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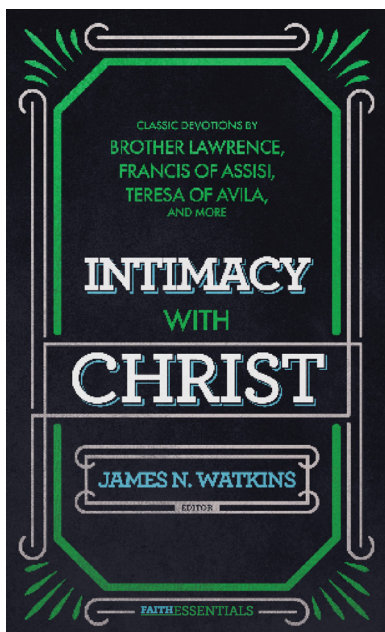


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Dear Reader,

Whether you have been receiving CLC World for a short time or for many years, I hope you have realised that the reason for our existence is not to simply sell Bibles, books and other Christian resources. Of course that is what we do, and in many varied ways, but it is not the main focus of our activity.

Our intention is that people's spiritual lives will be impacted; that people without access to the Word of God, or the ability to afford a copy, will be able to receive a precious Bible. We strive to make our materials available because there is a need, and not simply because there is an economic opportunity.

In this edition of CLC World you will be able to read stories of individuals who have made themselves available to God, and how their lives are being used to make an impact for His Kingdom.

Neil Wardrope,

Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director

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A photograph of two men standing in front of a bookshelf. The man on the left is Lewis Codington, smiling, wearing a blue and white checkered shirt. The man on the right is also smiling, wearing a grey polo shirt. The background is filled with various books and book boxes.

MY CLC STORY:

Lewis Codington, International Office Consultant

Who are you, Lewis? I am Lewis Codington, former Director of Project Development and current International Office Consultant.

How long have you worked with CLC? I joined CLC in 1990.

Why did you join CLC? We joined in response to the opening of Eastern Europe and the destruction of Berlin Wall. We wanted to provide those people who were newly free with the Bible. We surveyed various missions, and CLC was the best fit for us, as we had been operating our own Christian bookstore before that time.

What's the most unusual request that you have received? Being asked to lead the US team at a time in their transition. I realized that my real desire was to help those in the former Communist countries. I didn't feel qualified to lead the US!

How has working with CLC impacted your family? It has given us depth of meaning to our family life by being able to sow lasting seeds in many places. Our family has seen a bigger picture of

the world than if we had stayed all our lives in Tennessee, where our original bookstore was located.

What would you like to tell other people that are interested in joining CLC? Be willing to give up all for eternity and for the Gospel; expect a rough ride as Jesus and Paul also had; rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven!



An encouraging story

In 1993, we were living in France, and I was feeling very discouraged, wondering even if I should just pack it up and return home to the US. At the same time, I planned a trip that took me from France to Romania, to neighboring Moldova, and then on to Moscow, before returning back home to France. Following the visit to Romania, I took an overnight train to Kishnev, Moldova, where I stayed with a family that knew precious little English. It was a bit challenging, but my hosts seemed to be grateful for the visit and, at the end, the man went outside to his yard and returned with a bag of walnuts and a jar of honey, parting gifts to me. I had only a small carry-on bag with me so, really, the last thing I wanted was more stuff to carry with me on to Moscow. But it was clear that he was giving me what he had, as a generous gift to his guest. So I received it gratefully.

In Moscow, I stayed with a retired couple who had been school teachers, in their top floor apartment in a high-rise complex. There was a tiny elevator up to their apartment. The elevator was so small that the three of us couldn't fit in together. So, as I rode up with his wife, the retired PE teacher bounded up the eight or nine sets of stairs and greeted us at the top. It was a rather grim, weather worn building from the outside. But when we arrived inside their apartment, an altogether different sight greeted my eyes. Their shelves were lined with beautiful volumes of books, and it was indeed clear that this was a refined and cultured family. They began to recount to me the trials they had struggled through in recent years. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, life had become very difficult for people like them, dependent on their pension. The value of their retirement income had shrunk to a microscopic \$30 a month, and they lived in one of the most expensive cities in the world. They had been reduced to peddling their precious books on the streets.

On top of that, their 13-year-old granddaughter lived with them. She had a serious condition caused by being born with three kidneys. They did not have the money to pay for her needed surgery or treatment. I never sensed that they were asking me for money; they were just sharing their hearts and their lives with me. The doctor had related to them that without surgery or treatment, there was really only one thing left that he could advise them to do--give their granddaughter walnuts and honey. "What? Just a moment," I said. I jumped up from the little kitchen table and ran to my bedroom. Out came the walnuts and honey from my bag, and I brought the gifts in to them. Their jaws dropped, as did mine as well. We were all stunned. How could this be? How could I, just off the plane from Moldova, have on my person, literally, exactly what the doctor ordered?? None of us could believe it.

I still remember those moments, nearly 30 years ago as if it were yesterday. In my moment of deep discouragement, God gently touched me on the shoulder and said, "I haven't forgotten you. I'm still right here...still watching over you. I still have good plans for you. Things are going to be OK."

