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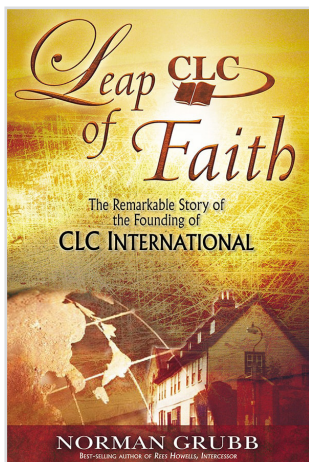
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By Norman Grubb

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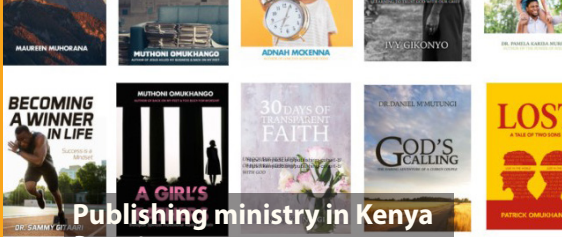
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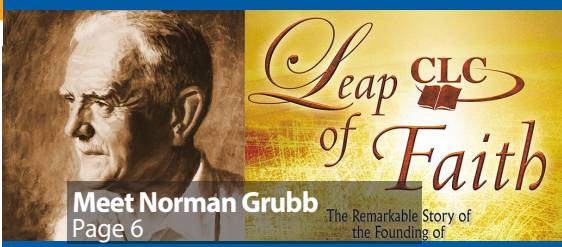
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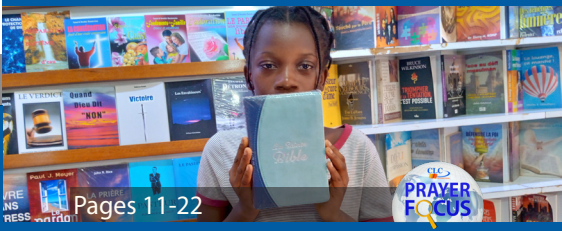
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Dear CLC Friends,

I know I am not impartial, but CLCers are truly amazing people! I am convinced you will see plenty of concrete examples of this as you read through the current issue of CLC World and the Prayer Focus.

Mercy Muthoni and her dedicated team of mostly volunteers in Nairobi, Kenya are developing an inspiring ministry of encouraging and mentoring African authors. With a strong sense of the Lord's calling, they are helping authors to find their voice - African authors writing for African readers, and beyond!

The ministry of Buena Tierra publishing in Lima, Peru, overseen by Sharon Jones, is having a tangible impact in the lives of thousands of children in Latin America. Her enthusiasm is infectious, as is her love for the Lord and her amazing ability to share the Gospel message with children.

Praise the Lord for this CLC global ministry, sustained by God since 1941. What an honour it is to serve the Lord through the distribution of the Scriptures and excellent Christian books in 44 countries! Our passion is to see people in all countries come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and to mature in their faith.

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support of CLC International and of the various projects the Lord has put into our hearts in countries like India, Panama, Peru and Sierra Leone.

Gary Chamberlin,
CLC International Director

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Publishing Ministry in Kenya

It all started by 'accident.'

by Mercy Muhtoni, CLC Kenya Director

Nelly Kagoru and Mercy Muthoni at a CLC Kenya authors' training event

How it all Started

CLC Kenya's publishing started by 'accident.' We received our Print on Demand facility in 2015 and we thought the core assignment would be to print international books we had bought rights for.

God had other plans. International books would form just one part of God's plan. Within two years, we had received a lot of inquiries from local authors to assist them print a few copies on demand.

While printing these requests, we realised that local authors had skipped several publishing steps compared to the other international books we had. So we offered to assist in fixing those issues.

In 2017 our Publishing House was born with four published authors. Between then and 2023, we have served 900 authors in 13 countries by the time of writing.



A Journey from Discouraged Writer to Published Author

by Nelly Kagoru, author of Accountability – A Biblical Principle

I take this opportunity to thank CLC Kenya/ACABA for the amazing support accorded to me through my journey as an author. This started way back in 2018 when I reached out to CLC with a manuscript that I was very confident was solid enough to be published. I submitted my manuscript and went away positive that the feedback and green light to publish would follow.

To my shock and dismay, the manuscript was declared substandard. I was distraught and discouraged, but thank God for Muthoni [Mercy] from CLC Kenya/ACABA who held my hand and promised to walk me through the journey. Indeed, they were faithful to the core and even exceeded my expectation.

Through CLC Kenya/ACABA I have attended several amazing workshops and mentorship sessions that have helped me grow as an author. These workshops have empowered me in areas such as becoming an author, the process and stages of getting a book published, marketing strategies and more. All of which has helped me to make great sales and has also opened other doors for me



Nelly Kagoru

to minister to others.

By God's grace, in 2021 my book *Accountability – A Biblical Principle* won the book content of the year award! This was an excellent surprise and has inspired me both as an individual and an author with potential.

I take this opportunity to say kudos to the entire CLC Kenya/ACABA team. Your passion, perfection, personal touch, and professionalism as you serve the Body of Christ, are admirable. Keep up the excellent work! Your assignment is divine and will help transform this continent and beyond with Christian literature while nurturing African Christian authors to arise!



