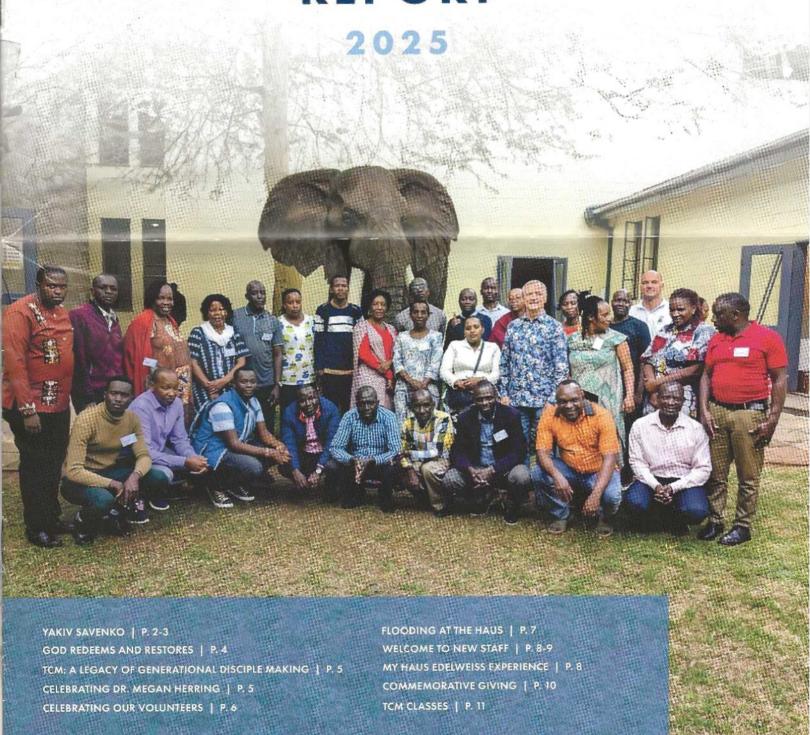


VISION & VICTORY REPORT





Sadly, shelling and drone attacks are a part of everyday life in Kherson, once a cozy green city in the south of Ukraine. Today Kherson is a dreary and dangerous place with only 20% of the population still living there. Most of them are old and poor folks who have no other place to go to and no resources or health to start a new life elsewhere. During the day, it is quite an adventure to go even to one of the shops still working in the city to buy food, because you never know when a drone can spot you. If it does, there is no escape, it will follow you until it drops an explosive on you. At night, people often lie in beds awake listening anxiously to the sound of the shelling and wondering whether their houses or apartment buildings will be the next target of a missile.

Yakiv Savenko, the pastor of Kherson Christian Church and a TCM student, remains in the city with his wife Ludmila and their four children. Yakiv and Ludmila believe that the Lord has called them to serve Him in the war-torn Ukrainian city by providing spiritual and material help to those who cannot leave the city. The church in which they serve help restore damaged houses, provide the needy with food and clothing, and naturally, offer the saving knowledge of the One who can keep and protect in the times of trouble. As tragic and devastating as the

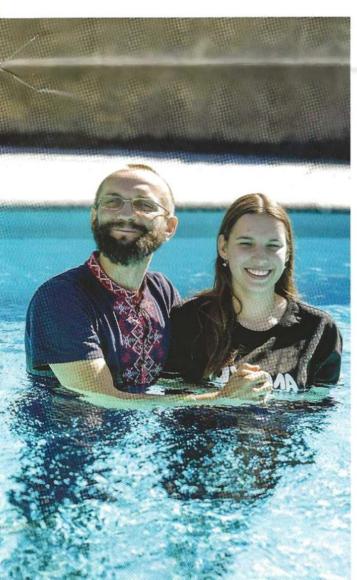
war in Ukraine has been, it is because of this disaster that many people who would otherwise never step inside a church building are driven to local Christian communities. These communities have become true safe havens which reflect God's sacrificial love in today's Ukraine.

