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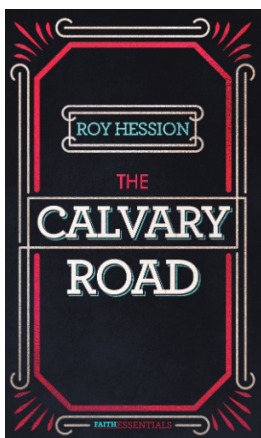
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ON OUR BOOKSHELF

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By Roy Hession

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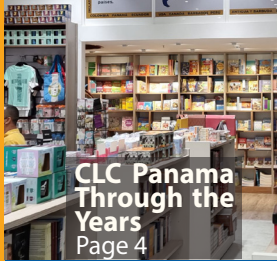
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Dear CLC Friends,

It is very appropriate to call this magazine CLC World because it is the ongoing story of what the Lord is doing through CLC around the world. In this edition, you will hear reports and testimonies of what is happening in Panama, Portugal, Colombia, Burkina Faso, India, Spain and the Netherlands - without mentioning the prayer requests from all around the world.

I was particularly blessed by the way the Lord spoke to David Pabón in Colombia about how to deal with the threat of job losses during COVID-19 (page 6).

Can we ask you to take seriously the possibility of praying for CLC? Prayer Focus on pages 11–22 gives you a topic for each day. As well as informing yourself of the Lord’s work in many different places, you can support the work in prayer. We know how to distribute books - we have been doing it for 80 years - but the spiritual impact can only take place with the Lord’s intervention. And He wants us to collaborate with Him through prayer in this endeavour!

Although the project is not specifically mentioned in any of the articles, the work of supplying free books for displaced Ukrainians continues at great speed. The number of Ukrainian books printed especially for this project is approaching half a million. We have never known anything on this scale, and we thank the Lord for the opportunity to be involved.

Neil Wardrope,
Missions Director, Kingsway CLC Trust

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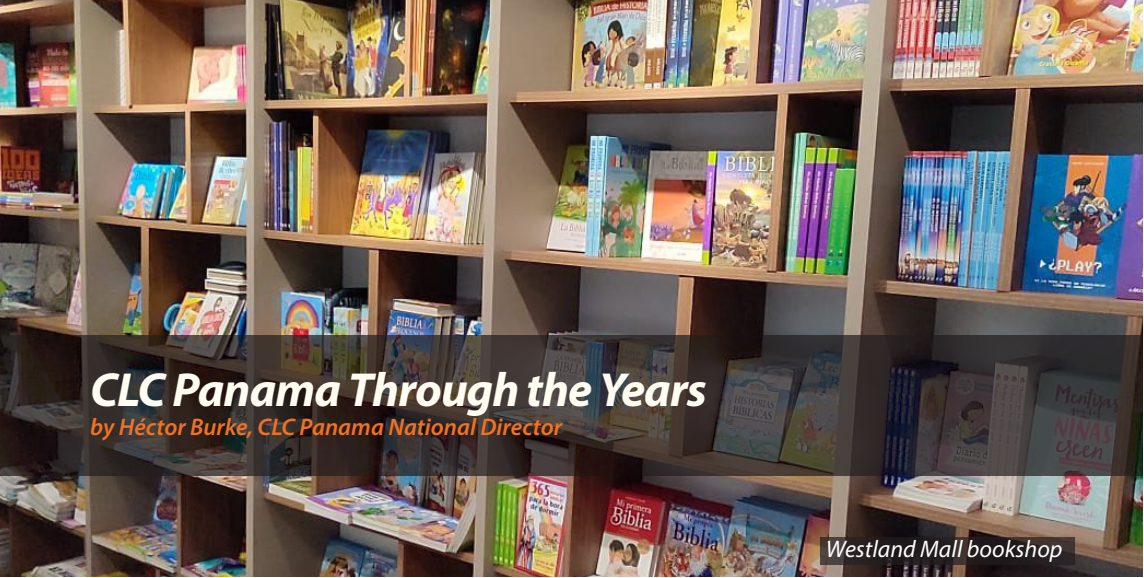
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CLC Panama Through the Years

by Héctor Burke, CLC Panama National Director

Westland Mall bookshop

OUR HISTORY

CLC Panama (Christian Literature Center) was born in the heart of God and was always part of His plans for the Panamanian church.

By the 1970s the Caribe bookstore in Panama was one of the first Christian bookstores to operate in Latin America. After operating for some years under Caribe Bookstore, the Latin American mission decided to transfer the ministry to CLC International.

In 1977, a family of CLC missionaries moved from Brazil, to take charge of the ministry in Panama under the leadership of Angel Colasa. In 1992, the Colasa family returned to Brazil and Gerardo Scalante with his wife and young daughter moved from Uruguay to take charge of the ministry.

On May 16 1993, a fire broke out in one of the neighbouring buildings on Ave. B, claiming lives and destroying several adjoining stores.

In that time of trial God gave us a word in Psalm 66:12, *"...we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of*

abundance." Then we understood that this was the word God had prepared for us.