Barnabas & Grace Achoki

"Where's the book?"

by Barnabas Achoki, author of *Navigating the Storm* and *Marriage, Thistles & Flowers*

My wife and I have been working in marriage & relationship counselling and coaching for the past ten years.

With time God has favoured us to be in the media, and to be speakers in married couples' retreats, seminars and workshops. Our work has grown to the point that we are now one of the leading couple therapists in Kenya.

People call us an authority in marriage and relationship matters. Oftentimes, when we were invited to speak, people asked us if we had written any books. The question, "Where's the book?"

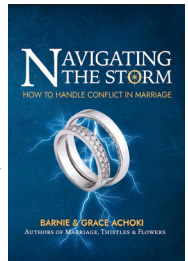
bothered me. I always thought that writing a book was a herculean task until we came to CLC. Unlike me, my wife had always believed that we could do it. One afternoon she suggested we go see Muthoni [Mercy], whom I had met because our children were doing the same curriculum. I had no clue what she did, but that afternoon, after talking



with her, we saw all the possibilities. We quickly collected all the articles we had done for our weekly column in a local newspaper and gave them to Muthoni. Just like that, CLC helped us compile those articles

into chapters, and our first book *Marriage, Thistles & Flowers* was born.

That was the spark I needed. The following year we embarked on our second book. Lo and behold, CLC suggested that the book be expanded to add a workbook on navigating conflict in marriage and include "His" & "Her" journals. The book which won the ACABA award in the family & marriage category has given us a boost to our already great influence in this area. Many church groups and couples are now using the book thanks to CLC.



God bless the wonderful staff at CLC for the good job they are doing. It's hard to summarize CLC's impact on our lives!

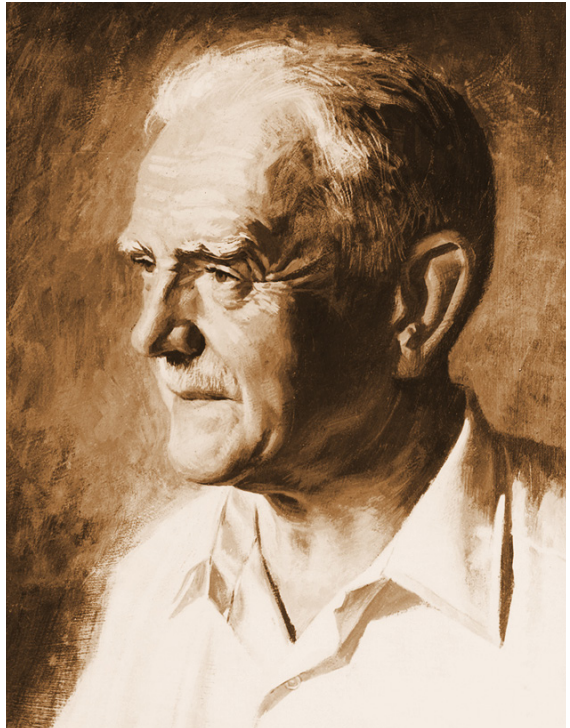


“We ought to have these Christian bookstores scattered all over the place – sort of like spiritual Woolworths up and down the country,” said CLC author and then-General Secretary of WEC International, Norman Grubb, in 1941.

That statement blossomed to eventually lead to the current ministry of CLC as God united one organization sold out to the work of literature evangelism and the other with a Gospel vision for the whole world. The story of the founding of CLC is beautifully told by Grubb in the book *Leap of Faith*. Grubb had served as a missionary with WEC in the Congo before becoming General Secretary of WEC where he was instrumental in developing CLC’s worldwide vision alongside Ken and Bessie Adams.

Grubb’s books include *Rees Howells*, *Intercessor* written in 1952, which continues to be in CLC USA’s top five best-sellers 70 years later! Do you desire a deeper and more effective prayer life? The story of Rees Howells will amaze, convict and challenge you.

He also wrote the thrilling biography of *CT Studd*, a top cricket player in England who left the glory of the sporting world to go to Africa for the glory of God and who founded the mission of WEC International. This book has challenged many



MEET
Norman Grubb, CLC author

by Jim Pitman & Marcia Hartman, CLC USA

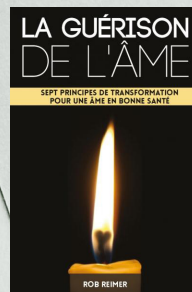
to stake everything they have on following Christ.

Alongside these powerful biographies, Grubb wrote the small but compelling book *Continuous Revival*. In this book, you will follow Grubb as he takes you through his own experiences and the effect on his life of the brokenness and ongoing personal revival he found as a result of his exposure to the revival movement in Rwanda, Africa in 1950. You can read and learn the working secret which brought continuous revival to thousands!

Grubb moved to the USA in 1957, retired from WEC in 1965, and continued to live and work in his house on the CLC USA property until he passed away in 1993.

