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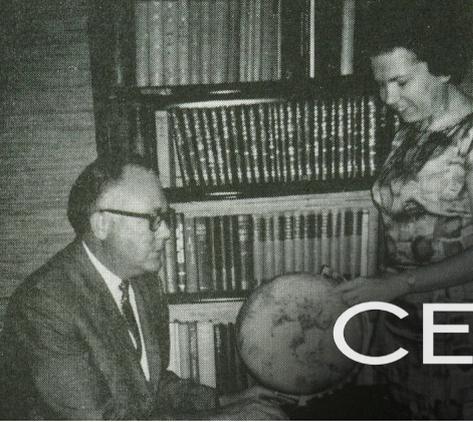
# VISION AND VICTORY REPORT

# 60

*Years*

2017





# CELEBRATING 60 Years

With the dawning of 2017, we at TCM are reflecting a bit on TCM's 60 years of ministry. Throughout this year, we will remember and celebrate significant milestones that have been reached. We will reflect on several of the individuals that helped steward and guide TCM to what it is today. From Toronto Christian Ministry to TCM International to TCM International Institute, with slogans changing from *Taking Christ to Millions* to *Training Christians for Ministry* and now to *Taking Christ to Millions by Training Christians for Ministry*, TCM has been blessed in more ways than we can remember, recount, or even know. Week after week we learn from our graduates amazing details of their ministries. We praise God for the ways these men and women are effecting changes in their cultures and countries as they share Jesus Christ.

But what is taking place through these ministry efforts in more than 40 countries around the world results from a calling of God answered by a young couple in Brownstown, Indiana. It was in 1957 when Gene Dulin and his wife Lenora established what became known as Toronto Christian Mission. Much fruit has come from that godly call upon their lives. Churches were planted in and around Toronto, Canada and the hearts of people opened as they came to know and serve the Lord.

The success of the mission in Canada led to territory farther away. Gene, Lenora, and their

daughters became aware of the persecution of Christians taking place in the USSR. A new call to another land was answered. And the ministry of the Toronto Christian Mission transitioned to simply TCM International with the slogan *Taking Christ to Millions*. The Dulins drew alongside those Christian leaders of Eastern Europe who were surreptitiously leading Christian churches and Christian movements. Hundreds of volunteers supported this ministry as Bibles printed in various languages were distributed through underground networks TCM established along with clothing, food, medicines, and other essentials of the day.

For more than 25 years, through the fall of the Berlin Wall and then the unraveling of communist regimes, more than 5,000 leaders in the various states of the USSR came to rely upon the leadership of TCM for assistance, prayers, wise counsel, and encouragement.

TCM supporters were prayer warriors for the ministry activities. We believe the opening of the Iron Curtain and the erosion of communism in Eastern Europe were answered prayers. This new-found freedom resulted in the Christians of that region of the world to request of Gene Dulin yet another transition. "Will you help equip us to be better preachers, ministers, and church leaders?" And thus began yet another era in the history of TCM - *Training Christians for Ministry*.

## THE MAJOR NEWS STORIES OF 1957 INCLUDED:

- **The Peak of Baby Boomer years, creating sociological issues.**
- **Toyota started selling cars in the U.S.**
- **The Suez Canal Crisis ended.**
- **Asian Flu Pandemic occurred .**
- **USSR Launched Sputnik 1 and Sputnik 2. Sputnik 2 had a dog named Laika on board; thus the first live creature in outer space was launched. The dog died two days after returning to earth.**
- **South Vietnam was attacked by Viet Cong guerrillas.**
- **Elvis Presley purchased Graceland in Memphis.**
- **The first Nuclear Reactor Plant opened in Pennsylvania.**

## *It all began in 1957...*

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Another call was extended and another young pastor and his wife responded. Tony Twist was selected by Gene Dulin and TCM's board to succeed Gene as TCM's president. Tony, along with his wife Suzanne, said “Yes” as God once more paved the way for TCM to grow in new and multiple ways. In Tony's nearly 26 years as president of TCM, expansion beyond Eastern Europe has been steady. Today nearly 1,200 international disciple makers from over 40 countries are TCM students. The ministries of these students and those of the 600 graduates are beacons of light in a dark world.

No matter the field of endeavor, success does not occur in a vacuum. TCM's growth has come with thousands of people

praying, volunteering, financially supporting, providing counsel, and responding to individual calls upon their hearts. We are grateful to God for His provision of friends, resources, and the main reason for what we do – Sharing the love of Jesus Christ and His Good News with those that have yet to know Him.

**We look forward with great anticipation, understanding that the present foundation on which we stand, was established for God's glory and honor.**

*By David Wright  
Vice President of Ministry Services*



### HOT MOVIES AND TV INCLUDED:

- “Twelve Angry Men”
- “The Bridge on the River Kwai”
- “The Ten Commandments”
- “Gunsmoke” was the number one weekly show while “Perry Mason” and “Maverick” first aired.