A LEAP OF FAITH

So we started the ministry again with a new name "Centro de Literatura Cristiana" (Christian Literature Center). The ministry continued to expand further.

In 2005, Gerardo and his family moved to the United States to continue the work of CLC internationally. In 2006, the Lord allowed us to open a kiosk in Albrook Mall, our first shopping mall location. In 2007, we opened our third location in Los Pueblos and our fourth location in David, Chiriqui. In 2010, our kiosk moved to a permanent location in Albrook Mall.

In December 2019, God allowed Héctor Burke to become part of the ministry.

In the year 2020, the world was shaken by the Covid-19 pandemic, and Panama was no exception. These were difficult times. They became times to reinvent ourselves and continue embracing the word that God gave in Psalm 66:12.

In 2022, God allowed us to purchase a location inside the Westland Mall.

Hallelujah! This purchase represents the first bookstore location owned by CLC Panama.

The team is completely grateful for what God has done and for what He will continue to do in the ministry.



BOOK REVIEW **Selah: Pausa para meditar (A pause to meditate)** *by Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director*



A year ago I was gifted a beautiful devotional book which was published in its second edition by CLC Portugal in 2021. It is aptly named *Selah*, a word used seventy-four times in the

Hebrew Bible and meaning, quite simply, to pause. This book causes the reader to do exactly that and more specifically to pause to mediate. You may be wondering, pause to meditate on what? On God Himself!

My interest was caught from the start by the author's preface, in which she disclosed that it was her long-held dream to share with others the thoughts that she had written down from her own daily meetings with the Lord. It is for His glory that she has, in effect, released her own journal. Courageous, indeed.

This book is to be read slowly, for there is much in it to digest. Each chapter heading has its own collection of separate reflections, with the longest of these stretching to two pages. The meditations begin with a Bible verse or phrase of scripture. I did not read more than two reflections on any given day. Meditation and rumination cannot be rushed.

In the end this book is all about God Himself. It is a celebration of His love, His kindness, His mercy, His patience and His faithfulness down through the years towards a servant who has walked with Him. It is, in effect, a testimony which is honest, humble and warm.

Finally, the presentation is delightful, with watercolours on the front and back covers and simple, strong line drawings with a splash of a single colour at the start of each new chapter.

This is definitely not a "read just once" book. I will revisit it and I would very much like to meet the author, Clarisse Barros. Please visit clcportugal.com for more information.



My CLC Story: David Pabón

CLC Colombia's Director and CLC Regional Director for Latin America

Who are you, David? I'm David Pabón, CLC Colombia's National Director and Latin America's Regional Director.

How long have you worked with CLC? I started working with CLC on May 3rd, 1999.

What is your favorite part about working with CLC? I enjoy the work at CLC because I am participating in the Great Commission on a daily basis. I enjoy the fellowship, and I believe that CLC is a blessing to my nation [Colombia].

Share with us a challenge you have faced and how the Lord helped you. One challenge I faced was during the pandemic when the order was given to close all of our shops and sales decreased by 70%. The first meeting we held as an administrative board was to decide which people would have to leave CLC and would be unemployed. We analyzed the situation and made the selection of the employees that would need to be laid off.



David Pabón

Something happened during our night-time devotional with my children, the Lord spoke to me directly through the book of Matthew, "Jesus replied, They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Through that verse, the Lord showed us that we should not lay anyone off. We decided to change our decision and keep everyone on the payroll. At the end of the year, we saw how the hand of the Lord moved. Even though sales were down overall, we were able to have a 15% growth in profitability. It was definitely a nice opportunity to see that God works in amazing ways and how we are challenged to trust Him by using CLC's pillar of Faith.

What's the most unusual request that you have received?

I've received a request for a large print and pocket size Matthew Henry Commentary.



David and some of the Colombian team



The Pabón family

our children have grown up in the midst of books and love the work I do. Through CLC, I have been able to provide for my family. God has been immensely good to us.

Could you please share any testimonies? When I first came to CLC, I read very little, if anything. Today I consider myself a critical reader, and reading has become one of my favorite hobbies through which I have benefited in my growth as a father, husband and my service in the church.

What would you like to tell other people that are interested in joining CLC?

Come with the passion to serve the best employer that you can have, The Lord. Come with the intention of evangelizing through the work you do. See CLC as a platform to evangelize and help many others grow in their faith. It is a mission field where the Gospel can be shared.



CLC Colombia's anniversary celebration

How has working with CLC impacted you and your family?

Working at CLC has been wonderful for me. I have grown in my reading habit, and I have been able to grow in the knowledge of God. Being in the midst of a wellspring of books nourishes my passion for reading and supplies me with a wide selection of good, trustworthy authors. I have experienced growth that has blessed my life and my family's. Working in CLC also means livelihood, professional growth and the blessing of being part of a worldwide family that contributes to the extension of the Gospel through the written page.