Éditions CLC France

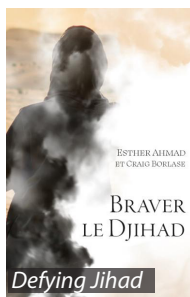
Behind the scenes
by CLC World staff



The CLC ministry has been blessed with the opportunity to publish books in various languages in many different countries. We frequently engage with publishing houses to obtain language rights for specific books, which enables us to publish them in other languages. This also allows us to undertake distribution projects like the “Jesus Bible for Everyone” in Spanish and the “Books for Ukraine” initiative. Through the latter, we were able to print and distribute thousands of Ukrainian books both in Ukraine and to refugees across Europe. We thank the Lord for this special opportunity we have as a ministry.

One of the biggest publishing houses in the CLC family is *Éditions CLC France*, currently carrying over 200 book titles. *Defying Jihad* is a notable recent release, originally published in English and now available to French readers. Hervé Lessous (Director, CLC Europe) shared the story behind this publication, which began during a discussion of various books in a CLC Europe publishing meeting a few years ago. *Defying Jihad* stood out as a good and unique addition to the French market, with a testimony that deeply touched everyone’s hearts.

Not long after, Hervé met with Tyndale partners at the Frankfurt Book Fair, the largest book fair in the world. As a result,



CLC obtained the PDF of the book to review before making a final decision to publish it, ultimately signing a contract with Tyndale a few months after the initial meeting.

The book was eventually published in French, in 2022. It tells the captivating true story of a young woman from Pakistan who encountered Jesus just as she was about to leave as a militant jihadist. Denis, a bookseller at CLC Grenoble (France), devoured the book within two days and then was thrilled to share its magnificent contents with customers at the bookshop.

Please pray for our publishing ministry. Each country is constantly searching for books to publish in its own language, and we need divine wisdom to discern which ones to choose. Thank you for supporting us in prayer!





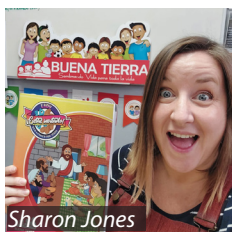
“That’s just another problem God will have to solve” God answering prayers in Buena Tierra

by Sharon Jones, Editorial Buena Tierra (CLC Peru)

You’re invited! Come and eat with Jesus training

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” (Joshua 3:5)

Joshua tells us of a momentous moment in the journey of the Israelites, a moment they were commanded to remember and share with future generations. What do we imagine they felt like as they faced a flooded River Jordan? Have you ever felt like that as you faced something that seemed impossible and overwhelming? Well in Buena Tierra, I recently had an experience just like this that I want to remember and share with others!



Providing quality curriculum and training for teaching the Bible to kids is at the heart of the Buena Tierra vision. However, for five years, we had not been able to write anything new. Then, last year in 2022, we took a step of faith and began preparing a new Holiday Bible Club manual. It was based on five stories from Luke

and called, *You’re invited! Come and eat with Jesus*. A book based around food is perfect for Peru, where their gastronomy is glorious!

I was working with a small team of Peruvians who had little to no experience of writing but, with the gracious help of God and their willingness to learn and be used by Him, we planned lessons and created resources. I was feeling positive until the deadline rapidly approached.

***“..When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.”
Joshua 3:8***

I realised I was like Joshua, standing before a raging river. The book unfinished, the graphic design late, the songs in progress, the training events not in the diary, the website a blank screen ... it all felt overwhelming and impossible. Then God gave me the above verse from Joshua. So, I consecrated the work to Him. We prayed and worked as much as we could. We put our feet at the edge of the river.



Prepping for training

Praise God, the printed books arrived on the very date I had put in the diary as the last possible day for getting them!

We organised 17 training dates in churches across Peru during December and January. God gave me a target of reaching 1,000 teachers and selling 300 books. It felt big but attainable, until ...

On the second day of our training, the country descended into chaos after a failed political coup. There were protests and road blocks. Entire cities were shut off. We had to trust, as we kept our feet in the river, that God would keep it dry around us.

“That’s just another problem God will have to solve”, became my catchphrase! And He did! We saw roads opened, protection in difficult places and provision for travel. There was a hunger to use the material in churches and communities across the country.

Suddenly, I was able to look behind me and see a dry river. That said, one colleague remarked, after seeing how God had helped with every obstacle, that it was like He had given us a bridge over the river instead! In the end, we discovered we had trained 1,094 teachers and sold 550 books! God then gave me an appropriate new verse, from Psalm 126:3, “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

**Buena Tierra is part of the ministry of CLC Peru*



Training session



Buena Tierra training team



Participants



AFRICA Kéké Project Update

We praise the Lord as the Sierra Leone Kéké Outreach Project is on the road! We want to thank everyone who donated to make this venture a reality and to the team in Sierra Leone. We are thankful for the stock of Bibles we received from Kingsway CLC Trust, CLC USA, and several publishers. We are now able to have the Bible and other Christian resources delivered to the villages, towns, churches, and marketplaces. Praise the Lord!

PLEASE PRAY as we continue to distribute resources using the Kéké.

LATIN AMERICA New Bookshop in Colombia

CLC Colombia has opened a new bookshop in the city of Bucaramanga, located in north-central Colombia. The shop was not officially “open for business,” but while they were stocking it, the team received its first customer! We praise the Lord for this new opportunity to share his Word in this city.

