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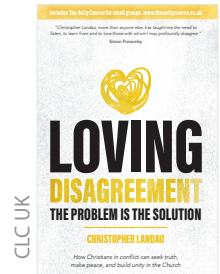
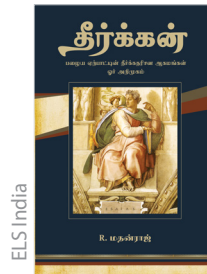
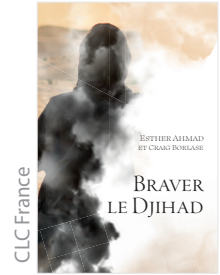
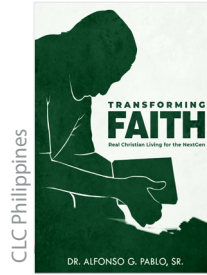
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2022 WORLD REPORT



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Gary Chamberlin
CLC International Director

I had the privilege to meet with many of our teams across the world. I am challenged and impressed by how committed and passionate our 650+ workers are and how they are serving sacrificially. Year after year we see God's unfailing faithfulness and clear examples of how He is sustaining this global mission. God is faithful.

During my 28 years in CLC I have often seen how the Lord has moved churches, individuals, foundations and publishers to sacrificially donate to support CLC. 2022 was an exceptional year for this. Just one example was the CLC Ukraine Project which provided hundreds of thousands of books for refugees, including children's Bibles. In addition, many CLC countries continued giving generously to help stabilise and sustain struggling CLC ministries such as Burkina Faso, Barbados, Dominica, Peru and Sierra Leone. God is our sustainer.

CLC continues to be dependent on the Lord in all that we do and to provide all that we need. As you read this 2022 CLC World Report you will see both victories and struggles. I hope that you will not only praise God for this amazing global ministry which continues to distribute Christian literature in 44 countries, but that you will also be inspired by the remarkable commitment, resilience and sacrifice of our CLC workers.

I hope that you will let your heart be moved by the Lord to pray and support a specific country. Your prayerful support is vital to continue and to expand the global CLC ministry. Our vision remains the same, to distribute books and Bibles so that people in every country will submit their lives to the Lord Jesus and then grow and mature in their faith.

Which country is on your heart?

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support!



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AFRICA

For most of CLC Africa, it was a year of encouragement in terms of increased sales.

Burkina Faso continued gaining ground in the quest for sustainability. Notable efforts were made with outreach and many kilometres traveled to reach churches and conferences with book tables. The International Office, inspired by the efforts of the local team, launched a project at the end of the year to raise funds to purchase a suitable vehicle for these outreach journeys. Ivory Coast continued in the lead for Africa in terms of sales, with both shops being profitable last year. Despite a small increase, Benin continued to struggle. Funds were raised to provide 10,000 Bibles for these three countries.

Sierra Leone benefitted from excellent long-distance direction from David Scouler, weekly virtual team meetings with management staff in Freetown and the importation of new stock from the United States.



Liz Patten
Regional Director for Africa

Benin

Population: 14.2 million (8.3% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1998

Ministry: 1 Bookshop

Director: Emmanuel Ladeyo

Bestsellers: *Spirit-Controlled Temperament, The Believer's Authority*



Emmanuel Ladeyo

We give thanks to God that the owner of the building where we have our bookshop did not go through with his plan to sell the premises, so that we didn't have to face the difficulties around moving and could continue with our ministry where we are

throughout the year.

However, the difficult economic situation worldwide has negatively affected everything related to trade on our continent. This has not spared CLC Benin. In 2022 our sales have dropped considerably mainly because of the reduced purchasing power of our customers.



Emmanuel & Adelaide with Bibles from the French-speaking West Africa Project

This comes on top of us not having recovered yet from the negative impact of the Covid pandemic. Through the year, the main challenge has been to find ways and strategies to raise the sales. We have increased our efforts to be permanently present on social networks and trust that this will increase our profile and sales in the year to come.

Burkina Faso

Population: 22.4 million (8.9% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1991

Ministry: 1 Bookshop

Director: Sami Luc Noufé

Bestsellers: *Les Héros de la Foi (The Heroes of the Faith), The Power of Right Thinking*



Sami Luc Noufé

We are so grateful for the new CLC vehicle that we purchased in 2022 with the donations received from the larger CLC family and the body of Christ. For us this expression of kindness was truly the highlight of the year. One of

the main objectives that we had set ourselves in 2022 was to be more proactive in our ministry: to go to where the people are, to visit churches, conferences, conventions and seminaries. This vehicle will certainly allow us to do this.

The major challenge we faced throughout 2022 was the impact of terrorism. And this is not over yet. A coup d'état took place in January 2022, and then again in September. We thank the Lord for the protection of the whole team as well as the shop in these difficult times. Other than that, I struggled with complications after eye surgery that grounded me for three months. We were also greatly challenged by the lack of stock at times and shipments not being delivered in good time due to flights being canceled. But the Lord saw us through, and we are grateful for what we were able to accomplish.



New 4x4 vehicle

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

Population: 29.3 million (10.5% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1961

Ministry: 2 Bookshops

Director: Aya Martine Ouffoué

Bestsellers: *The Minister's Service*, *You've Already Got It!*

One of the highlights of 2022 was our participation in the inauguration ceremony of the President of the Evangelical Federation of Cote d'Ivoire. This is an event of great significance for the church in Cote d'Ivoire. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with many influential people within the church.

Another major event was the Annual Christian Book Fair where we always try to be present with a book stand.

Convincing the tax authorities that we are a Mission and not a business was our main challenge in 2022. We have been, and still are, regularly questioned if we receive the stock we sell for free. The work involved in constantly having to explain our situation really slows down the development of our work.

Looking back, we are grateful for every small blessing which really is a huge one to us. In September we were finally able to change the flooring of the bookshop, which dated back to 1962! We thank the Lord for His provision and His enabling us to serve Him yet another year.



Staff member helping a customer

Kenya

Population: 57 million (48.9% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 2007

Ministry: 1 Bookshops, Print-On-Demand, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale, Various author and book programs

Director: Mercy Muthoni

Bestsellers: *Becoming the Woman God Wants Me to Be*, *The Purpose Driven Life*



Praying for the Omukhango family during the ACABA ceremony

One of our highlights was our annual The Africa Christian Authors Book Award (ACABA). We had 75 book submissions from six countries (Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Africa and Uganda). The gala was attended by over 250 delegates from Kenya, Switzerland and Uganda. The program seeks to recognise, celebrate and promote quality in Christian authorship in Africa.

We run two self-publishing cohorts for African Christian Authors. CLC manages the process for authors including editors, proofreaders, designers, and illustrators as well as registering ISBN and copyright on their behalf.

Our print-on-demand efforts continue to bear fruit. This year, we were able to complete our largest order to date, 10,000 books in one print run.

We also had the opportunity to publish the first group of books written by kids under the age of 12. We continue to publish titles written by teenagers. Lastly, we ran two writing classes with nine graduated writers.

We praise the Lord for the many opportunities he has given us to encourage and promote writing and reading here in Kenya.

Mozambique

Population: 32.5 million (11.1% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1966
Ministry: 3 Bookshops
Director: Elizabeth Patten
Bestsellers: *The Purpose Driven Life, Knowing and Doing*

We are grateful that after a challenging and turbulent year, the situation stabilized at the beginning of 2022, and our sales started to increase. We were able to place two large orders from Brazil, and our customers were delighted with the new stock. The increasing cost of stock and transport remains a concern for us.

Books and Bibles are becoming a luxury item few can afford (See cover photo.). Our project to distribute free Bibles to those displaced by calamities continued throughout the year. As a result, we saw many people being baptised and joining local churches.

Abel, who had been with us since 2014, left to pursue further studies. We welcomed Arnaldo, who has become a valued member of our team.

Highlights of the year were the FIEL conference and the CLC Mozambique conference, with



Elizabeth Patten CLC

staff from all three of our shops present, including RD Liz Patten and Carlos Cunha from CLC Portugal. During that time a POS system was installed. We are thankful for the Lord's help and encouragement during yet another year.



Francisco & Arnaldo with new POS system

Sierra Leone:

Population: 8.9 million (3.9% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1966
Ministry: 3 Bookshops
Director: David Scouler
Bestsellers: *God's Generals, A Fresh Word for Today*



Elizabeth Patten & David Scouler visit the team

2022 has been a challenging year. Life in our country has been difficult. The prices of our imported goods have increased as we face very high inflation and increasing freight and port charges. The high price of goods puts the customer in the undesirable position of purchasing food or purchasing books and Bibles.

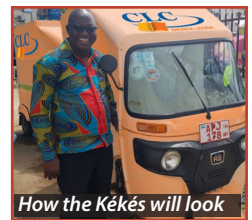
We praise the Lord for the Pastors' Pack of books and Bibles received from Crossway USA. These packs were distributed to pastors in difficult-to-reach areas and provinces. We are thankful for the opportunity of providing resources to pastors who would otherwise not have been able to access them.

Through donations and international fundraising efforts, we were able to obtain a motorised tricycle (kéké) for one of our two bookshops in Sierra

Leone. The kéké is currently in our Bo shop, and we have been greatly blessed by it. We are thankful for everyone that donated to this project.



Book table



How the Kékés will look

TESTIMONIES

ENCOURAGING STORIES

FROM AFRICA

From CLC Sierra Leone...

A student, Adama Conteh, from the National School of Nursing visited our shop at Circular Road. She came to buy a Bible for one of her lectures.

