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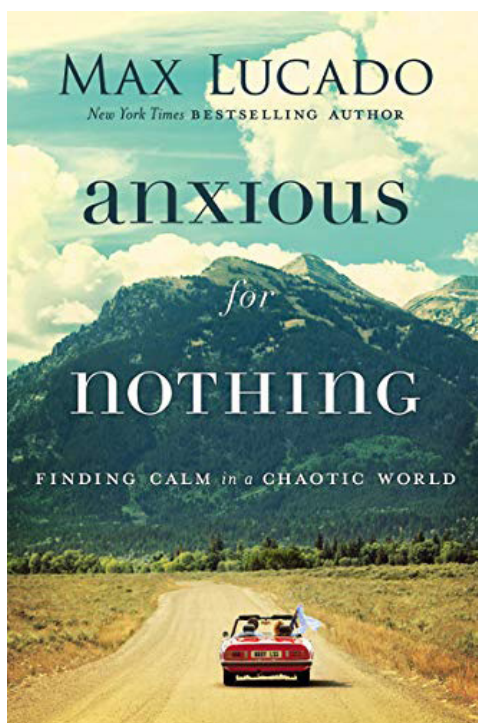
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ON OUR BOOKSHELF...

ANXIOUS for NOTHING

by Max Lucado




Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational worry your constant companion? Could you use some calm?

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Dear Reader,

To make the Word of God available and affordable to all nations is one of the main tasks of CLC ministry, and it produces an indescribable joy and sense of achievement when we are able to do it. However, if we look at the regions of the world and the needs, this task appears almost endless. At CLC we are convinced that working together in partnership with you will allow us to accomplish the task sooner.

Please help us by praying for the distribution of God's Word around the globe and for the resources needed. Working together honours God and expands His kingdom much further than we can imagine.


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BEING RELEVANT IN A CHANGING WORLD

Equipping the Church

by Neil Wardrope, KCLCT Mission Director

The one million victims of Covid-19 have left us in no doubt that we have had to confront a considerable adversary. We trust that there will be advances to cure or contain the virus, but it is becoming evident that there will also be major changes in society and commerce. Millions of office workers have left their normal desks and are now working from home. This has a direct knock-on effect for our city and town centres, specifically for a whole range of retail outlets.

The book world has already undergone a huge change with the emergence of Amazon and online purchasing as well as the development of eBooks and audio books. Even before Covid-19, books were being purchased and read in different ways. The crisis has merely accelerated that process.

For CLC, this is an existential question! We love books and bookshops – and so much of the ministry of CLC has taken place in the stores. Many people have received advice, been prayed for, and some have even dedicated their life to Christ right there in the shop. How can we respond to such a shifting book world?

In the United Kingdom, as we have looked to the Lord, we are taking a series of steps towards meeting the needs of the 21st century:

- In 2019, CLC UK merged with the Kingsway Trust to form the Kingsway CLC Trust. This new organisation is focused on the requirements of working online as well having significantly greater emphasis on film and music.
- Covid-19 has had a dramatic impact on our ability to reach customers through bookshops and events – initially through lockdown and, subsequently, through the downturn of the High Street. With much regret, this has involved permanently closing most of our bookshops.
- We have a renewed focus on equipping the church with resources to meet today's needs, and we have launched our new website – www.equippingthechurch.com
- We are intentionally partnering with publishers, producers, and other ministries that share our mission focus, and these will be showcased on the new website.
- We have deliberately expanded all our channels from our warehouse in Chester to Christian and secular outlets, online and traditional stores, and direct to churches.
- We have an ever-widening range of UK and US book publishers, together with music and film producers, available from our warehouse.

- The music companies with whom we are partnering have given us distribution rights for the whole of Europe, and we are already seeing significant growth on the continent.
- All of these developments have confirmed the direction of the Holy Spirit leading us into the merger and the strong sense of a shared mission heart.

There is no doubt that the coming months will bring ongoing uncertainty around the virus, but our challenge is to look to the One who does not change.



MOZAMBIQUE

First Publication



In August, we were very happy to produce a "home grown" publication - *Mais que Uma Crise: O Mover de Deus no Sofrimento Humano* (More Than a Crisis - the Move of God in Human Suffering), co-written by CLC worker Abel Chau and a friend of CLC, Yuri Manhiça. The book is a direct response to the pandemic as it affects the Mozambican public and addresses both the Christian and the unbeliever.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US that the many copies sold will have a positive impact that will far outlive the present crisis and that we may be able to produce other helpful literature in the future also.

BURKINA FASO

Despite the pandemic, as much as possible we have tried to continue with "business as usual"! We thank God that (except for a very few days at the beginning) the bookshop could remain open, and we could even visit some churches, speak about CLC and show our books. At the end of August, we participated with a bookstall in the centenary Youth Convention of the Assembly of God denomination. All this has helped some people to find us again because we "lost" a number of customers after our two bookshop moves. We thank God for His protection throughout all these activities.