It is not that Yakiv and Ludmila are never scared. Yakiv openly admits that he is often afraid and no wonder – he has had several near-death experiences already, one of which is put in his own words in the beginning of this story. However, he also believes that it is more important to stay faithful to God and His call and trust in His protection and providence. He says that studying with TCM really helps even in this difficult time. It teaches one to be a good servant leader, provides with the knowledge and skills to be shared with others in Ukraine, and gives a necessary respite at times.

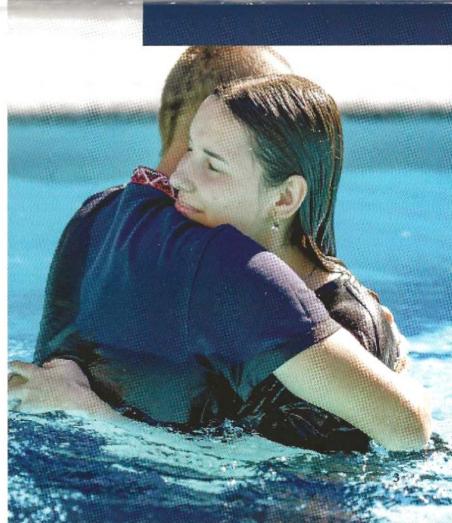
In September, Yakiv, Ludmila, and their children were able to attend the session at Haus Edelweiss. They were extremely grateful for the opportunity to take a break from their demanding ministry and spend some time in this safe place which is permeated with prayer and God's love. It seemed strange to them at first to be served instead of constantly serving, to be cared for instead of unceasingly providing care, and to wake up to the singing of the birds instead of the sound of shelling. The valuable studies and fellowship with students, professors, and staff from various countries made their experience unforgettable. Yakiv and Ludmila also greatly appreciated seven suitcases with over-the-counter medications which Lakeside Christian Church from Springfield, Illinois donated. These medications will help many people in Kherson and other places in Ukraine.

On a personal note, the session at the Haus became even more special as their eldest daughter, Karina, was baptized in the pool on September 22. All those on campus that morning rejoiced with the family during this beautiful event.

Yakiv and Ludmila and their family returned home to serve in the church in Kherson courageously facing the challenges of life and ministry in wartime. As Yakiv continues his studies at TCM, he encourages all of those who serve at their church as well as the church members who now live in other countries to join the TCM program. He wants them to benefit from the relevant and inspiring education provided by TCM. Yakiv and Ludmila appreciate prayers and support, including the ones they get from TCM. "It must be for a reason that I was not killed," shares Yakiv. "God must still want me to do His work here." TCM is grateful to be a part of the courageous and tireless ministry of its students in Ukraine.



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GOD REDEEMS AND RESTORES:

Reflections on TCM in Africa

by Meego Remmel

I have been with TCM from almost the very beginning. I was the first Estonian graduate in completing my MA degree in 1995. Now, after becoming a professor for TCM teaching all over Europe, Central Asia, and the United States, TCM has sent me to its newest mentoring centers in Africa.

The cultural context of these students is quite different from mine, coming out of a post-communist society which is now quite developed. I never imagined how much harm our Westerners caused to Africans during the colonial era. I realized it, again, after taking my Kenyan students to their ethnographic history museum in Nairobi and reflecting with them the next morning about their painful experiences of the past. They shared so many hard stories with me from their parents' and grandparents' lives. I apologized for everything we as Europeans have caused them. At the same time, I realized how committed they are to the Kingdom of God and disciple making, rising above all human differences and hardships. God redeems and restores.

I have now been twice in Kenya (2022, 2024) and once in Liberia (2024). It has been amazing to see such a variety of leaders from different backgrounds, both female and male, being disciples (meaning to be life-long learners in following Jesus) and making disciples (meaning 'learners' in following Jesus). They are all willing to learn more. And TCM is a great platform for them.

It really dawned on me how much TCM students in Liberia live and carry out their mission in a very divided world of witchcraft and primal

religious practices. At the same time both countries challenge their evangelical believers with fundamentalistprosperity movements of faith. So, they must learn discernment between solid and strange theologies and practices along with

pure and perverted moralities. I see the potential for how TCM can be a great help guiding these students to the vision that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ. In that perspective, TCM culture remains the same everywhere, yet, contextualizing in different locations.