It was her very first visit to the shop. She was so amazed to see a shop like this in Freetown. She started by saying to me that she was a Muslim, but she wants to buy a good Bible to give as a gift to her lecturer.

We were shocked that a Muslim would come specifically to buy a Bible for a Christian. It meant a lot to me. So, we asked if we could pray with her, and she consented, and we prayed. She left the shop that day very happy. We are still praying for her that the seed sown in her will surely germinate.

From CLC Ivory Coast...

A European customer visiting the bookstore shouted for joy as soon as she entered and felt a shiver down her spine as she confided that she deeply felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Several people have given the same testimony about our bookstore.

The CLC Bibles were well received, especially by men of God who have known the CLC ministry for many years. They were proud to hold the CLC Bible for French-speaking Africa.

From CLC Mozambique...

While we talked to a customer about the bookstore and how the books have impacted his life, he told us the following: "I am grateful to God for the work being done by CLC Maputo. I am the fruit of CLC's being committed to the glory of God through the promotion of sound and relevant theological Biblical literature. The fellowship with the team who give their time to CLC Maputo is invaluable for my spirituality. All the books that I acquired from CLC are important, but the three I bought by Jerry Bridges were a revolution for my spirituality".

ASIA

We thank God for always being in control. Things have slowly come back to normal. We have no restrictions whatsoever now, even for business establishments. Praise God!

I only traveled during the month of October, but I monitored countries online via Zoom, WhatsApp, etc. We are thankful for the free communication applications available worldwide.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic we are grateful that four of our countries - India, Indonesia, Pakistan and South Korea - have now exceeded the pre-Covid sales of 2019.

Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand were severely affected by the pandemic. The situation in Myanmar continues to be especially difficult since a coup d'état that started during the pandemic months is still occurring. Sales for Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand have decreased by over 50% compared to pre-pandemic sales, but thankfully the ministries are slowly recovering.

The landscape in retail is shifting. Customers are making a move to online purchasing. Big online platforms such as Lazada and Shopee have emerged. Maintaining a physical shop is more challenging now. May the Lord continue to show us the best way to move forward. We serve an unchangeable God who uses different channels for provision. When He guides, He provides.



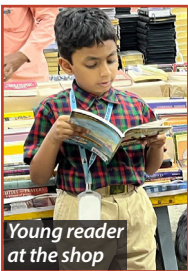
Romualdo Macinas
Regional Director for Asia

India

Population: 1.39 billion (2.2% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1954
Ministry: 23 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Outlets, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Justin Chellappan
Bestsellers: *Concordance to the Bible, The Way of the Cross*



We took some major steps forward in 2022. The Lord provided us with a new building for our Trivandrum bookshop. A Christian family, with an interest in ministry, constructed a shopping complex and offered ELS one floor for a reduced rent and with twice the space of our previous bookshop - which was in the next-door building! We also opened a new ELS shop on the Ranipet Campus of the Christian Medical College, which was an answer to a prayer.



During and after the pandemic, we have seen rapid and steady growth in internet distribution. Even though we do not work with third-party sites, we do use our own website for e-commerce, and WhatsApp has become a very important business promoting tool for us.

After the pandemic, there was a great need for the Word of God. By His grace, even though we saw a great decline in our sales in the first three months of 2022, we saw an increase of 65% in books and Bibles in our total yearly sales. All glory to God alone!

* CLC is known as ELS in India

Indonesia

Population: 279 million (5.6% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1954
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Donny Kairupan
Bestsellers: *Bibles, Jesus Christ Our Lord*



Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! He enabled us to take some bold steps after years of prayer and preparations. We sold the main bookshop in Surabaya and opened a new bookshop in Manado at the end of 2022. We still have an outlet located in a mall in Surabaya.

In Manado, we work together with the largest church in the area with book tables and promotions. Our gospel booklets ministry is also supplying resources to this area. Together with other churches and pastors, we are building a successful distribution channel.

We thank God for loyal customers and for increasing orders via phone and WhatsApp. Bookshop promotions were also made via online shops (Shopee and Tokopedia), and many Bibles and books were sold. Our Regional Director, Romualdo Macinas, visited in December 2022 and gave us some important advice for our ministry. He encouraged us to provide more books, including English titles and Bibles, and other specific resources.

We praise God for the opportunity to make joint webinars with the Indonesian Bible Society. Also, due to demand, we did a reprint, with new layout and design, of an old title, *Jesus Christ our Lord*, which got a good response from customers.

Japan

Population: 123.7 million (0.5% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1950
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Wholesale
Director: Takashi (Thomas) Sakaoka
Bestsellers: Bibles, Books by Ayako Miura

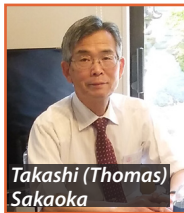


Bookshop team

Mission Karashidane took over the business operations after the dissolution of CLC Japan in 2020. In May 2022, we celebrated the first anniversary of our bookshop with an event. Sadly, the number of bookshops in Japan is dwindling, and even Christian people are reading fewer books these days.

To change this, we send out monthly newsletters to our customers and churches, highlighting the importance of books and bookshops for the Christian community and society at large.

Our specialty is selling second-hand books online. Due to the limited republishing of Japanese Christian books, there is a high demand for used copies, even if they are not in excellent condition. Despite these challenges, we are running our bookshop successfully and have strong connections with local churches. Praise the Lord!



Takashi (Thomas) Sakaoka



Bookshop

Myanmar

Population: 57 million (5% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1992
Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Jacob Mung
Bestsellers: Bible Commentaries, Bible Handbooks

Lately, in our country, there has been so much fear, anxiety, hopelessness and uncertainty about the future. The high inflation has caused turmoil in the economy and, as a result, many people have lost their wages and jobs as well. Despite this, God has given us the opportunity to serve our people. The Lord has certainly strengthened us.

We thank Him for this privilege and the doors He has opened for CLC Myanmar. We also thank God for sources like the book, *How to Overcome Depression*, which has allowed us to fill a very present need, especially with our country's current situation.

One of the most significant activities in 2022 was our workshop for Sunday School teachers as well as the special book sale at Tamu at the beginning of the year. Both events were great opportunities to multiply leaders and workers for the kingdom of God.

We praise God for the many ways He provided for our needs in 2022.



Bookshop team

Pakistan

Population: 247 million (0.6% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1961

Ministry: 1 Bookshop

Director: Sohail Javed

Bestsellers: *100 Bible Lessons* (Part I & II),
Commentary Old & New Testament

The Lord's presence can be felt in our shop. Customers feel joyful and comfortable when they come inside. Praise the Lord for providing an oasis for his people. This feedback has encouraged us to consider opening a second bookshop in another city.

We are now utilising WhatsApp and Facebook for our sales. This has allowed many customers from different areas to place orders with us. We thank God for these social media platforms.

With the help from the Lord and the CLC fellowship, we have been able to survive and continue the work despite the many difficulties that the pandemic created. Inflation and prices have increased, and this has caused fewer people to visit our shop, resulting in low sales.

Despite this, we have we have been blessed with a small profit after 25 years of not generating any. Praise the Lord!



Volunteer wrapping gifts



Bookshop team

Philippines

Population: 116 million (12.3% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1957

Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Mobile, Print-On-Demand, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Romualdo Macinas

Bestsellers: *Willmington's Guide to the Bible*,
The Outline Bible



Manila Book Fair

It was an interesting year in 2022. Despite the world coming out of a global crisis, our overall sales have been down compared to the pre-pandemic years. There is a high inflation rate in our country; the currency has devalued, and there is no strong purchasing power. It has been difficult for us to obtain material as the usual time of three months to import books has turned into eight months.

Our customers have also transitioned from traditional in-store purchases to online purchasing. This has increased the need for a strong online strategy. We have been maximising the use of our website, Lazada and Shopee accounts, and other social media networks for marketing and sales.

We thank the Lord for the reopening of the Malolos shop in a new location, and for His provision for the shop renovation and of a new worker for the shop. We also thank God for the opportunity to participate in the Manila International Book Fair and many book table opportunities throughout the year.



Malolos reopening

South Korea

Population: 51.9 million (16.8% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1975

Ministry: Covenant Theological Seminary, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Young-Ho Park

Bestsellers: *Understanding the Bible through the World History, Hey guys! Do you know what God's sentiments are?*



Warehouse team

After 47 years of having our headquarters located in Bangbae-dong, we moved to a different district in Seoul in 2022. It is more spacious and recently renovated. We have closed our bookstore as we were moving into a new location. The industry has changed, and not many customers come to small bookstores anymore as the majority of them shop online.

One of our projects for 2022 was the *Chinese Living Bible* giveaway project. We did not expect much response from the public because we weren't even sure how many Chinese immigrants in Korea would be Christians or interested in reading the Bible. By the grace of God, we had many e-mails and phone calls asking for one or multiple copies.

Our planning and foreign rights department executive director, Sohee Yoo, was invited to the Seoul International Book Fair in June to share one of her books, *My Favorite Lift and Flap Bible Storybook*, in the Christian children's book category. She was able to share her passion for children's publishing and the importance of reading Christian books to young children.

Thailand

Population: 69.7 million (0.5% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1958

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing

Director: Ruchadaparn (Amanda) Intajuk

Bestsellers: *Jesus Calling, The Purpose Driven Life*

In the past year, we faced an economic downturn. The sales have not grown as much as expected. As Thailand's international entry restrictions eased up, some of our foreign customers began returning to our bookshop. We have a variety of types of customers. Missionaries are usually the ones who often purchase large quantities of materials. Our sales were significantly affected when they went back to their countries because of the pandemic. We praise the Lord for an increase in our sales in the second half of 2022.

