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We are very grateful for the funds that have come in so far towards the new **Bible Project for French West Africa** which you may have read about in the past issue of *CLC World*. However, we still have a very long way to go to **reach our goal of £35,000**. Please pray with us for the remaining funds and that we will be able to go to print very soon. This will mean that **10,000 low-cost Bibles** will be sent to **Benin, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso!**



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Dear Reader,

We have known for some years that the world and its communications are becoming more digital as technology increasingly invades every part of life. Then Covid-19 happened. This has accelerated the process by several years leading to many changes that will not be turned back once 'normality' returns. In this issue, we look at how CLC has responded to the challenges and opportunities of the last twelve months. More than anything, it has been a reminder that even though the means of communication may change, the message of the Gospel remains the same. Indeed, the world needs the Gospel more than ever.

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A woman with dark hair and a red headband is singing into a microphone on the left. A man with a beard, wearing a blue beanie and a red t-shirt, is playing an acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone on the right. They are both looking towards the left.

MISSION WORSHIP GOES ONLINE

Mission Worship Online Experience Recap

by Neil Wardrope, KCLCT Mission Director

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever

– Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

The *Mission Worship* conference has a 25-year history and became part of Kingsway CLC Trust after the merger between *CLC UK* and the *Kingsway Trust* in 2019. It was established to share the move of God through worship that has arisen in recent decades and to give a platform for emerging worship leaders, as well as training, equipping and encouraging new leaders. Even as COVID-19 spread across the UK causing all Christian conferences to be cancelled, we maintained a hope that a November event would still be possible.

It was not to be - but God had other ideas!



Like so many Christian activities, churches and events, we moved online. Instead of a physical conference spread over three days, a one-day event over a ten-hour period was put together, and it was live-streamed on Saturday, November 21st. Preparing this was a steep learning curve!

Over the years, *Mission Worship* has enjoyed the generous support of many participants - Doug Williams (our compere), Dr John Andrews (teaching) and Aaron Keyes (worship leader and songwriter), among others. Everyone connected with the event contributed to produce a series of videos full of spiritual content and glorious praise.

The day began with a worship session led by Jake Isaac and Lucy Grimble (*Us & Him*), which set the tone for a day centred on Jesus. Dr John Andrews shared a talk with us titled 'Held by Hope', a theme that continued in the evening.

In the second and third sessions, there was a mix of seminars and the introduction of new songs from a stunning array of songwriters - Glenn Packiam, Rend Collective, Noel Robinson, Clayton and Olivia Webb, Krissy Nordhoff, Lou Fellingham, Tim Timmons, Lucy Grimble, Keith and Kirsten

Getty, Sarah Kroger, Chris McClarney, Richard James Butt, Sandra McCracken and Pat Barrett. A feast! All shared with simplicity and humility, even when the recording was interrupted by a 'family event', such as helping a child in the middle of a song! It all combined to bring a sense of authenticity.

The day ended with worship led by Aaron Keyes and the Word of God shared by John Andrews. As Aaron sang - Hallelujah, you are worthy to receive all glory, all honour.

There has been some encouraging appreciation of the day:

MW20 was my best ever *Mission Worship* **experience** - I am really pleased it was not cancelled. There was such an awesome sense of God's presence. There was a real sense of the worship leaders playing to an audience of One without having to also focus on a perfect performance and all the factors that need to be taken into consideration with a concert or big stage event.

Being up close with the worship leaders, sharing their vulnerability and offering pure worship, made it such an intimate experience. The life settings, including the pink bedroom and having to open the playdough, did not detract but made the worship real as it flowed through and out of the realities of personal lives and situations.

I made it a day in His presence - I stayed in my bedroom for the entire time, and it was so good that I did not want to miss any of it so only took a break for dinner, fasting inadvertently.

Maybe you are disappointed to have missed Mission Worship? Well, the beauty of online events is that they can remain online. All of the sessions have been uploaded on **www.missionworship.com**. Do take the opportunity to check them out.

How are we to evaluate such a new and different experience? The physical events have always attracted hundreds of attendees. The online experience is undoubtedly different and, yet, the numbers speak for themselves - more than 7,500 people from at least 20 countries joined the live-streamed event at some point during the day; the YouTube Mission Worship channel has gained 1,600 new subscribers, and the collection of videos was viewed more than half a million times in 2020 alone.



It is clear that digital channels can enable us to connect with far more people spread around the world. Our mission is to encourage people in their spiritual walk, whatever their starting point. COVID-19 has forced us to look at new methods of communicating His message. Digital is not the only way, but it certainly opens up new opportunities 'to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever'.



BURKINA FASO

Ministry relaunch!

Our team of two in Ouagadougou – Sami Luc and Gerard – began the new year encouraged and thankful for all the ways the LORD blessed them in 2020. He blessed them beyond their expectations. The ministry had been struggling for the past few years and now is truly being relaunched.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US for the centenary conference of the Assembly of God in Burkina Faso in March, where CLC will have a large book table. By God's grace, we are prepared!

SIERRA LEONE

New beginnings!

