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Jane's Story

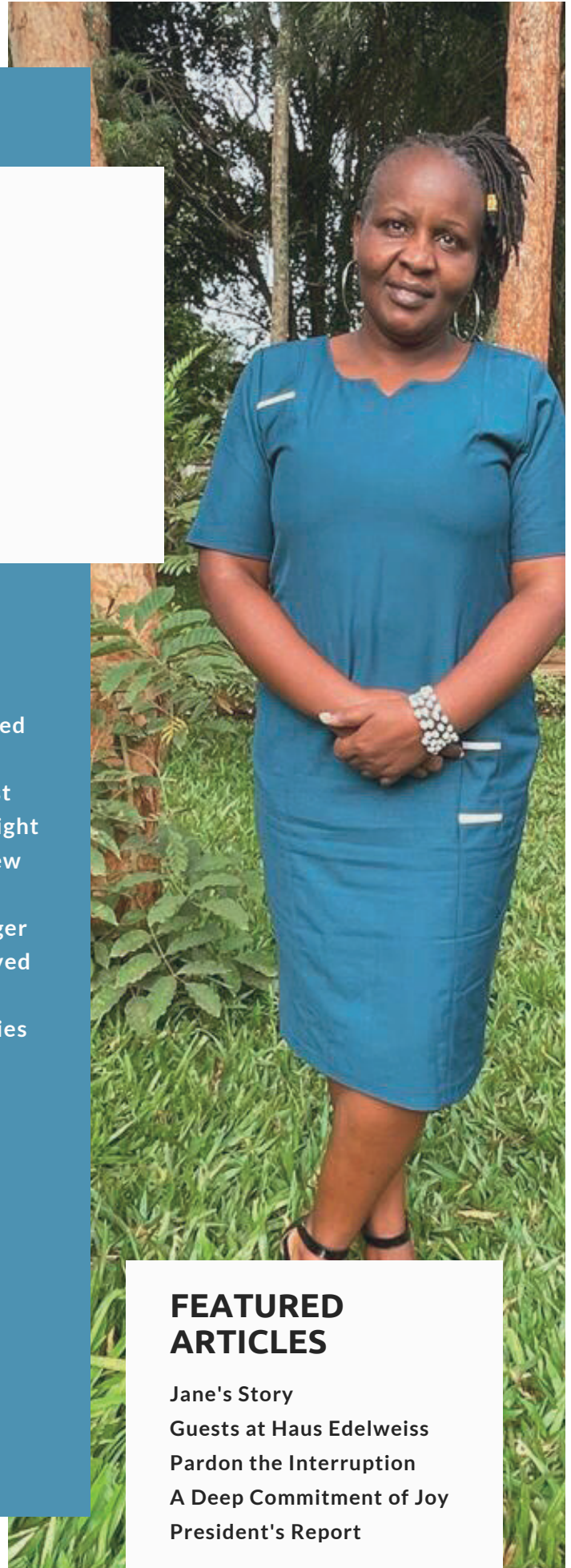
For me, growing up was a long, hard struggle. I was raised in a poor family in Kenya. I lost my father when I was in high school. And due to a family dispute, my mother lost everything she had. She struggled to raise a family of eight children. We suffered and lived miserable lives. We grew up being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody. I found this hopelessness to produce a hunger much greater than the hunger for food. But I still believed there was a good God. From a young age, I gave God a promise to serve Him by serving the children and families in these desperate circumstances like mine.

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Jane is a TCM student from Kenya - one of the many Kenyans who have begun their ministry training at TCM's newest mentoring center in Nairobi, Kenya in partnership with Missions of Hope International. While serving in Liberia, Jane is able to continue her education and is hoping to graduate with her Master of Arts degree next year.

