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TCM Report



Every Nation Summit 2023

Learn more about our second “Every Nation Summit.” Our international speakers challenged us from areas around the globe including Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Hungary.



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Training and a Time of Renewal in the Desert

Thirty-one students joined TCM for sessions in Phoenix, Arizona. The Franciscan Renewal Center was an excellent location.



PrayerFast Update

We share about the Boiler Room Experience, our past and upcoming PrayerFast gatherings, and our regular dependence on prayer and fasting as we join in God's Kingdom work.

EVERY NATION SUMMIT 2023

by Tom Sears

On April 28, TCM celebrated its second annual Every Nation Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana. The event was simple and focused on how TCM is impacting the world through its ministry training. We were privileged to have Esther Murage from Kenya, Shodankeh Johnson from Sierra Leone, and Jozsef Steiner from Hungary join us. Each told of compelling cases showing why TCM is needed in their countries and provided testimonies showing how TCM students and graduates are making an impact in their nations for Christ.

If you were there with us that evening, THANK YOU for joining us. Thank you for giving to the mission for TCM. And thank you for championing this ministry. Events like this give us the opportunity to share real stories of impact and draw others into what God is doing around the world. If you were not there with us, we hope you can join us for a future Summit or help us bring a smaller version of the Summit to you. Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a small gathering in your home or church. This is a wonderful way for TCM to share the impact with people new to the ministry.

As Shodankeh said at the event, “The best strategy for world evangelism is to stop and look around to find what God is doing; then join Him in doing it.” May the Lord continue to move and work in powerful ways as we all, together, seek to draw alongside His power and fulfill the Great Commission.

P.S. We raised over \$30,000 at this event which will be used to expand TCM’s mission of developing Christian leaders for significant service through higher learning. If you were unable to attend this event, but want to help TCM with this endeavor by giving a gift, you can do so at www.tcmi.org/give and type “summit” in the notes section. Thank you!

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TRAINING AND A TIME OF RENEWAL IN THE DESERT

By Ryan Akers

Here is what two of our first-year students had to say about this retreat:

“I really enjoyed this last week. Thank you for investing time in me and guiding me through the process to be a part of it all. I feel spiritually renewed after Dr. Roadcup’s class.”

– Mike

“It was such a pleasure to experience the retreat! I came home completely refreshed, inspired, and incredibly grateful to have been able to attend.”

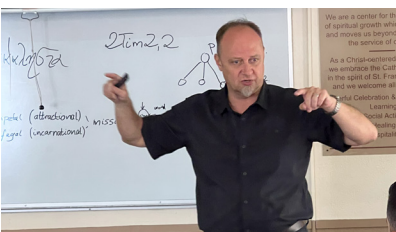
– Rebecca

TCM’s mentoring center in Phoenix Arizona found a new home this April as TCM began utilizing the beautiful Franciscan Renewal Center in the heart of the Valley. For the first time, three cohorts joined together for fellowship, renewal, and training for the various ministries to which God has called them.

Haus Edelweiss, TCM’s campus in Austria, serves as an example of servant leadership, Christian maturity, learning lifestyle, and world Christian vision that we try to emulate in all of our mentoring centers for the face-to-face portion of each class. For many TCM students in the southwest United States, this was their first experience with an academic retreat setting, which included room and board, social activities, and a worship service/reflection time on the final night. There were 31 students in attendance for the three classes: Disciple Making Through the New Testament with Dr. Jozsef Steiner, Servant Leadership with Dr. Rick Justice, and Disciple Making with Dr. David Roadcup. Many of you have been praying for these sessions. Thank you!

We are thankful to the Franciscan Renewal Center for working with TCM in providing an affordable setting to host our hybrid model face-to-face sessions in a way that is refreshing and renewing for our students. This retreat provided an opportunity for them to engage spiritually with their professors.

Overall, the face-to-face session was a success in all respects, giving students from each cohort opportunities to share meals with one another, talk about their ministries and disciple-making methods, and take time away from daily routines and distractions to focus on theological applications for all areas of their lives. Jarred, campus pastor for one of the Christ’s Church of the Valley locations, helped summarize the session best: “Everything about the retreat was better than expected... I think TCM has positioned itself in excellent standing to expand through the Phoenix, Arizona area, and other areas in the southwest U.S. I’m proud to be a part of TCM and look forward to finishing well at the end of this year. TCM will always be special to me. I will continue to be involved however I can.”