My family has CLC in their heart. My wife has become an ambassador for literature in the areas of family and education, and



David at the 75th Anniversary Global Council



David at a conference



PROJECT UPDATE **A Vehicle for CLC Burkina Faso**

by Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director

Luc with the
new 4x4 vehicle

Earlier this year, in the March-May edition of this magazine, you may have read an article about the need to raise funds for a 4 x 4 vehicle to enable Luc and Gérard, the two members of our CLC team in Burkina Faso, West Africa, to take Bibles and Christian books to church services and other events, such as conferences and conventions, around the country. In actual fact, they were already doing this but with very limited means of transport, which was neither large enough for all their boxes nor suitable to cope with the rough and dusty roads over which they were travelling.

The goal was to raise approximately GBP £16,000/US \$22,000 and, when the article was published, we were already part way towards reaching it. I am VERY happy indeed to be able to tell you that we have now reached it 100%, and the desired vehicle—a second-hand Toyota Hilux—has already been purchased and is in use!

As soon as the vehicle had been imported from the neighbouring country of Togo and the necessary paperwork completed to register ownership by CLC, the next thing on the programme was to dedicate it prayerfully to the Lord! This was done by Luc and Gérard, who were joined in that prayer by two committed friends of CLC, one of whom (a Pastor) visits the bookshop every Monday morning to pray with the team.

On The Road

After that, the next step was to have the CLC logo painted clearly on the side and then to start taking the vehicle out and about to fulfil CLC's mission purpose, which is *to honour God by making Christian literature and resources*

available to all nations to help people come to faith and maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now that he has the new vehicle, Luc has made a list of more than 40 churches that he would like to visit with CLC's Bibles and books! Please pray for safety in travel, for health and stamina for Luc and Gérard and those who help them and for success in fulfilling their spiritual mission.

On behalf of CLC Burkina Faso, our heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed financially to make this project a reality - may God bless you!



One of the first book tables with the new vehicle - with plenty of space for boxes, they could take twice as much as usual!



Inside the new vehicle



CLC logo easily visible and the 4 x 4 able to cope with rough and muddy ground!



Book table

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Ribbon cutting

ASIA New Bookshop

ELS (CLC) India was able to open a new shop at the new hospital in the city of Vellore. ELS India now has two shops in Vellore. The first shop has been open for decades at the location of the original Christian Medical College hospital. Praise the Lord that ELS was given permission to open this second shop at the new hospital complex.

PLEASE PRAY that the centre would be a great blessing to many souls.

EUROPE Ukrainians in Spain

Kingsway CLC Trust was able to facilitate a shipment of some free Ukrainian language books to a British couple working in an international church in the south of Spain. The church made up 'back-to-school' packs with books and stationery items. They reached out to a number of Ukrainians in the country who were delighted to receive the books. All of the packs were distributed and included some of the children's books that we had sent. In one family a sixteen-year-old is now reading a children's Bible to his three-year-old brother.

PLEASE PRAY for the ongoing impact of the hundreds of thousands of books being distributed across the continent and, increasingly, into Ukraine.



British couple and Ukrainian children



Louise and Karel Jan

EUROPE CLC Netherlands - New Management

After some difficult months, we are grateful that God intervened and brought in Karel Jan and Louise to manage the bookshop in the Netherlands. They are both still studying and each of them works for two days a week in the shop.

PLEASE PRAY for wisdom and insight as they take on their new role. Pray also for a good bond with the volunteers, some of whom have left and two new ones have joined.



December 1st - 4th

Week 49 - (Continued) Latin America

Thursday (1st) - Chile

Although our old warehouse was put up for rent a few years ago, unfortunately, the tenant stopped paying and then sublet to others. After a long court case, the property was repossessed in September 2022. We are now improving the infrastructure to establish it as a warehouse. May God guide us in this process that we are just beginning. - *Patricio Romo*

Friday (2nd) - Peru (Editorial Buena Tierra)

Buena Tierra launches its new Vacation Bible School manual in December with teacher trainings throughout Peru this month and January. It's called *You're Invited: Come and Eat with Jesus!* It is about five dinners with Jesus from the gospel of Luke. Please pray that many children may come to know and accept the invitation of Jesus through this material. - *Sharon Jones*

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Ecuador

We ask for prayer for this Christmas season as it is a month of great activity when many people share about the Lord with people who do not know Him. Pray that the large stock of books and other gifts that we have for this season will be of great blessing and also allow us to obtain good sales. May the Lord bless you this Christmas! - *Mónica Rojas*

December 5th - 11th

Week 50 - Asia

Monday (5th) - Indonesia & Thailand

I am planning to visit Indonesia this coming December 1-6. My desire is to be a blessing to our workers there. Please pray for my journey and that the goals on the agenda will be achieved. Pray, too, that our relationships will be strengthened with the Board of Directors in each country. Thank you.- *Romualdo Macinas, Regional Director for Asia*

Tuesday (6th) - South Korea

Christmas is around the corner, and we will be doing our annual Christmas book promotions. Especially, we want to focus on *The Advent Storybook 25 Bible Stories Why*

Jesus Came in the Korean–English bilingual edition. Please pray for our team to have good ideas on marketing and strategies to increase sales during this time. - *Sohee Park*