### FADS INCLUDED:

- Slinkys
- Hula Hoops

### IN SPORTS:

- The Milwaukee Braves were the World Series Champions.
- The Boston Celtics were the NBA Champions.
- The Detroit Lions were the NFL Champions.

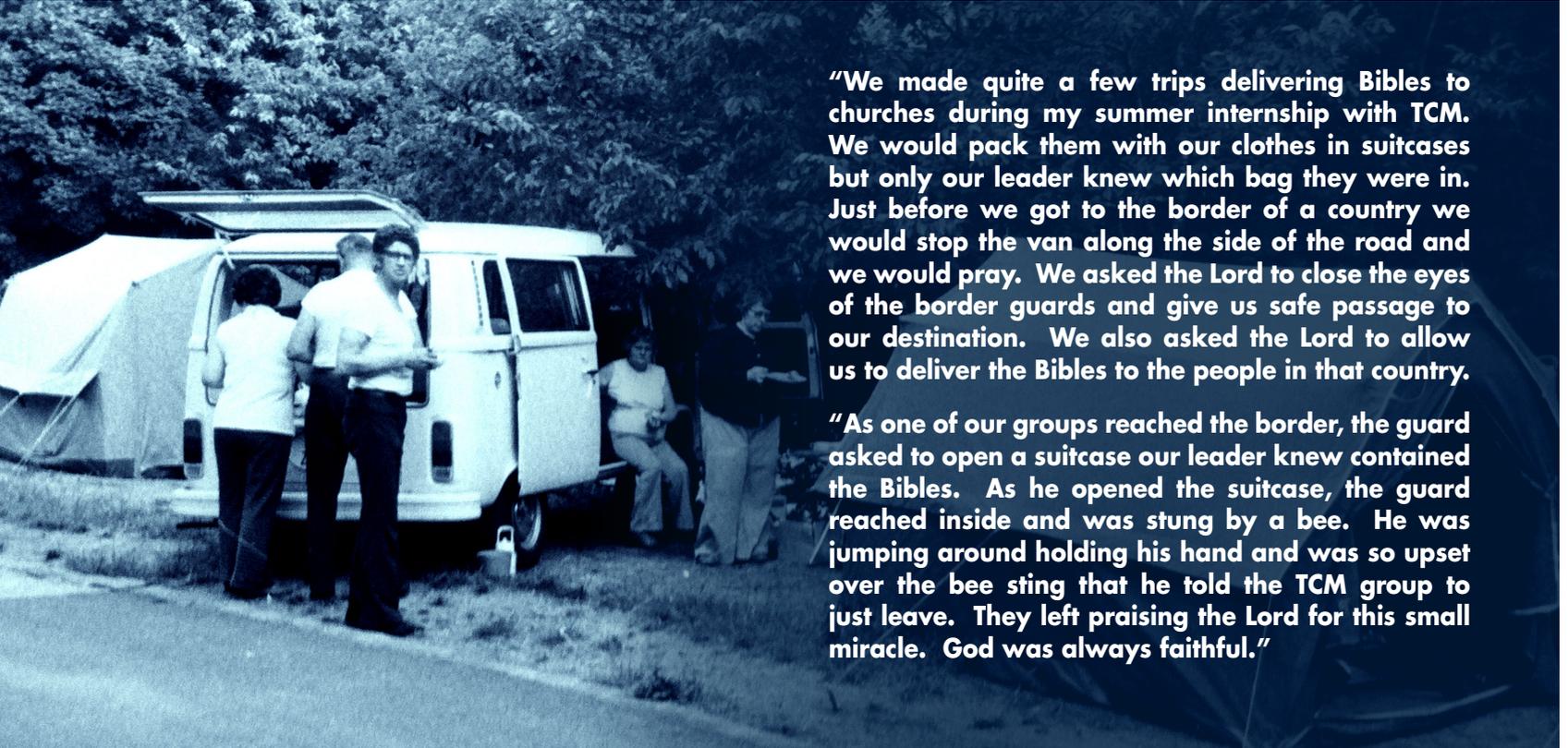
### COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of gasoline was 24 cents per gallon.
- The average rent was \$90 per month.
- The average home purchase price was \$12,200.
- The average wage per household was \$4,550.

