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GRADUATION

by Sara Fudge

TCM had the pleasure of hosting another beautiful and joyful graduation celebration at Stift Heiligenkreuz in Austria on May 12, 2024. Twenty-two students from twelve countries were awarded certificates, Master of Arts, or Master of Divinity degrees. Six of these degrees were awarded in absentia. It is always such a pleasure to see their excitement as years of dedication to studying God's Word, leadership strategy, and approaches to disciple making all come to fruition.

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Graduates from Hungary, Russia, Albania, and Moldova shared testimonies about their time at TCM, and how it helped to shape their personal lives and ministries. One student shared that he came to TCM lacking the proper skills and spiritual depth to serve the professionals in his ministry. Through his studies at TCM, he came to see God's bigger picture of redemption and how to communicate that to others. He shared that teaching is more than right words, but that it takes character. He noted the impact of seeing faculty on their knees in prayer for the students. Another student related that his TCM journey included reading 120 theological books, writing 300 pages, drying several thousand plates, and drinking 10 buckets of coffee (Really? ...only 10 buckets of coffee?). He added it was all an incredible experience concluding that it is obvious that God's hand is in this place.



The celebration included an inspiring message from Matthew 28 by Shodankeh Johnson, encouraging students and attendees to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” TCM awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity to pastor Shodankeh Johnson in recognition of his distinguished Christian service and leadership in Sierra Leone, West Africa, providing disciple-making training around the world.

The celebration concluded with a traditional meal at Kloostergasthof Heiligenkreuz located on the premises of the one-thousand-year-old monastery. Graduation is certainly a highlight of the year!

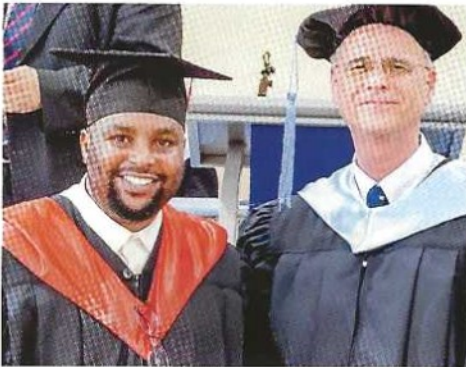
TCM'S FIRST GRADUATION IN KENYA!

by Tom Sears

On April 24, 2024, TCM celebrated its first graduation celebration on the continent of Africa. This was a very big milestone for TCM since launching TCM's master's program in Kenya five years ago. We are excited to share with you some of our new graduates and to hear how God is using them in their churches, lives, and ministries. Please read and celebrate with us these testimonies from our new graduates!



TENDAYI



"God answers prayer. In 2018 I joined full-time ministry and I felt I was not equipped. So, I began praying asking God, 'How do I get better? And how do I balance my entrepreneurial life, family life, and ministry?' God answered my prayer by leading me to TCM. **Along with many other graduates standing with me today, I have stepped into a different level of discipleship.** There are new programs that have been born from the education we received from TCM. That is how practical that training has been – we have been able to plug in and implement them immediately. One thing I know for sure...I am now a better preacher."

JULIUS



"I want to say that TCM, for me, has not just been a knowledge hub but it has been a life transforming experience. I have not been only impacted in my Christian journey but in other aspects of life. So I want to appreciate our professors. Apart from bringing us the knowledge of your courses you have poured out your lives with us. This has been a regular experience with each professor. They have impacted me in ways that cut across all areas of my life, ministry, and my job as a tent maker. My way of ministry has changed. A big thank you to the TCM program and to all of those who have helped make it happen, from the top leadership down to every donor that made this possible for us. Thank you."

JUDY



"I work in ministry with my husband training pastors around the country who do not have any education. I know that because of what I have learned at TCM we, as a team, will be able to improve our teaching and train them at a higher level with new skills. The face-to-face sessions were very encouraging. In every course we did, there was something God was doing to mold us in our lives. **We received the knowledge and then we went and used it right away in our ministry contexts.**"





ENGAGING EVERY NATION INITIATIVE: Moving from Addition to Multiplication in Liberia

by Tom Sears

We have all heard and understand the importance of Jesus' example of being fishers of men. Rather than adding someone to the Kingdom of God, Jesus taught them how to be disciple makers and multiply His efforts exponentially after His departure from this earth. At TCM we believe and see daily evidence of the power of Christ-centered, practical ministry education to equip national leaders to reach their own people for Christ.

Meet Konah. Konah is a middle-aged Liberian pastor faithfully teaching the Word of God to his people in his small town close to the border of Liberia and Guinea. Faced with the reality of widespread poverty, Konah worked with his people to find creative ways to build a church building and sustain their growing ministry. Konah also teaches Farming God's Way and helps provide sustaining food and income for others in his village. Most recently, the Lord has provided a path leading Konah into higher levels of prominence in the Liberian church system that has congregations scattered throughout the country.

