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- Jim Daly, Focus on the Family

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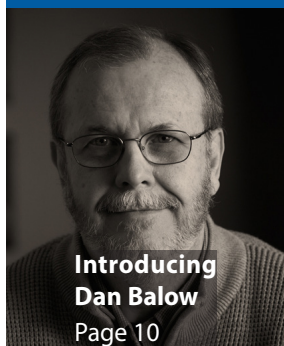
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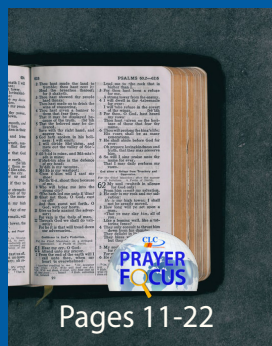
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Dear Reader,

Those of us who work in the international CLC family feel very privileged that we have the opportunity to make Christian resources available in many parts of the world. Because of our 80-year history, we have the confidence of many publishers, the support of readers such as yourself and international teams that can implement a wide variety of projects.

As I write, affordable Bibles are being sent to French West Africa that will make a great difference in Ivory Coast, Benin and Burkina Faso. In this edition, you will read of the desire of our team in Burkina Faso to take those Bibles much further around their country with the help of a suitable vehicle.

As we emerge from the pandemic, the distribution of Bibles and books is returning to pre-Covid levels, and we anticipate a new bookshop opening in Panama and a relocation in the Philippines.

Thank you for praying with us.

Neil Wardrope,
Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director

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National Director Héctor Burke (left), Milton Cheng (right) at the new retail unit



Current kiosk at Westland Mall

LATIN AMERICA

CLC Panama opens a fifth location

On December 10th, CLC Panama opened its fifth location, a kiosk in Westland Mall. This mall is around 27 kilometers from the city center, allowing more customers to reach the kiosk.

Many customers have expressed their excitement with this new location. We praise the Lord for this new opportunity.

As of February 2022, CLC Panama now has a complete retail unit in the mall and work is underway to have it ready to open as a bookshop at the beginning of April. The kiosk will continue to operate at least until June.

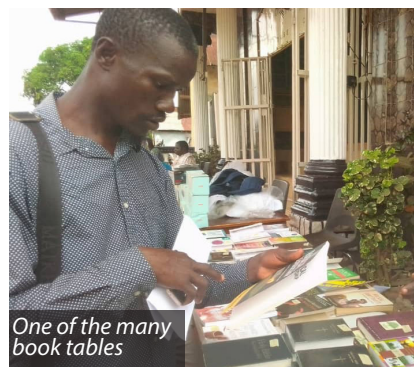
PLEASE PRAY for this new location, especially our team members that are presently serving in the kiosk and those that will be in the new shop.

AFRICA

CLC Africa Book Tables

During the month of December 2021, staff from our shops in Freetown, Bo, Maputo, Beira and Nampula had the privilege to participate in different book tables and events. We praise the Lord for this opportunity to make literature available to everyone. Book tables are a great way to reach many people who are not able to come to our shops.

PLEASE PRAY for more opportunities like this throughout the year.



One of the many book tables



My First Bible

by Neil Wardrope, Kingsway CLC Trust Mission Director

I imagine that every believer has a testimony of their early spiritual experiences and of their first engagement with the Bible. My first meaningful spiritual awakening occurred when I went to the musical, *Godspell*. It was a secular production but firmly based on Matthew's Gospel and starred a very young Jeremy Irons as John the Baptist. I became a Christian a few months later and this coincided with a visionary couple in my church setting up a youth group called the One Way.

I had always owned a Bible but, at this point, I started reading with understanding and a desire to grow spiritually. My first Bible was the Living Bible. Those with long memories will recall that the first edition was a chunky paperback that looked more like a novel than the Holy Scriptures. I devoured this book, and it was not long before it fell apart as the spine was simply not up to repeated use. I then acquired a more substantial version of the Living Bible that I still have to this day. I underlined lots of verses with coloured pens as I discovered these spiritual truths for the first time. Many have dates written alongside that tie the discovery to a certain event.

Without knowing it at the time, I was finding 'life verses' that have been

foundational to my spiritual life journey of almost fifty years. Here is an example from Hosea 6:6

"I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love. I don't want your offerings – I want you to know me."

As I grappled with the many issues that face a teenager, I was comforted that my spiritual growth was not dependent on my effort but, rather, the Holy Spirit would change my heart:

"I will give you a new heart – I will give you new and right desires – and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you new hearts of love."