I can only appreciate the honor to be able to guide our African students in Christian ethics and pastoral ethics. I see how TCM can empower our students to do very important and communally fruitful research work in African context. It's both my privilege and a learning lesson how to guide them in their cultural context in the best possible ways. May God help me and everybody in TCM to instill in our African students the Kingdom perspective.





TCM:

A Legacy of Generational Disciple Making

by Ken Flora

During the past year, TCM continued to build on its legacy of equipping prayerful, faithful disciple makers. This legacy started when a church-planting ministry in Canada began training Christians in Eastern Europe. In 1963, a Russian immigrant to Canada invited TCM's founder, Gene Dulin, to join him on a trip to the Soviet Union. Following this visit and after much prayer, Gene felt called to establish a network to distribute Bibles and Christian literature to Eastern Europeans who were hungry to know more about Jesus. This led to opportunities for TCM to equip local pastors and church planters during undercover training sessions in the mountains of Romania and later as part of "Summer Seminaries" held at Haus Edelweiss.

TCM formalized and expanded its training programs over the years establishing TCM International Institute, a fully accredited Christian institute, developing Christian leaders across four continents. And while TCM's training methods have adapted to the needs of students over the years, the goal to equip disciple makers for their ministries has not changed.

Today, in addition to our advanced degree and certificate offerings, TCM conducts intensive disciple making training sessions each year for hundreds of men and women who desire to be more effective in their ministries. This training includes the keys to being a disciple maker; servant leadership, relational disciple making, and disciple making in the context of a local church. Since 2021, more than 1,000 disciple makers have received this intensive training across nine countries. TCM prepared 400 men and women with this training during 2024 alone. Praise God for these faithful servants who are helping to fulfill the Great Commission!

Jozsef Steiner, TCM's Director of Disciple Making Training,

recently shared a story about one of the participants from a disciple-making training session in Tbilisi, Georgia. Let's refer to him as "George." George said he was a disciple but could not see himself making other disciples. Jozsef prayed this practical training would encourage George, but Jozsef told me, "I did not see the breakthrough in his eyes." However, the Lord did something special in George's life because when Jozsef returned to Georgia the following year for additional training, George was there, and he had brought two others he was discipling! And the next year, George brought his disciples' disciples! Jozsef said he was happier than if he had personally brought all those individuals to the Lord. That is the heart of TCM – to equip prayerful, faithful disciple makers to advance the Kingdom of God. Our prayer is that God will continue to open doors in the months and years to come for this needed disciple-making training. Thank you for partnering with us to make this possible.

Disciple makers who have received intensive disciple making training:



Celebrating Dr. Megan Herring

by Rick Justice

In the Fall 2023 edition of The TCM Report, we welcomed Megan Herring who joined the Executive Leadership Team as the Vice President of Compliance and Planned Giving.

Now, we celebrate Megan's successful defense of her doctoral dissertation on July 9, 2024. She graduated from Johnson University on December 21, 2024, with a PhD in leadership studies from the School of Business and Public Leadership at Johnson University.

The title of her dissertation was: "Cultivating Institutional Identity and Mission Within a Shared Governance Structure in Theological Schools: An Exploration of the Governing Board's Role and Processes." The focus of her research was on the shared governance

model of boards of higher education institutions, and the cultural, educational, financial, and theological challenges they face. She hopes that her research will be used by institutions to understand how to cultivate their mission and vision beginning with the governing board, echoing throughout the organization.

Megan was encouraged by her husband David, who built a study area in their home for her studies, and by her daughter Naomi, who created and presented a "diploma" to Megan after she completed her first course. Sons Timothy, Oliver, and Colin joined in the encouragement as did we at TCM.

Congratulations, Dr. Herring.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

by Megan Herring

In 2024, TCM held 11 intense two-week events at Haus Edelweiss, welcoming anywhere from 30-100 guests to campus each time. These events included TCM's academic sessions, focused meetings for faculty, regional representatives and doctoral students, and our wonderful graduation celebration in May. Hosting events like these is beyond the capacity of our international Haus staff team alone. We are thankful they receive support from people in the TCM community.