NEWS FROM UKRAINE

A very special moment happened at the TCM Regional Representatives' report meetings this May.

TCM graduate and TCM Regional Representative for Ukraine, Zhenia Siniy, gave his report. We were so blessed by his presence for graduation as most of us had not seen him away from Ukraine in more than a year. Zhenia epitomizes the man of God spoken of in Micah 6:8: "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." His presence anywhere brings joy and light.

Zhenia and his wife Ira have remained in Ukraine to help with relief efforts to those people who have stayed in the country. His report of the work being done in Ukraine included that he and Ira have started another church in Ukraine. (He has planted more than 80 churches over the last 30 years.) This new church began in their home with four people and now exceeds more



than 100 people. Many of these are new believers. He also shared that he has dug a well on his property. Every day hundreds of people line up outside their home to receive water from this well.

What a blessing it is to know that Zhenia is serving and sharing the good news of a Lord and Savior who provides a well from which the followers of Jesus who drink from it will thirst no more.

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters of TCM,

We have now experienced full scale war for more than one year. Thank you for helping us with your prayers and financial support. You continue to help us survive the most difficult season of our lives. Yes, it's by God's grace and your generosity we remain not only alive but continue to bring God's Kingdom into the most dangerous spots on our map.

Praise the Lord and thank you!

It is hard to describe how deep the pain of this war penetrates our nation. Our people need healing and restoration, and we know that will come only from Jesus Christ. Our ministry has many needs, and those needs are far beyond food, clothing, medicine, and shelter. As we share these needed items, we continue to share what is most needed by them, The Good News of Jesus.

We send our greetings and love to you and all the donors and supporters of TCM. Thank you for continuing to pray for our ongoing ministry. Please pray that God provides strength, wisdom, and courage in these most difficult times.

With much love and appreciation, Your Brother in Christ,

Zhenia

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Zhenia is a TCM graduate from Ukraine. He is a church planter, church pastor, and military chaplain. His efforts and those of many other TCM related ministers in Ukraine continue to provide much needed help to thousands of people throughout Ukraine.

PRAYERFAST UPDATE

By Ken Flora

PGN? What is that? Despite being familiar with numerous acronyms from my time in corporate America, I had never heard of this acronym. After joining TCM, I soon learned PGN stood for the PrayerFast Global Network, created in 2020 to facilitate and accelerate prayer and fasting to foster a Holy Spirit movement to fulfill the Great Commission. I know from my own experience if I do not make prayer and fasting a priority, other activities will start to crowd out my time with God. Prayer and fasting have been and will continue to be essential in achieving TCM's vision, that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements.

David Wright stated in TCM's Fall 2021 report, "TCM's DNA is to pray first and keep praying through every season, every project, every circumstance, and every opportunity to give praise." This "DNA" was very apparent on my first day at the TCM office: We met at 10 a.m. to pray and I quickly learned this would be a daily occurrence, and even includes staff from other countries on Wednesdays. In John 15:5, Jesus said "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." At TCM, we know that we will accomplish what God has called us to do only if we stay in close fellowship with Him and continually seek His direction and provision for this ministry. This DNA had clearly inspired the creation of the PrayerFast Global Network back in 2020.

PrayerFast has continued to grow each year since its inception. For example, the Boiler Room Experience was introduced last November at the International Conference on Missions

("ICOM") in Columbus, Ohio. The Boiler Room exhibit highlighted Revival Movements and Prayer Initiatives around the world. Tony Twist and other TCM leaders led prayer sessions in the exhibit room each day of the conference. TCM plans to continue the Boiler Room Experience at future ICOMs to provide the opportunity for many others to join us in prayer for a world that desperately needs Jesus.

TCM has facilitated four PrayerFast gatherings in Indianapolis already this year, including one on April 24 at Chapel Rock Christian Church. Pastor Shodankeh Johnson led the participants in prayer asking God to send a revival and to raise up more workers for the harvest. Many of the participants had also fasted leading up to this incredible prayer event.