HOLY DESPERATION

Finding God in your Deepest Point of Need

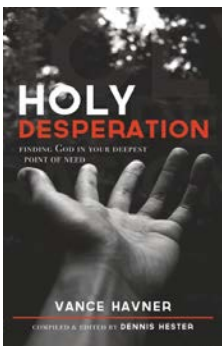
by Jim Pitman, CLC USA Publisher

Every morning at CLC, our staff gather for the most important part of our workday – prayer time. Those times of prayer have been especially meaningful over these last months as we have poured out our hearts to God about the many difficult situations affecting our world. Tough times are an invitation to cry out to God. Can you relate? Do you feel any desperation or sense it in those around you? What is it that you are crying out to God for?

In September we published a book called **Holy Desperation** by Vance Havner. Billy Graham said of Havner that he “used the Word of God like a sword. You pick any one of his books and you could sense the presence and power of the Holy Spirit leaping off those pages.” Even though Havner died in 1986, his message remains very timely for us today.

He reminds us in this book that the great heroes of the Bible were desperate people. Daniel in the lion’s den, his friends in the fiery furnace, Moses at the Red Sea, David facing Goliath, and more. Every one of them was desperate, and God delights in caring for those who are desperate for Him.

Are you desperate?



John 7:37-38 tells us that Jesus stood before people just like us and cried out in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

Are you thirsty?

Havner says thirsting “is getting so desperate for a drink of water it’s all you can think about. And this holy thirst for God is getting to the place where nothing else will satisfy you.”

He goes on – “Jesus made it so simple here: thirsting, coming, drinking, believing, and overflowing. Thirsting and then coming to Him. And then there is where faith comes in, receive it just like you did for salvation, according to God’s word, according to God’s will, according to your need, and according to your faith. God will answer any prayer that’s according to those four. You can’t miss. Is it according to His word, His will, my need, and my faith? You get those four in a row and you’re ready to pray with true confidence.”

Will you join us in holy desperation for the Lord Jesus? Bring your desperation to Him in prayer, believing in Him, and watch how the rivers of life flow from within you.

For more information, please visit clcpublications.com/shop/holy-desperation/



December 1st - 6th

Week 48 - End of the Year

Tuesday (1st) - Venezuela

We thank God for His gracious provision over the past months. At the time of writing, there is a lack of petrol (gasoline) in our country and this is affecting all areas of life including work, health, food and our Mission. Please pray for the Lord's continued support and provision for our team and their families. - *Delvis Blanco, CLC Venezuela*

Wednesday (2nd) - Asia

Following eight unexpected months in the US this year due to the pandemic, we returned to Seoul, Korea in time for the school term to begin in the schools for North Korean students where we volunteer. However, to obtain a longer visa, we had to return to the US last month to apply from there. We hope to return to Seoul in February. Please pray for the visa application process so that this can happen. - *Lewis & Elsbeth Codington, Asia*

Thursday (3rd) - India

For more than two decades, the CLC India headquarters has regularly conducted annual special promotions in the month of November. Over the years, this has been a great blessing for thousands of people. This year, God willing, we are planning to do this in the month of December. - *Justin Chellappan, CLC India*

Friday (4th) - Panama

Traditionally, December has been our best month in terms of sales. We need the Lord to bless us abundantly in this regard at the end of this year so that we may recuperate the losses suffered due to the prolonged period of shop closures because of COVID-19. - *Milton Cheng, CLC Panama*

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Ecuador

We are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness in allowing us to increase our sales. Please pray for us as December is normally the best sales month of the year. Pray that people will have confidence to visit us or place orders. Also, please pray that we can take advantage of this month to proclaim the light of Christ and, at the same time, achieve a better profit margin. - *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*

December 7th - 13th

Week 49 - Christmas Sales

Monday (7th) - United Kingdom

The lead up to Christmas will be vital for all Christian bookshops (not just CLC). The shifting nature of retail caused by COVID-19 will sadly but inevitably cause a number of bookshops to close. Please pray that the Lord will guide in each situation and provide the necessary resources for those bookshops that are to stay open. - *Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust*

Tuesday (8th) - France

Please pray for our Christmas "book deposits". We usually have approximately 160 of these in as many different churches. This year, due to COVID-19, we anticipate about 100. Please pray with us that we can achieve a minimum of 100. Thank you! - *Hervé Lessous, CLC France*

Wednesday (9th) - Mexico

Every year in Mexico we hold a Christmas bazaar where we have special offers and some workshops with children, including to teach them how to make Christmas cards! This year we want to do it virtually. Our prayer request is that the Lord gives us the strategies for this and wisdom to increase our sales at this time. - *Maria del Carmen Castañeda, CLC Mexico*

Thursday (10th) - Korea

As Christmas is now almost here, we will be doing our annual Christmas book promotions, so we are praying that through this, we may be able to reach out to many readers in Korea. Please pray for these activities and that the Lord will help us to end the year 2020 well as we abide in His plans. - *Sohee Park, CLC Korea*



Friday (11th) - Italy

Every year, CLC Italy distributes several thousand evangelistic calendars that contain a daily reading. Please pray that we will be able to distribute all of the calendars that we have this year and that these will be used to draw people closer to God. - *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Italy

CLC Italy, in cooperation with Biblica, has prepared an evangelistic edition of the Gospel of Luke, entitled *A Physician's Testimony*, especially designed for this COVID-19 period. Please pray for the necessary funds and an effective distribution of this booklet. - *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*



December 14th - 20th

Week 50 - COVID-19 Testimonies & Prayer Requests

Monday (14th) - Romania

Praise God for His help during the last months. Despite the complications and uncertainties, He kept us safe and enabled us to continue. Although sales diminished, praise Him because it was not as bad as it could have been, and we could function almost normally in terms of our timetable and services. Also, we thank Him because we could pay our suppliers and taxes as well. - *Ronela Micula, Romania*

Tuesday (15th) - Cyprus

Please pray for our landlord who, after the lockdown, granted us one month free rent! We

shared the Gospel with him and gave him daily readings, and he seems very open. Also pray for a neighbour who visits the bookshop often. May the Lord save them and their families.

- Sotos & Eva Photiades, CLC Cyprus

Wednesday (16th) - Italy

Thanks to George Verwer, we sent a free copy of *Drops from a Leaking Tap* with a thank you letter to our customers for sustaining our mission during lockdown by purchasing from our website. As they receive their packages, some use Instagram to publicly thank us and express their appreciation! Please pray for more positive developments like this.

- Alessandra Platania, CLC Italy

Thursday (17th) - Kenya

We give thanks to God that despite the pandemic and its effects all around us, God has continued to allow us sufficient cash flow to run our ministry. Several ministries and businesses had to understandably let go of some of their staff whilst others closed down completely. We are so grateful that we could keep going. - Muthoni Mercy, CLC Kenya

Friday (18th) - Uruguay

We give thanks because at the time of writing, we have seen our customers visiting our bookshops and we have been able to achieve sales of up to 80% of what they were pre-COVID-19. It is a beautiful thing to see our brothers and sisters arriving at our bookstores!

- Albaro Silva, CLC Uruguay

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Canada

At the time of writing, we are starting the second COVID-19 "wave". Until now, it has not been too bad for us and we could keep up with sales and customer service despite the nine weeks when our three bookshops were closed. Please pray that we may be able to continue to fulfill our mandate to serve the people of God. - Antoine Roberge, CLC Canada

December 21st - 27th

Week 51 - Teams Around the World

Monday (21st) - Africa

Please pray for all our African teams (Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique and Sierra Leone), that they may give excellent service in these last few days leading up to Christmas. May their customers be blessed in finding what they need for themselves and others in this season of giving.

Tuesday (22nd) - Asia

Please pray for all our Asian teams in these last few days before Christmas. Pray that all the Bibles and books purchased at the many CLC bookshops or via the CLC Asian websites and offered this Christmas will have a wonderful life-changing effect in those who receive them.

Wednesday (23rd) - Europe

Please pray for all of our 16 European teams in these last few days leading up to Christmas. May they have wisdom to help their last minute shoppers to find just the right gift for the right person at this time. Pray for any internet orders pending delivery to customers, that they will arrive in time for Christmas.

Thursday (24th) - The Americas & The Caribbean

Please pray for all of our Latin American, North American and Canadian teams on this last day of pre-Christmas opportunity as well as those serving in the "CLC islands"! May they serve with

joy and be used by the Lord to encourage others today, especially any who feel pressured, discouraged or weary in the midst of the Christmas preparations.

Friday (25th) - Christmas Day

Thank God for the gift of His Son! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3, v16). Alleluia, we bless You, Lord!

The Weekend (26th -27th) - Around the World

Many, if not most of our teams around the world will have the opportunity to rest this weekend after what we hope was a busy time leading up to Christmas. Please pray for all CLC workers and volunteers around the world, that they may be refreshed and renewed in strength.

December 28th - January 3rd

Week 52 - Bookshop Closures & a New Year with Hope

Monday (28th) - Italy

We are very sad that as of the 31st December, the CLC bookshop in Bari will be closed. After struggling financially for the past few years, the lockdown effects have prevented us from sustaining the situation any longer. We are grateful to the volunteers who helped us keep going until now. Please pray that despite this setback, God will protect and bless the work of CLC Italy. - *Ivano Cramerotti, CLC Italy.*



Tuesday (29th) - Kenya

We are equally sorry that as of the 31st December, the CLC bookshop in Eldoret (Kenya) will close in order to prevent further losses from the limited financial resources of the HQ in Nairobi. Please pray that we can continue to reach the Eldoret area via our website services and that God will open new opportunities for our brother, Wilfare Malemo, who has served the ministry faithfully. - *CLC International Office*

Wednesday (30th) - Philippines

At the time of writing, it is anticipated that two of the CLC bookshops will close in the Philippines at the end of this year as part of an overall strategy to financially protect the work. Please pray that these cutbacks will enable the rest of the ministry to thrive in the midst of the uncertainties we all face regarding the future. - *CLC International Office*

Thursday (31st) - Japan

We sadly announce that after 70 years, the CLC ministry in Japan has now closed. The past few years have been very challenging, and the financial losses from COVID-19 were too much for us to sustain. We thank God for all the national and foreign workers who have served Him in CLC Japan over the years, and we are grateful that it seems that five of our six bookshops will be continued by others in the New Year. - *CLC International Office*

Friday (1st) - Ecuador

Warmest greetings and Happy New Year to all of our praying brothers and sisters around the world – we ask the Lord to keep you and your families safe in 2021! Please pray that the Lord will bring hope to Ecuador, to His Church, to our customers and to our team in this New Year. Pray that He will continue to guide us and keep us from all evil and that our customers will be pleased with our service, variety and effectiveness. - *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*

The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Korea

At the start of the New Year, please join us in being thankful to the Lord for each of our CLC employees. Also, please pray for our national director, Young Ho Park, that he will have continued strength and good health to lead our team. Please pray too for our Publishing activities that we may choose the right titles and publish according to schedule in 2021. Thank you!

- Sohee Park, CLC Korea



January 4th - 10th

Week 1 - Hopes for the New Year

Monday (4th) - Panama

We thank God for His love and faithfulness throughout the unusual year that we experienced in 2020 due to the pandemic. It is our prayer and our hope that He will guide us and refresh our vision of what He has in store for CLC Panama for 2021, and into the future. - *Milton Cheng, CLC Panama*

Tuesday (5th) - India

Every year, we are used to holding our annual staff conference in the month of January. But, at the time of writing, due to the pandemic we have so far been unable to plan ahead for that. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom in this matter. Conference is an important time for our team to pray and plan together. - *Justin Chellappan, CLC India*

Wednesday (6th) - Worldwide

Last year, many CLC workers in various countries did not receive full salaries due to lack of income with COVID-19. Some even worked for no financial remuneration. We are thankful for these sacrifices, which have enabled the ministry to continue on into 2021 and, hopefully, beyond. Please pray that in this New Year, CLC will have sufficient income to honour its obligations to our workers. - *CLC International Office*

Thursday (7th) - Central Asia 2

Last year, there were changes in the customs department that affected special orders. Please pray that the Lord gives us wisdom on how to find a permanent solution in this situation. We also ask for peace in our country and for the cessation of hostilities on the borders. Thank you. - *Director*

Friday (8th) - Colombia

Please pray that the Lord guides us with His wisdom in planning for the work that will be done in every area of the ministry in the year 2021. Pray also for the preparation of the reports for the annual meeting of the General Assembly, which we hope will be able to take place in March, in addition to the elections to appoint our national director.

- *David Pabón, CLC Colombia*

The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Mozambique

It was our hope that we would be able to open a small outlet in a seminary in Nampula, in the north of Mozambique, in 2020. However, our progress was delayed due to COVID-19. Please pray that this year we would see the realisation of this project. As conditions in the north are very challenging, our initial goal is to test the Nampula market for a period of two years.

- *Liz Patten, CLC Mozambique/Africa Regional Director*

January 11th - 17th

Week 2 - Writing, Printing & Publishing

Monday (11th) - Indonesia

Please pray for our new Print on Demand (POD) project! We are thankful for a generous grant that has made this possible. It is our hope that by good management and use of this tool, we will be able to serve those in our country who have a desire to print and publish books. Also, that it will be a new way to help sustain the CLC ministry. - *Donny Kairupan, CLC Indonesia*

Tuesday (12th) - Romania

We praise God because we could continue with our publishing activities in 2020. Our titles included: *The Blessing of Humility* by Jerry Bridges, and *The Picture Bible for Little Ones* and *The Tabernacle* by Rev. Abraham Park. Please pray for God's help and resources to enable us to complete printing a further seven titles that are currently in process.

- *Ronela Micula, CLC Romania*

Wednesday (13th) - Russia

At the time of writing, author Josh McDowell plans to visit St. Petersburg in 2021 to speak against pornography. To complement his visit, CLC Russia is involved in publishing his book, *Set Free to Choose Right*. Please pray for the Lord's blessing so that the book will be ready in time, and that Josh will be able to visit our country despite the pandemic restrictions.

- *Nikita Sapunov, CLC Russia*

Thursday (14th) - Kenya

During the pandemic, it has been challenging to know how to hold events that are usually otherwise convened. At the time of writing, we are planning to launch "Cohort4" authors who started their publishing journey with us in 2019. While we continue to hold virtual campaigns, we pray that we may think of new ways to do significant and impactful launches for these authors. - *Muthoni Mercy, CLC Kenya*

Friday (15th) - Mozambique

In mid-2019, CLC Maputo hosted an event for writers and would-be writers with Ramon Rocha III from MAI (Media Associates International). Since then, many who participated have continued to express not only their appreciation of this event but also a desire for a follow-up programme. Please pray that we may organise a second event that will be useful and encouraging for Christian writers and would-be writers in Mozambique.

- *Liz Patten, CLC Mozambique/Africa Regional Director*

The Weekend (16th - 17th) - France

Please pray for the development of our publishing activities, for the choice and selection of titles and, if possible, the recruitment of someone who is qualified in this area. Also, many book tables and bookshop activities have been cancelled due to the current impossibilities. Please pray that those who are hesitant or unable to visit us in person will be able to purchase from us via our website (www.clcfrance.com). - *Hervé Lessous, CLC France*

January 18th - 24th

Week 3 - CLC Islands in The Caribbean

Monday (18th) - Antigua

We thank God for His encouragement to persist in prayer (Luke 18: 5-7). As we continue to face these challenging times, we ask for prayer for our sales as we hope, trust and pray that things

will improve in our national economy. Let us ALL keep making our requests known to Him who is able, not forgetting to keep returning thanks to Him for His love!

- Arah Martin, CLC Antigua

Tuesday (19th) - Barbados

At the time of writing, we are thankful to have come through the pandemic lockdown and some of the after effects. During that time, our staff came to work as volunteers! This helped the bookshop to stay open, which meant that we could pay our bills. We hope to increase our sales in 2021, including from our Used Books department, which has grown thanks to help from CLC USA. - Marion Manning, CLC Barbados

Wednesday (20th) - Dominica

We praise God for new beginnings! Following the closure of the bookshop in August, a former staff member offered to sell CLC's remaining stock at a local market. Soon afterwards, a small and affordable location was found for a new bookshop, which opened on October 1st on the first floor of the Prevo Cinemall, Dominica's largest shopping and business centre in the heart of Roseau.

- Sandra Robinson, CLC Dominica

Thursday (21st) - Dominica

Please join us in thanking God for His provision that made a new start possible in Roseau and for the availability of Tajya Wilson and her husband. Please pray that after such an encouraging start, the ministry will go from strength to strength as it is blessed and used by the Lord. CLC Dominica has a new Facebook page from where our team is reaching out to encourage others.

- Sandra Robinson, CLC Dominica



Friday (22nd) - Martinique

We thank God that CLC Martinique opened in its new location on July 1st 2020. Despite being smaller than the previous bookshop, it is more secure and easily accessible by road and public transport. There are also good parking facilities. We have had positive feedback from customers and encouraging sales. We are supported by a local Christian radio station where our activities are spoken of regularly. - Hervé Lessous, CLC France



The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Guadeloupe

At the time of writing, Guadeloupe has many cases of COVID-19. The bookshop is open, but customers are reluctant to visit the town. Please pray that the effect of the virus will decrease on the island and that more people will get to know our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, that our team of three, Joël, Marie-Andrée and Florelle as well as their volunteers, will be renewed in strength.

- Hervé Lessous, CLC France

Week 4 - Bible Projects and Distribution

Monday (25th) - Indonesia

We praise God for a businessman who purchased 20 Life Application Study Bibles from CLC Yakin as gifts for pastors. Each Friday, he has invited pastors from different denominations to gather in his company, which has served many pastors for years. Please pray that these study Bibles will continue to be a great blessing for those who receive them.

- Donny Kairupan, CLC Indonesia

Tuesday (26th) - Burkina Faso

We praise God for the pastor of a large Assembly of God church in Ouagadougou who has been purchasing quantities of the Study Bible for Couples from our bookshop. As you may guess, these are gifted to couples getting married in his church. Please join us in praying that these Bibles will be a great help to the newly-weds and that these couples will be truly grounded in the Word of God. - Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

Wednesday (27th) - Russia

By this time, we hope to have in our hands the Bibles from our "Russian Bible Project". Please join us in praising the Lord for His provision and miraculous gift of these Bibles for the Russian-speaking world, and join us in prayer for His help and wisdom for the most effective distribution of these Bibles. - Nikita Sapunov, CLC Russia

Thursday (28th) - Mozambique

In January, we hope to have taken delivery of 10,000 copies of the Portuguese NIV Bible in an economic format. We are grateful for the funds for these, conserved from sales of previous Bibles, which were originally funded by donors. We are thrilled that the second time round, the project is self-sustaining. Please pray that it this will continue to be the case into the future. Thank you.

- Liz Patten, CLC Mozambique/Africa Regional Director

Friday (29th) - Africa

We are very excited about a new project to produce economy Bibles for countries in French West Africa, especially Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. Please pray for the Lord's financial provision so that printing may go ahead. Each Bible will contain a Gospel outline and a prayer for salvation on the first page, as well as the contact details of the CLC bookshops in the countries just mentioned.

- Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director

The Weekend (30th - 31st) - Cyprus

During last year's pandemic, we noticed that the sales of Bibles increased, which we interpret to mean that more people are interested in the truth of God. Please pray that the people who receive and read these Bibles will turn to the Lord for their salvation. Also that Christians will be encouraged to share their faith more boldly than before. Thank you. - Sotos & Eva Photiades, CLC Cyprus

Week 5 - International Office



CLC International Director, Regional Directors and Chair of the Trustees

Monday (1st) - International Office

Please pray for new and younger people with the relevant experience and hearts of dedication to be prepared by the Lord to step into roles of leadership and responsibility in CLC. Two of the International Office trustees, Graham Ince and Ruth Williams, are due to retire this year, and their posts will need to be filled by others. - *John Raby, Chair of International Office Trustees*

Tuesday (2nd) - Europe

Please pray for me as I work with CLC Leaders across Europe. I love and appreciate

our teams in all 16 CLC European countries. Though Zoom, emails and WhatsApp are very helpful, they cannot replace visiting in person to assess local situations and seek the Lord's guidance together. Pray that I may travel again soon and for much wisdom as we seek opportunities and overcome difficulties, by God's grace. - *Gary Chamberlin, Europe Regional Director*

Wednesday (3rd) - Asia

While we were in the USA last year, we regularly kept up with Chinese and North Korean friends on social media. This uncertain year has caused many to ask questions about the meaning of life. Thankfully, many have found hope in God, but many are still searching. Pray that God will open their hearts to the Good News of His love for them.

- *Lewis & Elsbeth Codington, Asia*

Thursday (4th) - Asia

Although with more freedom in South Korea than in their previous life in the North, many of our North Korean students struggle to establish themselves in this very different environment. They are often without family members, dealing with past trauma and at a disadvantage as they pursue their education and seek jobs. Pray that God will meet their needs, and that they will seek His help for their futures. - *Lewis & Elsbeth Codington, Asia*



Lewis & Elsbeth Codington

Friday (5th) - Latin America

As Regional Director for CLC's ministry in Latin America, I am thankful to God for every member in each of the Latin American teams, for their effort, dedication and love for the ministry. Please pray with me that the Lord will bless and reward each one of them. Thank you. - *Humberto Urrutia - Latin America Director*

The Weekend (6th - 7th) - International Office

We are grateful for Travis and Wilco who joined the team last year. They have been getting "up to speed" with the platform in order to be able to help and contribute to it. We have managed to "split" the platform so that they both have access, and they are already making a good contribution. Please pray for our health, strength and stamina as we continue in this intensive work. - *Cristi Cotovan, CLC Digital Department*

February 8th - 14th

Week 6 - Miscellaneous

Monday (8th) - Ecuador

Please pray for Ecuador. This year, we have presidential elections for the next four years. Pray that the Lord will lead us as a nation, and lead our authorities, legislators, judges, police, doctors, etc. to work with the fear of the Lord, not tolerate corruption and work to lift up the country. The Bible says that "righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14: v. 34). - *Mónica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*



Tuesday (9th) - Indonesia

We are thankful to God for Nick Lugg who works in the International Office Accounts department, keeping all the financial records in order and effecting numerous transactions in the service of the CLC global ministry. Please pray for him that the Lord will continue to equip him for this important part of the ministry. - *Donny Kairupan, CLC Indonesia*

Wednesday (10th) - Thailand

Our main prayer request is for selling the property in Bangkok so that we can have more finance to move to the new place at Chiang Mai. Pray that God provides the best location and the best price for us. We have been praying about this for quite some time already, and we would love to see a real breakthrough. - *Amanda Intajuk, CLC Thailand*

Thursday (11th) - Belarus

In February 2021, my second term as CLC Belarus Director will finish. Please pray for the person whom God has prepared to be the next leader of this ministry. Thank you. - *Lina Pinkevich, CLC Belarus*

Friday (12th) - Canada

Last spring, we became the largest French-speaking Christian book wholesaler in the country when we took over another company. The organisation we inherited was in very poor shape, in all aspects. Please pray with us that we will hear wise management advice from the Lord!

- *Antoine Roberge, CLC Canada*

The Weekend (13th - 14th) - United Kingdom

Remarkably, all Christian conferences and events were cancelled in 2020. A number were able to hold online events, and these were successful. However, everyone desires to be physically together again. Kingsway CLC Trust provides resources at many of these events, and it is a crucial way that we are able to physically connect with people. Pray for wisdom for those organising these events.

- *Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust*



February 15th - 21st

Week 7 - Websites & Social Media

Monday (15th) - Chile

We ask for prayers for our web page. During the pandemic, we had a strong increase in sales, which has implied a redoubling of effort from our staff to be able to attend to orders in a timely manner. There have also been changes in the web staff, which has required adjustments in the work team. - *Patricio Romo, CLC Chile*

Tuesday (16th) - Italy

In Italy, we see that people are increasingly interactive through social media. It is amazing how much they appreciate the graphics we put on Instagram and Facebook with quotes from Christian authors and books. They often share them in their profiles, forward them to others or even save them in their private collections. Please pray for growth from this into a tangible interest in the books we promote.

- *Alessandra Platania, CLC Italy*

Wednesday (17th) - Portugal

Gratefully, sales in CLC Portugal remained steady last year even though the bookshop was closed for a month due to COVID-19. We were able to expand our reach across Europe through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube). We were blessed by having some prominent Christian leaders read or share aloud on our media communications.

- *Carlos Cunha, CLC Portugal*

Thursday (18th) - Mozambique

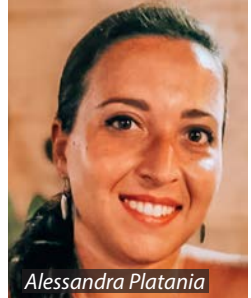
We are thankful for the progress we have made using social media (Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram) as this has helped to make us better known and has had a direct impact on sales. We are grateful to Carlos Cunha (CLC Portugal) who has given long-distance coaching in the use of Mailchimp, through which we are now able to reach out weekly to our customer database. - *Liz Patten, CLC Mozambique/Africa Regional Director*

Friday (19th) - Burkina Faso

We are grateful for coaching in the use of social media platforms, which has been given via Zoom by Lionel Couret of CLC France to benefit our ministry in French West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast). Please pray that we can become more adept and, in due course, reap a harvest from this outreach. - *Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso*

The Weekend (20th - 21st) - Romania

We are gradually learning more about how to operate our website and social media services. Please pray for us that we can improve and grow further in these areas for the good of the ministry. - *Ronela Micula, CLC Romania*



February 22nd - 28th

Week 8 - Looking Ahead

Monday (22nd) - Korea

By now, we are looking forward to the Spring semester, which begins in March in Korea. This is a time when we are always extremely busy at the warehouses in Paju! Please pray for health and stamina for all the staff working there at this most demanding time. Thank you!

- *Sohee Park, CLC Korea*

Tuesday (23rd) - Uruguay

Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's guidance to make mobile trips with our books and Bibles to the interior of our country. These visits, which are normally a regular part of the ministry, were much missed by staff and customers alike during last year due to COVID-19.

- *Albaro Silva, CLC Uruguay*

Wednesday (24th) - Burkina Faso

We have great hopes for CLC Burkina Faso this year as we are prayerfully following a strategy plan to lift the ministry to better financial health. We are thankful to those who have helped us along the way so far. Please pray for us as we continue working to reduce our debts and also as we bring in new stock to satisfy the requirements of our customers.

- *Sami Luc Noufé, Burkina Faso*

Thursday (25th) - Chile

We request prayer for our future colporteur ministry as, due to the pandemic, mobility has been reduced in our country for most of 2020. This has meant that we have been unable to get outside of the cities and visit our customers in other places. At the time of writing, we cannot tell when this situation may change. - *Patricio Romo, CLC Chile*

Friday (26th) - Worldwide

Please pray for all those in CLC whose circumstances will change significantly this year as they will be taking up a different position in the ministry, moving to a different location or perhaps even retiring after being involved with CLC for many years. Pray that the Lord will clearly guide each one and prepare them for the next season in their lives and ministry.

The Weekend (27th - 28th) - Europe

At the time of writing, there are still many unknowns in Europe regarding COVID-19. Thankfully, many European governments have helped their economies, and CLC has benefited from this in several countries. Although our situation remains unstable, we have coped by putting more emphasis on our online operations, which have grown strongly. Please pray for more stability across the European continent. - *Gary Chamberlin, Europe Regional Director*

***“God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.***

***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging”***

Psalm 46:1-3



CLC Russia Director Nikita

BELARUS & RUSSIA

Russian Bible Project

CLC Belarus and CLC Russia are joining together to print 6,000 Russian-language Bibles! The Bibles will be printed in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, from where they can easily be transported to our CLC locations in Moscow and in Belarus. Sometimes there are gaps in the supply of Russian Bibles for various reasons. Nikita and Lina, our CLC Directors, are enthusiastic because they will be able to guarantee a steady supply to churches and their customers that need them.

The total cost including shipping is 30,000 Pounds (40,000 US Dollars). We praise God that a Trust in the UK already gave a generous gift for this project, and some other funds are available.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US for the Lord to quickly provide the remaining 6,000 Pounds (7,900 US Dollars) so that these Bibles can be made available to our ministries in Russia and Belarus.

KENYA

Mentorship Program

CLC Kenya offers a really exciting mentorship program to guide inexperienced authors through the process of writing a book. At the end of September, Mercy Muthoni, CLC Kenya Director, was the special guest of a radio program whose topic was "The Call to Write," offering to 10 winners a writing mentorship class as a courtesy of CLC Kenya. This is a 13-week journey to get a book out of the mind and the heart of some potential writers and turn it into a physical document or an e-book in order to impact those lives God has assigned to them.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US for this mentorship program and for CLC Kenya as they lead it.

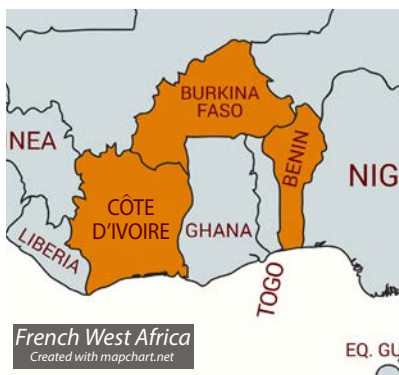


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BIBLES FOR FRENCH WEST AFRICA

written by Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director

As I write this, Ivory Coast is undergoing Presidential elections. The atmosphere is tense, for already 14 people have died and a former Prime Minister's house has been burned down, along with one of the schools in the area. It's not surprising that my CLC colleagues in Abidjan (the economic capital) and Bouaké (the central major city) often ask for prayers for peace and stability in their land.



To the north east, lies the border with Burkina Faso. I once traveled from Abidjan to Ouagadougou (Burkina's capital) by train. The journey lasted some 23 hours and my seat in the only first class carriage cost GBP 30 - a huge saving on the alternative flight. We roasted by day as the sun beat heavily on the windows and froze by night as an ancient, rattling air conditioning unit blasted cold air upon us, with no way of escape.

Today, I would not choose to go by train. In the ensuing years, terrorist activity has significantly increased. My colleagues in Ouagadougou pray when leaving home each morning and are thankful when they arrive safely at night. Due to COVID-19, I was unable to see them this year and go with them as usual to the corner restaurant run by a family of another faith. On previous visits I have eaten shwarma whilst watching the adherents of that faith rolling out their mats and bowing in the direction of Mecca, to the accompaniment of the distant minarets...

South-east of Burkina Faso lies Benin, a country where voodoo is considered to be completely normal and is followed by some 40% of the population. In Cotonou, home of the CLC bookshop, violent crime is common, poverty is evident and the spiritual darkness is palpable.



For CLC International, it is time to help our brothers and sisters in West Africa. We are seeking to raise at least GBP 35,000 in order to produce 10,000 copies of an economy version of the Bible in French, to be divided between the four CLC bookshops mentioned. It is our intention that these Bibles will be a much needed boost for our bookshops and our customers. They will be sold at the lowest possible price (approx GBP 3.6), with the idea that this will pay for the next 10,000 Bibles. A project three years ago in CLC Mozambique was run along similar lines and a second print run of 10,000 Bibles in Portuguese is already under way.

Of course, it is not only Africa that needs the Word. CLC's mission to make God's salvation message available to all the nations has resulted in a number of Bible projects on different continents, such as:

- **5,000 Bibles** in Thai for CLC Thailand
- **6,000 Bibles** in Russian for CLC Belarus and CLC Russia
- **45,000 Bibles** in Spanish for CLC in Bolivia, Venezuela and Spain.

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MY CLC STORY

by Jim & Jeanette Van Veldhuizen, CLC USA Retirees

We came to CLC USA 25 years ago, with three of our five children in tow. We left a children's ministry, where we had served for twenty years, in a more rural area of Pennsylvania. Suburban living was culture shock, even within the same state. We each had grown up on a farm, so our adjustment was a challenge—even the traffic noises kept us awake at night for a number of months, before eventually fading into the background.



were added, as I became a member of the leadership team, Personnel Director with various Human Resource functions, and a sort of “social director” which meant planning social and ministry-related functions for the staff and friends of the ministry. But even with all the other responsibilities, I most enjoyed answering the phones and greeting visitors.

While our day-to-day tasks centered around the US ministry and the details of living in community, we have valued our time at CLC, learning about, praying for, and meeting the workers of CLC around the world. Our worldview has been enlarged to enable us to pray more “according to knowledge” for our co-workers and their challenges in other countries. CLC’s commitment to prayer has certainly influenced our personal prayer lives.

My greatest challenge has been saying goodbye to co-workers with whom we bonded, both short- and long-term. Since I (Jeanette) have kept the personnel files, I’m keenly aware of the number of people over the years who have joined us, and then moved on. For Jim, it’s been challenging to see his workload decrease with the closing of stores (at one time we had four stand-alone stores and three church stores.) Now we have only one store. This lessening of his workload and advancing age made retirement seem like a reasonable next step for us.

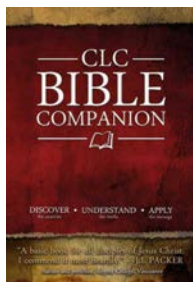


We knew our time with the children's ministry was coming to a close, and Jim learned of an opportunity at CLC USA in Fort Washington, PA for a warehouse worker through *The Great Commission Handbook*, a magazine which highlighted numerous ministries. And the rest is history.

Jim moved into the mailing department of CLC, (not the warehouse) which is something he had done in our previous ministry, where he served for several years, before training and serving in the Accounts Payable office for the remaining years.

When we arrived at CLC for Candidate Training in the fall of 1995, I had no idea what my assignment would be. I had some retail experience, so was expecting to work in the bookstore. But when assignments were passed out, I was given the responsibility of answering the phones. Gradually other responsibilities

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