PLEASE PRAY for our team, as they get the shop up and running. Pray this new shop will be a light in the city of Bucaramanga.



First customer at the new shop



Inside the shop



Romualdo Macinas (Asia Regional Director) & Justin Chellappan (ELS Director)

ASIA New Building Project in Chennai

Gary Chamberlin (CLC International Director) writes, “CLC-ELS India has 23 bookshops, wholesale and publishing activities. Now they are constructing a new building in Chennai! The building project will include a large shop, a conference room, sleeping rooms to host visitors, and a parking area. It’s a big project, and our CLC colleagues in India need our prayers and support.”

PLEASE PRAY for this large and dynamic team and for the ELS Director, Justin Chellappan.



September 1st - 3rd

Week 35 - (Continued) North America & The Caribbean



Tajya Winston, manager of CLC Dominica

Friday (1st) - Dominica

Please pray for a continued growing awareness of the bookstore, especially with the hope of “going mobile” from September 2023. The idea is to visit churches at the weekend and to drive around some of the villages, selling our books and Bibles and presenting the evangelistic message of Christ.

The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Dominica

Please pray for improved financial health for the ministry, which will necessarily involve quick turnover and being able to purchase new and desirable stock for the peak seasons ahead. We want to keep up to date with our supplier payments! Also, please pray for wisdom in working together with God to reach souls during the rest of this year.

September 4th - 10th

Week 36 - Francophone Africa

Monday (4th) - Benin

We believe that the Lord is kind and able to work miracles. That is why we continually ask for prayer that CLC Benin may acquire its own property in order to avoid future rent and other associated challenges. Meanwhile, the national economy continues to be critical. Please pray with us that conditions will improve in the very near future.

Tuesday (5th) - Ivory Coast

Please join me in thanking God for His grace and protection and ask Him to continue to keep my family and our small CLC Bouaké team in good health so we may have continued strength to do



Marie, CLC Bouaké

the work. Also pray for some “surprise sales” as we approach the end of the rainy season (June to October) as this is usually a “lean” period.



CLC Abidjan team

Wednesday (6th) - Ivory Coast

We give thanks to God for our European suppliers (including CLC France!) who help us with our stock requirements. We ask His blessing upon them all, and we pray for His wisdom as we place our orders for the festive season. Please ask that our books will arrive in time and that customs constraints will be eased. May we be able to satisfy our customers and make good sales.

Thursday (7th) - Ivory Coast

We ask for God’s blessing on two members of our team who have recently left CLC Abidjan: Ms Coulibaly (part time), who wants to focus on youth activities and promoting her album, and Adelphe (full time), who helped us a lot with our social networking. Please pray for Carine and Dieudonné, their replacements, that they will integrate successfully into the CLC ministry.

Friday (8th) - Burkina Faso

We thank God for His protection despite numerous acts of terrorism in our land. We rejoice that the bookshop is still open, and, although we have experienced some decline in sales this year, we do have customers. Pray for a complete end to terrorism in Burkina so that people may return to their villages. At present, the big cities are the places of refuge.



A young customer with a Bible

The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Burkina Faso

Please pray with us for the availability of relevant stock, especially study Bibles that can lead to good sales. Pray for God’s financial provision for our would-be customers so that they may purchase the resources they need. Pray for our pastors to be faithful readers and to encourage their congregations to read as well.

September 11th - 17th

Week 37 - Europe

Monday (11th) - Germany

In September, we plan to send out a sizeable catalogue with lots of special recommendations for our customers. There are many new titles that have been released, so please pray that our customers will be able to choose the books that God will use to especially bless them.

Tuesday (12th) - Germany

This autumn we will offer a number of late evenings in our bookshop to reach busy people who cannot easily visit us during the day. We have done this many times before, and we experienced some good and meaningful talks with customers who found many things they needed. Pray that we may always be sensitive to our customers’ needs.

Wednesday (13th) - Central Asia 2

At the time of writing (in July), we are hoping to acquire a renter for the other side of our property by August or September. Having tenants is new for us, so please pray for wisdom in dealing with the government documents and in structuring the new relationship. Pray

also that the business renting the other side of our building will do well and stay there for a long time.

Thursday (14th) - Central Asia 2

At the time of writing, a new manager is in training for our bookshop. Please pray that the new manager and team will be able to more fully focus on making Christian books available once we have rent money coming in. We hope that this will mean that we will not need to stock so many secular books to help cover our costs.

Friday (15th) - Switzerland

Subsequent to a decrease in our sales, we are evaluating new ways to reach customers. One way is through a *Google Ads* campaign. However, this is something that must be very well prepared in order to have the desired result without incurring too many expenses. Please pray with us for wisdom and knowledge to do this in the best way possible.

The Weekend (16th - 17th) - United Kingdom

Through the summer months, we have been preparing for the installation of our print-on-demand equipment by building a mezzanine floor inside our warehouse. As we move into the autumn, we trust this will become operational, allowing us to print books on site. Please pray for this significant advance.