We have faced uncertainty as we are still dealing with ownership issues with our main building. We praise the Lord that we have been able to hire proper representation, and we pray that this situation will soon be resolved as it affects us and our customers, especially with a lack of parking space.

As restrictions continued to ease up in our country, Christian churches and organisations could again gather for events such as conferences and camps. CLC Thailand had the opportunity to have a book table at the OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) conference. We also thank God for the continued opportunity to have a book table in one of the Christian schools in Chiang Mai.



Book table



EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

In October 2022, I was elected to be the new European Director. At the time of writing this report, this position is still very new to me.

I had the privilege to work virtually with CLC leaders in several countries and to visit some of our bookshops around Europe. I am beginning to get an overview of the situation in CLC Europe.

During the pandemic, when bookshops were closed, online sales increased. After the pandemic, we were delighted to see more customers in bookshops than before! Even though online sales declined after the record online sales during the pandemic, we noticed a very good level of overall sales for the year 2022 in our region. This is a great encouragement.

One highlight of 2022, was our European Regional Leader's conference. We gathered in Cyprus and spent time learning from each other and fellowshiping.

We are very thankful for the results we have seen from the CLC Ukraine book project. We have been able to print almost 500,000 books in the Ukrainian language, including Bibles and children's books. Praise the Lord! This has been a great encouragement for us since this is the core of our mission, to spread the Word of God, to transform the world view into a Word view rooted in Christ, the Living Word.



Hervé Lessous
Regional Director for Europe

Bulgaria

Population: 6.8 million (1.9% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1993

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales

Director: Lidiya Dimitrova

Bestsellers: *Does your Tongue Need Healing, Prayers That Rout Demons*



Storefront

In 2022 we had an in-person event called “Come and See,” which originally had been planned for 2020. All churches and Christian businesses were invited and even though we have reduced staff, we were able to participate with our own booth. We even recorded a video clip inviting people to the event, which we posted on our CLC Facebook page. The goal of the event was to meet and get to know all the ministries in the country, so we can all support and serve one other better.



Lidiya at the “Come and See” event

We are grateful for the initiative of the CLC International Office to donate children’s Bibles in Ukrainian and Russian to us completely free of charge. These Bibles were a big blessing for all the Ukrainian and Russian people, with whom the local churches and

ministries worked during the war in Ukraine.

Central Asia (CA1)

Population: 6 million (0.7% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1996

Ministry: 1 Bookshop

Bestsellers: *Muslim and Christian Beliefs: A Comparison, You Never Meet by Accident* (German title)



Inside the shop

At the beginning of 2022, we heard about a small rehabilitation center where single mothers and orphaned children live. The centre is situated in a small town 24 km from the city where we have our bookshop. We visited them several times and brought them food, clothes, and, of course, children’s literature. There were a total of 11 children aged between two and fourteen years old. Children are very open-minded and love to read and listen to Bible stories.

We also had the privilege to participate with book tables at a large interchurch conference in April and a Baptist Youth Conference in October.

Our country continues to receive charitable donations of Christian books and Bibles in a significant assortment, which is distributed free of charge in churches. This greatly affects our sales and the overall power of the ministry. Despite this, our store visits and sales increased in 2022. Praise the Lord!

Testimony

We received a message from a woman on our Instagram page. She wrote: “I accidentally came across your page on Instagram and I understand that your books are about God. I liked the titles and descriptions of some of your books, although I do not believe in God.”

She ended up buying Gary Chapman’s books. A few weeks later she visited the store and asked a lot of questions about God and bought some books. We also gave her some gospel brochures. The next time she came to buy a Bible, to thank us and to tell us that she believed in Jesus as her Saviour!

Central Asia (CA2)

Population: 10.4 million (0.2% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1997
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Bestsellers: *Right Choices Bible, How to Pass from Curse to Blessing*

2022 was a year of a lot of praying, thinking, and waiting. Sales continued to be low after the pandemic and we were going through our reserves. We had to let one full-time staff member go, and cut our hours slightly.

Encouragements during the year included helping to publish a book on war (a relevant subject as the country was just coming out of a time of conflict) and participating in the International Book Fair.

Having been taken to court after the previous Religion Committee inspection, we were thankful that the inspection this year found no problems with the bookshop.

We decided to remodel the store so we could rent out a part of the property to another business to help cover costs. We applied for a grant for remodeling and were so thankful to receive it!

The American Director for CA2 had been on maternity leave for several years and worked in a limited capacity while a local lady ran the daily operations in the bookshop, working as the deputy Director. In May 2022 this lady became our first local Director.

Testimony

A woman came to the store a few months ago with an incredible story. She had a dream about someone in white who she knew was Jesus. She decided to learn what she could about Jesus online. She found the Bible and was especially drawn to the Psalms. For years, she would read, meditate and journal about them. She found our store online and came in to buy a Bible for her mother-in-law. It was incredible to see someone with such a vibrant faith who had never met another Christian before. We gave her information about churches and are praying for her.

Cyprus:

Population: 1.3 million (0.8% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1981
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales
Director: Eva Photiadou
Bestsellers: *Lies Women Believe, God's Promises for your Every Need* in Greek



We were privileged to have the European Leaders' Conference in Cyprus. It was a blessing to fellowship and share with our CLC European family and learn from each other's experiences.

It was refreshing for us that after two years of not participating in any book tables/book fairs, due to Covid restrictions, we were able to have a book table at a children's camp in July. We were very glad to see the response from children who were buying large amounts of books to read, especially missionary biographies.

In November we participated in two book fairs and it was good to fellowship with old customers/friends and get to know some new customers. Sales were great during the events.

We are thankful for the opportunities God has already given us to share His Word through Christian literature. It is our ongoing prayer that the Lord will continue to give us more opportunities.

Eastern Europe (EE1)

Population: 9.3 million (1.3% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1994

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Permanent book outlets, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Bestsellers: *Five Love Languages*, *Little Hands Story Bible*



Book table

Praise the Lord we are still able to provide Christian literature in our nation, despite the economic and political climate in our country and our neighbours.

Activities during 2022 included holding about ten book tables at different events throughout the year and we printed and distributed 5,000 calendars free of charge.

We are thankful we could improve the curb appeal of our shop. We were able to update our outdoor advertising, renovate some shelves, and now the window display is regularly updated with the help of volunteers.

Instagram is the most effective internet tool for us. We share daily information about books on Instagram, Telegram and Viber and receive an extraordinary amount of orders via those social platforms.



Book table

Testimony

One of our regular customers is buying a significant amount of books from the bookshop to share them with her non-Christian colleagues at her job. This is a clear example of using books to expand the kingdom.

France

Population: 68 million (1% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1951

Ministry: 13 Bookshops, Logistics for other publishers, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Ollivier Quérueil

Bestsellers: *Jesus Calling*, *Spiritual Man*

2022 has been a year of transitions for our team. Hervé Lessous was elected Regional Director for Europe, thus leaving his National Director position to Ollivier Quérueil. We also have the opportunity to acquire Emeth Publications, after we acquired Vida Publications in 2021.



Store inventory

We launched our new website, which has been well received. Our website remains the main evangelical website in the whole country.

2022 has also been challenging as we have tried to find a good balance between the ministry and business side of our work. With the many transitions, it has also been difficult to keep the vision of the ministry afloat.

Praise the Lord for a 15% growth in our overall sales. We also saw a significant increase in our Amazon sales. As far as logistics go, we delivered 50,000 orders in 2022.

Testimony

After a student came to the bookshop, she shared her interest in faith despite having zero knowledge. The bookshop manager shared a few books with her and gave her contact details of a church and a friend. She gave her life to Christ and she is active in her church.



The team

Germany

Population: 84 million (2.1% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1948
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales
Director: Valentin Schweigler
Bestsellers: *The Chosen* DVD Season 1, *Wenn der Glaube nicht mehr passt* (When Belief no Longer Fits)



There is strong competition in the bookshop market, but we are still the best known local Christian bookshop in Germany, reaching out to many people in Hamburg and in neighbouring areas. We do not only have Christian customers but people also visit us from different faiths and cults. We feel a responsibility to serve all of them well, so we work hard to make sure we have a good atmosphere in the shop, with enough staff to meet everyone with attentiveness.

After the pandemic, we have noticed a decline in the number of customers coming into our shop.

We had to embrace the fact that there is a rising digitalization, and fewer people are reading physical books. We invested in our online shop and introduced some new tools which will help us improve the backend performance of the website. We work on marketing via different social network channels.



Hungary

Population: 9.6 million (2.8% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1993
Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Annamária Kárpáti
Bestsellers: *FireBible*, *Created for Love*



At the end of 2021 the *FireBible* was launched by *Life Publishers* in Hungarian. CLC is the wholesale distributor of this Study Bible and we were happy to see that it has

been well received by churches and individual customers. The president of the Hungarian Baptists endorsed it, and several Charismatic and Pentecostal Churches and even Catholics bought copies. This has helped us financially too.

We had book tables at the Pentecostal Conference, the Summer Worship Camp, the Christian Doctors' Convention, and the Christian Christmas Book Fair. We also hosted an online class on Christian self-esteem and over 20 people attended.

We installed a new computer system (together with a new server) that works in all our shops. It allows us to access data more quickly and enhances our work significantly.

We were concerned about finding the right person to manage our shop in Miskolc, but the Lord provided us with an excellent worker. This was an answer to a prayer.