# FAITHFULNESS

By Tom Sears  
Global Outreach Associate

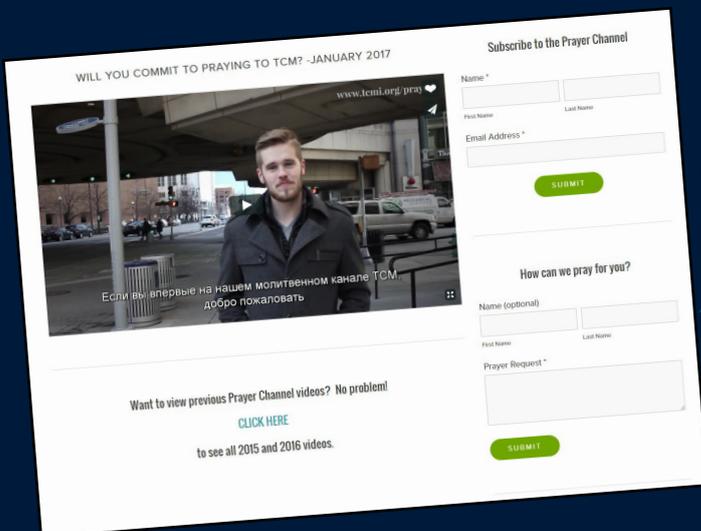
Sixty years ago, the Lord began to work through TCM. As I was reviewing our records of stories and testimonies throughout these past six decades, I couldn't help but notice an underlying theme – God's faithfulness. Story after story I read, "people pray, God is faithful; people pray, God is faithful." Here is one of the stories that stood out to me the most. It takes place in the 70s during the Soviet Era.



**"We made quite a few trips delivering Bibles to churches during my summer internship with TCM. We would pack them with our clothes in suitcases but only our leader knew which bag they were in. Just before we got to the border of a country we would stop the van along the side of the road and we would pray. We asked the Lord to close the eyes of the border guards and give us safe passage to our destination. We also asked the Lord to allow us to deliver the Bibles to the people in that country.**

**"As one of our groups reached the border, the guard asked to open a suitcase our leader knew contained the Bibles. As he opened the suitcase, the guard reached inside and was stung by a bee. He was jumping around holding his hand and was so upset over the bee sting that he told the TCM group to just leave. They left praising the Lord for this small miracle. God was always faithful."**

Since the beginning of TCM, the cultural and political challenges have changed, but the King of Kings and Lord of Lords remains the same. If you have been praying for TCM throughout the years, please continue! As Kingdom opportunities continue to grow, so do the attacks from Satan. This is seen daily, and we need your prayers. If you haven't yet made TCM a part of your daily time with the Lord, now is the best time to begin. As we look toward the next 60 years of ministry, we ask that you join us in seeking the Lord for His constant faithfulness. If we continue to seek His Kingdom and righteousness together through prayer, we believe the best years of this ministry are yet to come.



PRAY WITH US THIS YEAR!

# 2017

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# MIKE WALT

By Debbie Poer  
Director of International Services

## FROM HIS FINAL REFLECTION PAPER "THE PRACTICAL OUTWORKING OF A PRACTICAL DEGREE ON A PRACTICAL MAN"

Mike grew up in Austria. Throughout his early life, school was the last place he ever wanted to be. After graduating from Bible college he could not imagine pursuing and completing any type of graduate-level education. However, when he began his ministry, he was immediately faced with many challenges that he was unprepared for. He knew he needed additional ministry skills as well as a place for deep fellowship and spiritual refreshment. It was about that time he was encouraged to begin his studies at TCM.

Each class he took provided him with new ideas and sharpened his leadership skills. Through his *History of Christian Doctrine* class, he gained a better understanding of the fundamental theological differences between Protestants and Catholics, providing an important foundation for life and ministry in Western Europe. The Leadership and Management class helped to influence his ministry and his secular career. And the *Homiletics* class he took with a fellow ministry worker not only solidified their friendship but helped shape the vision for the development and growth of the church they serve.

Outside of the classroom, Mike's time at Haus Edelweiss provided spiritual refreshment as he had time away from normal activities to do simple things such as read and walk in the woods. More importantly, through the many countries and cultures represented at Haus Edelweiss he acquired a greater understanding of the size of God's kingdom and how Christ is building his church all around the world.



**"I believe TCM has helped me to walk strongly through the past decade and has prepared me to impact the world profoundly for the kingdom of God in the next."**



As he took more classes and spent time both in and out of the classroom with professors who became mentors he began to have a different understanding of his calling. No longer did he feel he was called to be only a preacher and teacher, but more importantly he felt called to train leaders.

Today Mike serves as Pastor of Vision and Leadership Development in his church. As he faces many of the same challenges that other pastors face he knows that his TCM studies have equipped him to handle those challenges. Because of the examples of mentoring he experienced while studying at TCM, he has a better understanding of how to be an effective mentor, equipping the church's youth to minister to others.