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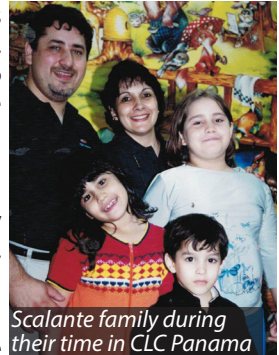
A new Chapter



Gerardo Scalante

'Gerardo Scalante has resigned from his position as CLC International Director. Gerardo was elected to this role in 2016 after serving as CLC Regional Director of the Americas for many years. Gerardo's breadth of experience spanning almost 40 years in CLC has been greatly appreciated. In particular, he has been instrumental in skillfully and tirelessly expanding the ministry of CLC throughout Latin America over the past decades. Gerardo has been an example of dedication, faithfulness and perseverance for all those he worked with.

PLEASE PRAY for Gerardo (and his family) as he transitions to the next assignment the Lord has for him.



Scalante family during their time in CLC Panama

New International Director

The CLC International Council has designated Gary Chamberlin as the International Director who will serve the fellowship until 2024. Gary has previously served as the deputy and Interim International Director. We wish Gary success in his new role

PLEASE PRAY for the Gary and his wife Anita at this significant time. Pray also for the Regional Directors, and for future direction and opportunities of the CLC International Ministry.



Gary & Anita Chamberlin

PROJECTS

French West Africa Bible Project

It is wonderful to report that we have now raised the full amount needed to supply 10,000 Bibles in French to West Africa. On behalf of the International Office and our teams in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast, we say a big MERCI ("thank you") to all those who have prayed and given financially - or both! We are now at the printing stage and hope to be ready to ship at the beginning of next year. Our CLC bookshops in Abidjan, Bouaké, Cotonou and Ouagadougou, will each receive an initial quantity of the Bibles and then a further supply based on their sales. Our grateful thanks to CLC France for handling all the logistics involved. God's Word changes lives!

MY CLC STORY:

*Alessandra Platania, CLC Italy and
International Office Communications*



Alessandra (left) with her teammates

Who are you, Alessandra? Alessandra Platania is a CLC Italy staff member who wears many hats: marketing, communications, social media, website, database.

How long have you worked with CLC?
Six years.

How did you join CLC? How I joined CLC is actually a funny story! While I volunteered in the bookshop in town, there was a need within the team at the warehouse. So I talked to Ivano, our current CLC Italy National Director and Andreas about what I could do. In the end, they told me they did not feel it could be my calling. Six months later, a need arose again, and they asked me to come during the summer for a couple of weeks. That became two months, and now six years!

What is your favourite part about working with CLC? One of the best parts of working in CLC is peace of mind in your work environment, it is priceless for me. I can go to work and spend most of my daily time with my colleagues knowing that no one is there to do any harm. I enjoy what I do because I'm a creative, and I get easily bored. I'm thankful I get to work with graphics, and I have different tasks that allow me to go through different projects during the day.

What's the most unusual request that you have received? We receive unusual requests daily. I remember a funny one from somebody asking on our website online chat for support if we sold baptismal fonts! Another customer was trying to get a date through the chat!

How has working with CLC impacted your life? Working in CLC surely impacted my life for the best. As I mentioned before, I found a family to share highs and lows with. I also learn from my colleagues daily. In our difficulties and challenges, I've often observed the Christian spirit and attitude and integrity with which they handle the situations. It's been a great example for me more than once. Also, getting to walk beside their families has often been a great display of right attitudes and behaviours in family life that I was not always able to learn in my family.

"LET'S GET A CUP OF COFFEE"

A Memory of Rudy Kuijer: Friend, Brother, Evangelist and Encourager

by Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director

At the end of August our very dear friend Rudy Kuijer succumbed to the coronavirus. He was visiting Florence, Italy to continue an evangelistic effort to reach tourists visiting this famous city. Evangelism, the desire to share the good news, was a driving passion for Rudy and it occupied much of his focus and energy. He was a caring and compassionate man with a great big heart for people – anyone.

Rudy, together with his wife Hennie and their children, joined CLC in the late 1980s with a calling to Spain. Based in Madrid, Rudy worked in the bookshop and subsequently became the manager. He loved the bookshop but his desire was to share the Gospel. The evangelism section contained the most important books in his opinion. In 1994, he was released by CLC Spain to have a more overtly evangelistic role. He loved to engage passers-by at the many Book Fairs held around the country, especially the Madrid event that attracts over two million people.

Rudy had a wonderfully (super) natural gift of sharing with people – a waiter in a restaurant, an addict who wandered into the bookshop, people on their way to a music concert. Rudy was an evangelist 24/7. He was able to connect with people and we would often hear the words – “let’s get a cup of coffee”. On one famous occasion he gave this invitation to a man who was in the process of robbing the bookshop!

Rudy’s passion for the Gospel led him to start Open Doors in Spain and, when the family returned to the Netherlands, he joined the

Seamans’ Mission reaching out the sailors in the port of Rotterdam. In recent years, Rudy re-joined CLC again becoming involved in evangelistic projects. I have not given dates because he never really left CLC – he was always part of ‘us’. Whichever organisation he served, the passion was always the same. He challenged and inspired us.

For me, it was a privilege to receive bookshop training from him, to travel to other parts of Spain with book tables and to be part of the same church in Madrid. He always encouraged, he loved to worship and he pointed people to Jesus. In the early days of my time in CLC, he shared Psalm 62:1 with me – ‘*Only in God is my soul at rest*’. That has become a fundamental pillar of my spiritual life. Thank you, Rudy.

In honour of Rudy’s life, CLC wants to acknowledge the vital importance of evangelism by starting the **Rudy Kuijer Evangelism Fund**. This fund will cover the cost of producing evangelistic materials in multiple languages to continue Rudy’s legacy. To find out how to donate to this project, please see details on Page 23.