September 18th - 24th

Week 38 - Latin America



Monday (18th) - Colombia

We thank God for the continuation of our partnership with the Thompson Bible Institute through which 942 leaders and pastors were trained in the effective use of the Thompson Bible in the first half of this year. Please pray with us that we may reach the goal of 2,000 trained users by the end of this year.

Tuesday (19th) - Peru

From now until June 2024, we plan to strengthen our mobile ministry to attend schools, seminars and church events. We ask for your prayers that God will continue to guide us and to open doors for us. Also, that when people come to our bookshop with their spiritual needs, we may be ready with the right words from God and the right book to help them.

Wednesday (20th) - Peru

Last month, CLC Peru was privileged to attend a three-day event for 500 women. This was organised by the churches of Tingo Maria, a city near the Peruvian Amazon. Please pray that the books distributed will be a blessing and that the presentation of the CLC ministry will bear fruit.

Thursday (21st) - Ecuador

Please pray for us as we will be present with a stand at the secular International Book Fair in the city of Guayaquil from September 21st to 24th. Also, this is the "Month of the Bible" and so we will celebrate this by the giving of some Bible donations to support the churches. Usually, September is our best sales month in the entire year.

Friday (22nd) - Ecuador

Please pray for spiritual strength for all our bookshop managers and departmental heads as well as for their families. Also, please pray for our CLC Ecuador managers' meeting in October when we will evaluate the results of strategies implemented in the previous months and plan the strategies for the last quarter and (especially) for Christmas.

The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Americas Regional Conference

The CLC North and South Americas Region is meeting for fellowship and training from September 25th to 29th in Bogotá, Colombia. Please pray that the 30+ delegates from 14 different countries (including Latin America, Canada, the USA and the Caribbean islands) will be encouraged and refreshed as they pray and support each other in a special way during this time.

September 25th - October 1st

Week 39 - International Office

Monday (25th) - Trustees

The CLC International Office trustees would appreciate your prayers since they often have difficult issues to deal with as they provide support and guidance to the International Office. Also, pray that they will be able to separate the time needed for this as each trustee works in a voluntary capacity and has a number of other responsibilities.

Tuesday (26th) - Trustees

Please pray for Christine Pulsford, who has recently been appointed as a new trustee. Christine is the Director of Book Aid, a UK charity that sends (mostly used) donated Christian books around the world but sells some of these in the UK to help with operational costs. Please pray for Christine as she gets to grips with her new CLC trustee role.

Wednesday (27th) - Digital Department

Please pray for our digital team as we seek to bring our website platform up to date. A significant redevelopment is now required, and we need more people with the right capabilities to achieve this. We thank God for the 20 countries currently using the platform and for the way these websites reach many thousands of people.

Thursday (28th) - Asia Leaders' Conference

The CLC Asia Leaders' Conference is being scheduled for January 2024, and, therefore, it is not too early to request prayer for this important occasion. Please pray that representatives from all CLC Asian countries will attend as well as praying for the programme content and also for the host country. Thank you.

Friday (29th) - International Director and Regional Directors

Please pray for the health and well-being of all the CLC Regional Directors as they face considerable responsibility requiring physical stamina and the ability to handle stress. Pray for strength for their travels and the required energy levels when they visit various teams. In the same regard, please pray also for the International Director, Gary Chamberlin.

The Weekend (30th - October 1st) - Regional Directors' Meetings

The Regional Directors are meeting from September 30th to October 3rd in Colombia, following the CLC Americas Conference. They have many topics to discuss as they evaluate

various developments, difficulties and projects in the CLC ministry across 44 countries. Please pray for them as they seek to make plans for future expansion and opportunities.

October 2nd - 8th

Week 40 - Asia

Monday (2nd) - Philippines

At the time of writing, we are initiating a plan to publish Bibles. Please pray for the financial provision for this huge project and for the necessary publishing licence. We are considering the possibility of collaborating with other English-speaking CLC countries as we realise that this could be more effective in the overall result.



Tuesday (3rd) - India

Please pray for our building project in Chennai, for God's mercy and the provision of the balance of needed funds for the completion of this great work on the land that CLC has owned for some time. It is our desire that this building will be a lighthouse to all those who see it round about.

Wednesday (4th) - South Korea

September is one of our busiest months as it marks the beginning of the autumn semester. Please pray that our staff members will be strong and ready. We have new members joining our warehouse teams; pray that they will adapt quickly, work well together and have patience to deal with the many delivery companies involved in the distribution of our books.



Thursday (5th) - South Korea

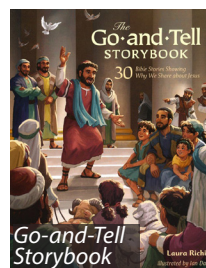
We recently cleaned the top floors of the CLC warehouses. Obviously, this involved moving some of our books! It also served as a reminder to pray that we will not "just stock" our books at the warehouses but that we will have creative ideas on how to sell and distribute them as far and wide as possible. We pray that we can leave the top floors as spacious as they are now!

Friday (6th) - South Korea

At the end of this month, we plan to launch a Korean-language edition of the *Go-and-Tell Storybook: 30 Bible Stories Showing why we Share about Jesus* by Laura Richie. We already have Advent and Easter storybooks written by the same author, and we plan to sell all three titles as a set during the Christmas season. May these books bring many blessings to young readers!