Because of what he learned through his studies at TCM, his vision is that the church he serves will grow into a planting and equipping center for a large multi-site church and that many church plants will go out from there. But he knows for that to happen not only must he be a well-equipped leader, but those who come after him must be well trained and equipped also. As he mentors the next generation of leaders he will be watching for those who will benefit from being further equipped by studying at TCM. *"Having leaders who have been trained in leadership, preaching, counseling, prayer, and worship will be a huge blessing long term. It will also enable each of us to be leaders who equip."*

# LOOKING BACK AND LEANING FORWARD

In Roman mythology Janus is the god of beginnings and endings. You may have seen a depiction of him: one face looks forward and one face looks backward. It is conventionally thought that we derive the name of our month of January from this mythical figure.

Whether this is true or not, during the month of January it is convenient to look at the activities of the past year with an eye to the activities of the coming year.

Last year the students, faculty, and administration of the Institute were very busy preparing for our normal accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission. Our self-study comprised over 100 pages of reporting with over 600 pages of evidence. To date, we have not received the Peer Review Team's final report. But during these types of visits we learn of things that can be improved, and we are also reminded of things that are done well.

Included in the list of things done well: 93 courses were delivered by faculty and adjunct faculty. Attendance at these 93 courses topped at 800 and included students from 25 countries. The attendance was so large that we reached our maximum capacity at seven of nine sessions conducted at Haus Edelweiss. Thank you for making the Cow Barn expansion a reality. This is a much-needed facility.

In May 2016, we also celebrated degrees and certificates conferred on 46 graduates. During the year, we admitted 182 new students who will begin their studies at TCMII. This represents an 80% increase in admissions compared to the average of the previous four years.

These numbers are not important until you consider that each one represents a changed life, a more mature disciple of Jesus, and a disciple maker being equipped. As we look to the future we

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need to consider the number of applications we receive from other areas of the world. This awareness makes our focus on Every Nation extremely powerful as we listen carefully to the leading of the Spirit.

Fortunately, we are not subject to the gods of Roman mythology but to the one God described by the Apostle Paul as he addressed the Areopagus in Athens: “Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands” (Acts 17:23b-24).



By Richard Justice  
Vice President of Educational Advancement

## In-Country

### February

*Theology and Practice of Worship*  
*Intro to Old Testament Studies*  
*Mission Theology*  
*Theology and Practice of Prayer*  
*History of Christian Theology*

John Sarno, Romania  
Konstantin Nazarov, Russia  
Mihai Malancea, Russia  
Pavel Coufal, Czech Republic  
Sorin Badragan, Belarus

### March

*Servant Leadership*  
*Research Methods*  
*Intro to New Testament Studies*  
*Christian Ethics*  
*Current Issues in Intercultural Studies*  
*Research Methods*

Rick Justice Jr, Georgia  
Yulia Lubenets, Poland  
Dumitru Sevastian, Central Asia  
Meego Rimmel, Turkey  
Mihai Malancea, Ukraine  
Yulia Lubenets, Russia

### April

*History of Christian Theology*  
*Intro to Old Testament Studies*  
*Mission Theology*

Oti Bunaciu, Moldova  
Fred Hansen, Moldova  
Mihai Malancea, Russia

## Haus Edelweiss

### March 30 - April 5

*Theology and Practice of Ministry*  
*Intro to Old Testament Studies*  
*Christian Ethics*

Scott Walt  
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# CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

What creates a disciple-making movement? You know, that “tipping point,” “viral,” “life on life,” kind of momentum that fills the sails of TCM today. The kind of excitement that always happens when we get together for training sessions and find out all the creative, exciting, and amazing things that God is doing. Truth be told, more His glorious surprise than our gutsy plan. Some recent research identifies three primary characteristics of disciple-making movements around the world.

1. The leadership trusts and follows Jesus and intentionally makes disciples who trust and follow Jesus.
2. The sending out of disciple makers who help mature others to trust and follow Jesus is celebrated.
3. The entire process is Holy Spirit led and empowered through prayer.

As I reflect back on 60 years of TCM history, I find all three characteristics at work throughout the years. The challenges of communism yesterday and radical Islam today have made these three characteristics absolute musts. A matter of survival. In light of such challenges, we have marched forward to fulfill His Great Commission best when on our knees.

TCM is now strategically poised and made ready. You can just sense it in the air. We are focused even more intentionally on training effective leaders of disciple-making movements. More

broadly in countries new to us and more deeply in those currently served.

In our 60th anniversary year, 2017, it is time to march forward both further and deeper. As always in TCM’s history, this march must begin on our knees. And your help is both needed and appreciated. Will you join with us this year in regular times of prayer for every nation?

Will you in 2017 pray with us that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ?

I believe, if enough of us pray this prayer, our Heavenly Father will use all He has built and accomplished through TCM as a vehicle to impact our world in ways that we cannot yet imagine or envision. And because the work is His doing, He will deserve and receive from us all glory, praise, and honor!!!

Yours gratefully in Him,



President,  
TCM International Institute