Every year, TCM relies on the volunteers who come to Austria to serve TCM students and support our team at events like these. In 2024, 166 volunteers served at Haus Edelweiss as Short-term Workers or Long-term Workers. They worked hard cleaning, preparing and serving food, keeping up the grounds, assisting in the library and the office, and providing a wide variety of help. Hence, TCM students experienced being served, prayed for, and encouraged during their times on campus. These volunteers left exhausted but blessed, having experienced something unique. Here are their reflections.

Besides helping to take care of and serve the students, teachers and translators, just being at the Haus is like no place else in the world. Right now, with all the war and turmoil going on in our world, the Haus is a place of quiet peace, tranquility, and beauty. I would encourage anyone to step out in faith and be the hands and feet of Jesus at Haus Edelweiss. You will be blessed beyond measure."

-Patrick and Linda

My experience at Haus Edelweiss this summer was a glimpse of what heaven must look like and an illustration of Ephesians. I can think of no other ministry that brings so many diverse backgrounds together in such a picture of unity. I will always remember the time spent with my brothers and sisters across the globe."

-Scott and Becky

I was privileged to serve at Haus Edelweiss in 2024. I was in awe of how GOD took people from 4 different states and put together such an awesome team. We worked hard cleaning the dorms/classrooms and dining room prep, but we had a great time. We prayed, cried, and laughed together. The time was very special."

Susan and John

The people I come in contact with at Haus Edelweiss inspire me to be a better person and Christ follower. The road may not always be easy, but it is so rewarding!"

-Jessie

What a privilege it is to serve at The Haus! Christ is the center of every conversation and the reason for all work. I consider it pure joy to help maintain an atmosphere of comfort for the students and professors to concentrate on studying and networking. Haus Edelweiss is a slice of heaven."

-Teresa

I must admit that it has been a long time since I set foot in such a busy kitchen. I felt very physically tired but full of vigor knowing that, in this place that was once a house occupied by the Nazis, today is a training center for ministers of the King. Yes, that is how wonderful our Savior is. Today, hundreds of people are trained every year for service in the work of God."

-Jimmy

Time at Haus Edelweiss, serving others, being in the presence of TCM staff, students, and other volunteers who love the Lord and have hearts for mission, creates an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit's presence is palpable. It is a physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual experience."

-Kevin







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Jesus, as he was known to do, gave the disciples an object lesson in the privacy of the upper room by washing their feet and saying, "I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done for you." Somehow, when we picked up our own towel and basin at TCM, it became joyful, even though the hours were long and exhausting. It is just like Jesus to turn what we might normally not want to do into something we not only desire to do but find great purpose and happiness in doing. And if given the chance, we would experience jet lag and hard work to serve God's kingdom again."

-Catherine

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers! Your service made a difference in God's kingdom!

FLOODING AT THE HAUS

By Christian Witzmann

We often talk about Haus Edelweiss being a special place where you can truly feel God's blessing and protection. This was especially evident last year on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

That September weekend, torrential rain was forecast for the Vienna Woods due to a unique weather phenomenon. This gave us ample time to prepare, as most of our offices and a conference room are located directly next to the Sattelbach watercourse. We erected a wooden wall, organized sandbags, and sealed the door to our pellet storeroom.

After three days of pouring rain, on Sunday morning, the water level rose above our retaining wall. The once tame and calm Sattelbach watercourse transformed into a raging river, with thundering water and tree trunks floating past. In addition to the torrential rain, there were also strong gale-force winds. The entire team scrambled to quickly clear out the conference room and the adjacent archive because water was seeping in through the foundations of the oldest part of the building, soaking the first cardboard boxes. There was also water damage in the pellet storeroom, and we had to dispose of a total of 7 tons of damp pellets. But thank goodness no further damage was caused. The water level from the raging Sattelbach watercourse stopped rising 10 cm BELOW the windowsill of the Riverside Classroom - that's what I call last minute prevention. And with centimeter precision, praise the Lord!

