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"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:21-23

GOD'S LOVE Remains

By David Wright
Vice President of Ministry Services

GOD IS NOT UNJUST; HE WILL NOT FORGET YOUR WORK AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN HIM AS YOU HAVE HELPED HIS PEOPLE AND CONTINUE TO HELP THEM (HEBREWS 6:10).

Thank You for Your Helping Hand and Prayers

The period from February 24, 2022, until this late June day, as I write, has flown by for me. That is likely true for you. Life goes on. Work, family life, church activities, and even some much sought after moments of silence and solitude, these days seem to fly.

As we lament gasoline prices going up along with inflation, we have much for which we give thanks. As I pray for, I also wonder, about life in Ukraine and throughout Europe as Ukrainian refugees settle in places far from their earthly homes. Having heard from many, we know they pray and wonder as well if they will ever see their homeland again. Many let us know that these have been long and hard days. Yet, many of these same individuals and families are full of gratitude and offer a heartfelt "Thank You!"

Their grateful messages come in videos, written messages, and face to face greetings shared with TCM staff and hundreds of TCM ministers serving in Austria, Poland, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Germany, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, and more.

Here is one example of a note of thanks received via an encrypted text from a TCM minister within Ukraine: Dear David and all the people around you – Greetings! The nature of this message is just to THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR PRECIOUS PRAYERS AND SUCH POWERFUL SUPPORT. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Because of your prayers and financial support this TCM equipped minister and chaplain can provide food, medicine, water, clothing, shelter, and the love of Christ to hundreds of people he and his colleagues are serving each day. Your prayers and donations have allowed these and thousands of others throughout Ukraine and the other European nations mentioned above to be encouraged.

THANK YOU! To the right are some photos of friends that have been blessed by the love of Christ provided through your help and prayers. Because of you perhaps their days have not seemed so endless and without hope.

Loading Van with supplies for people in Ukraine



Supplies to be delivered by boat in Ukraine

Van loaded with supplies for Ukraine



But Life Goes On - A Recent Wedding in Ukraine

THE EVERY NATION SUMMIT

By Tom Sears
Director of Global Outreach



On April 29, 2022, over 300 people gathered in Westfield, Indiana for TCM's first Every Nation Summit. Together, we celebrated 50 years of Haus Edelweiss being utilized as a strategic tool for TCM's ministry. Countless lives have been changed through experiencing the global church by serving on this campus. Below are two videos called "Lives Changed" and "Fighter Pilot Testimony" to see several examples of these testimonies on video.



We also took an in-depth look at how TCM is responding to the refugee crisis from the war in Ukraine. Thousands of refugees have been served through housing, transportation, evangelism, and more. The statistics keep growing every day. The evening was a beautiful time of celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do through God's grace as we dedicate ourselves to making disciples globally. TCM president, Dr. Tony Twist, closed the evening by casting a vision of where he believes God is leading this ministry. That portion of the evening can also be viewed through a QR code (right).



To view these videos, use the camera app on your smartphone to scan the QR Codes.

Thank you to everyone who attended and for the generous gifts you gave to the ministry that evening. If you were not able to attend, we hope that you can experience some of the event through the provided videos and that you would also consider giving a financial gift to TCM to help fuel this ministry going forward.

Mark your calendars for April 28, 2023 and join us for next year's Every Nation Summit!

NEW AT ICOM

THE BOILER ROOM EXPERIENCE

By David Soucie
TCM Volunteer and Member of
Post Road Christian Church



Over time our sources of power keep changing. As one form of energy begins to be in short supply, or we realize its downside, new technologies suggest we experiment with this or that type of power, always with the optimistic belief that we have finally found the solution.

The people of God have not had to experiment. They know the solution. They have always known that they can rely on the power of prayer.

In any healthy relationship, communication must go both ways. God primarily speaks to us through Scripture. We share our concerns and needs with Him through prayer.

Charles Spurgeon was a prominent preacher of the Word in the late 1800s. In his day, steam was the source of power for industry, indoor heating, shipping, and the new technology of electrification. Spurgeon, always the effective communicator, saw his London congregation's basement boiler room as an effective illustration of the power of prayer.

Before and during their services, he recruited hundreds of believers to pray in that basement. Praying that people who needed the Lord would come to the service. Praying that the preaching would hit home. Praying that hearts would be open and touched and changed. He called the place of prayer The Boiler Room. Such a dingy place might not be seen as glamorous. Yet it was where the people of God connected with their Lord, poured out their hearts, and changed their world.

This year's International Conference on Missions (ICOM) in Columbus, Ohio November 3-5 will feature a unique TCM-sponsored exhibit to encourage and inspire our practice of prayer. This is the launch of a multiyear effort to focus on prayer, a legacy for future ICOMs. The Boiler Room Experience will highlight Featured Revival Movements and Featured Prayer Initiatives around the world today.

There will be a display of some key prayers from the Bible. Collectible trading cards for each will be scattered throughout the convention center at various exhibitor booths. Prayer resources will be available for both individuals and churches.

