a valid visa or work permit to join our team – praise the Lord. Both are European citizens – Cedric is from Belgium and Maria is a citizen from the beautiful country of Slovenia. Together with their Dalmatian dog "Shanti" they are now living on campus and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Vienna Woods. Cedric serves as our new "Superman" in the kitchen (as Food Service Coordinator to be precise) and Maria is assisting Kendra in Guest Services, part-time to be able to finish her studies at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. You can already taste a huge difference since this August, when Cedric took over "the cooking spoon" here at the Haus. The meals are fresh, seasonal, regional, less meat and fusion-cuisine at the same time. And Maria's cinnamon rolls might become a real competitor to the famous Klostercremeschnitte at Stift Heiligenkreuz

Come soon to meet our new colleagues and pray for their smooth onboarding and as they get adjusted.

Your friendly Gastmeister at Haus Edelweiss,  
Christian Witzmann, Vice President of International Operations



# What Students Say . . .

by Tom Sears  
Director of Global Outreach

## Spiritual Formation through Leadership Development:

An integral element of TCM's Master program is Spiritual Formation. TCM's number one goal is that at the conclusion of every class each student will love Jesus more than when he or she began. With this goal, TCM offers multiple classes that focus on spiritual formation and how such formation transforms and sustains Kingdom-building ministries.

After every course, we receive feedback on how those courses have impacted the students' lives and ministries. I would like to share a few of those quotes with you from several of our key courses that have a high emphasis on spiritual formation. Since they come from TCM students throughout the globe, some quotes have been translated into English from their native languages.

### Disciple Making:

The mission of the church to "present everyone perfect in Christ" (Colossians 1:28) is the focus of this class. Students dive deep into the characteristics, gifts, skills, and abilities necessary to guide others into spiritual maturity and how to reproduce disciples to build the Kingdom.

- *"This class completely changed the way I look at discipleship within my own community."*
- *"I was so moved by the life experiences, Bible knowledge, and example to us by the professor."*
- *"I didn't exactly know what I was getting myself into with this class. Now I'm so excited about my ministry both within and outside of the church."*
- *"Thanks to Dr. Roadcup, now I see why disciple making is of ultimate importance. This class has changed my life!"*



### Transformational Leadership:

Transformational leadership provides the opportunity for an advanced look at how spiritual formation and disciple making meld with other leadership studies to impact the student's specific ministry application alongside a TCM mentor.

- *"The most impactful part of this class was being able to glean from the vast experiences from the professor in how to lead a church."*
- *"The resources and assignments were all geared toward the practical application of leadership that allowed me to learn a lot of things I can immediately implement in my ministry."*
- *"Every Chapter of this class was helpful for me and my church."*



### Theology and Practice of Prayer:

Simply stated, this course is an examination of the theological principles for Christian prayer and their applications in life and ministry.

- *"This course was incredibly practical and transformed my prayer life."*
- *"Originally, I thought I would be bored with this class. After all, we pray every day. I was wrong. Dr. Twist showed me how to pray intentionally and continuously. I've never experienced anything like it."*
- *"Like every other TCM class, I'm stunned about how much I didn't know about something I thought I knew so well."*



Thank you for being an important part in making these transformational courses possible for our students. Each time you give a gift to TCM, you are providing the capability for TCM to deliver these courses to hundreds of Christian leaders in countries in Europe, Asia, and throughout the globe. THANK YOU!

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## A HAUS EDELWEISS EXPERIENCE

I just completed my seventh trip to TCM's Haus Edelweiss. I was asked by a first time STW (Short Term Worker) what keeps bringing me back. I didn't sleep much on the last night in the LTC (Leadership Training Center). I don't know whether to credit God or blame some level of anxiety for the lack of sleep. Regardless, at 3:30 a.m. local time I turned on the light and computer, and began writing and wrestling with this question in the pre-dawn hours.

It is not the "exotic" location that draws me back. Heiligenkreuz, Austria is geographically and culturally far from my home in rural Indiana. Getting there requires a transatlantic flight and all the challenges that come with international travel. Still, it is not so very different from the hills of southern Indiana I frequented as a child. The "Haus," as many who have visited refer to the location in Austria, is an effervescent mix of the church from North America and Europe coming together in a distant country. I've visited in the spring and fall and barely notice the differences from home and Haus.

It is not the "exciting" work that TCM staff asks of me when I visit. For most of my visits I've worked on the maintenance crew doing the domestic tasks of mowing, raking, trimming, planting, building, digging, hauling, glass replacement, and even rewiring. Many of the same tasks I've done most of my life. The ministry offers believers the opportunity for quality graduate level theological training, which is hardly exciting for most Americans. What is the big deal about providing an accredited Master of Arts degree in New Testament studies or a Master of Divinity degree? That is a typical provision of the educational system birthed from Christianity centuries ago.