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Jane's Story (continued)

Later in life, the Lord provided an opportunity for me to join a teacher's college. I graduated and worked in several schools both public and private. Then in 2008, I was offered a job with Missions of Hope International (MOHI), a non-profit organization reaching out to disadvantaged children and their families just as I hoped to do with my life. It was a divine connection and a wonderful opportunity and privilege to serve God in this way. Indeed, "All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do" (Galatians 2:10). My joy has been participating on the stage of God's service. And with humility, I thank God for MOHI and TCM for being inspirational tools in my life and ministry.

Now my life has met another massive transition. Two months ago I moved to Liberia, West Africa, over 5,000 kilometers from my home in Kenya. There I am serving to launch a branch of MOHI's ministry in this country. I have the chance to serve, mentor, empower, and help others be disciples of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to Liberia to execute the mandate of the Great Commission. Here in Liberia there is a huge need for evangelism, discipleship, feet to steady, hands to grasp, minds to encourage, and hearts to inspire. My greatest hope for my new calling in Liberia is to see the lives of children and families transformed for God's glory!

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Guests at Haus Edelweiss 2022

The past year has proved once again the flexibility of the hosting team here at the Haus, and I can report to you all: "Well done"!

Everything started as planned with a small winter work crew and our PhD study week in the second part of January. But during the bi-annual Regional Representatives' meeting in February we learned on 24 February about the Russian invasion of Ukraine and suddenly everything changed:

- Only a couple of weeks after the war started, we began to house refugees from Ukraine at Haus Edelweiss, mainly for those on the transit to other countries. So from March to June, we were able to provide 300 "safe nights" for transit guests and another 800 "safe nights" for long stays (through December).
- For the Spring term we quickly adopted the format and decided to host only small training sessions to test the hybrid classroom, both for faculty members' and students' experiences (Sessions 1 and 2).
- And due to the suddenly available capacity, we were able to host two church retreats from New City Wien Church – a Small Group Retreat in May and an Elder Retreat in June.

With the beginning of July, we were able to come back to some sort of normalcy, at least as scheduled and welcomed during the Summer-term guests, volunteers, and students for Sessions 5 and 6.

One of the Academic highlights in 2022 took place then in late August here in the Vienna Woods by hosting the Faculty meetings and Doctoral Colloquium with about 40 participants.

The main observation of the Fall term and during Sessions 7, 8, and 9 was lower student numbers, who participated in person and a higher interest in joining online for those students with travel restrictions, not able to leave the country and/or safety reasons. Still we were blessed with a lot of volunteers from the USA who came to help and co-host these events. So that finally we all enjoyed fellowship within the greater TCM family here at the Haus.

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And finally, because of the economic circumstances and the security concerns worldwide 2022 was a really big Pilgrims' season. The whole region experienced an increase along the Via Sacra all year round, so that here at the Haus we were able to accommodate a total of approximately 150 bed nights for this new group of guests for TCM in Austria.

So we are looking back to an intense year of 2022, grateful for our Lord's guidance and protection, and knowing that HE has a good plan for all of us.

Best greetings from Haus Edelweiss,
Christian Witzmann,
VP of International Operations

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28!



You are invited to TCM's annual Every Nation Summit to be held at the IMMI Conference Center in Westfield, Indiana on Friday evening April 28, 2023. The evening will include dinner and a program. Hear stories from TCM students ministering in our newest mentoring centers. You will also witness first-hand accounts of TCM's relief efforts in and around Ukraine – a follow-up from last year's Summit. Celebrate with us the magnificent ways the Lord is moving and working around the world!

There is limited seating, so please email David@tcmi.org to secure your spot soon.

Pardon the Interruption

What are your thoughts about interruptions? I confess and am embarrassed to admit, I often am initially annoyed by them. Yet, interruptions are a part of life – a part of ministry too. Have you heard this line as you watch TV or listen to your radio?

“We interrupt our regularly scheduled program for this important message.” Most often interruptions don’t come with an apology. They just happen.