Wednesday (7th) - India

For the first time in two years, we are planning to visit schools, colleges and churches for book tables in the month of December. Please pray for a good response to this at each venue. Pray, too, for our publishing as we pursue copyrights to print new titles. God bless you. - *Justin Chellappan*

Thursday (8th) - Thailand

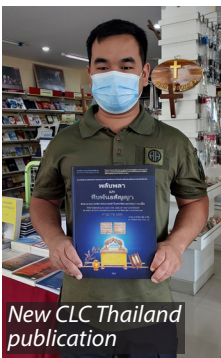
Since the closure of CLC Bangkok in 2016, we have been trying unsuccessfully to sell our property. Now, we think about reopening in Bangkok! Please pray for the Lord's leading and blessing as we consider this. We also have an unresolved issue concerning our building in Chiang Mai. Please pray that the Lord will help us settle this matter too.
- *Romualdo Macinas, Regional Director for Asia*

Friday (9th) - Thailand

We thank God that in September the book *The Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant*, in the Thai language, arrived in Chiang Mai. Praise the Lord that many Thai people are interested in this book. We pray that it will bless our Thai believers and also the missionaries who serve here.
- *Amanda Intajuk*

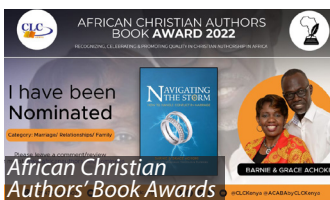
The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Phillipines

Christmas is the busiest season in the Phillipines as gift giving is one of the traditions. Please pray that we are able to provide for the demands of our customers and that in the midst of sales, the people will not forget the true essence of Christmas. Pray that this celebration will point many to Christ, finding salvation in Him. - *Romualdo Macinas*



December 12th - 18th

Week 51 - Africa



Monday (12th) - Kenya

We give thanks for the second annual ACABA (African Christian Authors' Book Awards) event, which was held at the end of November. We had over 90 book manuscripts submitted from six English-speaking African countries. The CLC International Director, Gary Chamberlin, attended as our guest of honour, and we are grateful for the many African authors who are empowered through this programme. - *Mercy Muthoni*

Tuesday (13th) - Kenya

This year, we have had many new international connections from ministries reaching Africa with the gospel. We are currently serving the Christian Reformed Church's International Missions Bible College (IMBC) - a training and development arm that delivers courses to help individuals reach their full God-designed potential. We are printing thousands of their students' manuals and workbooks. - *Mercy Muthoni*

Wednesday (14th) - Mozambique

More than one thousand kilometres separates each of our three bookshops in Mozambique.

Last month, we were able to hold a team conference in Maputo where newer members of CLC Mozambique could meet in person for the first time. Carlos Cunha from CLC Portugal was our special guest. Pray for an ongoing sense of fellowship and mutual support to God's glory. - *Elizabeth Patten*

Thursday (15th) - Mozambique

This year, we have seen a distinct increase in the number of customers from overseas who are purchasing Bibles for churches and evangelistic groups in Mozambique. Quite often, these connections arise due to our social media networks. Please pray for our team as they continue to reach higher in this area that much blessing may result as it already has been doing. - *Elizabeth Patten*

Friday (16th) - Sierra Leone

At the time of writing, we are anticipating the arrival of six pallets of new stock from the UK, USA and Canada. We trust that these books, Bibles and DVDs will help to increase our sales this Christmas and on into the new year of 2023. We are praying for a bumper harvest month here in CLC Sierra Leone! Please join with us in this prayer! - *Alfred Kaikai*

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Sierra Leone

This year, we received 15 packages of books and Bibles from Crossway USA, which we distributed amongst vulnerable pastors who are living in difficult circumstances. The feedback we are receiving from these pastors is so encouraging. Please pray that as they use these study materials to teach and preach to God's people, many lives will be changed and more souls saved. - *Alfred Kaikai*

December 19th - 25th

Week 52 - Caribbean

Monday (19th) - Dominica

Earlier this year, a customer visited the bookstore to purchase a book for her unbelieving friend who had separated from her husband. In the end, she bought *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. Some months later, she returned with the news that her friend had read the book and was now reconciled to her husband. Christian literature is impacting lives! - *Tajya Winston*

Tuesday (20th) - Dominica

Please pray for high last-minute Christmas sales and an effective season of evangelism around the birth of Christ. Pray for strength for CLC Dominica and for a sharp focus on our mission goal to win more souls to the Kingdom. Pray for blessing for our customers and our government and that our economic situation will take a turn for the better. - *Tajya Winston*

Wednesday (21st) - Antigua

This has been a very tough year! Nonetheless, we thank God for our health and safety, our families and friends, and our loyal customers in 2022. Please join us in praying that we will be accurate in our upcoming annual inventory count. Also, as we come close to 2023, let us continue to trust in God and His promises. He is faithful! - *Arah Martin*

Thursday (22nd) - Barbados

We are grateful to the Lord (and the donor!) for the gift of a new computer on which we could build a data base in order to encourage our customers to do their Christmas shopping with us. Please pray that this, plus our Facebook and Instagram platforms, will

also attract new customers as we look forward to a more prosperous 2023. Greetings to all from CLC Barbados! - *Marion Manning*

Friday (23rd) - Trinidad & Tobago

With just two more shopping days to go, please pray for the ministry of our three bookshops on the islands of Trinidad & Tobago, overseen by Sandra Robinson. Pray for that last-minute gift buying so that people will be reached for Christ through the books and Bibles and grow into greater maturity in Him this Christmas.