Rudy in the bookshop

GLOBAL STORIES

Revealing God's Faithfulness around the world

ANTIGUA

My Testimony: How It Began

by Arah Martin

My former work place had suddenly closed its doors, and I lost my job. Three weeks prior to this, my husband and I had gone to the bank to request a loan to build our dream home. After receiving such a notice about my job loss, I was devastated, knowing we couldn't afford to repay the bank along with raising two boys with school fees plus all of our overhead costs on one salary. I started crying and calling on God to explain why He allowed the bank to accept our request of the loan and that we had already started building.

Little did I know that God had a plan. On that very day, Eurel Hodge, our former CLC Manager, needed a secretary to assist him. He told me that two days prior, he had made the

request to the CLC Board, which they granted. As Eurel boarded the flight back to Antigua, he was asking God who would be a good fit. My name popped into his head. Not knowing what had happened to me on that very day, he then told God: "But she has a good job as an assistant manager where she works." God told him, "When you get home, call Arah."

As I entered our rented home, I heard the phone ring from outside. I stood at the gate crying, asking God why? I answered the phone hesitantly. He told me what happened in Barbados as he was catching his flight and that God told him to offer me a job at CLC. I gladly accepted.

On my way home, while crying in discouragement, I can recall how I heard God say to me, "Who do you trust, men or me, God?" Today I stand as a Child of God never to doubt His plans or way for my life. (Jeremiah 29:11)



Arah Martin

POLAND

by Eva Rymer

The greatest experience of God's presence and faithfulness in CLC for me was the time when I was left alone to manage the bookstore in Katowice in the south of Poland.



Eva Rymer

God brought the CLC out of the huge financial problems that remained after my predecessors - and the bookstore still exists.

God often sent customers exactly at the time when the bills/expenses were due. We bear witness to Christ, to God's faithfulness to the customers who come, and, sometimes, we can see God at work in their lives.



CANADA

by **Antoine Roberge**

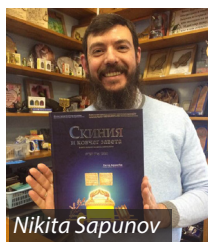
Several years ago, on a peaceful summer morning, I arrived at the bookshop and noticed a young man sitting on the steps of the house next door. His downcast face stood out against the peaceful landscape. Instinctively, I subtly changed my route. After getting the store ready for opening, I unlocked the door of the bookshop at the usual time. A moment later, the young man entered. I welcomed him, but he remained closed in on himself. Slowly, I tried to engage him in conversation, and, little by little, he opened up to me.

The previous evening, he had an argument with his father, an argument that was violent enough for him to slam the door while leaving the house. Alone in the night, he began to wander, having nowhere to go. At that moment, his loneliness went beyond not being with others; he was alone within himself, deep in his soul. Suddenly, he said

to himself (or was it the Lord who told him?), "I will go to the CLC; there they will welcome me". So, he walked the ten or so kilometres to the bookstore, and, in the early hours of the morning, waited on the steps of the house next door.

While he was telling me his story, no customers came into the shop. I listened to him, asking him questions from time to time to better understand his situation. Suddenly, it was as if a dam had opened: he talked and talked! Thus, I learned that he loved the Lord and that his passion was the composition of poems in a rap style.

After being comforted and reassured, I gave him a notebook and some writing materials. Just before he left, I blessed him. At the doorway, and without noticing, he passed by the first customer of the day! Now fulfilled and encouraged, I saw him disappear around a bend in the nearby park to go sit by the river with his notebook in hand. I never saw him again and don't know his name, but I know that morning our CLC ministry stretched the strings of his tent; we were a light in this young man's night.



RUSSIA

by **Nikita Sapunov**

We praise God for His faithfulness in financially sustaining CLC Russia through both 2020 and 2021. The hardships that our ministry faced are so common to everyone in the world that it is redundant to explain. We literally faced the need to let people go because we didn't have the money to pay the team. Also, our tenant went bankrupt and left without paying a huge debt. Yet, the Lord, in His mercy and omnipotence, provided the needed support from all directions. In 2020, the team sacrificed half of their wages for six months (everyone on the team was already living from paycheck to paycheck on a regular basis). Then, a missionary friend of the store

unexpectedly provided a month's worth of wages for us during that period!

In 2021, we again found ourselves with the same problem, but the Lord used the evil that came upon us. For the one to two months of sickness of our staff (all the team members at different times), the government helped pay the wages! Later, in June, 2021, we received the 6,000 Bibles (together with Belarus) of the CLC Russian Bible project, which were totally provided for by the Lord. These will undoubtedly help to sustain the ministry (and allow it to survive) through all the hardships of 2021!

So now, with genuine joy in our hearts, we say with Joseph in the Scriptures: "...but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today". (Genesis 50:20)



December 1st - 5th

Week 49 - (Continued) Worldwide

Wednesday (1st) - CLCT UK

The ability of the world's economy to deliver goods "just in time" has been severely disrupted by the ongoing impact of COVID. This has interrupted our supply of books and resources in the UK. Please pray that our customers would be able to buy the right book as a Christmas gift and that we would be able to supply it.- *Neil Wardrope, KCLCT UK*

Thursday (2nd) - Dominica

Please pray that for the month of December we will have the right gift resources for our customers. Traditionally, this is the month of our highest sales. Also pray for me to be able to organise the events I have had in mind to bless our public. Thank you. - *Tajya Winston, Dominica*



CLC Portugal's new publication

Friday (3rd) - France

This year we are preparing 100 Christmas book deposits for the churches in France with Bibles and new titles for children and adults. Please pray that people will be touched by the Word of God, discover the Gospel and be made firm in their faith. Thank you.