If we look at the ministry of Jesus, we see that He was interrupted often. One example that comes to mind is the account of Jairus (Mark 5:21-43). Jairus was a leader of a synagogue and heard of the miracles of Jesus. His daughter was sick, and he interrupted Jesus to ask Him to heal his daughter. A willing Jesus headed with Jairus to see the daughter. Throngs of people followed and as they were going Jesus was interrupted once again by a woman who touched His garment. Jesus felt power go out of His body and sought amid the crowd to find the person who had touched him. His disciples interrupted the second interruption to encourage Jesus to continue to Jairus’s home. Before he could depart, He spoke to the healed woman. And then came another interruption. A servant arrived and informed Jairus that it was too late. The daughter had died.

Even with one interruption after another Jesus was not fazed, and He assured Jairus all would be fine. And it was. He healed the young girl and instructed Jairus and his family to give the daughter some food.

We experience interruptions in ministry. One that occurred on February 24, 2022, was life changing for many. TCM was hosting a Regional

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Representative meeting at Haus Edelweiss that began on February 21, 2022. The world was aware that the Russian military was swiftly surrounding Ukraine. On February 24, the Russian invasion began. When made aware of the invasion the Regional Representative meeting was interrupted.

The week’s agenda immediately changed. Tony Twist and the other leaders present immediately turned to God praying, “What should we do? Please guide us, Lord.” Throughout the rest of the day and into the next, with the guidance of the Lord, a plan was developed to serve the Ukrainian refugees who would no doubt be voluminous in number as the lives of millions of Ukrainians would be interrupted.

Those leaders prayerfully developed a plan we refer to as the Ukraine H.E.L.P. Relief Fund. It was to assist in providing immediate relief to Ukrainian refugees and Ukrainian citizens that would remain in a war-torn country. Hospitality, Evangelism, Logistical assistance, and Prayer were the elements of our plan.

And you allowed TCM to interrupt your lives as we sought your partnership in this effort. And like Jesus, you said “Yes, I will help!” To date more than \$600,000 has been invested in relief H.E.L.P. Approximately 400,000 “Safe Nights” have been provided to refugees arriving (and mostly staying) in dozens of neighboring European countries. In the name of Jesus, churches led by TCM graduates and students have provided food, water, clothing, housing, transportation, church homes, evangelism, counseling, translation, and Bibles.

These efforts and those being provided directly within Ukraine continue. No longer an interruption, they have become answered prayers. Just as He responded to Jairus, we give thanks that our Lord does not view our prayers as interruptions but as opportunities for our faith and ministries to grow.

by David Wright
VP of Ministry Services

PHOTOS:
(BELOW) UKRAINIAN REFUGEES PRAY AT HAUS
EDELWEISS; (RIGHT) DESTRUCTION AND PRAYER



A Deep Commitment of Joy

In 2022, we launched an intentional effort to engage with our supporters about estate planning. Through surveys, articles, letters, and personal communication, we seek to raise awareness and provide resources to help you with this important aspect of faithfully stewarding the resources God has entrusted to you. Thank you for your participation with us in this important conversation. Of course, we hope you will include TCM in your estate plan as many donors have done, but ultimately, we simply desire to help you faithfully steward the assets entrusted to you by God in a manner that brings Him glory and brings you joy.

We know that when people resonate with the mission of a particular ministry, they find ways to connect personally with its work and the people it serves. As you choose to engage with a ministry through giving, volunteering, advocating, and learning about its work, the relationship and commitment deepen even more. Many of you have connected with TCM in these deep ways. Many of you may have connected with another ministry in these deep ways. One way to strengthen this commitment even more is to include a gift to TCM or another beloved ministry in your will or estate plan. When you do, these three things happen:

Memorials

In Memory Of:

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Gene and Lenora Dulin
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1. Commit Out Loud. When someone notifies us of a planned legacy gift to TCM, they make a statement of their dedication to our mission and those we serve. They communicate a long-term commitment to TCM and help us know how to plan wisely for the future.

2. Create Impact. Every dollar you give to a ministry you care about is an investment that lasts, and it can be an act of worship for all God has given you. There may be tax savings and benefits associated with your gift, but more importantly, your investment ensures people's lives will be changed for good.