At the flood's peak, the Sattelbach rose so high that it cut off access from both the north and south of Haus Edelweiss, isolating our small neighborhood and community. In those tense moments, our thoughts were drawn to the recently restored inscription above the main entrance: built "Unter der Heiligen Kreuz," a dedication from 1890 that placed these buildings, quite literally, "under the Holy Cross." As a community devoted to God's work, we rely on the shelter of that promise.

Introducing Marty Anderson

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Marty, you may soon see him at your church or a TCM event. We are pleased he joined TCM's Development Team in October 2024 as Director of Global Outreach. He has worked closely with Tom Sears over the past four months to learn about TCM and how we are working to impact churches, cultures, and countries for Christ. Marty will lead TCM's Development programs and activities as a result of Tom's departure from TCM on February 14, 2025, to take a leadership position at a local construction management company.

Marty has executive leadership experience across operations, sales, finance, and Human Resources functions. He brings extensive experience building talent pools, motivating teams, and providing opportunities for growth. He has a fun and outgoing personality that has already been a delightful addition to our team. We love his enthusiasm for serving the Lord and we are excited to see how God will use Marty in this role.

Marty has a Bachelor of Business degree in Operations and Production Management from Western Illinois University, which is near the small



town where Marty grew up. His work led him to Chicago and then to the Indianapolis area. Marty and his wife, Debbie, now live on a 10-acre "pretend" farm (Marty's terminology) near Noblesville and they worship with the White River Christian Church in Noblesville. Marty and Debbie have three adult sons, Justin (Kelly), Trevor (Nozomi), and Spencer, as well as two grandchildren (Harper and Hudson).

We are blessed to have Marty on our TCM Team and hope that you will have the opportunity to meet him in person soon!

My Haus Edelweiss Experience

by Marty Anderson

As I begin a new role with TCM as the Director of Global Outreach, I know there is a tremendous amount I need to learn, not only about my new role, but also about the ministry of TCM. As part of the orientation for my role, Tony stressed the importance of going to Haus Edelweiss and experiencing a session with students, faculty, staff, short-term and long-term workers.

From the moment I arrived at the Haus, I was stunned by the picturesque structure of the Haus nestled in the beautiful landscape of Austria. I immediately felt this was a very special place indeed. I was shown to what was to be my room for the next couple weeks and started the process of meeting the staff and workers who were diligently preparing for the arrival of the students and faculty.

The cohesion and selflessness of the short-term workers was inspiring; their singular focus was taking care of the students and faculty in all aspects of their stay, including guest services, maintenance, and food services. These individuals were also prayerful, praying for specific students, each other, and for God to direct their time. It quickly became a beautiful family, serving others as Jesus modeled so perfectly.

Everyone participated in seemingly mundane tasks in the spirit of a

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higher calling, such as drying dishes after the meals. The stories and interactions with the students, faculty, and staff were like a heavenly picture to me. Laughing, learning, and sharing each other's lives.

I attended the in-person classes and was inspired by the knowledge and skills of the faculty. They had the ability to challenge and inspire the students from diverse backgrounds in an engaging and respectful manner. The students at this session represented 13 countries. This collective learning was aligned with my perception and anticipation of what heaven will look like. In heaven there will be redeemed from diverse life experiences – from every tribe, every language, every people, every nation, yet all will be united in focusing on God and worshipping the Creator of the universe!

The TCM staff was so welcoming and committed to TCM's values of a learning lifestyle, Christian maturity, servant leadership, and a Christian world vision. The entire team is inspiring and has a singular focus of creating an environment of learning and service.

I truly felt the presence of God throughout the time at Haus Edelweiss and now have a better understanding of what God is doing through TCM!

Welcome to Dr. Eddy Sanders

by Rick Justice

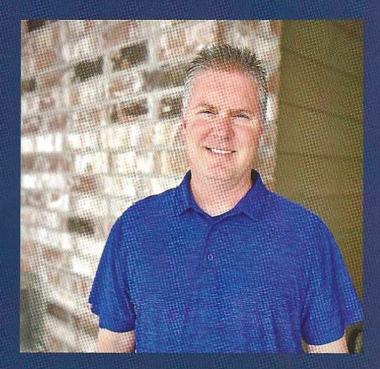
As I sit in the Indianapolis offices of TCM writing this welcome article, I look out of my window and see 8 inches of snow on the ground from the first winter storm we've had in 2 years, awaiting up to 4 more inches of snow tonight. All that is to say: "Willkommen" to a new friend and colleague who hails from warm Dallas, Texas.