Italy

Population: 61 million (1.1% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1956

Ministry: 6 Bookshops, Discipleship and Leadership training, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Ivano Cramerotti

Bestsellers: *More than a Carpenter, Boundaries*



View of the Turin bookshop

After the pandemic, our activities are less frequent and reduced to a few local church conferences and book tables here and there. Our main goal is to attract people to our shops. We are doing this through social media campaigns and bookshop events.

Our warehouse manager left CLC after more than 20 years in the ministry, which has been one of the biggest challenges. He was also the Director of the Publishing House and the one in charge of all of our commercial agreements with the suppliers. We had to reset all the work but we could see the hand of God leading us in the process.

As we were working with one less person in the warehouse, we reorganized the activities of the new warehouse manager. We increased the flexibility among the people working there so we could have a dynamic distribution of the resources. We have been able to increase our productivity without adding resources. Praise the Lord!



CLC Italy's Committee

Netherlands

Population: 17.4 million (4.3% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1962

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales

Director: Bertus Keuter

Bestsellers: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse; Een Plaas in Afrika (A Place in Africa)*



Karel-Jan Karels & Louise Harkes

2022 was a challenging year. As Bertus was leaving and Corine was on sick leave, it was far from certain if we could keep the store open in light of the economic challenges. It was not an easy time for our team. We asked God if He would provide us with a new manager by the end of September as a sign to continue. And He did!

It was a miracle when Karel-Jan Karels & Louise Harkes came in, both young and studying, with a heart for books and for the store.



Apeldoorn bookshop

They began to share the management of the store in September and we thank God from the bottom of our hearts that He intervened. Corine was able to participate in the management of the

shop again and share her knowledge with Karel-Jan & Louise.

We had a CLC Event in October to celebrate the store and mark the management change. We had coffee and cake during the whole day, had live music, read a book for the children, and organized a quiz. We want to organize such events more often in the future.

Poland

Population: 37.1 million (0.3% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1991
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales
Director: Eva Rymers
Bestsellers: *Cud codzienności* (Considerations for Women), *The Picture Bible for Little Ones*

It's a relief that the ministry is still available despite our current low sales due to the effects of the pandemic. We recently received a heartwarming testimony from a customer who accepted Jesus as their saviour after reading *Jesus our Destiny*. This is why we are so dedicated to our mission at CLC.

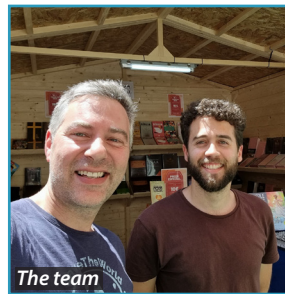
Tomasz Kalisz has successfully managed the global CLC project for Ukraine, and we are grateful that we have been able to print almost 500,000 books in the Ukrainian language, including Bibles and children's books.

We are fortunate to have the help of two young individuals who are assisting us with our social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Mastodon. Their support has been a great source of motivation for us.



Portugal

Population: 10.2 million (3% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1985
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Carlos Cunha
Bestsellers: *Mulheres improváveis* (Improbable woman), *Selah: Pausa para meditar* (Selah: Pause to meditate)



Carlos Cunha had the privilege of speaking at two different churches on the topic of "Educating with God's Lens". CLC book tables were available at both events, featuring books related

to the theme. It was great to see that non-believers were also welcome to attend.

We participated in a successful 10-day book table event at Coimbra's Book Fair (secular event), which was held in the town centre. We also had a book table at the *Global Leadership Summit Portugal*.

We are facing some challenges with importing books from publishers in Brazil, which accounts for more than 90% of our stock. The cost of importing from Brazil is high, with carriers charging 30% to 40% of the total order. The country's general inflation is around 8%, which is a concern given that it has one of the lowest average salaries in Europe.

We are working more closely with the CLC team in Mozambique. Carlos has been participating in Zoom meetings and even traveled to Mozambique to attend the team conference in person to develop the partnership and fellowship. The Lord has been good.



Romania

Population: 21.2 million (5.4% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1991

Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Publishing, Web sales

Director: Ronela Micula

Bestsellers: *What Happens When Women Pray, Spirit-Controlled Temperament*



Brasov bookshop team

2022 was a year of returning to normality after the pandemic. There were many things to regain, but we did not have enough time, and only a few

workers. We did not succeed to cover all the gaps created by our difficulties that started even before the pandemic. Thank God we survived. He is faithful and has kept us.

We thank God for the many opportunities to distribute His Word. We were able to give out more than 50,000 books in Ukrainian for Ukrainian refugees, including in Ukraine itself and even in the war zone, through different contacts, churches, and organisations.

We had the opportunity to participate with book tables at a few important conferences such as; the national conference of the organisation "Romania Without Orphans" and the International Conference INFEMIT, held in a University in Arad, which is an annual event for Theology Scholars from 40 countries. We also distributed CDs at the concert of the Timisoara Philharmonic Orchestra.



Book table at the Philharmonic Orchestra

Russia

Population: 141.6 million (1.2% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 2006

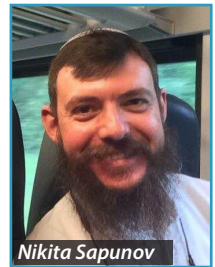
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sale

Director: Nikita Sapunov

Bestsellers: *The Best Life, Key to the Missionary Problem*

The year 2022 for CLC Moscow was a really "paralysed" year. Shock and aftershock of the war and all its ramifications, and uncertainty put us in a new reality politically, economically, and psychologically. Therefore there were almost no other events or activities, except for the daily routine shop operations.

War posed a threat to the ministry's existence itself. But the Lord was good in all of it! So far, we have been able to continue most of our normal activities. Bible sales gave profit to the financial year. We had enough staff despite the schedule changes. The Lord is so good!



Nikita Sapunov

We lost some of the internet channels we had: Facebook, Instagram, Yandex and WhatsApp and other messaging application sales continue to grow.

Marketplaces seem to be gaining a dominant position in the country, seemingly more so after the war started. So we decided to work on that channel. However, some of our attempts to open other channels were not successful.



Switzerland

Population: 8.5 million (4.4% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 2008

Ministry: Web sales

Manager: Carlo Ciafani

Bestsellers: *Prison to Praise, My Journey... from Skepticism to Faith*



Carlo and his wife Sara

CLC Switzerland is primarily an online ministry and this is the reason why newsletters are one of our most important marketing and sales tools. We send them regularly, but also for special events such as Valentine’s Day and Mother’s Day. We might not see the result of this work clearly now, but these activities create significant traffic to our website and generate orders that otherwise would not be generated.

In March every year we have a book table at the local Open Doors Conference. It’s always a blessing for us and for the other participants. More than 100 people attended this event despite the fact that Covid was still lingering.

One of the ways to better serve the customers is to reduce expenses in order to direct the money towards what is most useful. Since our ministry at this time is basically only online and by mail, we have decided to save money this year by not printing the annual paper catalogue. May the Lord guide us in His wisdom to make these kinds of decisions.



Rob & John in the KCLCT warehouse

United Kingdom

Population: 68 million (8.8% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1941

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, National Conferences, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Missions Director: Neil Wardrope

Bestsellers: *The 5 Love Languages, Gentle and Lowly*

2022 was a year of challenge and opportunity. Our two major activities are wholesale distribution and serving various online channels. We are privileged to have sent out more than 100,000 Bibles and New Testaments during the year. Towards the end of the year we were sending out more than 1,000 parcels per day over the Christmas period.

We are a very multicultural team represented by ten nationalities, so we have connections with many parts of the world. We were able to distribute 100s of free Chinese Bibles, mainly to university students, and we participated in the Ukraine project – both funding and sending out the free books. We received a request to translate the discipleship book *First Steps* for use in Ukraine, as many have been turning to Christ. It was a joy to support projects in Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso and the Philippines.

Our online activity continues to grow. We bought the website Aslan Christian Books, so we now have four websites, all with a different focus, as well as third party websites.

Our conference Mission Worship celebrated its 25th anniversary. It took place online, and we have 14,000 subscribers to the YouTube channel.



KCLCT Executive Team

LATIN AMERICA

Thank God the Latin American region has been growing year after year in each of the eight countries where CLC is present, despite the challenges the ministry has faced, especially in Venezuela.

We thank God that our team in Panama was able to purchase and open a new bookshop, this being their second mall location.

Ecuador has been growing and construction for a new building in the city of Guayaquil is underway. There will be a distribution centre and bookstore in the same building. We praise God for His provision.

The team in Colombia has been active and the ministry continues to grow and spread the gospel. Unfortunately, we had to close a bookstore in the city of Quibdó due to extortion threats.

Uruguay continues to grow significantly in internet sales.

Chile remains a stable country and is assisting with CLC Peru's development. Peru, being the newest country, has experienced expected start-up challenges and has required more focus and effort in its development.

Mexico has renewed its leadership by electing Daniel Huertas, who is now heading the ministry. He has been doing an excellent job with the team and the ministry shows signs of growth.

We thank God for his help in Latin America and we move forward with the confidence that the Lord will guide us towards the goals that he has for each one of us.

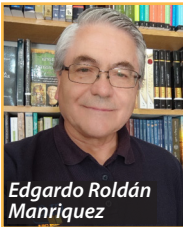


David Pabón

Regional Director for Latin America

 **Chile**

Population: 18.5 million (18.4% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1958
Ministry: 6 Bookshops, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Edgardo Roldán Manriquez
Bestsellers: *Always True, Our Daily Bread* Devotional



Edgardo Roldán Manriquez

We give thanks to God for allowing us to play a role in the distribution of Christian literature.