Konah is exactly the type of student TCM desires to impact and move from addition to multiplication.

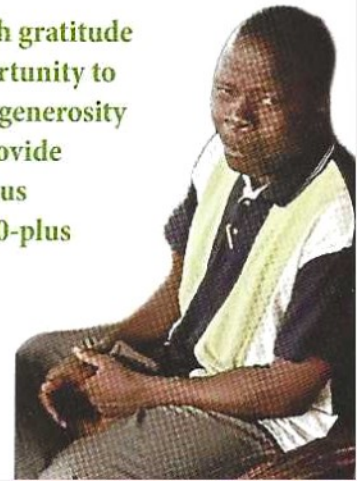
In January 2024, Konah became a TCM student. The class on disciple making changed Konah's life and altered his perspective on ministry – from addition to multiplication. Since then, Konah has been utilizing his position in the church networks in his country to multiply his efforts and experience in ministry by focusing much of his efforts on equipping others to make disciples. This May, Konah led a team

of pastors and evangelists from every sector of Liberia for a week of training on how to implement the command of Jesus to make disciples.

This story of Konah is only one of many. Konah was overwhelmed with gratitude that he was granted the opportunity to study with TCM through the generosity of our donors. You helped provide that and we need you to help us sustain this ministry in the 20-plus countries TCM trains disciple makers for ministry.

Will you please give a special financial gift to TCM's Engaging Every Nation Initiative? The world is hungry for Jesus, and we need well-equipped Christian leaders in every nation to move from addition to multiplication. Will you be the next person to provide this opportunity for a pastor like Konah?

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VICE PRESIDENT OF MINISTRY SERVICES

The ELT is pleased to announce that Ken Flora has transitioned to the role of Vice President of Ministry Services and as such will join the TCM Executive Leadership Team. In this role, Ken will serve as TCM's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

Ken joined the TCM team on February 1, 2023 as Director of Ministry Services and served alongside David Wright to transition these key responsibilities effective July 1, 2024. Ken has added value to the team with his financial acumen, operational skills, and business experience, having come to TCM after a successful career in the utility industry.

Ken is a graduate of Indiana University and has earned an MBA from the University of Indianapolis. He and his wife Abbey live in Indianapolis and are active members of Indian Creek Christian Church where they are involved in many ways.

Please join us in welcoming and praying for Ken in this significant ministry role.

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD



by Ken Flora

Recently, I traveled to Phoenix to meet with two supporting churches and observe TCM's class sessions. The first evening, I was winding down from the day's activities when I received a call. One of our professors from Eastern Europe had arrived at the airport and needed a ride to the location where the classes would be held. He had been at the airport for nearly two hours, so I wanted to get there as soon as possible. I quickly grabbed my things, got into my rental car, and headed out. It was dark and I was not familiar with the Peoria area, so I pulled up Google Maps on my phone for directions to the airport. To my surprise, it directed me north rather than south into Phoenix. Hesitantly, I followed the directions and headed north and as the city lights quickly faded, I found myself driving into what seemed like a remote desert in the middle of the night. Was I going to trust the driving app or turn around? I decided to continue heading north, following the directions on the app. Fortunately, I was on the right track because the route would eventually turn eastward and take me to Interstate 17, then south to the airport. It turned out to be the best route after all.

When I later reflected on my trip to the Phoenix airport, it reminded me how, on occasion, I have wrongly questioned God's direction for my life. We all have stories where our driving apps have failed us, but God has never failed and never broken a promise. He never will. Our Heavenly Father knows the best route for each of us. The question is whether we will allow Him to guide us. As the Psalmist wrote, "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Following God's lead brought me to TCM where I am blessed to participate in the important work of equipping God's people for service. We may not immediately know what God is up to, but He has a plan, the best plan, for each of us, if only we follow His lead.

ENGAGING EVERY NATION CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

EEN GIVING - SILENT PHASE (2020-2023)	\$1,399,311
EEN GIVING FY 2024	\$183,000
INTENTIONS	\$360,000
TOTAL EEN	\$1,942,311
GOAL	\$6,000,000
GAP TO GOAL	\$4,057,689

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WILL PLANNING

by Megan Herring

In late May and June, TCM received two estate gifts from long-time donors who had included TCM in their wills and/or trusts. The donors made these gifts long ago, and God brought them to fruition for TCM at this time to help meet our needs. These gifts will further the mission and vision of TCM and help us build capacity to prepare effective disciple-making leaders through TCM's leadership training.

According to Caring.com's 2024 Wills and Estate Planning Survey, only 32% of Americans have a will in place. Maybe that's you.