At the end of December, Donald John left CLC after six and a half years, serving as National Director. We are grateful for his contribution and wish him well in his new endeavours.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US for the new interim Director, David Scouler, who is leading remotely from Brisbane, Australia! Also pray for the local interim General Manager, Alfred Kaikai. Pray too for the weekly virtual management team meetings which take place every Monday and for the growth of the ministry in 2021.



Salimatu, CLC bookkeeper, with David Scouler

HUNGARY

We still have hope...

As the pandemic continues to have a very adverse effect in all of Europe, we have many reasons to thank the Lord! We praise God that our sales in Hungary actually grew during this period! Our shops in Miskolc and Budapest remain vibrant, and our online sales have increased significantly. Annamária and Zsolt Kárpáti were working almost non-stop for many weeks to keep up with the online demand! Praise God that many people are still looking for great books for their children and themselves to read and grow in their faith

PLEASE PRAY WITH US for our ministry in Hungary.

IN 2020 WE DID EVERYTHING – VIRTUALLY!

by Neil Wardrope, CLC Digital Director

Necessity is the mother of invention, they say. At some point during 2020, and into 2021, approximately 80% of all CLC's bookshops around the world have had to close for varying amounts of time. Obviously, this meant that most of our usual activity came to a halt. So, what could we do? The Lord stimulated our creativity, and a multitude of online activities flourished. Here are a few:

Websites - Worldwide



Inevitably, book sales via our websites produced significant increases as bookshops were closed. We have at least 28 commercial websites around the world selling Bibles and books in many different languages.

The move towards buying online has been dramatically accelerated in the last year and this has given many CLC teams both the opportunity and urgency to improve their online shops. In this

image you can see the new website for CLC Peru, launched just last year – www.libreriacclperu.com.

In the USA, CLC's Multi-Language Media website – www.multilanguagemedia.org - sells books in 91 different languages, from Afrikaans to Zulu, plus many you probably have not heard of!

In the Philippines, the team linked up with secular online channels, Shopee and Lazada, with very encouraging results. Around the world, we are learning to use not only our own website platform, but those of third parties as well. Most of the time these other channels reach a wider, more secular market.

Virtual Booktable – Portugal

A very 'normal' activity for CLC is to take booktables to one-off events at churches, conferences and bookfairs. Almost all of these were cancelled in 2020! In Portugal, Carlos Cunha decided to take the concept online. The Global Leadership Summit was held online over one and a half days. The speakers included Craig Groeschel, author and pastor of Life Church, Káká, the former football player, and Lysa Terkeust, president of Proverbs 31 Ministries. At the end of each presentation, the author's book appeared on the screen with a link to the CLC Portugal website. Carlos was active on the website chat so that he could interact directly with customers. Sales in leadership titles increased in the following days.



Booksellers' Convention – Colombia & Latin America



Each year, several of our Latin American teams hold conventions specifically for booksellers in their country, giving opportunity for booksellers to meet publishers and hear of the new projects being released. By definition, this is a local event. As the Colombia team began to plan with the publishers, it became evident that it could be a multi-national event reaching far beyond the bookselling community to include the general public. As a

result, authors, publishers, conference speakers and worship leaders were all able to participate and present their ministries to a much wider audience. The outcome had spectacular results: 25 hours of varied material was transmitted right across Latin America and beyond, with more than 250,000 people accessing the various sessions. To say this exceeded expectation is an understatement!

In total CLC Colombia was able to offer 233 virtual events during 2020 covering a wide range of issues. Many of these can be seen on the CLC Colombia YouTube channel which has almost 4,000 subscribers. There you can find a multitude of videos including a virtual book club, seminars examining the convergence of science and theology, author interviews and much more. For 2021, the motto for the YouTube channel is 'building with reverent fear'.

Prayer Meetings – Worldwide

In 2020, the four-yearly CLC International Council was due to take place in Seoul, Korea. It was cancelled twice in 2020 and, even in 2021, it may take place as a virtual event. The international leadership was unable to travel to visit our national teams. However, a new phenomenon emerged - the online, global prayer meeting. In a single Zoom call, we were able to bring together 130 CLC team members from around 40 countries to share fellowship and pray together. We had never been able to gather together so many from the CLC family previously.

In a subsequent Zoom gathering we were able to 'meet' the author, Josh McDowell. It was a great opportunity to get to know a world-renowned author and, equally, Josh was able to see the international, multi-racial, multi-lingual family that is CLC.

Writing Courses – Kenya

For a number of years, our National Director in Kenya, Muthoni Mercy Omukhango, has had the burden to train local authors. This focused on both adults and teenagers. Unable to continue the physical classes in 2020, Muthoni turned to the internet. She shares this:

The hard part of writing a book is not getting published. It is the actual writing. Books do not just write themselves after all. You have to invest everything you are into creating an important piece of work. Although writing is often a solitary act, the creative energy to write cannot thrive in a vacuum.

These courses run by CLC Kenya are preparing some of the African voices of the future.

Month of the Bible – Worldwide

In June 2020, all CLC teams were asked to have a special focus on the Bible to counter the fear and confusion spread by COVID-19. A significant number of these Bibles were sold online with special promotions. In Canada, the CLC team in Montreal sold almost twice as many of one edition of the Bible in that month as they had in the whole of 2019. What a privilege to distribute the Word of God.