We did not see growth in our overall distribution during the year but we thank God for what we have achieved. We could pay all our suppliers and, through special imports, we were able to fulfill orders from Bible institutes, elementary, and middle schools. We have also had an increase in new colporteurs and booksellers. Due to illness, Patricio Romo had to step down from his role as National Director in October and Edgardo Roldán, the Deputy Director, took over his role.

For some years we rented out our old warehouse but we discovered the building was being illegally sublet. After months of going through legal processes, we were able to resolve this situation. It was a cause for much prayer particularly because we were concerned for the people who had to be evicted.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to financially bless our brothers and sisters in the CLC fellowship in some other countries - in Latin America, Asia and Europe. We were also able to bless and recognize the work of some of our CLC Uruguay retirees.



Santiago team

 **Colombia**

Population: 49.3 million (7.5% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1973
Ministry: 11 Bookshops, Publishing, Mobile, Print-On-Demand, Social Foundation, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: David Pabón
Bestsellers: *Por qué Dios me hizo Niño* (Why Did God Make Me a Boy?); *Por qué Dios me hizo Niña* (Why Did God Make Me a Girl?)



International book fair booth

It has been a privilege to reach out to many people with the Gospel during 2022.

One of the most important publications of the year were two books by author Joe Owen and his daughter Abby Owen, *Why Did God Make Me a Boy?* and *Why Did God Make Me a Girl?*, which have made a great impact on parents and teachers. We reprinted this book 3 times making a total of 10,000 units sold in 2022!



The team

A school in the Guaviare region that had come across our educational material *Guías Amor* decided to purchase the CLC guides and train all their teachers to use it when teaching children. We also helped churches,

with the opportunity to train around 1,719 pastors and leaders through the Thompson Bible Seminars.

At our Spanish publishing house, 17 new titles were published and 122 titles were reprinted. We had an increase in sales of 26% in 2022 and we thank God for sustaining us for another year.



Ecuador

Population: 17 million (8.5% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 2001

Ministry: 4 Bookshops, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Mónica Rojas

We are thankful that the construction work for the new bookshop, distribution centre and headquarters in Guayaquil finally started in September. We held a time of prayer and dedication at the start of the work with members of CLC, and some of the people involved in the construction work, present. We expect the building will be completed in 2023.

In 2022, we reached over 20 different churches, ministries, and pastoral teams with our book tables. We also participated in two secular book fairs in the cities of Quito and Guayaquil, and we were able to provide some training with different ministries through several workshop opportunities.

267 Ecuadorian pastors and leaders were trained through the Thompson Bible Seminary.

In June there was a prolonged strike, for 18 days, in Ecuador which particularly affected CLC Quito. Our bookshop hours in Quito were shortened, and disrupted, which had a major impact on sales. Thankfully the other bookshops were able to operate more or less as normal and we praise the Lord that we ended the year with a 12% increase in our



Thompson Bible Seminar



Mexico

Population: 129.8 million (8.3% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 2014

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Daniel Huertas

Bestsellers: *Incendiarlo* (Fire Diary), *En la oscuridad, ¡Resplandecerás!* (In the Darkness, You will Shine!)



The Lord has given us the privilege to work in Mexico for the last 10 years and we are thankful. God has blessed us greatly. We have seen a general growth in sales of 18% and the opportunity to grow via different sales channels.

The use of the Mercado Libre platform, and our participation in events of the larger churches in the country, such as the Assemblies of God Councils, has allowed us to gain a significant share of the national market. This has required a major effort, as we have struggled with debts to international suppliers, but we have seen God's grace and provision.

We started to work with some schools and seminaries as we look to the Lord for open doors for new places where we can bring books that radiate light and change lives.

In June, David Pabón, the Regional Director for CLC Latin America, had the opportunity to visit the team in Mexico. We thank God for the team He has put together and for the effort they put into fulfilling the mission of the ministry.

 Panama

Population: 4.4 million (19.3% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1976
Ministry: 5 Bookshops, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Héctor Burke
Bestsellers: *A Woman After God's Own Heart* pocket size, *The Five Love Languages* pocket size



Héctor Burke

God has allowed us to fulfill very important goals in 2022.

We were able to purchase a commercial space in Westland Mall, where our newest bookshop is now located. The official opening of the bookshop was delayed for a few weeks because of protests and disruption in the country at the time, but it finally took place in August. The Kiosk that CLC had in the mall since the end of 2021 continued operating until the contract ended in May.

We have started the migration process of CLC Panama into a new social foundation. We are thankful that we have been able to develop and launch the website for this, clcpanama.org.

This new foundation will allow us to continue with our educational projects around the country, and continue to support Panamanian children in their health and education.

We thank God for the visit of our International Director, and the Directors of Ecuador, Uruguay, Chile, and Colombia in October. We took advantage of this time to share with the entire CLC Panama team.



The team

 Peru

Population: 32.4 million (11.6% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 2019
Ministry: 3 Bookshops, Publications (*Buena Tierra*/Good Soil), Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Cristian Farias
Bestsellers: *Estás Invitado* (You're Invited), *Our Daily Bread*



Buena Tierra training workshop

CLC Peru celebrated its third anniversary in 2022. Through three bookshops and the website, the ministry has a physical presence in three Peruvian cities. With a team of 10 people, we have been able to visit schools, churches, pastoral associations, and seminaries.

In addition, we have supported Buena Tierra (Good Soil) which is incorporated into CLC. It is a publishing ministry particularly for materials for children and children's workers. At the end of the year, Buena Tierra held sessions for Sunday school teachers in many places around the country, training over 1,000 people and selling 500 books! We have also organized our first workshop for teachers with the support of the Patmos Publishing House.

The challenges we faced included significant political turmoil. This led to public protests and looting. Unfortunately, we saw a decrease in our distribution, but we were still able to reduce our debts.

Thanks to the various CLC countries that financially supported us, we were not only able to finish the year with less debt but also with a better inventory. Glory to the Lord!



Uruguay

Population: 3.4 million (6.2% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1948

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Mobile, Web sales

Director: Humberto Urrutia

Bestsellers: Large Print Bible, *Cambios Profundos* (Deep Changes)

2022 was a year of opportunities, where we were able to continue with the distribution of Christian literature in Montevideo, where we have our bookshop. We were also grateful to have all of our staff return to in-person work at the shop after the restriction for Covid. We continue with our mobile work, making trips inland every two months, taking the resources where they are needed around the country.

We are grateful for the increased sales on the website and through WhatsApp.

This year we were able to be part of the Thompson Bible Seminar virtual seminars. We conducted other seminars geared towards the Uruguayan Church, such as "How to Be a Church in Atheist and Agnostic Environments". Participants gave very positive feedback on this seminar, praise God!

We continue the process of replacement of personnel who have been retiring and we continue to seek the Lord's direction for their replacements.

Sales have been stable, we saw an increase of 4% compared to last year. We continue to seek ways to increase our ministerial influence in a country with a very small percentage of believers.



The team



Venezuela

Population: 30.5 million (10.8% Evangelical)

Date CLC work began: 1970

Ministry: 4 Bookshops, Web sales

Director: Eliel Nicolliello

Bestsellers: *Mujer, Valórate* (Woman, Value Yourself); *Mujer, Sueña* (Woman, Dream)



Distribution centre team

During this year we continued to see a recovery in our sales, with an increase of 45%. The online store grew significantly, with sales representing 15% of total sales. Praise the Lord for this encouragement.

Small stock purchases were made from the publishing house Poemia, which allowed us to enhance our sales. We continue to make certain purchases from CLC Colombia, seeking to improve our stock rotation and slowly try to increase the number of purchases during the year.

We still face some tough challenges. Inflation is high. Taxes and the costs of services have increased significantly. The stock we purchase is sold, but it now takes a significant amount of time compared to previous years.

Our most widely distributed material during that year was the *Jesus for All Missionary Bible*, the MacArthur Paperback Study Bible, and the *Diario Vivir* (Life-Application) hardcover Study Bible.

We are grateful for the financial help we have received from CLC International and for the blessing of our bookshop sales. We thank the Lord for His faithfulness and care during 2022.

TESTIMONIES

ENCOURAGING STORIES

FROM LATIN AMERICA

From CLC Chile...

- A 94 year old elderly sister, Inés Fernandez, who walks with great difficulty with her cane, bought the book *5 Promises of God for Difficult Times*. Last Christmas she bought more than 15 books to give as gifts to people who were going through difficult situations. We give glory to the Lord for our sister Inés and for this beautiful book.

- The Ligonier ministry, founded by Rev. Sproul, supplied a number of free Bibles to CLC Chile to be distributed. Upon receiving this gift several pastors have been shocked and grateful to CLC Chile for acting as intermediaries to allow them to receive the Bible. One of them even had tears of gratitude.

From CLC Ecuador...

- A customer from Quito faced a divorce in 2022. Her ex-husband took custody of her children and left her alone. She entered into a state of despair and depression. In one of the darkest moments of her life, she found refuge in the bookshop. She comes to the shop most Saturdays, shares with us and buys several books. She has come to know more of the Word and more of the Lord. Now she knows that her only hope is in the Lord.

- A customer in Manta arrived very sad and troubled. He commented that his wife had gone to live in another city and they were about to divorce. Our staff recommended the book *The Challenge of Love*. After a year he returned to the shop to share that God worked through the book and helped save his marriage. Praise the Lord!

From CLC Mexico...

We are currently located by a bus terminal that serves the southeast of the country, so it is common for travelers to enter the bookstore. We have received testimonies of gratitude as many customers have been able to buy Bibles or books at more affordable prices. We thank God for allowing us to be a blessing to His people.

NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

The region of North America and the Caribbean has continued to be a tale of two worlds in 2022. Canada and the USA continue to expand while our ministry on the Caribbean islands of Antigua, Barbados, Dominica and Trinidad & Tobago have continued to struggle.

CLC USA is seeing encouraging growth with its publishing while the Multi-Language Media department continues to grow in its distribution of books and Bibles in over 100 languages.

CLC Canada continues to minister mostly to the French-speaking population, predominantly in the province of Quebec. The Lord is opening more doors for CLC Canada to expand through their wholesale operations. This dedicated team is led by Fritz Joseph who is dynamic and seizing opportunities to grow the distribution.

The economies of the Caribbean islands are heavily dependent on tourism. We are thankful to know that the cruise ships are increasingly visiting the islands. This gives us hope that the locals will once again have the means to purchase important books and Bibles to continue to grow in their faith. Praise the Lord for generous donations which helped our ministry survive! We look forward to seeing what the Lord will accomplish in 2023!



Gary Chamberlin

*Regional Director for North America
& the Caribbean*

Antigua & Barbuda

Population: 100,489 (19.9% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1961
Ministry: 1 Bookshop
Manager: Arah Martin
Bestsellers: *KJV Bible, Prayers That Rout Demons*



The team

Our country has been struggling after Covid-19. The pandemic made a devastating impact on our economy, and on our island's main industry, which is tourism. Praise the Lord things are changing!

In the past month we have been having 12 or more cruise ship visits per week. The hotels are back in business, which indicates that most of our people are back to work. Prices have increased to some degree by over 7%.

We have been able to run sales promotions via Facebook and WhatsApp. Our sidewalk sales have allowed us to improve our financial situation, but not in a very significant way.

CLC is an important bookshop among the evangelical community in Antigua. Although some churches have their own supply of materials, we still provide the majority of the products. We have offered curbside sales and pickup because traffic in the city and parking close to the bookshop is challenging. This has meant that we take books and materials directly to parked customers.

Barbados

Population: 303,431 (34.2% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1957
Ministry: 1 Bookshop
Director: Marion Manning
Bestsellers: *The Waiting, Our Daily Bread Annual Devotional*

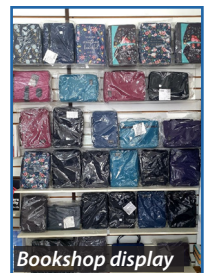


Inside the shop

Our bookstore ministry continued despite the economic challenges our small tourist-supported island faced during this period. The major difficulty we have faced is the high cost of replacing needed stock. By God's grace we have endeavoured to provide a wide selection of Bibles,

books and gift items even under these circumstances. We are very grateful for the financial and prayer support we received from the CLC worldwide fellowship and the donations from a foundation in the United States. In addition and in answer to prayer, one of our suppliers wrote off the entire total we owed for a 2021 consignment! We praise God for those suppliers who have demonstrated generosity, patience and sensitivity toward us in these past years of great difficulty.

Currently, we are praying for a positive response from the owner of a plot of land next door to the bookstore that would give us access to much-needed parking space for customers to park, which is currently unavailable to us. This would greatly impact our ministry in a very positive way. Thank you for praying with us!



Bookshop display

 **Canada**

Population: 38.5 million (7.7% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1944
Ministry: 3 Bookshops, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Director: Fritz-Gerald Joseph
Bestsellers: *Haitian Hymns of Hope*, *5 Love Languages*



Fritz-Gerald Joseph & Antoine Roberge

2022 was a year of some significant changes, including the team's transition to new leadership. The former CLC National Director, Antoine Roberge,

passed on the baton to Fritz Joseph. Rod Fowler, manager of our distribution and former National Director, retired. God provided a skilled manager to replace him. We praise the Lord for his provision and answer to our prayers.

2022 also turned out to be the most financially stable and profitable year for CLC in the past decade. This was mostly due to customers returning to the shops and the growth of our wholesale and website sales.

Another major event for CLC Canada was a new partnership with the Geneva Bible Society. In November 2022, we became the official distributor for this renowned publishing house. This move makes us the biggest French-speaking Christian book distributor in Canada. We thank God for this great privilege and opportunity to serve His people.



The team at a book fair


 **Dominica**

Population: 74,656 (16.8% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1947
Ministry: 1 Bookshop
Manager: Tajya Winston
Bestsellers: *God's General*, *Love Not the World*



Tajya Winston at the shop

2022 has been a challenging year. Many of our customers are not aware of our new location. Some have also shared that finding parking is not easy and that our location is not accessible, as we are situated on the second floor of a building.

Due to this, we have had a slower turnover of product and unsteady sales. Of course, the economy and the fact that many believers are struggling to maintain a vibrant and regular Christian walk with Jesus, have also been a challenge for Christian literature. All this affects our ability to maintain and meet customer demands on a regular basis.

We used Facebook as our main marketing platform and we have certainly attained positive results, but there is more room for growth.

A man recently visited the bookstore feeling discouraged. He overheard me (Tajya) talking to another customer. He was touched by the Lord via our conversation and was immediately encouraged. Praise Him! We truly need to make the word of the Lord part of our everyday expression.



Customer

Trinidad & Tobago:

Population: 1.4 million (20.2% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1951
Ministry: 3 Bookshops
Director: Sandra Robinson
Bestsellers: *Prayers that Rout Demons, The Seer*

2022 was extremely challenging. Our main prayer was for increased sales so that we could pay our expenses. We focused on selling older stock, a strategy that worked and kept us afloat. Praise the Lord, we made it through. He is faithful!

In August we made the difficult decision to close our mall location at Arima in the east of the country. This store had become unsustainable. The Lord guided us through the process. We were able to store the furniture and fixtures at the Port of Spain location and the manager has also been relocated to the Port of Spain store.

We praise God for a generous donation from a foundation in the USA which helped us to pay some invoices and to get in some new stock. Praise the Lord for His timely provision!

In October, we had the privilege of being part of the organizing committee and the ministry team at a women's prayer breakfast. Marsha led the worship ministry and Sandra ministered the Word of God. We also ministered to individual ladies and distributed Bibles. Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity!



Marsha (manager) & Paula from the Port of Spain shop



Aulene from the Port Mall Scarborough shop

United States:

Population: 339 million (28.9% Evangelical)
Date CLC work began: 1947
Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale
Leadership Team: Charles Hurd, James Pitman, Marcia Hartman
Bestsellers: *Sit, Walk, Stand; Jesus Calling*



Some of the team shipping off books to the Caribbean

We signed a publishing agreement with John MacArthur's Master's Seminary to publish a line of 20 books to be used in their Institute for the Christian Life. We also began the process of taking over production and distribution for

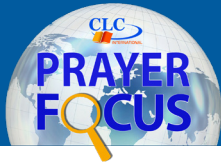
Christian Fellowship Publishers. We were able to replace most of the ageing roofs on our buildings in our efforts to continue renovating our facilities. We welcomed a new missionary, Amy Beevers, to serve in our editorial department.

Our Multi-Language Media department continues to grow and we are grateful to be able to help many missions, churches and individuals. We applied for, and have received, grants for overseas projects and for printing two foreign-language Bibles. We hired Bill Shultz as a sales representative for our publishing house and Dan Balow continued to work on finding good authors and manuscripts with a focus on book series.

We lost a couple of key staff people at the end of 2022, so that was a significant challenge. We are grateful that God has brought us the replacements we needed, and we have seen God's blessing in the changes.



Leadership team



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Week 22 - (June 1st to 4th) AFRICA

Thursday (1st) - Benin: We give glory to God that the owner of the premises of the bookstore we rent has abandoned his project to sell the property. The CLC bookshop is in a key location in the city. We continue to pray that the Lord will one day give us the miracle of owning our own premises at an affordable price.

Friday (2nd) - Benin: Please pray that the economic situation of the country will improve as the year progresses, and that many more customers will come back to the bookstore after the sharp decline during the Covid pandemic. Pray that we will be successful as we focus on connecting with customers and advertising on social networks.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Burkina Faso: We are grateful and praise God for touching the hearts of so many people to give funds for the purchase of a CLC vehicle. This is a real answer to prayer as it enables us to more easily attend conferences and visit churches for book tables, many of which are in distant locations.

Week 23 - (June 5th to 11th) AFRICA

Monday (5th) - Burkina Faso: Please continue to pray for our sales and for the availability of stock, much of which is imported from France. A lot of problems can occur during the importation process, so please pray that we can more easily and cheaply receive orders.

Tuesday (6th) - Ivory Coast: Please pray with us that the tax department will formally recognise our mode of operation as a non-profit organisation instead of as a commercial business. This has been an on-going issue regarding our registration which is a burden because of all the meetings we have with them. The tax implications would greatly impact our operations.

Wednesday (7th) - Ivory Coast: Pray for the staff and the bookshops that, with the Lord's help, we will attract customers who are thirsty for God and eager to reach spiritual maturity through Christian literature. Pray with us that the gospel will reach many people from other faiths, particularly one religious faith that has grown exponentially in recent years.

Thursday (8th) - Kenya: Please pray for our publishing house. We are in need of editors, proof readers and designers, as well as the funds to cover their costs, so we can serve more authors. Pray too about

book sales - we are at the point where we have the books, and the next phase is to increase the sales.

Friday (9th) - Kenya: The registration of CLC Kenya as an NGO has taken longer than we had planned. Please pray with us for a closure in 2023. We are also praying for positive feedback for a grant proposal we submitted to enable us to run our authors' programme, ACABA. We thank God that CLC's impact through the programme is taking shape and touching many lives.