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Thailand

Please pray for the CLC building in Chiang Mai, which, sadly, was the



subject of a recent lawsuit but one where the building was restored to CLC. Please pray for God to mercifully provide the necessary funds to renovate the building and that we may manage the ministry well in the future. Thank you.

October 9th - 15th

Week 41 - Africa



CLC Kenya young author

Monday (9th) - Kenya

In August, we began a series of activities for youngsters that will continue until the end of the year. Essentially, they involve various book tables and “meet and greet” forums for the 10 or so children and teens whose books have been published by CLC Kenya in the last five years. It is the first time we have done something like this in a commercial (supermarket) setting. Please pray!

Tuesday (10th) - Kenya & Sierra Leone

Our teams in Kenya and Sierra Leone request prayer for peace amid unpredictability following the elections in their countries in 2022 and 2023, respectively. To encourage us in our prayers 1 Timothy 2: 2 reminds us that we should pray “for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness”.

Wednesday (11th) - Sierra Leone

We praise God for the CLC outreach project that has successfully started in Bo Town with the arrival this year of the Kéké (motorised tricycle). Please pray for brother Mathew Hanciles Ndoijeh, who is the manager of the Bo Town shop, that the Lord protects him as he drives and that the project will succeed spiritually and be profitable to the ministry.

Thursday (12th) - Sierra Leone

We thank God for our building project for a new bookshop in Bo Town. The signing of the building permit and other documents has been done successfully, and we look forward to the completion of the project and the transfer of stock and fittings from the previous bookshop site. Please pray with us for all to go well and for the launch of the new CLC bookshop by the end of the year.



Mathew Hanciles Ndoijeh, manager of CLC Bo Town

Friday (13th) - Mozambique

We have previously requested prayer for a consolidator for our supplier orders in Brazil as it was anticipated that this could help to reduce our costs and therefore the prices of the books for our customers. This year, God answered that prayer! At the time of writing, we are on the point of having our first “consolidated” orders shipped to the port of Maputo! Thank You, Lord!

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Mozambique

We are currently beginning the process of our third printing of a quantity of 10,000

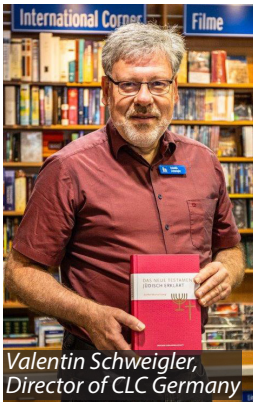
low-cost Bibles for distribution in our country at a price that people can more easily afford. The first 20,000 Bibles have been distributed widely, both in our bookshops and via special projects for the displaced and victims of cyclone activity. Please pray for the logistics of Print Run No. 3!

October 16th - 22nd

Week 42 -Europe

Monday (16th) - Frankfurt Book Fair

The Frankfurt Book Fair is being held from October 17th to 19th. Please pray for Gary Chamberlin, CLC International Director, that he will have productive visits to the booths of many evangelical publishers from the USA and other countries. CLC publishes globally in 22 languages and obtaining foreign rights to publish many different titles is so important.



*Valentin Schweigler,
Director of CLC Germany*

Tuesday (17th) - Germany

One concern of our ministry is for our customers to realise that there is still more to come for them with books that help them better or more fully understand the meaning of the Bible. With this in mind, sometimes we produce short videos to promote certain study books. We pray for wisdom in our choice, and quality and clarity in our productions.

Wednesday (18th) - Netherlands

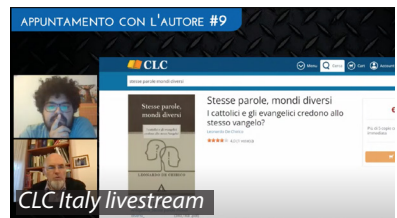
We thank God that in June this year, we spent a wonderful day celebrating the 40th anniversary of the bookshop in Apeldoorn! We thank Him, too, for all the customers who actively support our ministry here. Pray that they will remain loyal so that we may continue to serve in the bookshop and that new customers will find their way to us so that we can spread the Gospel through our books.

Thursday (19th) - Netherlands

We thank God for all the volunteers who do their utmost for the bookshop. Please pray for their health and for a blessing for their families. Also, please pray that God will continue to provide enough volunteers in the months to come, especially for the busy pre-Christmas season.

Friday (20th) - Italy

For some years, we have organised online live events, such as webinars, mini conferences, book presentations, etc. We ask for prayer for those involved in this as they need wisdom and inspiration from God regarding content that will bring edification to people's hearts. These events remain available on our YouTube channel afterwards. Thank you.



The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Eastern Europe 1

We praise the Lord for the continuing ministry of EE1, and we thank Him for our sales, especially the increase in internet sales. At the time of writing, we are in the process of publishing 1,100 large-print Bibles. The funds for this were generated from the sales of the previous print run, so we are happy that this is becoming a sustainable project.