- *Hervé Lessous, France*

The Weekend (4th - 5th) - Portugal

CLC Portugal is excited to launch a new publication - *Selah: Pausa para Meditar* (Pause to Meditate) - by Clarisse Barros, our bestselling author. We praise the Lord for this new title, which has been added to our catalogue, and we pray that it becomes a blessing to the readers and a new bestseller. At the time of writing, a book launch event is still in preparation. - *Carlos Cunha, Portugal*

December 6th - 12th

Week 50 - Asia



Monday (6th) - South Korea

As Christmas approaches, we are doing our annual Christmas book promotions (12 titles). An additional children's book has just been released for Advent, *The Advent Storybook: 25 Bible Stories Why Jesus Came*, in Korean. Please pray for our team to have good marketing ideas to increase the sales during this time. Also, may these books be great tools for many readers in Korea. - Sohee Park, South Korea

Tuesday (7th) - Thailand

Please pray for the sales to increase, not only this month but in general, despite the spreading of COVID-19 in Chiang Mai. We are living in days when we need to trust God even more than usual concerning our financial situation. We want the ministry to be able to continue and be a blessing to the people of our country!

- Amanda Intajuk, Thailand

Wednesday (8th) - India

We are planning to conduct special sales in some of our CLC centres during the month of December. Please pray for a good response from our customers. Thank you.

- Justin Chellappan, India

Thursday (9th) - India

We thank God for the new location that He provided for our Vishakhapatnam centre, especially since it has a lower rent, which helps to reduce our expenses. Please pray that the new location will be a blessing for many and that we will have a good customer flow. Thank you.

- Justin Chellappan, India

Friday (10th) - Philippines

We are thankful that after a long process, taking six months in all, we can praise God for the safe delivery of our books from the USA! Now they have arrived, please pray for the fast distribution of these Bibles and reference books. - Romualdo Macinas, Philippines

The Weekend (11th - 12th) - Philippines

Pray for our two bookshops in Davao and in Malolos. Sales in these shops have not been good for some time, and both rental contracts will end this month. Please pray for God's direction and wisdom for us that we may make the best decisions going forward. Thank you.

- Romualdo Macinas, Philippines

December 13th - 19th

Week 51 - Latin America

Monday (13th) - Latin America

Please join us in thanking God for the level of distribution of books and Bibles that has been achieved in the last six months in the Latin American region. We are very encouraged because in some cases this has exceeded the usual levels. - Humberto Urrutia, Latin America

Tuesday (14th) - Panama

CLC Panama is engaged in discussions concerning a plan to purchase a property in the capital to facilitate having a bookstore and a warehouse in the same place. May the Lord provide the financial resources that are needed and also give wisdom to the Board of Directors in making decisions. - *Humberto Urrutia, Latin America*

Wednesday (15th) - Uruguay

Please pray for CLC Uruguay as some staff members are retiring, and we need the Lord's direction in the search and formation of new team members. We need people who love God and have a heart for this ministry as well as an ability to learn the practical skills of retail. Thank you. - *Humberto Urrutia, Latin America*



Thursday (16th) - Colombia

We are thankful to the Lord for our new Web Master, Andrés Felipe Pabón (otherwise known as Pipe!). Please join us in asking God to give him much wisdom in his new responsibilities. As well as using his gifts in CLC Colombia, he has also been able to serve the wider CLC global family by coordinating the multiple Zoom connections for our recent global days of prayer and fellowship! - *David Pabón, Colombia*

Friday (17th) - Chile

Please pray for eight-year-old Emilia, the daughter of our colleague who works in the bookshop in Temuco. Emilia was born with complex medical conditions, and, so far, she has not yet been able to walk. Now the doctors have told her parents that she can begin a long process of therapies to correct this. Please pray for the whole family: Sandro and Claudia (parents), Emilia and her little brother Josué. - *Patricio Romo, Chile*



The Weekend (18th - 19th) - Chile

On December 19, the second round of the presidential election will take place. Please pray for a peaceful and stable outcome for our country so that we may continue our ministry with tranquility and quietness, and in all godliness and dignity. (1 Timothy 2:2). - *Patricio Romo, Chile*

December 20th - 26th

Week 52 - Everywhere

Monday (20th) - Africa

Please pray for the final week of pre-Christmas sales in our bookshops on the African continent that many books and Bibles will be purchased as gifts for Christmas. Pray that our staff will be a blessing to all their customers and that they will be filled with the joy of the Lord as they serve at this special time of the year.

- *Liz Patten, Prayer Focus*

Tuesday (21st) - Asia

We thank God for the continued work of Print on Demand in the Philippines. Please pray that the team may be able to upgrade their equipment next year for faster and better service in that department. Pray that all our Asian teams may have the resources they need to carry out their ministry effectively. - *Liz Patten, Prayer Focus*

Wednesday (22nd) - Europe

Please pray for any parcels that are still to be delivered from our European customer websites

and that are intended as gifts for Christmas may still arrive on time. Also pray for our staff in the bookshops that they will be able to help customers find just the right book for the right person this Christmas time. - *Liz Patten, Prayer Focus*

Thursday (23rd) - Latin America

Please join with us in thanking God for all the books and Bibles that have been distributed this year in this region as well as the work of the CLC Social Foundation in Colombia. We give all glory to the Lord for the impact that has been made on lives, both young and old. For more information about the Foundation, please see www.fundacionsocialclc.org.