- *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*



The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Christmas

The Christmas period is the busiest time of the year for almost all of our teams, requiring extra hours to meet the demand for Bibles, Christian books and gift articles. Please pray that our 600+ members of staff and volunteers may celebrate Jesus's birth in a meaningful way. May they be filled with the joy of the Lord in these special days.

- *Gary Chamberlin, International Director*

December 26th - January 1st

End of the Year - Europe

Monday (26th) - France

Each year, we send Christmas boxes with a selection of 70 titles, mainly Bibles and books, to about 120 churches. Please pray that the books purchased and given as gifts will serve as an opportunity to share the gospel with young and old. We thank those in the churches who are involved in this project and Jacques, our volunteer, who invests a lot in this outreach! - *Hervé Lessous*

Tuesday (27th) - Hungary

We are planning our next one-year course on Christian self-esteem (*Created for Love*), starting in January. Please pray for us as we prepare for the teaching and the small group talks as well. Pray for the attendees that they may grasp the truth of God and be able to apply it to their individual situations. Pray for good fellowship and understanding within the group. - *Zsolt Karpati*

Wednesday (28th) - Eastern Europe 1

This year, the costs of our imported books have increased dramatically. Additionally, there are new regulations for pricing and so everything is under our President's control. This makes it very difficult for us to add a sufficient margin to the price of our books in order to sustain the ministry. Please pray that despite the obstacles, we may continue to survive.

Thursday (29th) - Central Asia 2

We ask you to please pray for the best vision concerning the future of the bookshop that God will show us what to do. Due to our financial constraints, we are uncertain how to continue - whether to partly downsize the physical bookshop or go completely online. We ask the Lord to guide us to the right decision for this ministry.

Friday (30th) - Poland

There are many ongoing prayer needs. The most important and urgent is for us to complete

the new website for CLC Poland and launch it for use by the public. The second vital need to be met is to find a young person who will be wholeheartedly involved in running our social media activities. Thank you for praying for us! - *Eva Rymer*

The Weekend (31st - 1st) - United Kingdom

Although we have closed all but one of our bookshops, we have a vital role in supporting the wide range of Christian bookshops that still serve the public directly. Our greatly appreciated *Take Note* and *Kids Corner* marketing magazines provide both bookshops and the public with great offers on key titles. Pray that we will continue to support bookshops in their ministry. Happy New Year! - *Neil Wardrope*

January 2nd - 8th

Week 1 - Latin America - focus on Colombia

Monday (2nd) - Colombia

CLC Colombia is quite a sizeable operation with many different departments. Please pray for each area of the ministry to function smoothly: wholesale distribution, physical bookshops, online bookshop, mobile bookshop, CLC publishing house, national and international purchasing, finance, IT systems, social networks, spiritual ministry, human resources, communications and marketing. Pray for good health for all our workers!

- *Iris Vargas*

Tuesday (3rd) - Colombia

CLC Colombia has celebrated 46 years of ministry and, 10 years ago, our CLC Social Foundation was formed. In the work of the Foundation, there are three main lines of action: spiritual, humanitarian and training. This work has motivated a number of churches and other organisations to be the extended arm of CLC's vision in our nation. Please pray for another effective year of ministry in 2023. - *Iris Vargas*

Wednesday (4th) - Colombia



The Social Foundation is supported by the surpluses generated by our book sales. This enables us to carry out projects, such as the Thompson Bible Seminars. Our project to teach "reading and writing with purpose" is a programme for adults and young people who do not know how to read, using the Bible as a tool. Pray that the students will want to read the Bible for themselves. - *Iris Vargas*

Thursday (5th) - Colombia

The Social Foundation also supports rehabilitation programmes for people with addictions. In addition, we make donations to community canteens and are involved in school reinforcement work with low-income families and high-risk children. In terms of humanitarian aid, we manage aid for medical and therapeutic treatments, especially for people with disabilities. Some financial aid is allocated to help the underprivileged. Please pray for all these activities to be effective. - *Iris Vargas*

Friday (6th) - Colombia

In the work of expanding the gospel, CLC Colombia has bookshops in different cities around the country. We have recently opened a new bookstore in the city of Apartadó in Antioquia, a region that is suffering due to lack of public order and various illegal groups. Pray that our

testimony will shine brightly and that people will come to Christ through the bookshop. - *Iris Vargas*



Apartadó bookshop

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Colombia

Please pray for safety and for economic stability in our country of Colombia. Pray for the agreements for religious freedom and for conscientious objections to be respected. Pray for the CLC Colombia Social Foundation as we support social work among different ethnic groups and in prisons, preaching the gospel so that lives may be transformed and developed in society. - *Iris Vargas*