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Mozambique: In Mozambique storms, cyclones and flooding are getting more severe and droughts are also more frequent. As a result people are losing their homes and livelihoods. This means books and Bibles are becoming a luxury product that many can't afford. Pray for these people, and for our Bible outreach projects among those who need the encouragement of God's Word most.

Week 24 - (June 12th to 18th) AFRICA/ASIA

Monday (12th) - Mozambique: As Mozambique does not have any publishers of Christian books, most of our stock is ordered from Brazil. Due to the complexity of this ordering process, we can only do this a few times a year. Please pray that our attempts to consolidate shipments in Brazil with a Brazilian publisher will reduce costs considerably and will speed up the process.

Tuesday (13th) - Sierra Leone: Please pray for the speedy completion of the new CLC Bo bookshop building. Thank God for the provision of funds so far, and pray that God will supply the rest of our needs. Pray too for Matthew and Isatta Ndojeh who run the CLC ministry in Bo as they plan and prepare to move from the current bookshop.

Wednesday (14th) - India: Praise God for advance for CLC/ELS India. A long-awaited building project, for a bookshop and additional facilities, has commenced on land owned by ELS in Chennai. A ground-breaking ceremony and prayer for the land took place in March. Please pray for God's guidance in this, and that provision will continue to come in for the project.

Thursday (15th) - India: In addition to the major building project in Chennai, ELS India has other projects in mind and is looking at possibilities to open a bookshop further afield. Please pray for God's guidance and direction as the potential for



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opening a bookshop in Nepal is considered.

Friday (16th) - Indonesia: Praise God that we have a new bookshop in Manado, the capital city of North Sulawesi. It is not in the city centre but we trust and pray that, despite its location, many people will visit. Please pray for creativity for our staff as we promote this new shop, especially as there are a good number of Christians in Manado.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Indonesia: Praise God for the opportunity to work together with pastors and evangelists to distribute large quantities of Gospel tracts to many people. Some of these are shared in public areas such as markets, railway stations and bus terminals. Pray that the Lord will open the eyes and hearts of those who receive these tracts.

Week 25 - (June 19th to 25th) ASIA

Monday (19th) - Japan: Please pray that the CLC Karashidan bookshop in Kyoto, will continue to be a channel of blessings to many people. Pray for the shop manager Takashi (Thomas) Sakaoka. Pray too that a good connection with the CLC fellowship internationally will be maintained. At the time of writing, Gary Chamberlin and Romualdo Macinas were scheduled to visit Kyoto earlier this month.

Tuesday (20th) - Myanmar: Pray for the country's political, social, and economic stability. The inflation rate is still very high. In the midst of the difficulties please pray for the CLC work, that it would continue to grow and develop. Pray too for our staff, who are committed to the literature ministry.

Wednesday (21st) - Myanmar: Praise the Lord for the second bookshop in Yangon. This has been a desire for some time and in February it became a reality. The shop is in an area where there are a number of churches and some Bible colleges. Please pray for this new venture, and for the manager, Ms Kim, and her volunteer helpers.

Thursday (22nd) - Pakistan: Due to the country's extreme inflation rate, the lives of the people and, as a consequence, the sales in the bookshop have been very much affected. Please pray for the country's economy and pray for God's provision for the CLC/ELS ministry. Pray also that this situation will prompt people to seek the truth - Jesus.

Friday (23rd) - Pakistan: Praise God, we are finally launching our ELS website. At the time of writing,

the process is underway. We are also considering opening another branch of CLC/ELS Pakistan. We would like to open in Lahore in the Province of Punjab. Please pray with us as we work on this project.

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Philippines: We have a project to publish a Bible. Please pray that God will guide us to the right version that would be suitable for the Philippine and Asian market. We also need to get the rights to publish, and trust the Lord for the financial provision especially as the ministry is financially challenged at this time.

Week 26 - (June 26th to July 2nd) ASIA/EUROPE

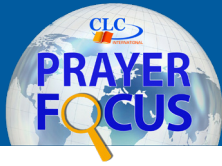
Monday (26th) - Philippines: It is our goal to buy a property or some land, possibly in Malolos but we are open to other locations. Please pray for God's direction and provision, since rental these days is so expensive, and to run a physical shop is increasingly challenging. The best way forward, for future growth, is to invest in property as it increases in value over time.

Tuesday (27th) - South Korea: Our vacation season starts in July and our staff will be taking holidays. Although this is a slower season for us, we still have manuscripts that need to be ready before for the autumn semester begins. Also, we hope to sell many children's books during the Vacation Bible School season. Please pray that we would use our time wisely.

Wednesday (28th) - South Korea: We start one of our busiest times of the year in August. We have many text books that will be released, and we will be taking orders from theological seminaries. Please pray we will be ready for the autumn semester sales and distribution, and that the Lord will give us strength and patience for all the work involved.

Thursday (29th) - Thailand: CLC Thailand was badly affected by Covid. Sales decreased significantly and we ask for prayer that they will increase again. Please pray also for the very serious pollution problem we have in Chiang Mai, where thousands of people have been suffering from respiratory issues since the beginning of the year. Pray for God's protection for us.

Friday (30th) - Thailand: The team is inexperienced with social media, and we don't have anyone who can take charge of this. Please pray that God will



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send us the right person who can help us. We also want to increase our presence on third party websites such as Shopee and Lazada, providing good quality online customer service.

The Weekend (1st - 2nd) - Bulgaria: Please pray for our staff member Ginka and her husband Kراسи who is experiencing some new health problems, in addition to his long-term illness. This, understandably, makes the work and home-life balance more difficult for Ginka.

Week 27 - (July 3rd to 9th) EUROPE

Monday (3rd) - Central Asia 1: This year the authorities of our country are introducing many changes to the tax law. Please pray that we can quickly and safely bring everything into line with the new tax regulations.

Tuesday (4th) - Central Asia 1: We have been praying for more customers and sales, in part because of the situation with all the free books that are distributed in churches. Last year, visits to the bookstore increased with new regular customers, for which we thank God! Please pray that this will continue.

Wednesday (5th) - Central Asia 2: At the time of writing we are remodelling the bookshop. We are separating off a section of the property to rent out. In addition, as required, we are applying for the building to be re-zoned to commercial rather than residential use. Please pray for this project that it will be completed well, and serve as a financial help for our ministry.

Thursday (6th) - Cyprus: In July and August, we hope to be able to hold some book tables at Summer Camps and also at Book Fairs in November. Please pray that the Lord will give us the strength needed, safety in travel, and that many books and Bibles will be sold that will impact lives.

Friday (7th) - Cyprus: Between us we, Sotos and Eva Photiades, have been managing the bookshop in Cyprus for almost 39 years and we continue to do so although we are now long past retirement age. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the right person to carry on the CLC ministry in the future.

The Weekend (8th - 9th) - Eastern Europe 1: In November 2023 we will be celebrating 30 years of CLC ministry in our country. Praise the Lord! Currently we are doing some renovation work on the shop which we hope will be ready in time for the anniversary. We are also thinking of ideas, and making plans, for possible events to hold in November.

Week 28 - (July 10th to 16th) EUROPE

Monday (10th) - Eastern Europe 1: Please pray for our staffing situation. Two part-time members are retirement age, and the Director is also covering as the accountant. Younger and creative staff would be welcome. We need someone to run the publishing, and a head of accounts to free up the Director for other commitments, including a lot of paperwork due to the laws and regulations we have to fulfill.

Tuesday (11th) - France: As we renovate our bookshop in Montpellier this summer, we want to take time to think about the needs of our customers these days, and what changes we should consider. Every customer should have the possibility to sit down, relax and take time to read in the shop. We need inspiration from the Lord. Thank you for praying with us on this issue.

Wednesday (12th) - France: Please pray for a project we are considering to make secondhand books available to our customers. We know this could help some Christians who cannot afford new books, but the way to acquire, stock and sell this kind of book is different. We will need to work out the best way to arrange this - in the bookshops and on the internet.

Thursday (13th) - Germany: Please pray for strength and good health for our small team as we plan and prepare for the busy months at the end of the year. From July, we start receiving extra stock, including pallets of scripture calendars, to label and store in our cellar ready to be brought out again for display.

Friday (14th) - Germany: Please pray for our publishers, and the books we sell. This includes both books translated into German and, importantly, books by German authors that are appropriate to our own culture. We need authors who can explain the Gospel to the younger generation as many of our older titles are not so appealing to them.

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Hungary: Praise God sales in 2022 were extremely good, which helped us to stabilise our finances. May this continue in 2023! Please pray for wisdom in our decisions, such as what titles to reprint and publish this year. Also, we need to focus more on online marketing. We now have a part-time helper concentrating on this, and we have to work out a good marketing strategy.



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Week 29 - (July 17th to 23rd) EUROPE

Monday (17th) - Italy: Please pray for the activities of the publishing house. Since the previous manager left, the responsibility for this has been taken on by Ivano Cramerotti, who is also the National Director. Pray that God would give him the knowledge and the wisdom to keep this crucial aspect of the ministry going, and growing.

Tuesday (18th) - Italy: Pray for Nicola Pulvirenti, the manager of the CLC warehouse in Catania. This very important department is the 'nerve centre' for CLC Italy as all the goods pass through it: the orders for the bookshops, Internet orders, Amazon orders and orders for other retailers.

Wednesday (19th) - Netherlands: In June we celebrated 40 years of CLC in Apeldoorn. We are thankful to God that He has sustained us over the years, and for the people who have been blessed by our ministry. We held a special event for this occasion. Pray with us that all the events we organise may have a positive impact on the local Christian community.