Virtual Thompson Bible Seminars – Latin America

Regular readers of CLC World will be aware of the wonderful work being done in Latin America in collaboration with the *Thompson Bible Institute*. The aim is to instruct pastors and teachers in the use of the *Thompson Chain Reference Bible*, especially leaders unable to afford theological training. Properly used, this study Bible can open up a wealth of Bible teaching on hundreds of subjects. CLC has been able to partner with the Institute to train tens of thousands of Christian workers. Again, this appeared impossible under the restrictions of COVID-19. Ironically, the pandemic enabled us to reach more countries, not less. With some skilful re-ordering of the way the material was presented, the seminars continued through the year. In total, the virtual seminars enable the training of 800 people from ten countries, from Argentina to Spain.

Social Media – Africa

With bookshops closed, some of our workers had more time on their hands to learn new skills. Our teams in Burkina Faso, Benin and Ivory Coast had not been very active with social media. With help from co-worker, Lionel Couret, in France via Zoom, our teams were helped to understand the potential of Facebook for their bookshops. The public responded very positively, and this new way of connecting with our customers will surely become the new normal.

Hand in Hand Conference – UK

In February, the Hand in Hand Conference run by the Kingsway CLC Trust was live streamed. This conference aims to help those working in children's and family ministry – an area that has been particularly hard-hit by the pandemic. The topics included ministry in a post-pandemic world and how to bring the presence of God into everyday family life. The online event was very well received and attended by over 1,300 people from several countries. Judging by the comments, people were very happy to engage with this online format.



Roberta Velarde, manager of CLC Rome, introducing a new book by Priscilla Shirer called *Radiant*, published by CLC Italy

New Book Presentations – Italy

For a number of years, CLC Italy has steadily built up its presence on YouTube with a particular focus on presenting new titles. CLC Italy publishes many of its own titles, and these are frequently showcased on YouTube. This has become an increasingly important way of communicating with customers, particularly during lockdown. This can be done very simply from a bookshop setting, as if talking to a customer.

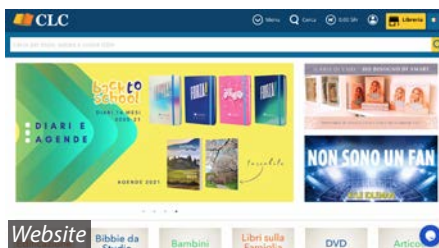
Where does this leave us?

So, maybe we have not been able to open all of our bookshops all of the time. Maybe we have not been able to meet physically. Maybe there have been financial and emotional struggles. However, this brief overview is a reminder that we can still fulfil our God-given vision to enable people to progress in their spiritual journey. May the Lord help us to continue to look to Him to respond to whatever situation we find ourselves in and continue to reach out with our life-transforming resources.



SWITZERLAND

God's guidance with the ministry



In 2019 it was a huge disappointment that we had to close our only shop near Lugano in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. However, we were very thankful that, with the help of Carlo and Sara Ciafani, we were able to continue the clcsvizzera.com website. As we look back now, we can see the Lord's timing in all of this.

The COVID-19 pandemic hit Switzerland very hard, and the border with Italy was closed for many weeks. All non-essential shops were also closed. If we still had our shop near Lugano it would have been financially devastating for CLC. Instead, we have seen our on-line sales grow significantly since the pandemic hit.

WE PRAISE GOD that in His perfect will and timing, He has preserved our ministry in CLC Switzerland.

MOZAMBIQUE

We are so thankful for 10,000 low-cost NIV Bibles which arrived at CLC Mozambique in February. They came just in time as our previous shipment of 10,000 affordable Bibles was running out! Please pray that these will be distributed widely in the country and that the good seed of the Word will be sown in many hearts. These Bibles contain an outline of the Gospel message, a prayer for salvation and details of how CLC can be contacted.



Going through the
NIV Bible



March 1st - 7th

Week 9 - Asia

Monday (1st) - Philippines

On March 1st to March 4th, we will hold the Annual General Meeting and the Workers Annual Conference of CLC Philippines - via Zoom! Please pray with us for God's blessing, leading and encouragement. Thank you. - *Romualdo Macinas, Philippines*

Tuesday (2nd) - South Korea

This year we are not certain if the schools will have regular classes or virtual lessons due to the ongoing pandemic. Either way, we will be very busy printing, wrapping and sending textbooks to the theological seminaries here as well as to other customers. Please pray for our employees at the warehouses in Paju that they will be healthy during this busy time. - *Sohee Park, Korea*

Wednesday (3rd) - Thailand

Please continue praying for the sale of CLC Thailand properties in Bangkok and Chiang Mai that God may lead the entire process. We have been praying about this for quite some time now and need to persist in prayer until this is done. A breakthrough is essential here to ensure that the ministry can go forward! - *Amanda Intajuk, Thailand*

Thursday (4th) - Asia

In spite of the greater difficulty these days of obtaining visas and travelling, at the time of writing, we are thankful to have received a visa for South Korea. Please pray for continued openness to the Good News on the part of the North Korean defectors who we serve.