What draws me back is the atmosphere of service which God creates anew among the staff, volunteers, and students every time I've visited the Haus. For a brief time period redeemed sinful people choose to live fully devoted lives for the dual purposes of honoring God and creating a learning environment in which graduate students from diverse cultures can grow in their faith and practical ministry. I am always amazed by the selflessness of the people God assembles for each Session (the 11 days the volunteers are on campus). If one volunteer gets sick, another picks up the load without complaining. There is prayer everywhere, maybe continually, during each session as the team in Europe prays throughout the local day, and global believers continue the effort while Austria sleeps. The most common phrase I hear from staff, volunteers, and students is "Thank you." God transforms every activity into an opportunity for sharing and serving - including drying dishes, cleaning toilets, and cooking meals.

It has been 14 years since my first visit, and I hope that God will permit me to serve again. I want to thank Him for what He is doing through TCM. May He always be glorified.

*By Stuart Powell  
Volunteer Short-term Worker*

## PERSONAL WAYS TO GIVE

*By Megan Herring  
Executive Assistant to the President*

**We've all heard "it's more blessed to give than to receive" and while we naturally turn to generosity during the holidays, here are some unexpected and deeply personal ways you can give to others at any time:**

**Pass along a family heirloom. Give a prized family possession this year instead of buying something new or including it as a gift in your will.**

- 1. Teach what you know. Pass down your skill of knitting, carpentry, or a beloved family recipe with the techniques that can't be written down, only demonstrated.**
- 2. Give compassion. Does your loved one value a specific cause or group? Donate in their honor.**
- 3. Include a personalized note. No matter how old we get, a genuine compliment goes a long way. Write down how you feel about your loved one. Recall a special memory you share or list words that remind you of them. What have they taught you? Then share it with them.**
- 4. Think long-term. Giving charitable gifts to an organization you love makes a huge difference, but have you ever thought about leaving a gift in your will? This type of plan-ahead generosity will not only leave an impact for future generations but fill your heart with joy and satisfaction today too.**

**Proverbs 11:25 says "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." We are very grateful for the generosity you show TCM through your prayers, financial gifts, time, interest, and advocacy. THANK YOU! May you experience refreshment as 2022 draws to a close!**

**For more information on ways to give creatively to TCM, please contact Megan Herring at [megan@tcmi.org](mailto:megan@tcmi.org).**



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## TCM CLASSES

### Haus Edelweiss

#### October 6-12

<i>Marriage and Family Life Education</i>	Jim Buckley
<i>Theology and Practice of Worship</i>	John Sarno
<i>Advanced Research and Writing</i>	J.K. Stevens
<i>New Testament Eschatology</i>	Fred Hansen

#### October 27- November 2

<i>Transforming Leadership</i>	Timotei Rusu
<i>Worldviews and Religion</i>	Mihai Malancea

### Online

<i>New Testament Theology</i>	Fred Hansen
<i>New Testament Preaching and Teaching</i>	Konstantin Nazarov
<i>Pastoral Ethics</i>	Meego Remmel
<i>Greek 2</i>	Dumitru Sevastian
<i>Disciple Making</i>	Myron Williams
<i>Introduction to Old Testament Studies</i>	Konstantin Nazarov
<i>Integrated Reflection Ministry Project</i>	Rick Justice
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### In-Country

#### October

*Mission Theology*  
*Hermeneutics*  
*Leadership Development in Ministry*  
*Marriage and Family Life Education*  
*New Testament Theology*  
*Theology and Practice of Prayer*  
*Mission and the New Testament*

Mihai Malancea, Hungary  
Peter Penner, Central Asia  
Jozsef Steiner, Albania  
Jim Buckley, Bulgaria  
Dumitru Sevastian, Russia  
Andrey Puzynin, Russia  
Jozsef Steiner, Moldova

#### November

*Disciple Making through the New Testament*  
*Survey of Church History*

Jozsef Steiner, Armenia  
Sergei Sannikov, Central Asia

#### December

*Introduction to New Testament Studies*  
*History of Christian Theology*  
*Hermeneutics*  
*Servant Leadership*  
*Christian Ethics*  
*History of Christian Theology 2*  
*Homiletics*  
*Hermeneutics*  
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## A “LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN”

Fifty years ago TCM purchased Haus Edelweiss. To be honest, some thought TCM Founder Gene Dulin was crazy. Stripped bare, six feet of sludge in the Big Haus basement, out in the middle of nowhere, completely overgrown by the forest, too big for a family and too small for a business. How in the world could it be used?

As it turned out, Mr. Dulin was crazy-smart!

As the TCM ministry has grown, Haus Edelweiss has been a safe, steady, supportive, hospitable, reliable, and welcoming presence. Countless meals served, dishes dried, plans prepared, prayers lifted, and celebrations shared.

Life-giving food, clothing, medicine, and other supplies have been distributed. Respite for weary Christian leaders provided. New friendships established. Leaders trained. Papers written, classes taught, and disciple makers discipled.

Fifty years later, this beautiful little “piece of heaven” in the Vienna Woods keeps expanding its reach.

More nations, more languages, more cultures, more churches, and more disciple makers.

Haus Edelweiss is a wonderful place for God’s people to gather from all over the world!

Thank you for the prayers lifted, financial support given, time volunteered, TCM letters and reports read, and stories shared. To God be the glory for all He has done. And will continue doing through His Haus Edelweiss!

Yours gratefully in Him,



President,  
TCM International Institute