January 9th - 15th

Week 2 - Latin America

Monday (9th) - Chile

In 2021, our government established a law that obliges the issuing of electronic receipts and invoices for all sales in order to control tax evasion. This prohibited our "out of shop" sales as we did not have the required platform. In September 2022, our sales software provider finally announced a solution for this and so now we can now go out again to events with our vehicles. - *Patricio Romo*

Tuesday (10th) - Ecuador

We begin January by placing ourselves in the Lord's hands, thanking Him for allowing us to see another year of life and service. Please pray for the Lord to lead us in our annual planning. Pray for our administrative committee, which is my great support team! May the Lord continue to use and direct each one of them so that the work of the Lord continues to spread. - *Mónica Rojas*



Publisher event in Mexico

Wednesday (11th) - Mexico

We thank the Lord that He keeps his promises and has always sustained us. Activities with writers in the churches and at our headquarters have begun to revive, resulting in increased sales and outreach to new markets. We ask you to please continue to pray for us as we look to Him to do something new (Isaiah 43:19). - *Maria Del Carmen Castañeda*

Thursday (12th) - Mexico

Most importantly, please pray that each of our staff may have a genuine commitment, first to God and then to CLC. Pray, too, that the Lord will provide us with the financial resources and cashflow to be able to pay our international suppliers on time and thereby continue our operations in Mexico. - *Maria Del Carmen Castañeda*

Friday (13th) - Mexico

Pray that we may actively seek God's wisdom for the way forward, together with the necessary diligence and commitment to find and work with more distribution

channels in the country. We also would love to be able to open a second bookstore. Please pray with us for the realisation of this dream. - *Maria Del Carmen Castañeda*

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Ecuador

Next month, we will be promoting books for couples and marriages. We want to offer useful tools and materials for marriages to be strengthened and Christ-centred. Please pray that we may be able to develop special workshops and conferences around these themes. Thank you! - *Mónica Rojas*

January 16th - 22nd

Week 3 - Francophone Africa

Monday (16th) - Ivory Coast

I am grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness in our sales in Abidjan, despite the difficulties during and after COVID-19 and especially now during the repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian crisis, which has increased the cost of living at this time. The Lord is drawing to us people who are investing in books for their own edification and for the salvation of souls. - *Martine Foto*

Tuesday (17th) - Ivory Coast

In our country today, it seems very difficult to find young people who are committed to the Lord and ready to make sacrifices in the work to serve Him. Please pray that the Lord will help us to meet a committed, dynamic young person with a knowledge of network marketing so that we may further boost the work of the ministry here. - *Martine Foto*

Wednesday (18th) - Ivory Coast

CLC Ivory Coast does not have its own shop premises. Nevertheless, many years ago, we were gifted an apartment in Abidjan by some missionary pioneers. However, unfortunately, we have no documentary proof of ownership for this property, which is causing us a problem with the tax authorities. Please pray for a godly solution to this challenge. Thank you. - *Martine Foto*

Thursday (19th) - Ivory Coast

Please pray for the team and for our families in Bouaké that the Lord will continue to watch over us in 2023. We are grateful for all the good sales in 2022. Pray for the continued success of the bookshop ministry and that we will be able to obtain a good flow of the stock that our customers need, especially the large print Bibles. - *Marie Sekongo*

Friday (20th) - Benin

Please pray with us that the economic situation in Benin will change for the better and that our cashflow will improve in 2023. We would love to have enough financial resources to order from more suppliers so as to be able to offer more variety to our customers here in CLC Cotonou. - *Emmanuel Ladeyo*

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Burkina Faso

The Lord has done great things for us! We rejoice at the provision of a 4 x 4 vehicle so that we may be involved in more outreach activities, taking the Bibles and books to those who cannot come to us due to distance or other factors. Please pray that we may build our financial reserves in 2023 so as to be able to increase our stock holding for our customers. Thank you. - *Sami Luc Noufé*

January 23rd - 29th

Week 4 - Asia

Monday (23rd) - India

By God's grace, we have been able to arrange a physical gathering together of our staff for a conference in the last week of January. Due to COVID-19, it is the first time we could do this in two years. Please pray for God's guidance and help for each of us as we gather for a time of spiritual renewal and to discuss various matters related to our future development.
- Justin Chellappan

Tuesday (24th) - India

At the end of January, I plan to attend the CLC India conference (see yesterday's prayer point) together with Romualdo Macinas (CLC Asia Director) and Jacob Mung (CLC Myanmar). CLC India is the largest team in the CLC Fellowship with 22 bookshops, publishing activities and countless book tables. May these days be a time of blessing for the entire CLC India team! - Gary Chamberlin, *International Director*

Wednesday (25th) - South Korea

CLC Korea would like to thank you for praying for us last year! We plan to continue to serve the Lord by publishing many good books in 2023! Please pray that we may choose the right titles for translation and also that we may meet good national authors also. God bless you! - Sohee Park