- *Lewis & Elspeth Codington, Asia*

Friday (5th) - India

Please pray for the newly opened CLC outlet in Kolathur, Chennai. Pray that there will be a good flow of customers and that the outlet will be very beneficial to the people in and around that area. Thank you. - *Justin Chellappan, India*

The Weekend (6th - 7th) - India

Thank you for your prayers for our special sale, which took place in the first week of December 2020. By His grace, we received a good number of customers and many new people visited

us. God willing, in the first week of April, we plan another special sale in our HQ building in Chennai. Please pray that this sale would benefit many and especially that new people will visit us and make use of it. - *Justin Chellappan, India*

March 8th - 14th

Week 10 - Country Focus : Italy



Monday (8th) - Italy

Please pray for Samuele di Ruocco and Ivano Cramerotti. Samuele was the National Director for CLC Italy until he suffered a severe health blow, which meant that he could no longer continue in that role. He has testified of the Lord's closeness during this time. Ivano took over responsibility but has also been battling with serious health challenges over the past year.

- *Liz Patten, International Office*

Tuesday (9th) - Italy

As mentioned in the last *Prayer Focus*, The Gospel of Luke was completed last year, and we have several thousand copies to give away in a special edition suited for the pandemic. We also have a different edition for sale. Please pray that the Gospels will reach the right person at the right time so that they will turn to God. - *Andreas Bader, Italy*

Wednesday (10th) - Italy

We thank God that our internet sales are growing. However, this is not a substitute for personal dialogue and interaction/counsel in a bookshop. At the end of 2020, we closed our shop in Bari, leaving only six CLC bookshops in the country. Please pray for our managers and for new and creative ways to promote the bookshops that have taken years, sweat and tears to establish.

- *Andreas Bader, Italy*

Thursday (11th) - Italy

Our publishing is growing, and there is some interest from secular bookshops and websites. Please pray for the right choice of titles that will make a difference in Italy. We have covered specific areas, such as children's books, apologetics and ethics. Sometimes, one key contact person can open up a large area for us - please pray for open doors. - *Andreas Bader, Italy*

Friday (12th) - Italy

Our marketing team was slightly reshaped at the end of last year. Please pray for us for wisdom in finding effective ways to reach and engage the Italians. Also, please pray that we will be able to meet in person as a team sometime soon. Thank you. - *Alessandra Platania, Italy*

The Weekend (13th - 14th) - Italy

Please pray that we will be able to continue the new Bible translation project that we are working on with *Biblica*. The main coordinator was diagnosed with cancer last year and has undergone some treatment already. Please pray for full healing for him. - *Andreas Bader, CLC Italy*

March 15th - 21st

Week 11 - Latin America

Monday (15th) - Colombia

Please pray that we will make wise decisions in the midst of these uncertain times. Pray also for our new publishing projects and for our elections this month for the position of National Director and the positions in the Administration Council for CLC Colombia. Thank you very much. - *David Pabón, Colombia*

Tuesday (16th) - Panama

Please pray for the finances of the ministry and for the economy of the country in general, which is affected by the prolonged closure we had in 2020 and early 2021. Also, please pray for the payment arrangements we have with suppliers and other accounts payable that we can continue to buy and have the necessary inventory to meet the demand for Christian resources in Panama. - *Milton Cheng, Panama*

Wednesday (17th) - Venezuela

Sadly, we must close our bookstore in San Cristóbal. In mid-January, we ran a special promotion for six weeks in order to bring in money to pay off rental arrears and other expenses involved in closing down. It is our hope that in the future, we can reopen in the cities where we have closed. We are thankful for the five remaining CLC bookstores, each of which has its own premises.

- *Yohel Peña, Venezuela*

Thursday (18th) - Mexico

Please pray for our economic situation as, at the time of writing, we are struggling to pay our suppliers on time. We are taking encouragement from God's word in Psalms 18:29: "With Your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall" (NIV).

- *Maria del Carmen Castañeda, Mexico*

Friday (19th) - Chile

On Saturday, March 20th, we will hold our Annual Conference via Zoom! Please pray that despite the distance, we will be able to enjoy fellowship and encourage each other. This year's meeting is very important because it is also the year for the election of our National Director. We ask for prayer that God may direct the whole process. God bless you. - *Patricio Romo, Chile*



The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Buena Tierra

Our name "Buena Tierra" ("Good Soil") reminds me of Psalms 126:5 – 6, which speaks of sowing and reaping. Please pray for me that I may find ways to keep producing and selling our materials as well as delivering online training. In this way, we can equip and encourage those who work to share the Bible with children and young people.

- *Sharon Jones, Editorial Buena Tierra (CLC Peru)*

March 22nd - 28th

Week 12 - Websites & Digital + A Special Birthday

Monday (22nd) - International Office

COVID-19 was a catalyst for CLC online distribution growth! Please pray for Neil Wardrope (Director of CLC Digital) and Cristi Cotovan and his team of "Techies". Together, they serve over 20 CLC countries with websites and other technical services. Pray that they will be able to keep our websites running well whilst also developing updates in technology and services.

- *Gerardo Scalante - International Director*

Tuesday (23rd) - Belarus

We are pleased that in 2020 we received government permission to receive payments from overseas on our website. This means that we can now send books all over the world. We already send parcels to Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, USA and Germany. We also receive orders from countries where we redirect our customers to CLC shops in those locations.