October 23rd - 29th

Week 43 - Romania

Monday (23rd) - Provision

We praise God for His help and provision for CLC Romania. After many years when we struggled to survive and cover even our very basic needs, our supplier margin increased just enough to give us a little “breathing space”. We also increased our own publishing (especially Bibles for children), which also gave us a better margin. We thank God.

Tuesday (24th) - Publishing

We need God’s guidance and wisdom to keep growing our publishing, choose the right titles and continue to produce new books that will be relevant for the needs of the people we serve but that will also become “best sellers” to help sustain our ministry. Please pray for this and for our new staff member, Natasa, who works on this!

Wednesday (25th) - Staffing Needs

We thank God for His help concerning our workers. At the time of writing, we are preparing to “lose” one of our younger members, Eunice, who is moving forward to complete her university education. She has been a blessing to CLC, and, now, we urgently need to find a new worker to replace her. Please pray with us for the right person!

Thursday (26th) - Website

We need God’s help to find a person that is skilled in the area of developing our website because only maintaining it is not sufficient for our very competitive and small market. Specifically, we need someone able to do the work of Search Engine Optimisation. Please pray for this.

Friday (27th) - Social Media

We need God’s help in finding collaborators for increasing our social media activity in a more professional way since we realise that this is one of the best ways to connect with the public, find new customers and communicate regularly with those who already know us. Please pray that the Lord will direct us to the right people who will be available to help.

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - National Director

Last, but not least, we need God to guide us and provide for us a person able to take over the responsibility of the job of National Director of CLC Romania since Ronela Micula, the current National Director, is already due to retire. “The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest ...” (Matthew 9: 37–38).

October 30th - November 5th

Week 44 - Latin America



Monday (30th) - Chile

At the time of writing, one of our team members, Claudio Garrido, is beginning radiotherapy treatment for a recently diagnosed cancer. We thank God that he is being treated in one of the best cancer medical centres we have in Chile. We ask for your prayers that the Lord will guide all this treatment and that the cancer will be totally eradicated.

Tuesday (31st) - Chile

We continue to ask for prayer in the search for a location for our distribution centre. It has not been easy to find a property with the necessary characteristics in terms of square meterage and affordable value for money. We need wisdom from the Lord for the decision to lease or buy. Meanwhile, we thank God for those who visit our bookshops every day.



Wednesday (November 1st) - Panama

For over 40 years, CLC Panama has been serving our communities through bookshops! At this point, we are seeking necessary funds to purchase the premises where our shops are established so that we may be free from the constraints of paying rent and achieve more solid bases from which to continue fulfilling the mission of CLC.

Thursday (2nd) - Panama

We pray that the Lord will raise up men and women passionate about Him and about Christian literature who are willing to take on the responsibility of taking His Word to the nations. We pray that He will inspire committed and capable leaders who will carry on the CLC legacy by sharing literature and the salvation message through their lives and ministry.



Friday (3rd) - Uruguay

On Friday, November 3rd, we will be celebrating 75 years of ministry in Uruguay with a special meeting to honour the Lord and our faithful coworkers. Christopher Shaw, director of Christian Development International and a CLC author, will be our speaker.

The Weekend (4th - 5th) - Colombia

We rejoice to have opened a new CLC bookshop in Bucaramanga and ask you to pray with us that this

bookshop will fulfil the purpose of blessing the community of this city. Also, we ask that the Lord will give us His strategies so that we may be certain of a job well done!



November 6th - 12th

Week 45 - Events

Monday (6th) - India

Every year, at the beginning of November, we arrange a special sale for five days at the Headquarters in Chennai. Please pray for all there is to do, that our customers may be delighted and that we may acquire new contacts and customers during those days. May the Lord use every resource to reach out to others.

Tuesday (7th) - Cyprus

We are planning this year to hold book fairs in November and one or two book tables in December. It is a time of renewing fellowship with our previous customers while hoping to

find new customers as well. Please pray for strength and stamina for all the work involved.

Wednesday (8th) - Philippines

In November, we will celebrate the 66th anniversary of the ministry! Usually, we do a special "Pastors Appreciation" event and a sale as our ways of thanksgiving and celebrating. Please pray with us for this to be a success in God's eyes.

Distributing gifts to construction workers of the new Guayaquil warehouse



Thursday (9th) - Ecuador

On November 9th and 10th, we will be holding the National Booksellers' Event in Quito with our wholesale customers. Please pray that all the logistics will be a blessing to the customers as we want it to be a time of spiritual edification and growth in the knowledge of Christian resources.

Friday (10th) - Ecuador

Glory to the Lord! On November 11th, we will be holding the inauguration ceremony of the new facilities for the bookstore and distributor in the city of Guayaquil. We hope to be together with various CLC colleagues as well as a number of publishers, pastors and various ministries that have always supported us.

The Weekend (11th - 12th) - Portugal

Please pray with us for safe travels for Carlos Cunha and for the various book tables he will do in different cities of Portugal from the north to south. Please pray specifically for good connections with leaders attending the Global Leadership Summit where CLC Portugal, as usual, will be presenting a book table with relevant Christian resources.