- *Liz Patten, Prayer Focus*

Friday (24th) - North America, Canada & Caribbean

At this time of thanksgiving, we praise God for CLC's ministry in this region over the past year. Many nations have been touched, perhaps especially through CLC USA's Multi-Language Media department. For more information, please see their website: www.multilanguagemedia.org.

- *Liz Patten, Prayer Focus*

The Weekend (25th -26th) - Happy Christmas Everyone

As we give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remember to pray that the many Bibles, books and other gifts that have been given to convey the Gospel message may be used by the Holy Spirit to bring people to faith in Christ and to help believers to grow in their spiritual walk with God. CLC is thankful to be a part of sending His message around the globe!

December 27th - January 2nd

Week 1 - Africa

Monday (27th) - Sierra Leone

Please join us in thanking God for growing sales in 2021. Pray that in 2022, we can establish a regular and consistent supply of new books from the USA and the UK for our three shops so that the work will develop into a viable and effective ministry. Matthew Hanciles, Manager of the Bo City shop, had his birthday this month. Please pray he will be encouraged in the CLC ministry. - *David Scouler, Sierra Leone*

Tuesday (28th) - Kenya

We are now launching books published from our eighth Publishers' Cohort, and this will continue until April 2022. Please join us in praying that these books will reach the right readers and be used by God to minister to His people. As we say in Kiswahili, *Asante sana*, which means "Thank you very much!" - *Mercy Muthoni Omukhango, Kenya*

Wednesday (29th) - Kenya

Please join us in thanking God for the many volunteers He has brought our way in the last two years. The much needed help has enabled us to meet the demands of our workload and thereby be a blessing to our communities. It has also helped to sustain us in the midst of the pandemic and resultant challenging economic times. - *Mercy Muthoni Omukhango, Kenya*

Thursday (30th) - Mozambique

We are very thankful for all the opportunities in 2021 and especially that we could open a new part-time CLC outlet in a seminary in Nampula in July. January is the height of the summer season in Mozambique when the main cities become empty as people travel to the provinces. Please pray that the Lord will surprise us with unexpected sales at the start of 2022.

- *Liz Patten, Mozambique*



Friday (31st) - Mozambique

Please continue to pray for the success of the new outlet in Nampula, northern Mozambique. Pray for Isaque Uarilla, the Bible School student who opens the bookshop in the afternoons, that he will be able to balance his commitment to CLC with his studies. Also pray for Inge Michel, the missionary who has administrative oversight of the bookshop, as she takes a three month break in Germany.

- Liz Patten, Mozambique

The Weekend (1st - 2nd) - Africa

Please pray for all our African teams and for our bookshops and other ministries on the continent that they will experience growth this year. They are: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast (two shops), Kenya (retail, wholesale, publishing and Print on Demand), Mozambique (three shops) and Sierra Leone (three shops). Happy New Year from Africa everyone! - Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa

January 3rd - 9th

Week 2 - Publishing



Monday (3rd) - Worldwide

We praise God for the wonderful relationship CLC International enjoys with the R-Center and the PyungKang Cheil Church in Seoul, South Korea. By God's grace and through the generosity of our South Korean friends, CLC has been able to publish *The Tabernacle and The Ark of the Covenant* in 10 languages: Burmese, Dutch, English, French, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian and Tamil.

- Gary Chamberlin, CLC Publishing

Tuesday (4th) - Worldwide

Very soon, *The Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant* (mentioned yesterday) will be available in four more languages: Hindi, Portuguese, Spanish and Thai. This book, written by Rev. Abraham Park and already a CLC bestseller in different countries, is full of detail and colourful images. Pray that thousands of people will be blessed by this amazing publication, which helps us to better understand the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. - Gary Chamberlin, CLC Publishing

Wednesday (5th) - Worldwide

We praise God that CLC has also begun to publish a series of books in the *History of Redemption* series written by South Korean author, Rev. Abraham Park, the founder of the PyungKang Cheil Church in Seoul, South Korea. This is a multi-year project, and CLC has already published titles in English, French, Russian, Spanish and Swahili. In addition, the translation of the first book, *The Genesis Genealogies*, has already begun in Romanian and Tamil.

- Gary Chamberlin, CLC Publishing

Thursday (6th) - Germany & Poland

Although CLC was unable to publish the *History of Redemption* series in German and Polish, we have managed to find national publishers who will do this. Praise God with us for the special relationship with Rev. Philip Lee and Elder Ahn of the R-Center and the PyungKang Cheil

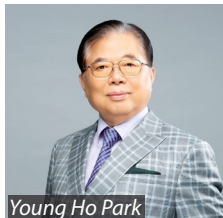


Gary Chamberlin, Rev. Philip Lee and Elder Ahn

Church in Seoul, South Korea. Pray with us that these books will help believers have a deeper understanding of redemption in all of the Scriptures. - Gary Chamberlin, CLC Publishing

Friday (7th) - Thailand

We ask specifically that the printing of *The Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant* will soon be completed in the Thai language, and we ask generally that our publications project will be able to go ahead and continue to be able to produce more titles that will be a blessing to the people of Thailand. God bless you. - Amanda Intajuk, Thailand



The Weekend (8th - 9th) - South Korea

CLC Korea would like to thank all of you for praying for us in 2021. Because of your continuous prayers, we are here! Please continue to pray especially for the good health of our National Director, Young Ho Park. Also pray for wisdom to choose the right titles for publishing. As our "Foreign Rights Team" start to prepare the royalty reports for 2021, please pray that no mistakes will be made so that accurate statements will be sent to the many publishing companies in Europe and the USA. - Sohee Park, South Korea

January 10th - 16th

Week 3 - Worldwide

Monday (10th) - India

Every year we hold our annual Staff Conference in the month of January, but, due to the pandemic, we cancelled the conference in 2021. Now we are planning to have our conference in January 2022. Please pray for God's hand upon us and for His guidance in all the final arrangements that this will be a wonderfully blessed time. - Justin Chellappan, India

Tuesday (11th) - Barbados

After an extremely difficult year in 2021 (COVID, volcanic ash, hurricane Elsa), we are praying that the tourist market, on which our island's economy almost totally depends, will improve over the winter season and give us a better conclusion to our financial year by the end of January and, therefore, an encouraging start to February 2022.