- *Lina Pinkevich, Belarus*



Wednesday (24th) - Uruguay

This year, we would like to develop our online distribution, which currently is taken care of by just one person. We ask for prayer that we may find someone who is an expert in these things so that we can experience a period of increase in 2021.

- Humberto Urrutia, Uruguay

Thursday (25th) - Hungary

We are grateful that God kept us going through 2020 in terms of both our health and our bookshops! Website sales almost doubled and, obviously, that was a great help in being able to survive. Now, we want to concentrate on maintaining our website, newsletter and Facebook page in order to attract more people - and then keep them attracted! We need wisdom and ideas for online marketing.

- Zsolt Kárpáti, Hungary

Friday (26th) - Romania

Please pray for all the websites and especially those looking to grow their expertise, as in Romania. "We have been so aware of our own limitations, and so we thank God for His help concerning our abilities to learn and develop our skills in the work on the website. We praise Him for good health, both physically and psychologically and for the strength and the determination He has given us." - Ronela Micula, Romania

The Weekend (27th -28th) - Korea

Please pray for our National Director, Dr Young Ho Park, as he will be turning 75 years old on March 28th. May our wonderful Father continue to bless him and watch over him as Dr Park still works full time. Pray that God will take care of his health and that Dr Park will continue to maintain good leadership skills for the benefit of our team and ministry. - Sohee Park, Korea

March 29th - April 4th

Week 13 - Thankfulness

Monday (29th) - Kenya

We are thankful for the opportunity to launch a Swahili edition of *The Covenant of the Torch* by Rev. Abraham Park at a Pastors' Conference scheduled for April or May. In contrast to the convened conference we held in 2019, this time we will be online. Please pray for us that we will be able to manage this new online space without hitches to impact about 300 pastors from Nairobi and Mombasa at this conference. Thank you.

- Muthoni Mercy, Kenya

Tuesday (30th) - Burkina Faso

We are grateful that the Lord has given us encouragement with the number of sales in 2020 and also He has protected us despite the impact of COVID-19 and the continued terrorist activity in our country. We were even able to serve at a number of book stalls in churches and events. - Sami Luc Noufe, Burkina Faso

Wednesday (31st) - Philippines

We thank God for 2020 despite the pandemic. We could even learn a lot from it and have many good experiences because it changed our focus. Thank God for all the provision and wisdom to adjust to the situation. This year, we are trusting Him again for the provision of the ministry and also for its direction. - Romualdo Macinas, Philippines

Thursday (1st) - Cyprus

We are thankful to the Lord for all the orders we have received, mainly online, during these very difficult and trying times when we are seeking to keep the bookshop afloat! - *Sotos and Eva Photiades, Cyprus*

Friday (2nd) - Easter

Above all else, we are thankful for the Cross. Please pray that many people all over the world will come to put their trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord this Easter as they recognise what He has done for them. CLC is grateful to have a part in spreading the Gospel message of Hope through the literature we produce and distribute.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Easter

As we praise God for the power of Jesus' resurrection, let us pray specifically for all those who have received a tract or other piece of literature that points the way to Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work in their lives to bring these people to a knowledge of salvation.

April 5th - 11th

Week 14 - News from CLC Francophone Countries



Monday (5th) - Canada

The results of 2020 were beyond all expectations. The Lord wonderfully blessed our bookstores and our new distribution centre. In fact, our financial results were better than those of past years. It was a miracle, so please rejoice and give thanks with us! Also, please pray that the Lord will show us the right person for each staff position, especially in the Distribution Centre and in our management. Thank you.

- *Antoine Roberge, Canada*

Tuesday 6th) - Burkina Faso

We thank the Lord for the gift of a quantity of Thompson Bibles for CLC Francophone Africa. This gift was a miracle for us. The Bible School students are the main customers for these, together with various pastors, especially from WEC. Thank you, Lord. - *Sami Luc Noufe, Burkina Faso*

Wednesday (7th) - Ivory Coast

We are very thankful to the Lord for keeping our country safe around the time of our elections at the end of last year. We are also thankful that He has kept our team and our two bookshops safe in Abidjan and Bouaké during the time of the pandemic. Now, we are asking for His help with every challenge that 2021 will bring. - *Martine Foto, Ivory Coast*

Thursday (8th) - Ivory Coast

We thank the Lord for all His blessings in our lives and especially for the fact that we had a positive year in the bookshop in Bouaké. This was progress for us. My prayer is that 2021 will be even better and that the Lord gives us health and His grace to finish the year in good condition. - *Marie Sekongo, Ivory Coast*

Friday (9th) - France

At the end of last year, the International Office launched a project to produce 10,000 low-cost Bibles for distribution through CLC in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. For this to happen, we need to raise a total of €35,000. CLC France is taking the lead in



this project, and you can read about it in the *CLC World* magazine. Please join us in praying for this. If possible, we would like to meet our goal this year.

- Hervé Lessous, France

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - France

This year, we have the joy of celebrating 70 years of CLC France! To mark this wonderful occasion, we have planned a special colour edition of the classic, *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan.

- Hervé Lessous, France

April 12th - 18th

Week 15 - CLC Publishing & Printing

Monday (12th) - Korea

We plan to publish more children's books this year! So far, contracts have already been signed for four new titles to be translated from English to Korean and published sometime in the summer. The deadline for submitting these manuscripts is April 15th. Please pray that they will be ready! May these books reach many young readers who want to know about His Word.