Tony Twist and Shodankah Johnson will lead the *God Moves* prayer sessions and encourage attendees to visit the Boiler Room for additional prayer opportunities.

Around that space will be photos of the Church at prayer throughout the world, reminding us of the global power of the united Church at prayer.

An art gallery depicting classic prayer scenes will be on display, with the backstory of each painting. The design team for the *Boiler Room Experience* needs your help with two features for the exhibit.

- We're looking for inspirational photos of believers in prayer from the Church worldwide. Perhaps you serve in a mission setting. Maybe you were on a mission trip and captured the Church at prayer. It could be from the congregation where you serve.
- The *Boiler Room Experience* is also seeking pieces of art that depict prayer. If you know of a meaningful work of art with an inspirational backstory, we will consider including it in The Boiler Room Experience.

Credit will be given to those whose submissions are used, but TCM reserves editorial rights. Submissions should be sent to prayerfast@tcmi.org by August 10, 2022.

The *Boiler Room Experience* will be located off the main hallway across from the exhibit area. It will be open during the duration of the convention.



Return to the Haus

By Richard Justice
Vice President of Educational Advancement

Have you noticed lately . . .

Have you been to a restaurant lately only to find a long wait time due to insufficient staffing? Or perhaps you wanted to make an appointment for auto repair and found nothing available for several weeks due to a shortage of parts?

These days are testing our patience and challenging our flexibility. TCM has postponed graduation celebrations since 2020 due to the pandemic. Notice that we have postponed them, not canceled them. We hope to celebrate several classes in May 2023.

We've needed to be patient and flexible with an ongoing war and refugee care. Ever since our Regional Representatives met in February, TCM moved classes to online only or have delivered classes only in safe-to-travel areas.

We celebrated the return to the Haus in July for session 5. During that time students from Albania, Hungary, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, and Russia completed the face-to-face portion of their courses. The courses were delivered in hybrid format: in-classroom and online simultaneously.

David Roadcup's course in *Disciple Making* was delivered in English and Turkish. The characteristics, gifts, skills, and abilities necessary to guide others into spiritual maturity were discussed. Sorin Badragan's course in the *History of Christian Theology 2* was delivered in English and Russian. There, students discussed particular doctrines from the Protestant Reformation to the present day.

We planned a "soft" opening of the Haus by offering only two courses there. We will begin the full course load with Session 6 when we will see the delivery of the *History of Christian Theology 1* with Oti Bunaciu, *Introduction to New Testament Studies* with Fred Hansen, and Christian Ethics with Meego Rimmel.

The faculty will gather later in the month of August for a faculty meeting and Doctoral Colloquium. You'll hear more on those events later.

Just as you have made adjustments to negotiate changes in your daily life, TCM remains flexible and agile to face the future. Fortunately we serve a King Who does not change.



The joy of being back at the Haus!

SAVE THE DATE

ICOM IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

NOVEMBER 3-5 2022

COLUMBUS, OHIO

We're thrilled with the evening session speakers that 2022 ICOM President, Tony Twist, has chosen. We know these speakers will bring the Word of God and you will be blessed by their messages! To read the speakers full bios, you can do so on the ICOM website. View all speakers and their bios at this link: <https://theicom.org/conference-details/speaker-lineup/>

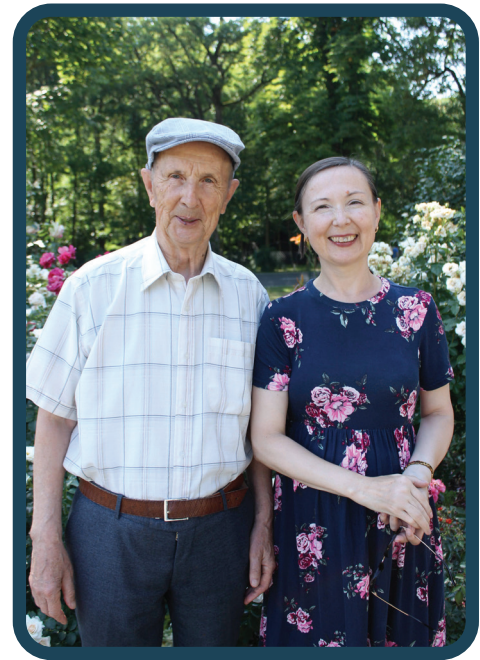


Welcome, Yulia!

by David Wright
Vice President of Ministry Services

TCM is pleased to welcome a new member of our TCM Team. Dr. Yulia Lubenets has returned to Haus Edelweiss from Kherson, Ukraine to serve as a professor of *Church History and Research Methods*. Yulia, as a student at TCM International Institute, earned her M. Div. and M.A. degrees, and then earned her doctorate from the University of Bucharest. Yulia has served as TCM adjunct professor for many years and we are happy to welcome her to our faculty team.

As a result of the war in Ukraine, Yulia and her father Volodymyr recently emigrated to Austria and they will now make their home on campus at Haus Edelweiss. Please join us in welcoming Yulia and her father to our TCM Team. They also are grateful for your ongoing prayers.



PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED

by Megan Herring
Executive Assistant to the President

“Expect the unexpected” is a common idiom, and one that rings true for all of us. The unexpected can be pleasant – a surprise gift or visit from a loved one, a day of sunshine when rain was predicted, or kind words of encouragement that come for seemingly no reason. The unexpected can also be devastating – a health diagnosis, a job layoff, or even a war.

While no one can plan for unexpected life events, we can prepare for them and help create a secure future for those we love. Consider taking these simple steps.

- **Create or update your will.** Many people put off creating their estate plan because they think the process will be complicated, but it can be quite simple. Plus, the consequences of passing without a plan are steep – probate costs, family frustration, and losing your opportunity to name the next guardian of your children or resources.
- **Create a love drawer.** Leaving a legacy is about more than financial inheritance. It includes pulling together important documents, passwords, policies, family stories, and even handwritten letters into one place for your family.
- **Communicate your plans.** No one likes to talk about mortality, but it is important to share your plans and intentions with family. You can let them know about your investments, any gifts you’ve included for a cause or charity, and the personal values that have driven your decisions and life.

You can expect the unexpected and prepare for it so that you take care of the people and organizations you value most. Learn more at <https://christianwill.org/tcm> or by contacting Megan Herring at megan@tcmi.org.

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PrayerFast Global Network

Our Lord Jesus Christ modeled and taught us how to fulfill His Great Commission. He modeled and taught prayer. Because Disciple Making Movements today, as in the past, are birthed and maintained through robust prayer and fasting, TCM and ICOM together in unity invite you to join a global prayer and fasting endeavor as we ask the Holy Spirit to come work with power praying that every nation will have disciples who impact their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ.

WILL YOU JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR
THE GREAT COMMISSION?

TCM CLASSES

In-Country

July

Old Testament Preaching and Teaching
Introduction to New Testament Studies
Servant Leadership

Konstantin Nazarov, Albania
Fred Hansen, Georgia
Myron Williams, Albania

August

Introduction to New Testament Studies
Research Methods
Advanced Research and Writing
History of Christian Theology 1
Introduction to New Testament Studies
History of Christian Theology 1
Disciple Making

Dumitru Sevastian, Kenya
Andrey Puzynin, Kenya
J.K. Stevens, Kenya
Sorin Badragan, Indianapolis
Mark Moore, Phoenix
Sorin Badragan, Phoenix
David Roadcup, Phoenix

September

Hermeneutics
Systematic Theology
Mission Theology
Theology and Practice of Worship
New Testament Theology
Disciple Making
Survey of Church History

Konstantin Nazarov, Armenia
Sorin Badragan, Turkey
Mihai Malancea, Moldova
John Sarno, Czechia
Fred Hansen, Poland
Jozsef Steiner, Russia
Sergiy Sannikov, Central Asia

October

Mission Theology
Hermeneutics
Leadership and Development in Ministry
Marriage and Family Life Education

Mihai Malancea, Hungary
Peter Penner, Central Asia
Jozsef Steiner, Moldova
Jim Buckley, Bulgaria

Haus Edelweiss

July 14-20 Session 5

Hermeneutics Studies
Disciple Making
History of Christian Theology 2

Konstantin Nazarov
David Roadcup
Sorin Badragan

August 4-10 Session 6

History of Christian Theology 1
Introduction to New Testament Studies
Christian Ethics
Servant Leadership

Oti Bunaciu
Fred Hansen
Meego Rimmel
Rick Justice

September 8-14 Session 7

Mission and the New Testament
Leadership and Management
Digital Leadership and Creativity in Ministry
Research Methods

Jozsef Steiner
Rick Justice
Myron Williams
Andrey Puzynin

October 6-12 Session 8

New Testament Eschatology
Marriage and Family Life Education
Theology and Practice of Worship
Advanced Research and Writing

Fred Hansen
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John Sarno
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OUR HEART'S TRUE HOME

Jesus answered him, ***"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him"*** (John 14:23 ESV).

There comes a moment when you're home. You are just "there." The inward pushing and pulling subsides. "Beams of love" transport the heart outside time. Breathless, lest anything disturb the calm, you wait. Almost anxious that no intrusive thought disturb the calm. Heart and mind stayed on Him.

The Holy Spirit does His good work. He provides the power to continue. His love gathers us scattered wanderers back into Himself. And more. If we really wish it, He brings us home.

Such is fellowship with our Father, through His Son, in the power of their Holy Spirit. Their great fellowship enlarges to include us. We participate in the conversation, hearing and being caught up in their forever family life. When we faint, they strengthen our faltering knees and clear our feeble minds. They open the eyes of our hearts to experience the immediacy of divine love.

We do not really initiate this process. They call. We are empty. Or long for something "other." They call. It's time. We remain in the Vine. In the quiet stillness, they abide and empower. Such moments are priceless. And, when they come, we rest in joyful gratitude.

Through child-like love and obedience, we can actually dwell in our heart's true home.



Tony

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