Thursday (26th) - South Korea

We would like to request your prayers for our National Director, Dr. Young Ho Park. Please pray that he may have good health and much wisdom to lead our team. Also, the royalty season runs from January until March, so please pray for the accounting team and me to send accurate and punctual reports to our many foreign publishing partners in Europe and the USA. - Sohee Park

Friday (27th) - Philippines

At the time of writing, we are planning to open a shop in Baliuag in Bulacan, north of Manila. Baliuag is the major commerce, transportation, entertainment and educational centre of northern Bulacan. Proverbs 16:1 says, "The plans of the heart belong to man, but the reply of the tongue is from the Lord." Please pray for us.
- Romualdo Macinas

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Philippines

Sales here dropped during COVID-19 by 50%–57%, and the recovery is very slow, to the point where we had to close down shops. Our economy is suffering, and our inflation rate is very high - in fact, the highest in Philippine history. Nonetheless, we will continue to set goals and make plans. Please pray for God's leading for us for both the short and long term. - Romualdo Macinas

January 30th - February 5th

Week 5 - Europe

Monday (30th) - Romania

We praise the Lord for His provision for us that enabled the purchase of much-needed (online) servers for CLC Romania! Thereby, we could replace the old ones that deserved their

retirement after 20 years of good service! We thank God, and we thank CLC International and Cristi Cotovan (Digital Department) for the work related to the instalment of the new servers.
- *Ronela Micula*

Tuesday (31st) - Romania

We praise God for the ongoing opportunity we have to serve in the distribution of Ukrainian literature. At times, we were discouraged when it seemed that the material needs were more important than the spiritual ones. Nonetheless, we know that “man does not live by bread alone” (Matthew 4:4), and so we have distributed more than 40,000 books with many thousands more still available. - *Ronela Micula*

Wednesday (1st) - Romania

Please keep praying for God’s work in the souls of the thousands of displaced Ukrainian people who have received our books in their language. May God give them light in the darkness, comfort in their troubles, and hope in the midst of destruction. May our work be eternally fruitful for the Lord even if it is not esteemed by man. - *Ronela Micula*

Thursday (2nd) - Romania

We have been praying for our need of new workers for the next generation in CLC Romania and now the Lord has begun to answer our prayers. Please give thanks with us for our new worker, Natasha, and her daughter that they will adjust well in CLC and be a blessing.
- *Ronela Micula*

Friday (3rd) - Eastern Europe 1

Praise the Lord with us that He keeps us in peace in His strong hands! In the history of CLC in our country, we have experienced only a few years of relative stability due to many external causes. Over the years, we have adjusted to be able to handle many difficulties. Now the war is so close to us. Pray that we may continue to walk by faith and not by sight as we serve God in this ministry and pray, too, for peace in our region.

The Weekend (4th - 5th) - Eastern Europe 1

Last year, we had the privilege to run bookstalls at different events, the largest of which was an international Youth Congress. We are thankful for the volunteers who helped us and we hope for more opportunities this year. We are also grateful for the volunteers who help us with such diverse aspects of the ministry as social media and our window displays! May God use each of us to His glory.

February 6th - 12th

Week 6 - Around the World

Monday (6th) - Cyprus

Cyprus is currently home to thousands of refugees with many more arriving each day. Some churches are working among them in the hope of sharing the Gospel. Often, we are requested to provide Bibles and other printed material for this purpose. Please pray that the Lord will work in the hearts of these people for their salvation. - *Sotos & Eva Photiades*

Tuesday (7th) - The Caribbean

In 2020, we moved to a new location in Martinique. Since then, we have seen a steady increase in customers and sales. We were also able to open the bookshop on Saturday mornings and employ someone for this. Please pray for good health for Jocelyne and Rebecca, our booksellers, and that more Christians (and others!) on the island will be able to discover CLC! - *Hervé Lessous, France*

Wednesday (8th) - France

In CLC France, we would like to organise more events in our different shops, such as book signings, seminars and mini concerts. Please pray for authors and artists who will be pleased to accept our invitations and for an ever-increasing participation on the part of our customers. Please pray especially for a project around Valentine's Day in our Paris bookshops. Thank you!

- *Hervé Lessous*

Thursday (9th) - Hungary

At the time of writing, we are installing a new computer system in our shops. We have been using it in the Budapest shop for some time already and will now connect it with the Miskolc shop. Please pray that all goes smoothly and that CLC would benefit from this new system. It is so important to have a properly functioning system for invoicing and stock control! Thank you. - *Zsolt Karpati*

Friday (10th) - United Kingdom

We are increasingly investing in technology to maximise the possibilities of our warehouse distribution. This has implications for how we organise our shelving and our workflow. We will be making decisions that affect the development of the building in the coming months. Our desire is to serve our customers as best as we can. Please pray for us for wisdom. - *Neil Wardrope*

The Weekend (11th - 12th) - United Kingdom

In August, we took over the responsibility for Aslan Christian Books, which operates with a website and a mail order catalogue. We are especially pleased that the catalogue enables us to connect with people that do not want to buy online. Pray for Andrew Birch as he has previously worked with Aslan Christian Books, and he now oversees both the website and the catalogue. Thank you. - *Neil Wardrope*