- Marion Manning, Barbados

Wednesday (12th) - Sierra Leone

Pray for the CLC Sierra Leone team: Matthew and Isata in Bo City, and the others in Freetown - Alfred, George, Amara, Salamatu, Hawa and Lamin. Pray especially for Amara in the Accounts Department as he continues to learn the QuickBooks programme. George has his birthday this month. May he feel refreshed in his walk with the Lord.

- David Scouler, Sierra Leone

Thursday (13th) - Dominica

In the months of January and February, we focus on stock taking and seeking the Lord for clear direction for the new year. We are also preparing for Mothers and Fathers Days, which are other high sales points in our calendar. Thank you for your prayers for us at this time.

- Tajja Winston, Dominica

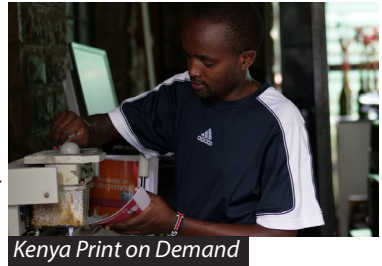
Friday (14th) - United Kingdom

Please pray for our growing connections with Church of England schools. There is a demand for both Bibles and books, and, through Paul Jordan, we are looking at how we can best serve these varied needs. Please pray for the children that will receive and read these Bibles and books. Thank you.

- Neil Wardrope, KCLCT UK

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Print on Demand

We thank God for the very successful work of Print on Demand in Kenya. Please pray that the team may be able to upgrade their equipment this year in order to more effectively keep up with demand as well as to improve on quality. Pray that the necessary funds will become available. Thank you. - *Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa*



January 17th - 23rd

Week 4 - Anonymous Countries

Monday (17th) - Central Asia 1

We praise God that we are still able to maintain a bookshop in our capital city. CLC also owns a small apartment that we rent out as much as possible to tourists and other visitors. The income is a significant help in supporting the bookshop and our staff. Because of COVID restrictions, less tourism and so on, we have not been able to rent the apartment as much as before. Please pray that this will improve and that we may even have people who want to rent for longer periods. Thank you.

Tuesday (18th) - Central Asia 2

Please pray for our small team for wisdom and strength. Also please pray for our financial situation. We desperately need a breakthrough in the coming months in the form of things such as large quantity orders, opportunities to take books to events (book tables) and so on. Unless this happens, we will have to re-think about the way forward. Thank you.

Wednesday (19th) - Central Asia 2

At the time of writing, we are participating in our first successful book exhibition in 18 months. This time, many people have expressed interest in the "religious" books. We praise God for the opportunity, and we are asking the Lord to open new inroads to the hearts of the people and to give more opportunities like this to sow the good seed of His Word.

Thursday (20th) - Eastern Europe 1

We are so thankful that up to now, we have been able not only to continue to distribute God's Word but also to participate in a Bible publishing project and have plenty of Bibles in stock for the different Christian conferences that have been held in the country. We were even able to have a bookstall at some events and to improve the CLC presence on Instagram and other social media.

Friday (21st) - Eastern Europe 1

Please pray for our team in the current time of leadership transition, which spans different generations. Pray for mutual understanding between the different age groups with their different work experiences and different visions of life. May God bless the new team with discernment to safeguard the best of the "old" as they work to bring in the best of the "new", especially as they develop the new technologies that can be helpful for the literature ministry.

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Eastern Europe 1

At the time of writing, we are concerned about the fourth wave of COVID-19, which represents the most serious situation in the country since the beginning of the pandemic. We are thankful for His protection at a time when the prevailing atmosphere is not good, including the political crises. Please pray with us that God will use His Word to bring peace, comfort and healing to our nation.

January 24th - 30th

Week 5 - Europe

Monday (24th) - Cyprus

Two years ago, our volunteer, Jackie, suffered a massive stroke on a visit to the UK. She now resides in a care home there where she has set up a lending library. We have sent her several books, and she wrote to say: "Thank you! I appreciate this so much as I rely on CLC to help me get spiritually and physically healed and restored." Please pray for Jackie's health and also for the effectiveness of the lending library. Thank you. - *Sotos & Eva Photiades, Cyprus*

Tuesday (25th) - Bulgaria

There are very few Bibles for children in the Bulgarian language. CLC Bulgaria would like to publish three Bibles over the next two years for children of different ages. We see that there are many Bibles for children in other languages, and we see this real need in our country. Please pray that we can find the right Bibles to translate. Pray also that the Lord will provide the needed funds for this important project to become a reality.