Creating a will is one of the most important things you can do to bless your family. And it is a meaningful way to communicate what's most important to you. TCM has a Will Planning Guide you can use to help you think through the important elements of your will. You can find it at tcmi.legacywill.org/get-a-will/. And, as you consider your will, know that gifts to TCM will be used to further our mission and vision to prepare disciple-making leaders for significant service.

For more information, please visit tcmi.legacywill.org or contact Megan Herring at megan@tcmi.org.



TCM CLASSES

ONLINE:

Hermeneutics – Sara Fudge
 History of Christian Theology 1 – Oti Bunaciu
 Research Methods – J.K. Stevens
 Servant Leadership – Rick Justice
 Introduction to Chaplaincy – Tony Twist
 Servant Leadership – Myron Williams

IN-COUNTRY:

KENYA (AUGUST):

Christian Ethics – Meego Rimmel
 History of Christian Theology 1 – Sorin Badragan
 Introduction to New Testament Studies – Dumitru Sevastian
 Research Methods – Yulia Lubenets

ESTONIA (SEPTEMBER):

Disciple Making Through the New Testament – Jozsef Steiner

TURKEY (SEPTEMBER):

Introduction to Pastoral Counseling – Rick Walston

BELARUS (SEPTEMBER):

Mission Theology – Mihai Malancea

DEEPENING TCM'S INFLUENCE IN EUROPE



by Victoria Bojonca

I had the privilege of attending the European Leadership Forum (ELF) in Wisla, Poland. It was encouraging to connect with Christian leaders from across the globe who strive to serve the Kingdom faithfully. But the true highlight was meeting the extraordinary men and women whose lives have been touched by TCM. Their stories of growth and deepened ministry impact were inspiring.

Our TCM booth at the ELF EXPO was a hub of activity. From the moment the doors opened, we were engaging with former, current, and potential students. One of our Bulgarian students, Sergey, became our most passionate advocate, eagerly introducing friends and acquaintances to the TCM program. Our Regional Representatives from Czechia, Bulgaria, and Poland offered information to their fellow countrymen in their native languages. Two ladies from Georgia signed up for summer courses at Haus Edelweiss.

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The reach extended far beyond our current networks. Individuals from Slovakia expressed a need for further education, seeking to equip themselves for a life devoted to disciple making. A person from India sought opportunities to study in a safe environment. A group of Indonesian medical professionals expressed interest in chaplaincy training.

Witnessing the resonance of TCM's programs with Christians from such diverse backgrounds was a humbling experience. It reaffirmed the universal yearning for spiritual growth, knowledge, and the tools to serve effectively in God's kingdom, to which TCM is committed.



IN-COUNTRY:

RUSSIA (SEPTEMBER):

Theology and Practice of Worship – Leonid Mikhovich

POLAND (SEPTEMBER):

Disciple Making – Jozsef Steiner

CENTRAL ASIA (SEPTEMBER):

Transforming Leadership – Timotei Rusu

MOLDOVA (JULY, SEPTEMBER):

Introduction to New Testament Studies – Dumitru Sevastian

Survey of Church History – Yulia Lubenets

ARMENIA (SEPTEMBER):

Theology and Practice of Ministry – Chuck Sackett

HAUS EDELWEISS:

SESSION 4 | JULY 4-10

Servant Leadership – Rick Justice

Small Groups Ministry – David Roadcup

Christian Ethics – Meego Rimmel

Survey of Church History – Yulia Lubenets

SESSION 5 | August 22 -28

Apologetics and Culture – Bruce Little

Introduction to Old Testament Studies – Konstantin Nazarov

Worldviews and Religions – Mihai Malancea

Practical Pastoral Counseling – Rick Walston

SESSION 6 | September 19-25

Theology and Practice of Ministry – Chuck Sackett

Christian Ethics – Meego Rimmel

Disciple Making through the Early Church – Myron Williams

Research Methods – Yulia Lubenets



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PRESIDENT'S OUTLOOK

John 15:5 "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."

God is on the move within and through TCM.

As we embark on the Engaging Every Nation Initiative, we will double down on our prayer and abiding. Our faithfulness and our following.

Will you join us? Will you please pray for TCM – for our students, our graduates, our faculty, our staff, our volunteers, our mission, and our vision? We greatly need your prayers to meet the new challenges and opportunities ahead through His Every Nation Initiative. Jesus plainly tells us: "apart from me, you can do nothing."

But remaining in Him together, there is no limit to what He can accomplish through us!

Yours in Him,

Tony

The history of TCM reflects a deep, abiding commitment to prayer and dependence upon the Lord: Daily, we cultivate a culture marked by prayerful, faithful disciple making. Abiding in the vine. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Following His lead.

As we have intentionally practiced this dependence, fruit has been produced. You'll see that in these pages. Our first graduation in Kenya. Our 28th graduation in Europe. Students becoming more like Jesus and serving more like Jesus. Leadership transitions occurring. Connections for future ministry growth being made. Lofty goals launched.