February 13th - 19th

Week 7 - Africa

Monday (13th) - Kenya

We will have 10 months of training and empowering African authors in 2023. Please pray that we will find God's wisdom, and for the provision of finances, the right trainers and a support missionary. Pray for a great impact in the lives of the authors who will be used by the Lord through their writings. Thank you! - *Mercy Muthoni*

Tuesday (14th) - Benin

In the third week of February, I plan to visit CLC Benin, together with Gary Chamberlin (CLC International Director) and Hervé Lessous (CLC France). The goal is to encourage the local team and to look at ways we can help the ministry to recover from a prolonged difficult economic downturn. Please pray for insight, inspiration and godly wisdom as we meet together. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Wednesday (15th) - Ivory Coast

After our visit to Benin (see yesterday), we plan to continue on to Abidjan in Ivory Coast. Emmanuel from CLC Benin will accompany us. There, we will be joined by the CLC Ivorian



Gary & Hervé

team, Sami Luc Noufé from CLC Burkina Faso and Fritz Joseph from CLC Canada (Quebec). We look forward to a time of encouragement and strategising together for the ministry of CLC in the francophone countries. - Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa

Thursday (16th) - Francophone Africa

Last year, we were able to start the sales distribution of a supply of 10,000 Bibles in French to benefit the people of Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. It has been a slower start than we hoped for, so please pray for us that the Lord enables us to get these Bibles into the hands of those who will value them. - Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa

Friday (17th) - Sierra Leone

Last year, we launched a fundraising project for Sierra Leone to enable the purchase of two motorised tricycles (locally known as kékés) so that our team may engage in more outreach activities in Freetown and Bo. By now, we hope that at least one of the tricycles will be in use! Pray for George and Matthew, who are at the forefront of attending events and churches with our books and Bibles. - Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa



Kéké prototype

The Weekend (18th - 19th) - Sierra Leone

Last year, we were planning to relocate our bookshop in Bo to another venue due to ongoing difficulties with our landlord. However, at the time of writing, progress on the move has stalled due to circumstances beyond our control. Please pray for this situation that God will bring about the very best outcome for the CLC ministry there. - Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa

February 20th - 26th

Week 8 - Worldwide



Hervé

Monday (20th) - Publishing

You may not yet be aware that CLC publishes excellent books for all ages in 22 languages across the world, mainly English, French, Korean and Spanish. Pray with us that many of our titles will be widely distributed in the coming months, including our many children's Bibles. - Gary Chamberlin, Director of Global Publishing

Tuesday (21st) - Europe

Hervé Lessous was recently elected to be the new CLC Director for Europe, beginning his responsibilities in January 2023. Please pray for Hervé as he begins to interact regularly with the 16 European National Directors and their teams who serve across this vast and very diverse continent. - Gary Chamberlin, International Director

Wednesday (22nd) - International Office

Please pray for the development of the new CLC International website and for those who are working on it. Pray that it may launch soon! There are many people from around the world who still contact us via the original site, expressing an interest in the global ministry of CLC. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Thursday (23rd) - Philippines

Please pray for the CLC Annual Workers' Conference, which is planned for the first week of March. Please pray for the final preparations and for the staff that this will be a time of fellowship, revival, recommitment and a time of learning. Pray, too, for our devotional speaker that they may bring a word in season for us. - *Romualdo Macinas*

Friday (24th) - Central Asia 2

A few months ago, CLC participated in an international book fair that lasted five days. Many people purchased Bibles, and there were conversations about Jesus, invitations to the bookshop and so on. Immediately after the fair, a state inspector visited us, but we thank God for leading us in victory. Please pray for God's ongoing protection.

The Weekend (25th - 26th) - South Korea

CLC Korea is getting ready for the spring Bible schools' semester! This means that many textbooks will need to be wrapped and dispatched, beginning in March. Please pray for the health of our staff at the warehouses in Paju and that God will send us good helpers during this time. We also need new full-time staff in the areas of editorial and design, marketing and accounting. - *Sohee Park*

February 27th - March 1st

Week 9- United States



Monday (27th) - United States

Pray for Amy Beevers, our new CLC missionary from Germany working in our editorial department, as she adjusts to a new job and a new living situation. Please pray for God's full provision for her and that God will touch the hearts of people to support her financially. - *Jim Pitman*

Tuesday (28th) - United States

Please pray for God's favour in our recent grant application for the printing of 2,000 Bibles in Hakha Chin (a language of Myanmar). There are thousands of Chin refugees in America, and no Bibles are currently available in Hakha Chin. This would be published and sold by CLC Multi-Language Media in conjunction with a Bible Society. - *Jim Pitman*

Wednesday (1st) - United States

Please pray for us as we work with the Canadian Bible Society and others to provide Haitian Bibles for the people of Haiti. The needs in Haiti are desperate as the country is being torn apart by a combination of natural disasters, violence and political corruption. We recently sold out of all of our inexpensive Haitian Bibles so pray that the next printing will arrive soon. - *Jim Pitman*

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