- Sohee Park, Korea

Tuesday (13th) - International

Many CLC countries publish great books but had to put their plans on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic and the subsequent disruption in distribution channels. Now, many countries are in a better position to begin to focus on publishing again. Please pray for the 20+ CLC countries that are publishing in 24 languages as they resume translation work and printing. Pray for our leaders to evaluate well as they make choices regarding which titles to invest in.

- Gary Chamberlin, CLC Publishing Coordinator

Wednesday (14th) - Hungary

As outlined by Gary Chamberlin in yesterday's prayer point, we were one of the teams that had to delay some of our publishing projects last year! Now, we want to continue with them. Please pray that we may find many titles that will be relevant to our readers and that many people will be blessed.

- Zsolt Kárpáti, Hungary

Thursday (15th) - Romania

We pray for God's help concerning our publishing projects that are still outstanding. We delayed many of them due to various reasons and in different stages of progress. This was after having already invested significant resources in these projects. So, we understand that it is important to complete them as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless you.

- Ronela Micula, Romania

Friday (16th) - International

A number of CLC ministries (Kenya, Indonesia, Philippines and Sierra Leone) have been blessed to acquire equipment for Print-on-Demand services. Please pray that they may be able to maintain and replace the different components of the machinery as and when necessary. Also, pray for the staff engaged in this part of our ministry that they will be able to produce a steady stream of resources that will serve God's Kingdom purposes and glorify His Name.

- Liz Patten, International Office

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Russia

At the time of writing, 6,000 Bibles in Russian are being printed in Belarus to help ensure a steady supply for CLC Belarus and Russia. A total of US\$4,470 (approximately £3,270) is still needed to fully fund this project, which costs a total of US\$39,000 (approximately £27,800).

Praise God for how He has provided funds from various sources and pray for His supply of any amount still outstanding. Pray that the Bibles will be a tremendous blessing to Russian speakers everywhere! - Gary Chamberlin, Regional Director for Europe

April 19th - 25th

Week 16 - International Office

Monday (19th) - International Council

Every four years, CLC celebrates its most important meeting, which is the International Council. This was due in May 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. Now, we have scheduled our first virtual International Council on April 19th to 21st via Zoom. Please pray for this event, which is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and discussion.

- Gerardo Scalante, International Director

Tuesday (20th) - International Council

Please continue to pray that (albeit virtually) we will have a good and profitable time assessing the CLC work worldwide during our International Council. Pray for the technical arrangements too and for those responsible for these. We anticipate the participation of delegates from 25 countries in four major languages. - Gerardo Scalante, International Director

Wednesday (21st) - International Office

As you may imagine, the pandemic had quite a negative effect on the financial status of the International Office (IO). The trustees have significantly adjusted the budget with obvious reductions in travel and other forms of support /financial help we provide to CLC countries. Please pray for wisdom to administrate the remaining limited IO resources and for provision to be able to do what is necessary for the benefit of the CLC fellowship.

- Gerardo Scalante, International Director

Thursday (22nd) - International Office

The trustees are very grateful for God's provision in 2020 for both ongoing expenditure and for projects. Sometimes, this provision came in unexpected ways, such as from the City Council. We constantly need God's wisdom in managing the International Office and ensuring that the books balance! Please also pray for us that we may show due support to the International Director and the Regional Directors. Thank you.

- John Raby, Chair of International Office Trustees

Friday (23rd) - Our History

Please pray for wisdom in carrying out the task of updating CLC's history as a follow up to the books *Leap of Faith* (by Norman Grubb) and *The Foolishness of God* (by Ken Adams, founder of CLC), which covered CLC's early years. May the finished product be a tool in God's hands to call more workers into His harvest field.

- Lewis Codington, International Office

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - International Office

Part of the regular work of our Regional Directors (RDs) consists of visits to our countries for oversight and fellowship. Due to the pandemic, the RDs have been working remotely for the past 12 months. Although this has helped to reduce our budget costs, there are some situations that can only be adequately addressed in person. Please pray for wisdom and patience until travels can begin again. - Gerardo Scalante, International Director

April 26th - May 2nd

Week 17 - Evangelism & Outreach

Monday (26th) - Cyprus

During Christmas and the New Year period, we distributed about 700 Greek calendars with a daily reading content, which, from reports we receive, are very eagerly read over the year. Especially this time with the outbreak of COVID-19, we noticed an even higher demand for these as well as for the Bible. Please pray that the people who receive these calendars may come to a real experience and faith in the Lord Jesus. - *Eva & Sotos Photiades, Cyprus*

Tuesday (27th) - Uruguay



We are asking for prayer for the work that is done through the mobile unit in the interior part of the country. During the pandemic, we were hardly able to get out and visit the believers. We are seeking the Lord's direction for a good travel plan for this year and that we may have new opportunities for distribution. - *Humberto Urrutia, Uruguay*

Wednesday (28th) - Burkina Faso

As already mentioned in the thanksgiving point (30th March), we were able to do a number of book tables last year. Please pray that more churches will be open to receive this service in 2021 so that we can make CLC's

resources more widely available even to those who do not visit our bookshop. Of course, when we do this, we also have the opportunity to tell the congregations where they can find us! Thank you. - *Sami Luc Noufe, Burkina Faso*

Thursday (29th) - International Office

Please pray for the city of Florence and for the CLC bookshop there. In 'normal' times, a flood of tourists passes in front of the bookshop every day as it is located close to the famous statue of David. Perhaps this bookshop - more than any other - offers the most opportunity for direct evangelism in the whole of the CLC world.