Eddy Sanders, D.Min., joins TCM as Professor of Practical Ministry and as the Director of Educational Advancement. Eddy earned his doctorate from the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University. He has recently completed Air War College at Air University, United States Air Force, Lincoln Christian Seminary, and Point University.

Eddy's experience in leading the academy will greatly benefit us at TCM. He comes from Dallas Christian College, Dallas Texas, where he served as Chair of the Practical Ministries department and previously from St. Louis Christian College, St. Louis Missouri, where he was Preaching Professor and Academic Dean.

Eddy also has leadership experience in the local church, global missions, and in an interesting post as Wing Chaplain for several USAF bases. These experiences make Eddy particularly valuable as TCM grows the recently launched Organizational Chaplaincy Certificate.

His personal focus to "tell God's story and help others find their role in it" makes his welcome to TCM a very easy match to our call to "make



disciples who make disciples."

Eddy will work from his home base in Dallas, partly due to the aforementioned snow we get in Indiana.

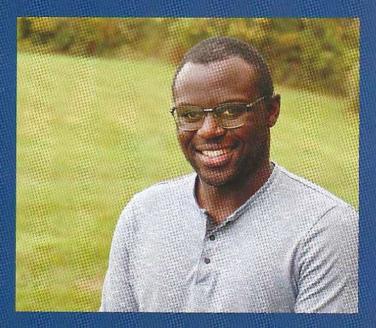
Welcome Eddy. It is good to have you aboard.

Welcome, Simba!

You may have noticed an increase in activity on TCM's Facebook page. That is thanks to Simba Nyamutora, who joined the TCM Development team in September 2024. We are thrilled to have Simba assisting the Development team using his videography skills. His role at TCM will include executing TCM's video production projects and workflows, preparing and executing TCM's social media strategy, and serving as TCM's U.S. photographer.

Simba is originally from Zimbabwe where his father is the president of African Harvest Ministry which equips indigenous pastors and church leaders to lead their communities and congregations to Christ. His family's vision is a perfect fit for TCM's mission of taking Christ to the millions through training Christians for ministry. Simba has a Bachelor of Science degree in Cross-Cultural Media Communications and in Bible and Theology from Johnson University. He, his wife Amanda, and his son Tadiwa (Loved by God) live in the Indianapolis area.

Simba's desire is to use his calling by sharing stories of transformation through video storytelling to come alongside TCM's calling to fulfill



the Great Commission. Simba says, "My passion in life is using media for the glory of God and to impact the world for Christ."

Welcome, Simbal

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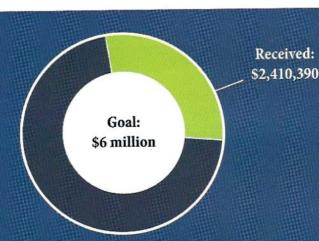
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Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:10, NIV).

2025 marks my 35th year with TCM. 35 years is 12,775 days! 12,775 days filled with:

- Serving our Father in leadership at TCM;
- Growing in knowledge and insight;
- Seeking wisdom and direction from Him;
- Relying on His Spirit to lead, equip, provide, and empower; AND
- Seeing Him work in countless ways, answering the prayers of His people.

These TCM reports share stories of God's work and answered prayers, as seen through the eyes of our students, volunteers, faculty, and staff. Enjoy those shared in this issue! Stories of impact such as those shared here fuel the fire for all who serve with TCM.

Stories like these make 35 years in leadership possible.

What stories are you celebrating? How has Jesus worked in your life and in the lives of those you love? Take a moment to remember. Let this fuel the fire of your life as you continue to trust and follow Him.

Only God knows how many days we are given to serve Him. Join me in using every one of those days to help fulfill Jesus' Great Commission through prayerful, faithful disciple making.

And know that every day God gives us, TCM will continue to focus on developing Christian leaders for significant service so that every nation will have effective disciplemaking leaders who will impact their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ!



