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Pine Lake Christian Church
Missions Committee
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Dear Friends at Pine Lake,

The yellow card summoning me to jury duty arrived in my mailbox several weeks ago, requiring me to report for service in mid-March. I, along with 169 other citizens of my county, arrived early in the morning and were divided among various courts in which trials needed juries. My group entered the courtroom, heard from the judge about our duty and responsibilities, and then began receiving questions from the attorneys for both sides. Listening to my fellow citizens answer the questions filled my heart with sadness. Statements like "Everybody lies," "Oaths do not matter," "I'm not sure I'd believe the witnesses no matter their positions," "No one knows what happens behind closed doors, even if there is witness testimony," "I was abused, so it will be hard to be impartial" pointed to the brokenness and distrust that pervades our world. As philosopher Thomas Hobbs famously wrote in *The Leviathan* (1651), "The life of man is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short."

Jesus compares this state of life to that which He offers: *"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"* (John 10:10, NIV).

TCM offers training in practical theology. Sounds fancy, but it's not. Practical theology is simply the everyday application of God's word to life. It's taking Jesus' statement that He brings life, and intentionally working that truth into the messiness and pain of this world. It's helping people move from a hopeless state of life to one overflowing with hope. TCM invests in people dedicated to bringing Jesus' hope and life to others.

"One of my greatest joys is to see God change the lives of people who choose to enter into a relationship with Him and start a new life. That is why I would like to tell people around me about God and give them hope that God can do everything." Tomasz Z., Poland

Your investment in TCM's ministry means that people from nearly 50 countries are being equipped to lead their suffering, distrustful, and broken neighbors to Jesus. Will you help them bring Jesus' life to others by praying and making a gift today?

With gratitude and blessing,

Megan Herring
Vice President/Chief Academic Officer