- *Gary Chamberlin, Regional Director for Europe*

Wednesday (26th) - Hungary

From November 2021 to August 2022, CLC Hungary is teaching an online course on biblical self-esteem, based on the CLC publication *Created for Love* and some other titles. The course includes material on topics, such as handling our emotions, forgiveness, and setting boundaries. Please pray for the participants that, with God's help, they will experience real and lasting breakthrough and transformation in their lives. - *Zsolt Karpati, Hungary*

Thursday (27th) - Romania

Please join us in praising and thanking God for His help in these turbulent times. It is only by God's grace that despite all the troubles - lockdowns, sickness, economic and political crises, and threats of various kinds - our work was fruitful and had a measure of growth, even with a smaller team in 2021. Please pray for our publishing projects, which have stagnated since 2019, so that we can move ahead. - *Ronela Micula, Romania*

Friday (28th) - Romania

Please pray that we will continue to learn how to operate our new website and how to use the various social media platforms. We are grateful for the progress so far, but we have a great desire to continue to grow in these areas for the good of the ministry. We know that these platforms are an important part of the way forward for our marketing. Thank you.

- *Ronela Micula, Romania*

The Weekend (30th - 31st) - Poland

In 2021, we printed our first Bible for young children, *The Picture Bible for Little Ones*, in collaboration with Copenhagen Publishing, thanks to a Trust in the UK that provided funds. The Bible is selling very well and is now being ordered for distribution into the Catholic market - a difficult thing to achieve in Poland. Pray with us as we hope to print another Bible for children in 2022. - *Gary Chamberlin, Regional Director for Europe*

January 31st- February 6th

Week 6 - International Office

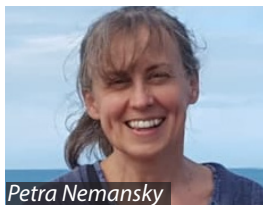
Monday (1st) - New International Director

On October 29th last year, the Council members of CLC International met together via Zoom to appoint the new International Director, Gary Chamberlin. Please pray for him that he will have

much wisdom to lead the CLC International family for the next two years. Pray for discernment so that Gary will be able to identify the correct priorities. Pray too for the health and stamina that he will need in the responsibilities of his new role.

Tuesday (1st) - New generation of leaders

One of the priorities of the new International Director and of the Regional Directors is a concern to prepare their succession. Please pray that they can already begin to introduce younger CLC national leaders into more responsibility at a regional and international level so that they may gain further experience and bless the ministry worldwide as well as in their own countries.



Petra Nemansky

Wednesday (2nd) - Days of global prayer & fellowship

During the coronavirus period, the International Office started a series of global prayer days for CLC, sometimes with fasting. These times of fellowship have brought us closer together and have strengthened our resolve to support each other in practical ways. We are thankful to Petra Nemansky, who has worked hard in organising these ongoing events, which have sometimes resulted in a direct growth in CLC ministry.

Thursday (3rd) - Trustees

The International Office is grateful for the six trustees who freely give their time and expertise to work behind the scenes and ensure that all matters to do with the registered UK charity, CLC International, are kept in order. The trustees and the International Office would like to see a closer working relationship between themselves and the National Directors globally. Please pray for this to develop.

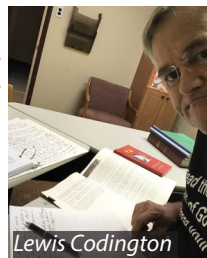
Friday (4th) - Communications

Please pray for everyone involved in the production of the quarterly *CLC World Magazine*, the *Prayer Focus* calendar and the weekly email prayer bulletin *TW@CLC* (This Week at CLC). Pray that these materials would be an inspiration for prayer and serving the Lord. Also pray for the new website for CLC International, which (at the time of writing) is still being prepared to launch.

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - History of CLC, Part II*

Lewis Codington shares: "My wife and I have just spent a month at the CLC USA headquarters in Fort Washington. We have brought home a huge stack of material to sift through. Pray for wisdom to be able to discern what and how to use it all so that it will best represent CLC's ministry and God's grace and faithfulness through the years."

* Part I is entitled *The Foolishness of God* and is available from www.clcpublications.com in the United States.



Lewis Codington

February 7th - 13th

Week 7 - Francophone West Africa



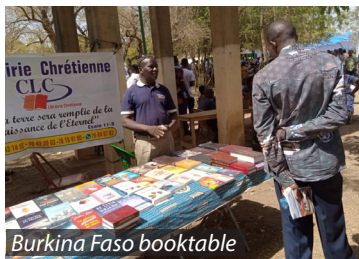
Monday (7th) - Bible Project

By God's grace, we have been able to raise €47,000 in donations for the project 10,000 Bibles for Francophone West Africa, which will cover all the printing costs and most (if not all) of the logistics also. Please pray for the whole printing process, the relationship with the printer, the delivery and reception of the Bibles in France and then the shipping on to Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. - *Hervé Lessous, Project Coordinator*

Tuesday (8th) - Benin

For many years, we have been praying that one day, CLC Benin will be able to have its own property in order to help ensure the future stability of the ministry. Please join us in this request and also, please pray for the political, economic and social stability of our country. Thank you.

- Emmanuel Ladeyo, Benin



Burkina Faso booktable

Wednesday (9th) - Burkina Faso

We are grateful to the Lord for His many blessings, including the protection of the shop and the team in a context of increased national insecurity. In 2021, we had many opportunities to take book stands to different churches, and this has not only led to increased awareness about CLC but it has also helped to increase our sales. Please pray that this may continue in 2022. Thank you.

