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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7 NIV

On August 22, 2026, our beloved former CEO, **Russell Johnson**, went into the loving arms of Jesus. Following routine surgery, Russell suffered catastrophic complications in October 2025. After ten months of courageous perseverance, the Lord gently called him home.

Though we miss him deeply, the vision Russell carried and the work he began continue to bear fruit. From the building in Vietnam to the church plants in Mindanao, Philippines, and the ministry center in Cambodia, Russell's fingerprints will forever be etched into the ministry he so faithfully envisioned at CRAM Worldwide.

Thank you for your prayers for Russell. Please continue to lift in prayer his wife, Babs, along with his children and grandchildren, as they learn to walk through each day without his powerful and loving presence.

I am humbled and grateful for your continued partnership with CRAM as, together, we carry forward the work Russell loved so dearly and continue furthering the gospel for the Kingdom of God.

Because of Him,
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A LEGACY OF FAITH: THE LIFE AND VISION OF RUSSELL JOHNSON

For almost 20 years, Russell Johnson served as a board member with CRAM. In 2024, we were blessed to see him become the CEO of CRAM Worldwide. Russell was always a visionary, and God gave him a clear picture of where CRAM was going—a vision he shared with clarity and conviction. As Scripture declares, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish"* (Proverbs 29:18).

Over the years, Russell traveled with CRAM to China and North Korea. More recently, he journeyed to Cambodia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. In March 2025, God opened a door for CRAM in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam. Russell recognized the opportunity and led us through establishing a ministry center that will reach multitudes in Vietnam.

In the new year, we plan to dedicate the **R.J. (Russell Johnson) Center** in Ho Chi Minh City. This facility will train kingdom workers and share the transforming love of Jesus Christ through media outlets.

The R.J. Center is one of many facilities Russell helped construct for the glory of God. Churches, colleges, ministry centers, medical clinics, and children's homes around the world bear his fingerprints. Leaders of these places have been strengthened by his example. Only in heaven will we fully know the magnitude of Russell Johnson's witness for Jesus Christ.



Russell Sharing God's Vision





**Stephen, Russell, Phuc, and Students
Discuss Ministry in Vietnam**

Russell was known for saying, *"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed."*

Russell planted many seeds in faith, and God will continue to bring forth a heavenly harvest for generations to come. We thank God for Russell's life and remain forever grateful for his leadership at CRAM.

"Well done, good and faithful servant"
(Matthew 25:21)



R.J. Center, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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