Thursday (20th) - Netherlands: We are very aware that despite our hard work we depend on God's blessing. We see positive developments in our sales, but we need more for a healthy business operation. We look not only for the necessary income, but also trust that every extra Bible, book or item we can sell will have a positive impact in people's lives.

Friday (21st) - Poland: Please pray for our customers – that more people would come in to buy good books and apply the content in their lives. Pray too for an increase in people who are hungry for the Gospel to visit the bookshop.

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Poland: Pray for our publishing operations. Only three titles have been published since 2020 due to the pandemic and our involvement in the Ukraine publishing project. This has had a significant impact on sales. We would like to publish 5-6 titles per year to improve the situation. Please pray with us as we address this issue.

Week 30 - (July 24th to 30th) EUROPE

Monday (24th) - Portugal: As a small team we are looking at the possibility of having two full-time staff instead of the current one full-time and one

half-time member. Pray for us that we would have wisdom to keep working with a mission vision, and in line with God's will.

Tuesday (25th) - Portugal: Please pray for the ordering and importation of Bibles and books from Brazil which starts at the end of July and into August. We rely on this arriving in time for the Christmas period in particular. We are grateful for good sales in recent years even when not all the stock ordered was available.

Wednesday (26th) - Romania: We praise the Lord for His help concerning our need for new workers. We still need His provision for someone to replace Eunice Bugaian as she plans to move forward with her education and apply for University.

Thursday (27th) - Romania: We praise the Lord for His help concerning our computer servers and all the work related to the setting up of the new IT equipment, and the broken cash register. We are also thankful to have been able to distribute such a huge quantity of literature in Ukrainian, which seemed at times to be almost an impossibility for us!

Friday (28th) - Russia: Please pray for the current difficult situation in the country, and for an end to the war. Pray for the safety and for the ongoing work of the CLC ministry in Moscow.

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - Russia: Many Russian publishers are experiencing difficulties. Some have gone out of business. Please pray for the Lord to have mercy, and that there would be help and provision for the Russian Christian publishers and product suppliers in order to keep the Gospel message available.

Week 31 - (July 31st to August 6th) EUROPE/L. AMERICA

Monday (31st) - Switzerland: This year we have noticed a drop in sales. Please pray that we will find more ways to promote Bibles and books that would bless believers in Switzerland. We thank God for recent opportunities to hold book tables. As we don't work from a physical bookshop it is good to be able to serve people in this way.

Tuesday (1st) - United Kingdom: Please pray for the development and expansion of our warehouse in Chester with the building of a second mezzanine floor. The installation itself will cause a lot of disruption.



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tion, but it will be a major addition to our operation.

Wednesday (2nd) - United Kingdom: We want to develop relationships with publishing partners that share our vision to see people turning to Christ and growing in their relationship with Him. Please pray with us for wisdom as we take these decisions.

Thursday (3rd) - Chile: We are looking for a new distribution centre. Please pray with us that God would give us wisdom in decision making, that we would find a suitable location and that we would know whether to purchase or rent the property. Please pray too for the training of new workers who will be able to continue the mission of CLC in the coming years.

Friday (4th) - Colombia: In the second half of 2023 we are planning to open a new bookshop in the city of Bucaramanga in northeast Colombia. Please pray for all the arrangements required for this to happen. We will also need to relocate an experienced member of the team to manage the bookshop, and train up someone new as an assistant.

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Colombia: In September we will be hosting a meeting of the CLC Directors from countries in Latin America, North America and the Caribbean. Around 14 countries will be represented. Please pray for the arrangements and plans for this event which is scheduled for the 25th to 29th in Bogota.

Week 32 - (August 7th to 13th) LATIN AMERICA

Monday (7th) - Ecuador: Please pray for Ecuador. We experienced severe flooding earlier this year, affecting many places including our building project in Guayaquil. As a result there was also a huge mountain landslide that caused many deaths. Also, at the time of writing, volcano Cotopaxi, in the Andes mountain range, is showing signs of growing activity.

Tuesday (8th) - Ecuador: Please pray with us as we are looking to the Lord for provision in order to purchase two vehicles for the ministry - one for CLC in Quito and the other for CLC in Guayaquil.

Wednesday (9th) - Mexico: May the Lord give us wisdom to make the best decision regarding the location in which we are currently operating in Mexico City. We are looking at the option of moving all our activities, possibly in August, or to continue to expand as a distributor where we are and

look for a better situated location for the bookshop.

Thursday (10th) - Mexico: We thank the Lord for our international suppliers. We pray for the further provision of funds and we thank the publishers for their grace as we would like to finish meeting our financial commitments. We are considerably reducing our debts and that encourages us!

Friday (11th) - Panama: At the time of writing, we have been planning to establish a bookshop in Santiago during the months of June, July and August. Please pray for this project that, with God's direction and provision, it will be accomplished and be a blessing in this city.

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Panama: CLC Panama will be participating in the National Book Fair to be held August 15th to 20th. It is a major occasion for the country and this will be the first one after the pandemic. We ask for prayer that the Lord will provide us with everything we need for this event, and that we will be able to reach out to many people.

Week 33 - (August 14th to 20th) LATIN AMERICA/ THE CARIBBEAN

Monday (14th) - Peru: Sharon Jones, a missionary from the UK, is the Director of Buena Tierra, the CLC publishing operation in Peru. She is currently on home leave for six months to spend time with family, friends and churches. Please pray that this will be a time to renew her strength physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray too for the ongoing ministry of Buena Tierra during Sharon's absence.

Tuesday (15th) - Peru: We thank God that interest in Sunday school materials is increasing. This has allowed us to reach not only churches but also some schools. We see the Lord's hand in this after years of work to be able to distribute these resources more widely. Please pray that this outreach will continue to grow and that relationships with churches and schools will strengthen.

Wednesday (16th) - Uruguay: At the time of writing we are we are looking to change our accounting and sales programme. Please pray that the Lord will guide us as we look for the best option - and implement it.

Thursday (17th) - Venezuela: We ask for the Lord's help regarding the finances of the ministry. We pray for improved purchasing power for our customers, and for strategies that will help us to in-



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crease our sales. We are facing steep increases in taxes and operating expenses in our bookstores this year.

Friday (18th) - Venezuela: We pray that the Lord will raise up a new group of co-workers as some staff have left the country and others have taken up different jobs. We need suitable, passionate people to work with us on a part-time basis because our staff numbers are reduced. Also, we don't have enough cover for when staff are unwell or on holiday.

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Antigua & Barbuda: We praise God that we are finally beginning to see small signs of improvement in the national economy since cruise ships are returning and hotels have more guests. Please pray for the economy to flourish again and that the local believers will come back to the shop to find the books and Bibles that will encourage them in their faith.

Week 34 - (August 21st to 27th) NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Monday (21st) - Antigua & Barbuda: Please pray with us as we try to be more creative in reaching out to the people and churches of our beautiful country. Pray that our initiative to do more promotions, on the streets and at book tables in churches, will make our CLC shop better known. Pray too for the effective use of social media platforms.

Tuesday (22nd) - Barbados: Please pray with us for a positive response from the owner of an area of land next door to the CLC bookstore, which would give us access to much needed space for customers and the public to park. This is something we have wanted, and prayed about, for almost 20 years and we hope to see this become a reality soon.

Wednesday (23rd) - Canada: We praise the Lord with grateful hearts for the legacy of CLC Canada. The ministry has been established here for 70 years now. CLC has been serving the Christian community and thrives through it all. We are forever grateful for the hand of the Lord that has been sustaining us and providing us with exciting opportunities to expand our ministry.

Thursday (24th) - Canada: A lot of changes are happening in the organisation of CLC Canada. We are relocating our warehouse; our current warehouse manager is retiring; we have a new partnership with the Geneva Bible Society to distribute

their products in Canada; and we will celebrate 70 years of CLC. Please pray for this time of transition.

Friday (25th) - Dominica: The CLC ministry is the Lord's and we look to him to meet all our needs. I, the store manager, prayed for volunteers and the Lord answered. I prayed for more customers, and for more sales, and the Lord answered. Therefore, I will continue to pray and praise Him for his goodness. I appreciate your prayers for CLC Dominica.

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Dominica: Praise God for sustaining us through the difficult period of the pandemic. We have received significant prayer support and generous donations which have helped us to remain open to continue this vital ministry. Please pray with us for more opportunities to do book tables at churches in the coming months.

Week 35 - (August 28th to 31st) NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Monday (28th) - Trinidad & Tobago: We praise God for using CLC USA to supply us with over 600 Bibles and Study Bibles of various versions free of charge. In addition, we received a very generous donation of \$7,500. This came just when our bank account was very low. We thank God for divine favour at the right time.

Tuesday (29th) - Trinidad & Tobago: Please pray for us as we explore new initiatives and marketing strategies, including social media platforms. We need wisdom in marketing our resources, and in communicating to many people the life-changing materials we are offering in our shops, book tables in churches, and at conferences.

Wednesday (30th) - United States: Praise God for His faithfulness to CLC USA. Recently we had a turnover of some of our key workers, sometimes unexpectedly. Though it was very challenging, we thank God for the provision of helpers when we needed them. At the time of writing we are looking for someone to assist our maintenance worker who is recovering from knee surgery.

Thursday (31st) - United States: Please pray for our publishing activities which focus primarily on Deeper Life titles. In this time of high inflation it is important for us to be able to keep costs down as much as possible, particularly printing costs. We want our titles to also be affordable. Pray with us for our publishing and marketing efforts, and that the lives of readers will be blessed.

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