- Sami Luc Noufé, Burkina Faso

Thursday (10th) - Burkina Faso

On December 31st, Gérard entered retirement after many years with CLC. In 2022, he plans to continue at the bookshop two days each week to support Luc (the National Director) and also to help with book tables, which are an important part of the ministry. Please pray for God's blessing on Gerard in this new season and also for Luc that he will have extra stamina now that his only colleague is part time.

- Liz Patten, Regional Director for Africa



Gérard

Friday (11th) - Ivory Coast

We praise God for His protection of the bookshop and staff. We also thank Him that for almost two years now, we have had no negative months financially. Please pray that this continues and increases so that the ministry may be economically stable. Pray that we may have new customers and that many people will convert to Christ in our city. Thank you and God bless you. - Marie Sekongo, Ivory Coast (Bouaké)



Marie Sekongo

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Ivory Coast

Please pray that the Lord will bring a new, young and dynamic worker to our team in Abidjan. We need someone who loves the Lord, has a teachable spirit and who would be skilled in customer services and online marketing via social media. It is not easy to find people who understand the balance of mission and business and who are willing to serve sacrificially in our context, but the Lord can supply! - Martine Foto, Ivory Coast (Abidjan)



Martine Foto

February 14th - 20th

Week 8 - Latin America

Monday (14th) - Colombia

In the city of Barranquilla, we moved the bookshop to a new location in 2021. We pray to the Lord that there will be new customers and that the old ones will continue to visit us. Barranquilla is a major port city located on the north side of Colombia along the Caribbean coast and is one of the most highly populated cities in the country. We are thankful for the opportunity for CLC to minister in this place.

- David Pabón, Colombia

Tuesday (15th) - Chile

Please pray for Cristián Farias, who has been preparing in 2021 to move from CLC Chile to become the new National Director for CLC Peru in 2022. Together with his family, he will move to Lima, the capital. Different members of CLC Chile will offer support in his new responsibility and a measure of financial support as well. Please pray for all needs to be met for this family and that they will quickly adjust to their new situation.

- Patricio Romo, Chile



Wednesday (16th) - Venezuela

Please pray for all our branches that the Lord will give us sales to help us pay our taxes and continue in ministry. At the time of writing, there have been significant tax increases as well as rises in basic services in all of the municipalities where our bookshops are located. - Delvis Blanco, Venezuela

Thursday (17th) - Venezuela

In 2021, we were very thankful for the arrival of some books that were donated by a publisher in the USA. This showed us once again that the LORD still has some good surprises in store for us even though there are still many challenges ahead. Please continue to pray for the health of all our team members as we serve, especially during the coronavirus times. - Delvis Blanco, Venezuela

Friday (18th) - Ecuador

We have been praying for quite some time, for the official approval of the permits and construction plans that CLC applied for in the city of Guayaquil. Glory to God, these have now been received! Please pray for us that we will have godly wisdom as we begin this construction. Thank you. - Mónica Rojas, Ecuador

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Ecuador

We have evaluated several systems options, and we have now chosen the most modern one that will allow us to link the web, implement the Customer Relations Management (CRM) software, have a better inventory control and strengthen sales in general thanks to the various tools it has. It is our hope to begin working with the new system in the month of January. Thank you for your prayers for us as we do this. - Mónica Rojas, Ecuador

Week 9- Worldwide

Monday (21st) - United Kingdom

The pandemic closed down all external events for at least 18 months, significantly reducing our ability to connect with people. Please pray that this year we will be able to take advantage of the many opportunities we have. Please pray especially for Chris Hartington and Daryl Wearing as they plan and prepare for these events. - *Neil Wardrope, KCLCT UK*

Tuesday (22nd) - Italy

Please pray for CLC's various partnership with other missions. These involve a variety of ministry activities, such as the organisation of discipleship training for youth leaders and the provision of workshops for Christians working in different professional areas. We have also become a partner with the ministry 'Lead Like Jesus' for transformation impacting individuals, organisations and nations. - *Ivano Cramerotti, Italy*



Crowd pre-lockdown in Florence

Wednesday (23rd) - Italy

Please pray for the CLC bookshop in Florence. It is located in a prime position in the city, and, because of this, the rent is very high. However, since the first lockdown, the sales have declined by more than 70% as, understandably, there have been many less tourists than usual. - *Ivano Cramerotti, Italy*

Thursday (24th) - USA

Please pray that our team will have a continued seeking and dependence upon God for His provision, wisdom and direction. Also, please pray that He would continue to equip and sustain our small team and that He will bring new and committed workers to

join us. Pray also for Christina Montgomery, who left us after 10 years due to a family move to Washington, DC. Pray that the Lord may bless her future. - *Charles Hurd, USA*

Friday (25th) - USA

At the time of writing, we are awaiting a large shipment of Dari Bibles and New Testaments, which will go to some of the new Afghan refugees in the USA. Please pray for our mission partners who will minister to these precious people and pray that the Word of God will touch many hearts. We are so thankful for these opportunities to distribute His Word. - *Charles Hurd, USA*

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Sierra Leone

Please pray for the Easter stock that it will arrive on time. Ensuring that seasonal material arrives in Africa when needed is not always easy. Pray for all the logistics involved, the ordering, payments, international freight and customs clearance. Please also pray for new outreach opportunities a little further afield from the bookshop towns. - *David Scouler, Sierra Leone*

Monday (28th) - South Korea

We are excited about the spring Bible School semester, which will start in March. This is a time when CLC Korea becomes very busy, so we ask you to please pray especially for our staff at the warehouse in Paju. May they have good health as well as peace and patience in their hearts for these pressured weeks. Thank you. - *Sohee Park, South Korea*

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