- *Rudy Kuijer, International Office*

Friday (30th) - International Office

Please pray for me as I seek God's leading in the face of the various opportunities for literature distribution. Before the pandemic, there was a range of ways to help and support in different places in Europe where CLC is at work. Now that travel is more difficult, I try to do what is directly in front of me. - *Rudy Kuijer, International Office*



The Weekend (1st - 2nd) - Cyprus

At the end of 2020, I was able to visit some of the ships in the Port of Rotterdam. I had the opportunity to hand out gifts and try to share the Gospel. It was a blessing to visit a small ship with only Spanish-speaking people from Latin America on board. My wife and I were able to bring them warm clothing, food and Gospel literature in their language. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in the hearts of these people that they may turn to Christ.

- *Rudy Kuijer, International Office*

May 3rd - 9th

Week 18 - Europe & The United Kingdom

Monday (3rd) - Spain



At the end of March, sadly, CLC Spain closed after 55 years of ministry. Please pray for the team members as they trust the Lord for their futures. At the time of writing, CLC has not yet been able to sell its shop property in Valencia due to the poor economy and COVID-19. Please pray that we can find the right person to purchase the property at a good price. This is important so that CLC Spain can pay some of the debts it has accumulated. Thank you.

- Gary Chamberlin, Regional Director for Europe

Tuesday (4th) - United Kingdom

At the time of writing, it is unlikely that we will be able to have our Annual Conference this year, following its cancellation last year. This would normally take place in May. Please pray that despite not being able to be physically together, the Lord would maintain the vital links between us. - Neil Wardrope, UK

Wednesday (5th) - Germany

Despite the pandemic, we have many reasons to be thankful: for our health, for time to do deep cleaning and restructuring, for good feedback from our customers who hope that we will survive, and for each other and the fact that we look forward to seeing each other again. Our financial reserves have been seriously impacted, but we are still here. Please pray for us that we can continue to minister here in Hamburg and beyond (via the website).

- Valentin Schweigler, Germany

Thursday (6th) - Belarus

Please continue to pray that we can find a new director for CLC Belarus. Despite our appeal to the churches, at the time of writing, there are still no real candidates. My second term of service in this role ended in February and, although I can continue for a while, this can no longer be full time. Thank you.

- Lina Pinkevich, Belarus

Friday (7th) - Belarus

Please also pray for our general staffing, which is a matter of concern. One of our full-time workers recently went part time, working in the evenings or at weekends for CLC. He is responsible for our computer system and CLC Belarus media, which is obviously very significant for us. Another team member, Tanya, will retire in September. Please pray for her replacement to be found in good time. - Lina Pinkevich, Belarus



The Weekend (8th - 9th) - Bulgaria

Although it has not been easy, amazingly, all through the pandemic, our bookshop never closed down. We are thankful to the Lord that He kept us safe and provided for us to have enough customers and turnover, and He continued working in us. Please pray with us for the health of the husband of one of our workers who has been fighting a serious diagnosis for a long time. - Lidiya Dimitrova, Bulgaria

May 10th - 16th

Week 19 - Africa

Monday (10th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for David Scouler from the International Office who is now serving as interim National Director for the ministry in Sierra Leone. Due to the challenges of the pandemic, David is unable to travel to Sierra Leone at the moment but is leading remotely through emails, WhatsApp and virtual meetings, which are held at least once a week. This is going well so far, and we thank God for the relationships that are being established, even at a distance.

- Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa

Tuesday (11th) - Sierra Leone

Pray for Alfred Kaikai who has been appointed as the interim General Manager of CLC Sierra Leone. Part of Alfred's role is to liaise between the local team and the interim National Director. Pray for unity across all the departments and a continued ministry focus for our three bookshops and our Print-on-Demand sector. Also please pray that the various fundraising efforts will produce an abundance of resources for the ministry.

- David Scouler, Sierra Leone



CLC Sierra Leone
(Freetown) team

Wednesday (12th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for the three CLC bookshops in Sierra Leone. Two are in the capital (Freetown), and the other is in Bo City. Pray for the right stock and the money to pay for it on time, and that the relationships with the local churches will blossom through book tables and other events. We thank God for our bookshop managers who are passionate about the ministry and the impact that Christian books and Bibles can have on the lives of the local people. Pray fervently to see lives changed.

- David Scouler, Sierra Leone

Thursday (13th) - Mozambique

We are still working towards opening an outlet at a Bible School in Nampula. After having received the licence to operate, we are now expecting a government inspection of the premises. We still need to have some furniture built and to identify someone to be responsible for customer service and marketing. The initial idea was to hire a student from the Bible School, but, as it was closed for a long period during the pandemic, there were no students to choose from.