November 13th - 19th

Week 46 - Outreach



Monday (13th) - Thailand

Earlier this year, a monk came to our bookshop. He was keen to know about Jesus, and one of our customers shared the Gospel with him. Please pray that God will open his heart—and for all Thai people everywhere to have their hearts opened—to God's Word. Pray that churches in Thailand will become united and that revival will come to Thailand.

Tuesday (14th) - Italy

At the end of each year, the distribution of devotional calendars is an important part of our work. These calendars will be given to relatives, friends or just distributed in the streets as evangelistic material. Pray that the diffusion of these calendars will be very wide-reaching this year and that God will touch the lives of those who receive them.

Postcard

Nur bei Gott
schweigt meine Seele still.

Von ihm kommt Hilfe,
die ich nötig habe!
Nur er ist mein Fels
und meine Rettung -
meine feste Burg,
sodass ich nicht wanke.

Psaln 62,2



Wednesday (15th) - Germany

Many people visit the bookshop in the weeks between now and Christmas. In the busyness, it can be more difficult to have much time for talking with those in need. For the past several years, we have produced lovely postcards with Bible verses that give encouragement, and we give these away for free in the hope that people are blessed.

Thursday (16th) - Germany

Please pray for us as we make time to talk with our older customers especially. We recognise that they carry a different “load”—in many cases, they have difficulty understanding the modern world, and they can easily become discouraged. May we have the right words to respond with wisdom and help to meet their needs.

Friday (17th) - United Kingdom

Our strategy has changed in recent years away from bookshops to online sales and warehouse distribution. However, we still believe in bookshops, and we are delighted to operate a shop in Aberdeen situated in the King’s Church. Pray for Yvonne Edu and her team that they will have ongoing spiritual encounters with customers.



The Weekend (18th - 19th) - United Kingdom

This year, we have had the opportunity to promote two Christian films (*Lifemark* and *Jesus Revolution*) in UK cinemas. This has been a steep learning curve for us as it is the first time we have interacted with the film industry. Films are an important medium that can reach a different demographic. Please pray for a good spiritual impact from these films.

November 20th - 26th

Week 47 - Authors, Publishing & Events

Monday (20th) - Italy

After few years of not publishing, we are now starting up again, with three titles in Italian this year: *Eight Twenty Eight*, *Treasures of the Snow* and *Lies Girls Believe*. Please pray for our publishing team and for God’s blessing upon the distribution of these books. Italy does not have a strong reading culture, so we need His guidance in knowing what to publish.

Tuesday (21st) - South Korea

This month, we are privileged to release a book, *Psaln 23*, in separate editions for adults and children! *Psaln 23* was first published by other Christian publishers 20 years ago. The revised edition has a new cover designed by CLC and we are also responsible for the children’s edition. May these books help many readers to know about God and be closer to Him.

Wednesday (22nd) - United States

Please pray for a new assistant for Marcia Hartman in our CLC Publications sales department and for Izzy Portis as she leaves CLC and relocates with her husband Micah for a new pastorate elsewhere.

Thursday (23rd) - United Kingdom

We have been serving an increasing number of conferences all around the country with book tables. We have a dedicated team, but we need someone to take on the overall responsibility from the current events manager. It is a role that requires knowledge, creativity and lots of energy! Please pray for the Lord to supply the right person!

Friday (24th) - Intercontinental

Please pray for CLC's publishing departments on all the continents for wisdom in choosing what to publish; for the necessary funding and expertise; and for Gary Chamberlin as he sometimes helps to coordinate this between different countries in his role of Global Publishing Director in addition to his International Director role.



The Weekend (25th - 26th) - Kenya

On November 25th in Nairobi, we will hold the third annual ACABA Awards Gala (African Christian Authors Book Awards). This is a growing event - beginning in 2021 with 100 guests, we hope for 500 guests this year! Please pray that, above all, God will be honoured and that His manifest presence will be experienced by all.

November 27th - 30th

Week 48 - Around the World

Monday (27th) - Eastern Europe 1

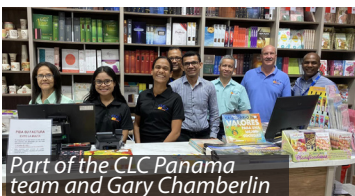
During the past 10 years, we have experienced flooding several times, and, although our books were not damaged, there was a real need for reconstruction. We are thankful for sufficient finances through sales to enable the necessary repairs and reconstruction of the book shop (already completed) and the office (still in progress at the time of writing).

Tuesday (28th) - Indonesia

At the end of 2022, the main CLC ministry relocated from Surabaya in East Java to Manado in North Sulawesi. However, we still own a small bookshop in a mall in Surabaya. Currently, sales are not enough to sustain the overhead expenses. We need God's wisdom and direction regarding this - whether to sell it or to continue. Please pray with us for the best option.

Wednesday (29th) - Thailand

Along with many of our fellow CLC workers in different countries, we pray that the Lord will send us the right person to help with developing our presence on social media and that our online sales will continue to grow. Thank you for joining us in these requests.



Thursday (30th) - Everywhere

As we prepare to enter into December, which is the busiest month of the year for most CLC workers, may we be ready for what lies ahead in the next few weeks. Please pray for health, strength and stamina, and the ability to respond joyfully and with excellent customer service in the midst of the hectic season.

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