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Pine Lake Christian Church
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Dear Friends at Pine Lake,

Since 1957, God's hand of favor on TCM has been clearly evident. All to His glory. And He has continued to guide steadily all through the years – despite wars, pandemics, political turmoil, enemy attacks of various types, and more. Orchestrating prayer partners, short-term workers, staff, students, faculty, and various partners to meet each new challenge faithfully as our world rapidly changed. Yielding the fruit of 11,331 leaders trained, 439,934 disciples made, and 12,464 churches planted and served.

Today we face another big challenge. But when we meet it victoriously, the exponential Kingdom fruit will be even more glorious than the fruit listed above.

Recent changes globally in higher education, politics, disciple-making movements, spiritual awakening (especially among our youth), and technological advancements have opened creative new opportunities for TCM's global expansion.

Hiring new faculty and staff, utilizing Information Technology advancements, creating new partnerships, and becoming more flexible in educational delivery and disciple-making trainings are now more possible and needed than ever before. We must build a bigger bus, get the right people on the bus and in the right seats.

Building the bus is the task of TCM's Every Nation Initiative. We have raised \$2.5 million toward our \$6 million goal. But we need to move quickly to reach this goal.

Why? One example:

We have an incredible opportunity to train the department heads of a new university being developed by our Disciple Making Ministry partner in Sierra Leone (over 1.5 million people already serving in many African countries). All 15 heads of departments of their school would be in our first Sierra Leone cohort, helping create a culture of prayerful, faithful disciple makers. Prayer and fasting warriors (over 10,000) in Sierra Leone are praying specifically for the project and for TCM. They will also give through their "Widow's Mite" initiative.

Let's join our Disciple Making Ministry partner in Sierra Leone in prayer and in giving our best gift as well, asking for His guiding hand to lead us. All for His glory.

Yours gratefully in Him,

Tony Twist

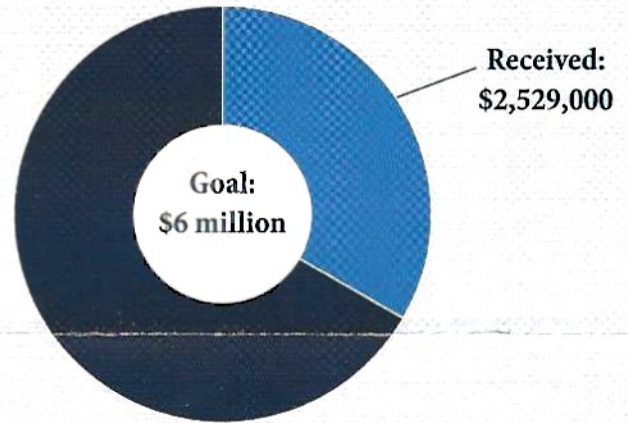




2025 SPRING UPDATE

Engaging Every Nation

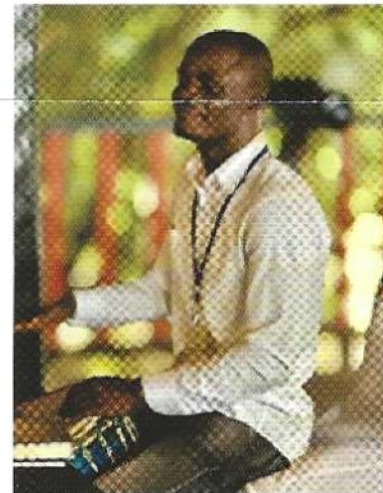
We continue to make progress toward the Engaging Every Nation goal, but we need your help to reach it! The funds will allow TCM to expand our impact to equip many more students for their ministries. We must invest in student services and other key areas. For example, additional multi-lingual staff are needed to support students from an increasing number of countries served by TCM. This will require additional translations of course materials and textbooks as well as translation services during the classroom portion of courses. The additional funds will also help TCM expand non-degree seminars, workshops, and trainings such as the Disciple Making intensive training sessions that are addressing a rapidly growing need as more people seek to follow Jesus in accordance with God's Word. Please join us in prayer that God will provide the resources to train more workers for the harvest. We also invite you to consider making a special gift to help us reach the Engaging Every Nation goal.



Every Nation Summit

We shared a wonderful evening at TCM's Every Nation Summit on May 2nd celebrating what God is doing through TCM's training. We heard incredible stories from Africa (Shonnie Wellspring), Central Asia (Jozsef Steiner), and Eastern Europe (Tony Twist and Rick Grover). These stories were shared around a "campfire" setting, much like students and volunteers experience when they are at Haus Edelweiss

During the evening, Shonnie Wellspring shared a story about Billy Brown, one of TCM's students in Liberia, who tragically lost his wife and two unborn children during childbirth. Shonnie said that as Billy began to emerge from his fog of pain, he discovered God had given him a heart for people and their pain. Billy now serves as a pastor where he preaches, teaches, and plays keyboard and drums. To help make ends meet, Billy also teaches at a local high school and recently started a blog to share the Good News of Christ to a broader audience in Liberia. In a thank you letter to TCM and our partners, Billy expressed his appreciation for TCM's education and training and said it is not only financially helpful, but the training serves as an encouragement and motivation for all the students in the Liberia-Africa program. He said he and his fellow students are passionate about sharing God's love and His Word with others. Praise God for Billy and how he is advancing God's Kingdom in Liberia!





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Thank you, Tom

Unfortunately for TCM, earlier this year Tom Sears resigned his position at TCM. Saying goodbye to such a valuable team member as Tom was difficult, but we understand his family responsibilities led him to make the decision to leave at this time. Tom joined the TCM staff in 2014 to work with David Wright in the TCM development department in Indianapolis. During his ten years at TCM, Tom moved from Global Outreach Associate to Global Outreach Coordinator, to Global Outreach Director, and then to Vice President of Global Outreach. Tom has led TCM's fundraising programs and successfully facilitated TCM's "Global Engagement Model," which is focused on expanding TCM's degree programs in Africa and North America. We are grateful for Tom's hard work and positive contributions to TCM during the time he was part of the ministry of TCM, and we wish him well in his new endeavor.

Although Tom may no longer be part of the TCM staff, he will continue to be our dear friend and brother in Christ. Thank you, Tom!



Embracing Change and Looking Forward

In recent years, TCM has been proactively preparing for the retirement of several key staff and faculty members. This transition began last year and we anticipate a few more retirements during 2025. To ensure a smooth transition and continued excellence, Megan Herring and Ken Flora have joined our Executive Leadership team as Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Vice President of Ministry Services, respectively. They are joined by Christian Witzmann, Vice President of International Operations, and Tony Twist, President, completing our Executive Leadership team.

In addition to these leadership changes, we have made strategic adjustments to our organizational structure to enhance efficiency and communication across TCM. These changes are intended to enhance our mission and position TCM for scalable growth, addressing the increasing demand for Christian leadership training.

Tom Sears and Marty Anderson also recently departed to pursue new ventures in the business world. We are grateful for their contributions

here at TCM and wish them well as they continue to be on mission for Jesus in these new vocations. And we look forward to staying closely connected to them both.

**We invite you to join us in prayer,
asking for God's guidance in
bringing the right individuals to fill
open positions. Together, we will
continue to advance the Kingdom
of God and make a lasting impact
for years to come.**