- Petra Nemansky, Mozambique

Friday (14th) - Mozambique

CLC Mozambique is thankful for a print run of 10,000 low-cost NIV Bibles, which arrived in February, produced from the sales generated by an earlier print run. Please pray that these Bibles will be distributed quickly and widely throughout the country, once again at low cost, and that the good seed of the Word will be sown in many hearts. The Bible contains an outline of the Gospel message, a prayer for salvation and details of how CLC can be contacted.

- Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Kenya

Please pray for us to continue in God's wisdom for this year. The effects of the pandemic are still with us, and, although we have restructured our ministry to adapt as far as possible, the situation is still challenging.

- Mercy Muthoni, Kenya

May 17th - 23rd

Week 20- Challenges

Monday (17th) - UK

Please pray for our warehouse team that has made special efforts to keep our operations going in very difficult circumstances over the last year. We praise God that, despite restrictions, Bibles, books and Christian resources continue to be sent out across the UK and, indeed, to mainland Europe. The Lord has opened many doors to work with new suppliers since the start of the pandemic. - *Neil Wardrope, UK*

Tuesday (18th) - UK

As we have had to close most of our bookshops, much more of the contact with the public is over the phone with our wonderful Customer Services department. At the time of writing, they are still working from home and yet continue to look after our customers. Please pray for spiritual insight to be able to respond well to our customers' requests. - *Neil Wardrope, UK*

Wednesday (19th) - Book tables

CLC is known for having book tables at conferences and church events. During the pandemic, this part of our ministry has been largely suspended, and CLC has worked at following up with churches and customers via our websites and various social media platforms. Please pray for our teams that are still rising to the challenge of communicating better with our customers and potential readers in these new ways. - *Gary Chamberlin, Regional Director for Europe*

Thursday (20th) - USA

Please pray for us to work out a good lease agreement for our bookstore that will enable us to continue to meet the needs of our customers in the Philadelphia area for years to come. Our current lease ends at the end of June. Also pray that we can overcome the effects of some negative reviews after customers were disappointed when our services were disrupted due to COVID-19 at the end of last year. Thank you. - *Charles Hurd, USA*

Friday (21st) - Belarus

Here in Belarus, many people are praying for God's presence and asking Him to help us understand the importance of forgiveness. Please pray for CLC to be able to play a vital role in this. It is encouraging to see the churches united in prayer for the country and for revival in the nation as the only hope for true peace and prosperity. - *Lina Pinkevich, Belarus*

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Worldwide

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2, NIV). Please pray that God would touch the hearts of those He wants to call to become involved in the ministry of CLC worldwide, whether that is through prayer, financial or other support, or applying to join the ministry. - *Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

May 24th - 31st

Week 21 - Health & Finances

Monday (24th) - Barbados

The Barbados economy is almost 100% based on tourism. If the COVID-19 problem continues, the number of visitors coming to our shores will be considerably less, which, in turn, will affect our overall economy and, therefore, our bookstore sales. So, like everyone else, we pray for a

solution to COVID-19. We also pray that the Lord enables us to meet our financial commitments to our suppliers. - *Marion Manning, Barbados*

Tuesday (25th) - CA2

Please pray for the health of our team. Some members were infected with COVID-19 and recovered, but they still have problems, such as blood pressure and sleeping issues. Also, please pray for the rest of our team who were not infected with the virus and for their families that they may continue to stay well and safe. Thank you and God bless you.

- *National Director, Central Asia 2*

Wednesday (26th) - Ecuador

We are grateful for the mercies and faithfulness of God towards us and the ministry. Please pray that He continues to provide us with sufficient sales for the ministry to stay afloat and also to support the staff and their families throughout the difficulties of the second year of the pandemic. Also, please pray that each team member remains healthy. Thank you.

- *Santiago Montesdeoca, Ecuador*

Thursday (27th) - Worldwide

Most of the CLC countries rely heavily on being able to import stock from overseas. This is sometimes complicated with constantly changing currencies and other variables. Please pray for the Lord's financial protection and favour in all the procedures involved in paying foreign suppliers as well as the importation processes that can also be very expensive at times.

- *Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Friday (28th) - Worldwide

Please pray for Nick Lugg in the International Office (IO) Accounts Department. Nick is doing an invaluable job helping to ensure that international invoices are paid on time and collating financial data from all the CLC countries in order to keep the International Office well informed about the financial status of the ministry in each country. Pray for continued health and stamina for Nick and also for his wife Erica, who serves as an IO Trustee.

- *Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - Philippines

Please pray for our website project that those who are working on it, both locally and at the International Office, will have health and wisdom as well as dedication to finish the task. Pray for all our staff around the world that they may be kept well. Thank you and God bless you.

- *Romualdo Macinas, Regional Director for Asia*

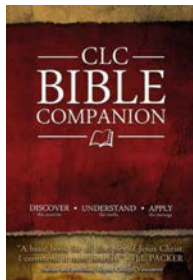


Monday (31st) - Dominica

Please pray for continued strength, wisdom and direction from the LORD as we seek to grow the bookstore. Pray for a quicker turnover to help us clear our debts and for the Lord's favour in cash or kind. Pray also for our dedicated customers, that they would continue to desire Christian literature. Thank you and may the LORD meet all our needs according to His riches in glory, according to His word!

- *Tajya Winston, Dominica*

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