3. Build a Legacy. We all want to know our lives count for something. When you leave a charitable gift in your will, you design a legacy that will long outlive your earthly life.

We will continue to raise awareness of the importance of estate planning and faithful stewardship in 2023 with the prayer that as you engage with God about the stewardship of your estate, you will find joy in the legacy you leave.

by Megan Herring

For more information about including TCM in your estate plan, please contact Megan Herring at megan@tcmi.org or visit www.christianwill.org/tcm.

TCM Classes

IN-COUNTRY:

FEBRUARY

- Central Asia Hermeneutics Konstantin Nazarov

MARCH

- Central Asia History of Christian Theology 2 Sorin Badragan
- Latvia The Missional Church Jozsef Steiner
- Turkey Introduction to Old Testament Studies George Bristow
- Bulgaria History of Christian Theology 2 Oti Bunaciu
- Moldova Contemporary Issues in Intercultural Studies Mihai Malancea

APRIL

- Georgia Hermeneutics Konstantin Nazarov
- Phoenix, USA Disciple Making through the New Testament Jozsef Steiner
- Phoenix, USA Disciple Making David Roadcup
- Phoenix, USA Servant Leadership Rick Justice
- Kenya Mission Theology Mihai Malancea
- Kenya Advanced Research and Writing J.K. Stevens
- Kenya Introduction to Old Testament Studies Fred Hansen
- Kenya Disciple Making Myron Williams
- Latvia Christian Ethics Meego Rimmel

HAUS EDELWEISS:

SESSION 1 (MARCH 9-15)

- Mission Theology Mihai Malancea
- Hermeneutics Konstantin Nazarov
- Servant Leadership Myron Williams
- Research Methods Andrey Puzynin

SESSION 2 (APRIL 20-26)

- History of Christian Theology 1 Oti Bunaciu
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies Fred Hansen
- Homiletics Rick Grover

DIRECTED STUDY:

- Introduction to Pastoral Counseling Rick Walston
- Disciple Making through the New Testament Jozsef Steiner

ONLINE:

- Tools for Pastoral Counseling Rick Walston
- Old Testament Theology Sara Fudge
- Research Methods J.K. Stevens
- Hermeneutics Konstantin Nazarov
- Homiletics Leonid Mikhovich

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President's Report

"...APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING." (JOHN 15:5B)

It's the worst of times and the best of times. Because "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Out of COVID, He brought a DOUBLE-DIGIT jump in student enrollment. And along with accelerated growth, IT savvy, and greater comfort globally for online delivery.

Out of the war, He provided approximately 400,000 "safe nights" through TCM Regional Representative Networks and quickly opened doors for a new Organizational Chaplaincy Certificate. (HLC approval took one week!)

Out of our helplessness, He inspired a new dependency on Him. Our regular PrayerFast disciplines are taking hold and He is using us more and more effectively - opening the door for new partnerships with ICOM, RENEW, and Discipleship.org, and expanding our outreach and influence globally. If you have not already done so, please go to www.prayerfast.org to commit to fasting and prayer to seek a Holy Spirit Movement among our churches, cultures, and countries. May He work among us with POWER!

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

His guidance and strength, even in the midst of pain and struggle this past year, has positioned us well. So we now turn toward Every Nation 2027, the 2023-2027 phase of our ongoing Every Nation Initiative. Our goal will be to double our curricular and co-curricular student capacity, which will require additional financial investment in Training Services, Ministry Services, and Long-Term Sustainability. We will kick off Every Nation 2027 at our April 28th Summit in Indianapolis. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at the TCM 2023 Summit!

When we **EXCEED** our goals, we will not touch His glory. Something of this scope can be accomplished only by Him. We will take our lead from the elders in Revelation chapter 4 who fall down before Him and cast their crowns before the throne and say:

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being" (Revelation 4:11).

Tony