We look forward to what God is going to do through this year's PrayerFast event to be held on November 11, 2023. Please mark your calendars for this prayer gathering that will be conducted as a virtual meeting to allow for broad participation. Stay tuned for additional details as well as other opportunities to celebrate prayer and fasting with us. In the meantime, please continue to pray and fast for TCM's mission of training Christian leaders for significant service.

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TCM CLASSES

WELCOME, KEN FLORA!

HAUS EDELWEISS

Session 3 (June 1 – June 7)

Disciple Making Through the New Testament – Jozsef Steiner
Pastoral Ethics – Meego Rimmel
Disciple Making – David Roadcup
Servant Leadership – Rick Justice

Session 4 (June 29-July 5)

Research Methods – Yulia Lubenets
Disciple Making – David Roadcup
New Testament Theology – Dumitru Sevastian
Introduction to New Testament Studies – Fred Hansen

IN-COUNTRY

May

Hungary – *Transforming Leadership* – Timotei Rusu
Moldova – *History of Christian Theology* – Oti Bunaciu
Bulgaria – *Christian Ethics* – Meego Rimmel
Czechia – *Research Methods* – Yulia Lubenets
Ukraine – *Advanced Homiletics* – Leonid Mikhovich

June

Moldova – *Christian Ethics* – Meego Rimmel
Albania – *Theology and Practice of Prayer* – Tony Twist
Russia – *Introduction to New Testament Studies* – Konstantin Nazarov

ONLINE

History of Christian Theology 1 – Sorin Badragan
Systematic Theology – Jozsef Kovacs
Introduction to New Testament Studies – Konstantin Nazarov
Research Methods – Yulia Lubenets
Hebrew 2 – Sara Fudge

DIRECTED STUDY

Introduction to Pastoral Counseling – Rick Walston
Readings – Mark Moore



TCM welcomed Ken Flora to the TCM Team on February 1, 2023 and Ken hit the ground running!

He will serve as TCM's Director of Ministry Services. In this role he will provide oversight and logistical development of TCM's prayer initiatives. This will include the development of a strategic plan for resourcing and growing our Global PrayerFast Network and prayer efforts, and engagement related to TCM's partner ministries. In addition, Ken will have key roles related to TCM planning, organizational development, budget development, and the execution of other TCM initiatives and events throughout the calendar year.

We are pleased that Ken has accepted God's call to TCM. He comes to us having had a successful career with Citizens Energy Group in Indianapolis. Ken is a graduate of Indiana University and has earned an MBA from the University of Indianapolis. A gifted Brother in Christ, Ken and his wife Abbey live in Indianapolis and are active members of Indian Creek Christian Church where they are both devoted Disciple Makers.



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THE PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK

All glory to Him!

Work started two years ago on the Assurance Argument. We asked Him for a good result. Higher Learning Commission Accreditation (HLC) is

an important global recognition for our graduates to use to impact their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ more effectively.

And He came through BIG TIME! As part of our ten-year reaffirmation review process, we prepared and submitted an Assurance Argument demonstrating with narrative and evidence that TCM fully met the criteria (five criteria divided into 18 sub-criteria). Led by Rick Justice and Sara Fudge with help from many other personnel, our team culminated a ten-year effort to strengthen and improve our educational program by gathering evidence, writing the argument, and then submitting a 150-page document with close to 330 pieces of evidence to HLC in early February 2023. A peer review team of five individuals from various institutions reviewed the documents and visited both the Haus Edelweiss and Indianapolis locations to interview our Board, Executive Leadership Team, administration, faculty, staff, and students in mid-March 2023.

In early April, we received the peer review team's final report. I am pleased to announce that TCM met all five criteria, all 18 sub-criteria, and received a reaffirmation of accreditation for another ten-year cycle! The report was the most complimentary we have ever received and concluded with this statement:

"TCM International Institute is an institution that is deeply committed to its mission, and the team would like to acknowledge that this was apparent in every interaction with campus stakeholders. The institution's primary strength is its deep and abiding commitment to its mission and providing a positive and uplifting learning environment for its students."

Please join us in thanking God for His grace toward TCM throughout this process. His guidance and loving kindness were apparent in so many ways throughout. All glory to Him!

Board Member Tom Tanner summed up nicely our concluding comments by quoting 2 Chronicles 14:1: "...and the land had rest for ten years."

Yours in Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony".