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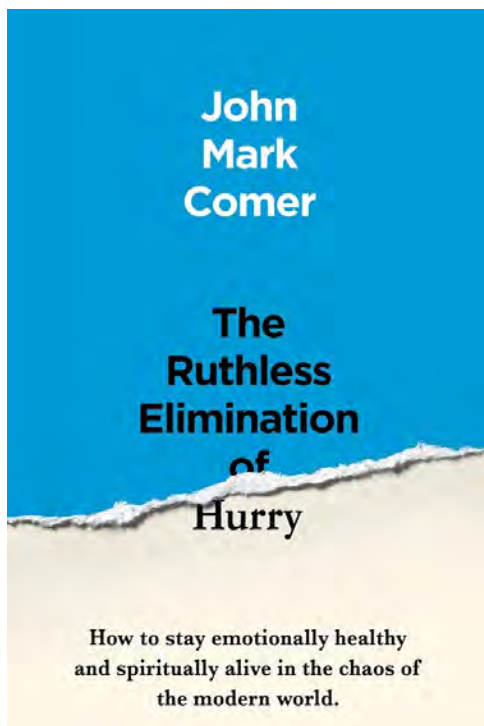


**ALL  
CHANGE**



**CLC RECOMMENDS...**

## ***The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry***



***by John Mark Comer***

*Who are you becoming?* That was the question nagging pastor and author, John Mark Comer. By outward metrics, everything appeared successful. But inwardly, things weren't pretty. So he turned to a trusted mentor for guidance and heard these words: 'Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. Hurry is the great enemy of the spiritual life.' It wasn't the response he expected, but it continues to be the answer he needs.

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**—Pete Greig,**

**founder of the 24-7 Prayer Movement.**

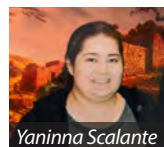
# ALL CHANGE!

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of CLC World. The world of Bibles, Christian books and resources is continually changing, and a number of those changes are reflected in this magazine.



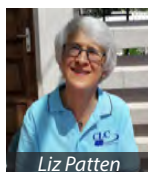
Alessandra Platania

I would like to start by acknowledging the contribution of two people in past editions and to introduce their replacements. For the past year, Alessandra Platania (CLC Italy) has been designing the layout of the magazine. I think you will agree that she has done a great job! Yaninna Scalante, who works for the CLC International Office and is based in Philadelphia, has taken on the role of design and layout.



Yaninna Scalante

In case you don't know, Alessandra Platania posts the Prayer Focus points, with photos and graphics, on Facebook every day. You can view them by going to the CLC World Magazine Facebook page.



Liz Patten

My wife, Sheena Wardrobe, has been responsible for collating the Prayer Focus material for 14 years. I am biased, but I think she has also done a great job! Taking over this responsibility is Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa, who is based in Mozambique. As you can see, the team remains



Sheena & Neil Wardrobe

very international – something only made possible by technology.

Another change you can read about is the advance of CLC into Peru. We had a work there for a few years about twenty years ago but, under the leadership of Carlos Marin, we are excited about the new possibilities.

Finally, you will read about ongoing changes in the book world brought about by technology and changing buying habits. This has impacted many of our countries. Our work in the United Kingdom is having to reorganise itself to confront today's realities – and take hold of new opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in and support of CLC.

*Neil Wardrobe, Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director*



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# CLC COMMENCES WORK IN PERU

At the beginning of 2019, CLC began to have closer contact with the *El Inca* bookshop ministry, which was part of the mission, Latin Link. For 125 years, *El Inca* had maintained a chain of Christian bookshops in several cities throughout Peru. Indeed, *El Inca* was the very first Christian bookshop to open in Latin America. However, due to various circumstances,

this ministry could not continue advancing, and the mission was considering closing their three remaining bookshops still active in the cities of Lima, Trujillo and Huánuco.

Back in 2015, communications between CLC and *El Inca* were made through Neil Wardrope (CLC UK and International Office), who had connections with the Latin Link director in Peru, Paul Turner. Gerardo

Scalante, CLC's International Director, followed up on the discussions about possible ways in which CLC could help this wonderful ministry that has had such a great impact in Peru.

With the decision taken to hand over the bookshops to CLC, Carlos Marin was asked to take on the responsibility for oversight of the three bookshops and see the transition through from Latin Link to CLC. Carlos already had experience of setting up CLC in a new country, having left his role in CLC Colombia to establish CLC in Ecuador, where he led the team for 19 years. After both parties had reached an agreement, CLC formally took over the bookshops on December 2, 2019. Nine of the shop staff and helpers who had supported *El Inca* for several years stayed on to serve with CLC.



CLC Peru bookshop

From the first month, the situation was very encouraging. Despite only having around 40% of the stock than we hoped to have, in December, we achieved sales of \$27,000. By the time you read this, we should have received shipments from almost all the publishers, which will allow us to double or triple the sales in both the short and long term.



As we consider the early days of CLC Peru, we only have words of thanks to God for the welcome and openness we have experienced from different ministries. We have managed to visit many churches and hold two very significant and relevant meetings with the pastors in the city of Lima. It is important to work alongside the church to fulfil the purposes of God and serve His people.

**Carlos Marin,**  
CLC Peru

# CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

"I want to thank the Lord for the work of the CLC teams in Latin America, particularly as 2019 was a somewhat difficult year for several countries where CLC works. Ecuador, Colombia, Chile and Bolivia have suffered from outbursts of social unrest, with protests reaching levels that caused some serious damage and destruction on the streets, and this affected the normal operation of our bookshops.

Partly as a result of these disturbances, our book sales in Latin America have decreased in general over the past year. However, we have seen the blessing of the Lord in surprising cases, such as CLC Chile where, despite the chaos in the country during October, sales grew by 3%! God always gives us opportunities during the difficulties to make the most of our ministry and prepare for whatever situation we may face.

We are grateful for the Spanish Bible project '*Jesus para Todos*' (Jesus for Everyone) that sent 45,000 Bibles to Venezuela, Bolivia and Spain. Many lives are being transformed and encouraged by this resource that was made possible by generous donations from many individuals and organisations. This has been particularly encouraging for CLC in Venezuela where the very difficult political and social situation in the country has caused concern for some years now.



Damage in Antofagasta,  
Chile, near CLC

During the month of September, we had our Latin American Leaders' Conference, along with CLC leaders from North America and the Caribbean, in Mexico City. We were challenged to meet the needs for Christian literature through our ministry. I believe that each of the attendees was encouraged to consider again their call to serve with CLC and to look forward to the days ahead with

renewed expectancy. In December, we had the privilege of opening in Peru when CLC took on an existing literature ministry in Lima, the capital.

It remains to say '*Thank you*' to each worker, in every place where God has put them, for serving the Lord to the best of their ability through CLC. Our challenge for 2020 is taken from Isaiah 54:2."

**"Enlarge the place of your tent,  
stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back; lengthen your  
cords, strengthen your stakes."**

Isaiah 54:2 (NIV)

**Humberto Urrutia,**  
Regional Director for  
Latin America



# CLC WORLD News

## CLC IN ACTION WITHOUT BOOKSHOPS, WHOLESALE OR A PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT!



### ... in Switzerland



"For 10 years, CLC had a bookshop in Ticino - the Italian speaking part of Switzerland. When the Swiss Franc became uncoupled from the Euro, this had a dramatic effect on our sales, from which we were never able to recover. In 2019, the decision was made to close the bookshop but continue the website, which reached all regions of Switzerland where many Italian speakers live. We thank God

that this new model of working has drastically reduced our costs that at the same time, website sales have grown significantly."

*Gary Chamberlin, Europe Regional Director*

### ... in New Zealand

"In New Zealand, we distributed over 23,000 Bible Gems Calendars, free of charge, just before Christmas 2019 with 15,500 of them going to prisons. We have also now sent out at least 5,000 to hospitals, which is a new target for us, and it is proving successful. Another new initiative is to send calendars to people living in some more vulnerable communities, and the trial for that has been encouraging. The Gospel Publishing

House Society supplies all the calendars, and CLC's contribution is to distribute them. We are very thankful to a local company that allows us to use their freight rates, which keeps postage costs to under two thirds of what we would normally have to pay.

CLC New Zealand has also supported another Bible student with a scholarship as he completes training with the WEC mission prior to going out to the mission field. This is exciting as we see young men and women putting their lives in God's hands and going forth to serve Him."

*Stewart Rowe, CLC New Zealand Trustee*



Let each of you look not only to his own interests,  
but also to the interests of others. PHILIPPIANS 2:4



March 2nd - 8th

## **Week 10 - Europe**

### ***Monday (2nd) - Portugal***

March is a month of many meetings! Please pray for the annual CLC Board meeting and the ECPA\* Rights Fair, and also the CLC Europe meetings to be held in Poland. Pray for strength and safe travels, good fellowship and learning. CLC is also involved with the Portuguese Evangelical Alliance and Global Leadership Summit meetings. \*Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association. - *Carlos Cunha, CLC Portugal*

### ***Tuesday (3rd) - Germany***

Our main prayer request is that we can survive the day-to-day challenges, having to manage the workload with less people due to the economic realities. Above all, may the Lord give us special love for the people coming in, especially as many are quite burdened.

- *Valentin Schweigler, CLC Germany*

### ***Wednesday (4th) - Russia***

Despite many new customers, our sales have been dropping in CLC Russia. This is even though since September 2019, we have been the only Christian (evangelical) bookshop in Moscow. Please join us in prayer for an improvement in this situation. We are thankful to the LORD for His continued mercy and protection for many years now. - *Nikita Sapunov, CLC Russia*

### ***Thursday (5th) - Cyprus***

At the time of writing, our helper - Jackie - is receiving physiotherapy in a Care Home in the UK after being seriously affected by a stroke. So far, her recovery has been slow. Please pray for her as she would love to return to Cyprus. In the meantime we are thankful for a new volunteer, Maria, who is willing to help when needed. - *Sotos & Eva Photiades, CLC Cyprus*

### ***Friday (6th) - Italy***

Please pray for our newest colleagues in CLC: Lucilla in Milan and Sharon in Bari. They are dedicated to serving the churches of their area through the shops, book tables, social media, seminars and events. To achieve this they appreciate help from capable volunteers. Please pray for more help in all of our seven bookshops spread over Italy.

- *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*



### ***The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Central Asia***

We are still searching for the person who can pursue new opportunities for book tables and find new companies and government agencies that will require large orders. Please pray for the right person who will be called by God. In the meantime, we are planning some book tables at schools in March, April and May. Please pray for good sales, at least to cover our expenses.

- *Director, Central Asia*

March 9th - 15th

## ***Week 11 - Asia***

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### ***Monday (9th) - Philippines***

March 9th-14th are the dates for the CLC Philippines annual conference and Annual General Meeting in Manila. Please pray for a fruitful conference and for the election of the new Board of directors. For the conference, we will adopt the theme of the upcoming CLC Council meetings "Do not Hold Back", based on Isaiah 54v2. - *Romualdo Macinas, CLC Philippines*

### ***Tuesday (10th) - Korea***

March is the busiest season for CLC Korea as all the theological seminaries start a new semester nationwide. Most of the titles we publish are used as textbooks in these seminaries. Please pray for successful sales and also for the operation and sales managers, who will be highly occupied. May God give them special health, strength and protection at this time. - *Sohee Yo, CLC Korea*



*Korea warehouse managers*

### ***Wednesday (11th) - Korea***

Thank the Lord for the privilege we have to reach out to North Koreans in Seoul. Many of them have suffered through loss of family members and struggle to adjust to life in South Korea. Pray that we will be able to show them God's love and that they will find peace and rest as they seek God's presence in their lives.

- *Lewis & Elsbeth Codington, CLC Asia*

### ***Thursday (12th) - Thailand***

We praise the Lord for Amanda and Ken and for their enthusiasm and commitment to spreading the Good News through CLC in their native Thailand. Thank the Lord also for an increase in sales due to their hard work, which means that good books are getting into the hands of more people. - *Lewis Codington, CLC Asia*

### ***Friday (13th) - Indonesia***

Praise God that OM Indonesia and CLC Indonesia have partnered together to reprint the classic title *Calvary Road* by Roy Hession. We pray that this new edition will be a great blessing for the Christians here and also for everyone who reads it.

- *Donny Kairupan, CLC Indonesia*

### ***The Weekend (14th - 15th) - India***

Praise God that one of our Tamil titles, '*Cities & Events where Jesus Lived*', was accepted by our Tamil Nadu state government for all the libraries. Consequently, we were able to supply 300 copies to 32 libraries. May this book be a great help to readers and may they know the love of Christ through this book, to the glory of God. - *Justin Chellappan, ELS (CLC) India*



March 16th - 22nd

## **Week 12 - All Continents**

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### ***Monday (16th) - Kenya***

We have a vision for Book Programmes, where we do training conferences or seminars based on one or two titles. One of the most successful was with the Genesis Genealogies by Rev. Abraham Park, when we had 270 pastors in attendance! In 2020, we are planning for two major book programmes. Please pray for lives to be impacted and changed for God's glory.

- Muthoni Mercy, CLC Kenya

### ***Tuesday (17th) - Indonesia***

From 17th - 21st March our Asia Regional Director, Romualdo Macinas, will visit us in Surabaya, together with Mr Lewis Codington. Pray that this will be a fruitful visit as we also contemplate a change in CLC Indonesia leadership. - Donny Kairupan, CLC Indonesia



### ***Wednesday (18th) - France***

At the time of writing, we have found a new location in Fort de France for the CLC ministry to serve the 380,000 people on the island of Martinique. We have to do quite a lot of work at this new place (painting, roofing, electricity, furniture, etc.) before we can move in - hopefully by the end of April. - Hervé Lessous, CLC France

### ***Thursday (19th) - USA***

Pray for safe arrival and customs clearance for our Multi-Language Media shipments

coming from overseas, with larger quantities now coming regularly by sea. Pray for effective communication with vendors and for efficient distribution to the immigrant communities we serve.

- Charles Hurd, CLC USA

### ***Friday (20th) - Latin America***

Please pray for CLC Bolivia, as the ministry has not been able to cover the costs of operations. Also, in December 2019, some financial subsidy came to an end, affecting the missionary couple leading the ministry. As a result, we have had to take some emergency measures. Please pray for wisdom in decision making and especially for direction and provision for missionaries Gamaliel and Marlene Padilla. - Humberto Urrutia, Latin America Regional Director



Marlene & Gamaliel Padilla

### ***The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Spain***

We give thanks to God that we could benefit from the economy Bible project, "Jesus for Everyone". Now we are working on the sale and distribution of these Bibles and we need to improve our strategies in order for this to be effective. We would like our customers, churches and other ministries to unite with us in order to promote awareness and distribution of this Bible.

- Darwin Vergel Dueñas, CLC Spain

March 23rd - 29th

## Week 13 - Latin America

### Monday (23rd) - Colombia

CLC Colombia will hold their Annual General Meeting on 25th and 26th March. We pray that we can have all the information organised and fulfil the responsibility of presenting the reports on time. We thank God that despite the marches that began in November last year, we were able to grow in sales; the LORD was very good to us, sending customers to our bookshops.

- David Pabon, CLC Colombia

### Tuesday (24th) - Panama

On 1st March we opened the Los Pueblos bookshop at a new location after our previous location (where we had been since 2007) was sold last year. The new bookshop, which has two floors and includes our offices, is about 500 metres away and in the same shopping centre. Please pray for customers to find us, for new strategies and increased sales in this new location. - Milton Cheng, CLC Panama

### Wednesday (25th) - Uruguay

Uruguay will have a new President starting in March 2020. At the time of writing, we are grateful for the peaceful atmosphere that has been experienced so far in this process, as it has enabled our distribution to increase in comparison with the previous year. We give God all the glory!

- Humberto Urrutia, CLC Uruguay

### Thursday (26th) - Ecuador

For many years we wanted to open as a distributor in the city of Guayaquil. This month we will begin this work in a place very close to our bookstore. Our desire is to have a good quantity of material available as soon as possible to better serve both the bookstore and the wholesale customers. Please pray for our team nationwide, for all these changes and new challenges.

- Monica Rojas, CLC Ecuador

### Friday (27th) - Chile

The end of 2019 was difficult in our country, yet we have seen the hand of God in CLC as we ended the year with growth in sales despite the situation. The month of April will be significant since there will be a plebiscite to decide if a new constitution will be established. Please pray for this complicated time which brings the risk of new protests. - Patricio Romo, CLC Chile

### The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Chile

From March 28th to 30th we will have our annual conference. This year's theme is "Come to a quiet place and rest" (Mark 6v31). We need a time to fellowship, to encourage each other and to pray for our ministry. - Patricio Romo, CLC Chile



March 30th - April 5th

## Week 14 - French West Africa & Asia

### Monday (30th) - Ivory Coast

Please join us in thanking the LORD for His great faithfulness towards us, despite the fact that we experienced a decline in sales last year. Also the situation with our second bookshop,

in Bouaké, remains difficult. We are grateful that an order from CLC France, believed lost, was found and delivered after three months of praying about it. Praise the LORD!

-Martine Foto, CLC Ivory Coast

### **Tuesday (31st) - Benin**

You may remember that some years ago, the owner of the CLC shop in Cotonou decided to sell the premises and the land for approximately 600,000€. He searched in vain for a buyer and we are still in the same very good location! However, our annual sales are going down. Please pray for increase in 2020 and also that we receive our orders safely from Europe.

- Emmanuel Ladeyo, CLC Benin

### **Wednesday (1st) - Burkina Faso**

We are thankful to the LORD for His continued protection over us and over the bookshop during these uncertain times. Because of an increase of terrorist activity in the country, we put our lives in God's hands each day that He may keep us safe. Please continue to pray for the national security situation here. -Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso

### **Thursday (2nd) - Burkina Faso**

Despite the situation in our country, at the end of last year we were encouraged and thankful to see an increase in our December sales. Our challenge is how to maintain this. Please pray that we will be able to have the necessary stock as and when it is required.

- Sami Luc Noufé, CLC Burkina Faso



2019 VBS material

### **Friday (3rd) - CLC Philippines**

For many years, CLC Philippines has conducted workshops for the Daily Vacation Bible School training. On April 4th, we will conduct another of these. The programme will last the whole day. Please pray that many will participate so that more children will be reached in the future as a result of this training. - Romualdo Macinas, CLC Philippines

### **The Weekend (4th - 5th) - India**

In the first week of April, we are planning for a mega sale in our headquarter premises in Chennai. Pray that this sale would be a great blessing to our customers as it forms part of our strategy to fulfil our CLC mission goals

of bringing people to faith and maturity in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- Justin Chellappan, CLC India

April 6th - 12th

## **Week 15 - Europe**

### **Monday (6th) - Spain**

In the week of Easter, it is usual for many people to visit their families in the cities where we have our three shops in Madrid, Sevilla and Valencia. Some of these people also take advantage of the occasion to visit CLC! Please pray that we will be ready to welcome them and help them with the selection of the materials they need. - Darwin Vergel Dueñas, CLC Spain



Madrid bookshop

### ***Tuesday (7th) - Italy***

In recent years, we have seen an increase in costs such as rent, electricity, salaries and taxes - whilst at the same time there has been a decrease in sales. Please pray that we can infect more people with the reading virus! There are only about 10 evangelical bookshops in all of Italy and we do not want to have to close our shops.

- *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*

### ***Wednesday (8th) - Central Asia***

A man came to our bookshop and discovered the Bible in his language. Since he didn't have enough money to buy it we suggested he should borrow one from our lending library. Two weeks later, he returned and asked us to extend the lending period! He has converted from another religion and despite the pressures from his family, he tries to stay strong.

- *Director, Central Asia*

### ***Thursday (9th) - Belarus***

We need to carry out some renovations in the bookshop in Blagovost and also renew the external sign at the entrance. Please pray for the funds needed for this venture and also for a good modern design that will communicate something of the Gospel to the passers by.

- *Lina Pinkevich, CLC Belarus*

### ***Friday (10th) - Good Friday***

Jesus said, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself" (John 12v32). Let's pray that many hearts will be touched by the real message of Easter all over the world and that many will find Jesus as Saviour and LORD over this weekend.

### ***The Weekend (11th - 12th) - Easter weekend***

During the Easter celebrations, many people of all ages will receive cards or gifts with an Easter message, given by a caring relative, neighbour or friend. Let us pray that these acts of reaching out to others will bear lasting fruit for Christ's Kingdom.



April 13th - 19th

## ***Week 16 - USA & the Caribbean***

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### ***Monday (13th) - USA***

Please pray for Robbie Halstead who has rejoined CLC full-time as manager of our retail operations after serving the USA Christian bookshop industry for several years through his own company. Also pray for Dave Steininger as he works on digital marketing. We praise God for a recent grant from Google Ads (available to nonprofits) and we need wisdom as we try to take full advantage of it. - *Charles Hurd, CLC USA*



### ***Tuesday (14th) - Canada***

We are actively working on a new visibility plan with a new partner. Our intention is to better reach people who already know us, but especially to reach people who do not yet know us, including non-believers. We are aware that we must strive to be 100% commercial and 100% mission if we are going to be effective in this direction!

- Antoine Roberge, CLC Canada

### ***Wednesday (15th) - Antigua***

We thank the LORD for His faithfulness to us. As we prepare to order new stock for special occasions in the calendar, please pray for His wisdom and guidance. Also pray that we can keep our prices attractive as we are aware that this can sometimes determine customer choices.

- Arah Martin, CLC Antigua

### ***Thursday (16th) - Trinidad & Tobago***

Our main prayer request just now, is for an increase in sales. Following a visit from the Logos ship, the start of the year was a bit slow. This was after a drop in sales at the end of 2019, in comparison to 2018. Please pray that we can reach more people with our books and Bibles as the year gets into the second quarter. - Sandra Robinson, CLC Trinidad & Tobago

### ***Friday (17th) - Caribbean***

We also need prayer for the sustainability of our strategies, including that we will persevere and not give up! For instance, we have begun the practice of a "Skype" prayer meeting every Monday at 8.00am, to include the entire staff at their different locations. Our internet is not always good, so please pray that we can maintain this new weekly prayer gathering!

- Sandra Robinson, CLC Caribbean

### ***The Weekend (18th - 19th) - Trinidad & Tobago***

Our Port of Spain office, located in the city, has not had pipe-borne water for over 15 years. This means we have to buy water and fill our tanks, which is more expensive than paying water rates. We have written several letters over the years to the Water Authority but the problem still has not been resolved. Please, pray with us!

- Sandra Robinson, CLC Trinidad & Tobago

April 20th - 26th

## ***Week 17 - Various***

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### ***Monday (20th) - United Kingdom***

The Kingsway CLC Trust Annual Conference will be held from 19th - 21st April - our first conference as a newly merged organisation. The past year has involved a huge amount of change and adjustment - with more to come. Please pray for us as we meet together to hear the LORD speak to us. The conference will be followed by a Trustees' meeting.

- Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust



### ***Tuesday (21st) - Ivory Coast***

We are always pleased to have opportunities to present CLC at events. One successful occasion for us was at the 3rd Christian Book Fair, which took place in Abidjan in 2019. We were able to make good contacts with local publishers and authors. Please pray for more such openings.

- Martine Foto, CLC Ivory Coast

### ***Wednesday (22nd) - Ecuador***

In January we moved the bookstore in the city of Manta to a more commercial and modern area. We thank the Lord that with this change, many more people are entering the bookstore and we are gaining new customers. Please pray that we will continue to spread the message of salvation, increase sales and find new spaces for action.

- Monica Rojas, CLC Ecuador



### ***Thursday (23rd) - Former Bookshops***

Sometimes CLC may hand over a bookshop to others when it is felt that this will be more beneficial for the ministry. This has been the case in two countries in recent months. Please pray for our former bookshops in Papua New Guinea and Liberia, that they will continue helping to meet the spiritual needs in those countries. Pray for the new staff and owners, that they will have wisdom from the LORD.



### ***Friday (24th) - Mozambique***

Three years ago, CLC Mozambique ran a project called "Bible for Everyone", with 10,000 Bibles being produced to sell at low cost after funds were raised for this purpose. Praise God that this was successful and the project has already become self-sustaining. At the time of writing, we are in discussions with a publisher about our next low-cost Bible for Mozambique. Thank You, LORD!

- Liz Patten, CLC Africa Regional Director

### ***The Weekend (25th - 26th) - Korea***

As the CLC International Council will be held in South Korea next month, the local team members will be busy sorting out schedules, airport pick up times and other things. Please pray for wisdom and patience to organise well and for good inter-communications with the delegates prior to their arrival. Please also pray for those who will need a visa to enter Korea.

- Sohee Yoo, CLC Korea

April 27th - May 3rd

## ***Week 18 - Africa & the Caribbean***

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### ***Monday (27th) - Burkina Faso***

We are so thankful for a gift from CLC Colombia that has enabled us to build new toilets at the bookshop in Ouagadougou. Previously we had no toilets on the premises and had to go to a mission house in the neighbourhood to use their facilities. May the LORD bless CLC Colombia for their compassion and generosity towards us.

- Sami Luc Noufe, CLC Burkina Faso

### ***Tuesday (28th) - Sierra Leone***

Since its installation in 2017, we have experienced many challenges with our Print-on-Demand system. Despite everything, we have been able to print a number of Christian books, including several written by local pastors. Now we are complementing the system with a small-scale copier and we also have started to do book binding. Please pray that we can replace and supplement our equipment as needed.

- Donald John, CLC Sierra Leone

### ***Wednesday (29th) - Kenya***

For a while, we have been looking for volunteers to help us with the staffing gaps we have. While it is not a common practice to have volunteers in Kenya, we continue to pray that God will send men and women to CLC Kenya to help advance the work, whether in person or even remotely in these days of technological advancements.

- *Muthoni Mercy, CLC Kenya*

### ***Thursday (30th) - Mozambique***

Since nearly all of our stock comes from Brazil, we continue to be very challenged by the high cost of international freight and import charges. This means that our prices are often higher than we would like them to be. Please pray as we consider a new possibility for consolidating our stock orders from multiple suppliers, as a means of reducing costs.

- *Liz Patten, CLC Africa Regional Director*

### ***Friday (1st) - Dominica***

For the past five years, we have experienced an economic downfall which, together with natural disasters, has challenged the private businesses. Currently we are in fluctuation mode as we are faced with low sales and publisher credits that keep rising due to monthly late fees. We thank God for the annual occasions (Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.) as these help to boost our sales. - *Davis Laudat, CLC Dominica*

### ***The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Panama***

Please pray for us as we review our activities in 2019 and plan for 2020, following the inventories carried out in January. We trust God for His blessing and direction concerning our sales and finances. We want to advance with the projects we have for the CLC work in Panama and, where possible, to continue to support CLC International projects where there are needs."

- *Milton Cheng, Director*

May 4th - 10th

## **Week 19 - International Council 2020**

### ***Monday (4th) - Belarus***

In the month of May, we have two state holidays that give us extra days off. At that time, there are usually two or three youth conferences in Brest. CLC Belarus arranges bookstalls at these events. It is a blessed time for the Christian youth in our region and a great opportunity to serve them although it is quite stretching for our team.

- *Lina Pinkevich, CLC Belarus*

### ***Tuesday (5th) - International Council***

Every four years, CLC holds its International Council meetings. Taking part are the International Director, the Regional Directors and the National Directors of all CLC countries where the ministry is considered established. The Council is the CLC forum for conducting international CLC business including any necessary review of practices and policies. Praise God for the opportunity to meet in South Korea this year.

### ***Wednesday (6th) - International Council***

Today the International Director and the team of Regional Directors will arrive in Seoul. Please pray for safe travels and quick adaptation to the difference in time zones. This prayer request also applies for ALL the delegates who will arrive over the next few days - mostly on the 10th. Also pray especially for the team of CLC South Korea, who will be our hosts!

### ***Thursday (7th) - International Council***

The International Director and the team of Regional Directors will meet together over the

next three days (7th / 8th / 9th), in preparation for the CLC International Council meetings that will follow. Please pray for a sharp focus and a keen spiritual ear as they meet together.

#### ***Friday (8th) - Asia***

"Praise God for the past 12 years that I could serve in CLC as the Regional Director for Asia. Now my last term has ended and I am seeking Him for new direction. Please join me in praying for a good transition for the next Regional Director and new things in the CLC Asia region. May the LORD open new CLC ministries in this region."

- Romualdo Macinas, CLC Asia Regional Director



*Romualdo & Deedah Macinas*

#### ***The Weekend (9th - 10th) - International Council***

Please pray for all the CLC teams around the world whose leaders will be away at the Council meetings. May the LORD protect them, encourage them and give them wisdom as they have to deal with situations that may arise. Also pray for the families of those who are at the Council meetings, again for the LORD's protection and encouragement at home.

May 11th - 17th

## ***Week 20 - International Council 2020***

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#### ***Monday (11th) - International Council***

The CLC International Council meetings begin today and continue until Saturday 16th. Our theme is Isaiah 54v2 : "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes" (ESV). Please pray especially for Ron Perschky, our devotional speaker, that he will be powerfully enabled to bring God's word to us.

#### ***Tuesday (12th) - International Council***

Please pray for all the official Council business and especially for the International Director who will be leading the discussions. Pray also for stamina for the interpreters who will be working to ensure that everyone understands what is being said. Also pray for a smooth running of all the day-to-day logistics of the conference and for the person who will be taking the official Minutes.

#### ***Wednesday (13th) - International Council***

Pray for any CLC leaders who are attending Council meetings for the first time. Pray for unity and for lasting fellowship among the delegates. Pray also for our worship leaders that they may be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as we join together to praise the LORD at the start of each new day.

#### ***Thursday (14th) - Peru***

In recent months, CLC has had the opportunity to take on an already existing bookshop ministry in Peru. Prayer is requested for wisdom to give the best possible service in this new venture, as well as for people called by God to work in this ministry. At the time of writing, we also need new systems for inventory, sales and accounting. - *Carlos Marin, CLC Peru*

#### ***Friday (15th) - Peru***

As far as we are aware, there is no mobile Christian literature ministry in the country of Peru. CLC would love to be able to purchase a suitable vehicle and start touring with a mobile bookshop! Please pray that we will be able to do this soon! - *Carlos Marin, CLC Peru*



### ***The Weekend (16th - 17th) - International Council***

Please pray for the last day of the Council's official business, that the Agenda will be completed on time. On Sunday, all the Council delegates will attend a church service followed by a visit to the CLC Seoul installations. Please pray for safety in travel around the city and a blessed day together.

May 18th - 24th

## ***Week 21 - Various***

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### ***Monday (18th) - International Council***

Today the Council delegates have been invited to participate in the Proclaim 2020 Conference in Seoul. Please pray that it will be a time of fellowship, encouragement and learning. The conference is designed to help pastors and other leaders understand the Bible from the Ancient Near East perspective.

### ***Tuesday (19th) - International Council***

Now that the Council meetings have concluded, the team of Regional Directors will begin their new term by meeting with the International Director for a further two days - 19th & 20th. Please pray for their meetings, which are expected to include an evaluation of the Council and then pray for their (mostly long) homeward journeys on the 21st - to Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the USA!

### ***Wednesday (20th) - France***

Together with two other publishers, CLC France is organising an Evangelical Forum, to be held in Montélimar in September. Many other publishers and missions will participate. Please pray with us for the preparations, for good organisation and that there will be many visitors to the event, which will be the first of its kind in our region.

- Hervé Lessous, CLC France

### ***Thursday (21st) - France***

Two years ago in Montélimar (home of the CLC France headquarters), we began a "Pastoral gathering" with five of the main local church leaders. We are happy about this, since CLC has not always been considered as missionary work in the region but rather as a commercial activity. We pray that unity continues to grow, leading to more visibility and action in Montélimar for God's glory.

- Hervé Lessous, CLC France



UK Bookstall

### ***Friday (22nd) - United Kingdom***

Praise the Lord for increasing opportunities to have book tables at a wide variety of events. Some of these have many thousands of people attending, while others have a few dozen. At the larger events we set up a whole bookshop, with titles chosen specifically for each gathering. Please pray for those serving at these events as they require good knowledge of the books and lots of energy!

- Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust

### ***The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - United Kingdom***

Praise the Lord we have taken on the distribution of the books from the Alpha evangelistic programme, headed up by Nicky Gumble. These courses have seen many thousands come to faith around the world and we are delighted to be able to offer these books and be associated with this vision.

- Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust

May 25th - 31st

## ***Week 22 - Various***

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### ***Monday (25th) - Kenya***

We are grateful for new partners that came on board in 2019 to enable us to establish our ministry, including donors who funded specific projects that have brought CLC Kenya and its programmes to a better place. - *Muthoni Mercy, CLC Kenya*

### ***Tuesday (26th) - Sierra Leone***

Please pray for the opportunities we have in Bo City to share the word of God with students. These days, most students are involved in drugs or other unhelpful things because of peer pressure. We are still able to preach to them and we also recommend that they have their own hard copy of the Bible and other books that will help them to live their lives.

- *Matthew Hanciles, CLC Sierra Leone*

### ***Wednesday (27th) - Ecuador***

We thank the Lord that at the end of 2019, we started selling via direct payment through the CLC website ([www.clcecuador.com](http://www.clcecuador.com)). Please pray that customers will continue to become familiar with our website so that we can increase our sales. Pray for the LORD to inspire us as we are looking for the best strategies to strongly promote this site.

- *Monica Rojas, CLC Ecuador*



*Myllene & Hector Burke*

### ***Thursday (28th) - Panama***

We give thanks to the LORD that since December 2019, our brother Hector Burke (formerly with the Institute of the Thompson Chain Reference Bible) has joined CLC Panama. Please pray for his continued adapting into the team and give thanks to the LORD for the ongoing fruitful collaboration between the two organisations, especially in the countries where Spanish is the main language.

- *Humberto Urrutia, Latin America Regional Director*

### ***Friday (29th) - Germany***

We thank God for all the opportunities to share with customers and visitors to our bookshops. An elderly gentleman, who was probably a freemason, came to our shop in Hamburg and said that he had stopped going to church many years ago. I was able to share with him from the Bible and about Jesus Christ. We always hope and pray that the seeds will bear fruit.

- *Valentin Schweigler, CLC Germany*

### ***The Weekend (30th - 31st) - UK***

We have started a regular monthly half day of prayer based at our warehouse in Chester. This means that the warehouse does not function at full capacity on those days. The Christian book trade has been very encouraged by this, even if they have to wait a little longer for their order. Please pray with us as we listen to what the Lord is saying to us.

- Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust

# BOOKSHOP CLOSURES

## – END OF AN ERA IN THE UK



Outside the London shop

From its earliest days, CLC has been best known for its bookshops around the world. This has been its main point of contact with the public and a key expression of our mission. We love bookshops!

It is, therefore, with regret that we have had to acknowledge the realities, particularly in the Western world, of changing buying habits. In the UK, our High Streets have been hit by a wave of shop closures across all sectors. We have had to

reassess the viability of our bookshops and, in January, we reluctantly closed four bookshops – in London, Tolworth, Stockport and Welling – and passed the Bolton shop to a local charity.

The bookshop in Bolton has been taken over by our CLC manager, David Thurairatnam, who formed a new charity, the Isaiah 53 Christian Bookshop. We will, of course, work very closely with David, and we trust that this new venture will be a success. If you live in the Bolton area, please visit!

The London bookshop was opened in 1946 in its first location in Ludgate Hill. Its final location was just around the corner in Ave Maria Lane. As with all the other bookshops, it holds special memories for thousands of people.



Inside the London shop

photo taken from 'The Bolton News'



CLC Bolton Manager David Thurairatnam (left)

Stockport was the location of one of our first three bookshops – after Colchester and Leicester. It opened in 1943, soon after CLC commenced in 1941. Although that shop closed, we were delighted to be able to take over from Wesley Owen in 2009, giving that shop a further ten years of life.

Our focus is increasingly on our growing wholesale distribution, online presence and events. We remain wholly committed to the distribution of Christian resources. The merger last year to create the Kingsway

CLC Trust is part of this process. We will, of course, maintain any bookshop that we can, and the Lord is increasingly opening other possibilities for us to partner with churches and other charities to facilitate the distribution of our resources.

Neil Wardrope

KCLCT Mission Director





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## Bookshop Relocation in Martinique



There has been a need to relocate the CLC bookshop in Fort de France, Martinique, for quite some time. Last October, Herve Lessous, Director for CLC France, visited Martinique to look at a potential property, and the good news is that the rental agreement is now in place with the landlord. By the time this issue of CLC World comes out, the preparation and fitting-out of the bookshop should be well underway, and the plan at the time of writing is to open in March or April of 2020.



## Celebrating CLC Belarus Books for Children

CLC Belarus publishes a range of children's books, some written and illustrated by local authors and artists. To promote and celebrate recent publishing achievements, a presentation day for Sunday School teachers and children from local churches was held in the CLC bookshop. Oksana, CLC's accountant, prepared



CLC Belarus titles

activities related to the new books that entertained the children and demonstrated to parents and teachers how the material can be used. As a result of the event, one lady prepared an Easter drama based on a book produced

jointly by CLC Russia and Belarus, and another lady who works with young children purchased 22 colouring books. Lina Pinkevich, CLC's Director in Belarus, says the event was a great encouragement, especially for the author of the featured books as she realised just how much her poems and creativity can be used to touch hearts and lives. CLC is also delighted to see sales of their children's publications growing!



CLC Belarus Presentation Day



## Testimony to God's Provision in Romania

Ronela Micula shares a testimony to God's provision recently: "We owed a significant debt to one of our suppliers, who is also a CLC customer with a bookshop and website. We normally pay these debts over a period of time, but in this case, the payment was requested immediately. We had enough money available, but it was specifically set aside to cover





the cost of books we needed to print. I prayed, asking God for a substantial order of our own CLC publications from this supplier so we could pay the debt in books rather than in money. A few days later, the supplier asked us for 200 copies of CLC's Romanian Children's Bible. Although we have experienced miraculous answers to prayer before, this one was truly astonishing! Praise the Lord, the debt was paid in full!"



CLC Kenya's teenager publishing course

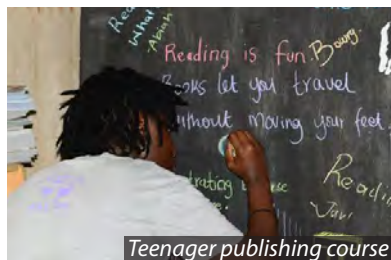
## CLC KENYA PROMOTES READING AND WRITING

"During the ten years of CLC book distribution and, more recently, publishing in Kenya, we have come to realise that getting books into people's hands is just the first step. Lives are changed when

people open the books and read the message, so we have looked for ways to promote this.

In 2016, we prayerfully planned a 'Book Programme' strategy to encourage groups of people to go through a specific title together over a period of time. The idea is to study the book content in depth and discuss how to apply the teaching and truths in daily life.

Then, in 2018, we felt we could carry this further by encouraging a reading culture in the home, within the family unit. We set up children's competitions



Teenager publishing course



CLC Kenya's family reading project

that included photography, essay writing and illustrations, all designed to answer the question, 'How can we promote a reading culture in Kenya?' It has been so thrilling to see children 'get the message' and see the importance of being a reading family - and nation!

In 2019, CLC ran a publishing course for young people during the school holidays, and the books written as a result of the training will be published in April, 2020. At

the end of 2019, we held a special celebration day with, among other activities, a reading picnic for families, awards for competition winners and a graduation ceremony for the five teenagers who completed the publishing course."

Muthoni Mercy Omukhango,  
CLC Kenya Director



## MY CLC STORY



MLM Team L to R:  
Christina Montgomery, Marc Savage, Jim Pitman

"I first started working with CLC in Center-City Philadelphia in 2008, just one month after my wedding! CLC helped me grow as a believer in Christ, as a wife and as a mother. I served first as a sales associate, later as a gift buyer, and then as an Assistant Manager. My husband also worked for CLC in our shipping department for a few years and frequently comes to volunteer. Our kids especially love to volunteer as well! My son said a few months back, "Mom, when I grow up, I want to work for CLC too!"

My school-age daughter is good at entering information into the computer and has been a tremendous help to me when we have let her volunteer a few times on large shipments from overseas. I appreciate my little helpers! We now live on 'The Hill' – the property owned by CLC USA and used for housing, offices and a warehouse - and it has been such a blessing. I am currently the Operations Manager for CLC Multi-Language Media, where I have the privilege of playing a part in distributing books and Bibles in people's heart language all over the world. Seeing these Bibles go out and knowing that they are used to bring people to Christ gives me so much joy!" *Christina Montgomery, CLC USA*

## UK EVENTS - IN THE MARKETPLACE

"Even as we lament the closure of some of our bookshops this year, we are deliberately going out to where the people are buying their books. People still love books, and they are happy to buy them but not necessarily in bookshops. This is particularly the case with Christian events and conferences. The Lord has opened up many opportunities to serve the public at events such as the Christian Resources Exhibition, the One Event and the Vineyard Church. For Vineyard, we distribute their music, provide a website and supply all of their conferences with books and resources – most notably their Leaders' Conference and a new Youth event to be held in August. The Bibles, books and resources are handpicked for each event, depending on those attending. It is very satisfying when we are able anticipate not just the correct titles but also the quantities required – but that does not always happen!



Serving at a Vineyard event

At the larger events a whole shop can be constructed with a lot of graft from our well-oiled team. Many hours are committed to travel, set up and set down, not to mention the long hours of the conference itself. However, the joy comes from seeing great books being distributed. It is our aim to support each church group in what they are seeking to achieve through their conference." *Neil Wardrope, KCLCT Mission Director*

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