Ezekiel 36:26

Of course, there are those who criticise the Living Bible – it is a paraphrase, and some would say that it takes some liberties with the text. I can only respond that, as a young Christian eager to learn about Jesus, it took me on a journey of spiritual discovery that prepared me for all that God would do in and through me over the following years.

It was *my* first Bible, and I will be forever grateful for all that it means to me.



Meet the New CLC International Director

by Gary Chamberlin, CLC International Director

Gary & Anita Chamberlin

I'm not sure how this happened. In my heart I'm still a farm boy from a tiny village called Munderf in western Pennsylvania. I find it miraculous that the Lord has blessed me so much and that I'm now the CLC International Director.

While I was studying Italian at the University of Pittsburgh in the early 1980s, the Lord clearly called me to serve Him in missions. He opened doors for me to live with international students of different languages, races and religions. God was challenging me and broadening my horizons and thinking, though I still wasn't aware of how he was preparing me. In 1984 I began to minister with IFES among Italian university students in northern Italy. It was there that I met and married Anita, who is Swiss. We raised our three children in north-west Italy. There was no going back! My life would be forevermore international.

During our initial years of ministry, I always enjoyed visiting the CLC shops in Florence, Milan and Turin. I knew the importance and power of Christian literature. We joyfully joined CLC Italia in 1995. It was a daily pleasure to manage the Turin bookshop for many wonderful years. Later I became the CLC Italy Director in a period of much growth and transformation. Then the Lord

unexpectedly opened another door!

In 2005 I was appointed to be the CLC European Director. Since then, I have enthusiastically visited our CLC ministries all over the beautiful and historic European continent. What a joy and privilege to visit our teams from Hamburg to Moscow, Paris and Sofia, and from Poland to Portugal and Romania. Each city and country has its own beauty and charm. The European continent is a complex labyrinth of intertwined history, gorgeous scenery, historic cities and villages, beautiful languages and delicious foods! Though each location is memorable, I confess that there still is nothing quite like standing in the historic and immense Red Square in the heart of Moscow, and knowing that CLC has a large bookshop in that sprawling city!

Most of all, the CLC National Directors and staff have enriched my life far beyond what I could give to them. They are a source of encouragement. Their commitment and dedication to the ministry both challenges and inspires me. I praise God for each one of them. I'm humbled that the Lord has given me the privilege to work in, and now to lead, this life-changing ministry.

CLC International is now 80 years old! Tens

of millions of Bibles and Christian books have been distributed during these past decades. What a blessing to ponder this! It is also a daunting responsibility and a formidable challenge to rise to the task of being as effective as possible in these coming years. Our 110 bookshops and 18 warehouses across the globe are still vital for this generation. The CLC publishing operations in 22 languages are impacting more lives than ever before. Our dozens of websites and social media activities are a vital link to connect with customers and

those searching for meaning and spiritual life in Christ.

The Lord has called me to lift my eyes to see the entire CLC global ministry. He has put this challenge and responsibility into my hands at this time for a reason. *Carpe Diem!* We need to seize the day with God's guidance and in His strength. We are a united team, and I will share the joy of the CLC ministry with the dedicated CLC Trustees, Regional Directors, CLC National Directors and all of our global staff. We will trust in the Lord together! He is faithful!

CLC WORLD NEWS



Ronela

PUBLISHING NEWS New Romanian titles

Ronela Micula from CLC Romania writes, that "There are five new titles that are waiting to be printed, including the following important books:

1. *The Practice of Godliness* - Jerry Bridges
2. *The Pursuit of Holiness* - Jerry Bridges
3. *Astonished by God* - John Piper

PLEASE PRAY that the Lord will provide the needed funds and that the titles will soon be available to bless the Romanian believers.



Sami Luc preparing the parcels

AFRICA

CLC Burkina Faso - Christmas ministry!

On Christmas Eve, Sami Luc Noufé was preparing parcels of a different kind - boxes of books and Bibles! On Christmas Day in the afternoon, he left his family's celebrations and made the four-hour bus journey from Ouagadougou to Tenkadogo, in central-eastern Burkina Faso. Sleeping overnight somewhere, he was up early to prepare a book table at a church service to which he had been invited. His ministry is taking books wherever and whenever he can. When the service ended, he took the afternoon bus back home, joining his family in the evening for Christmas dinner.

PROJECT *A Vehicle for CLC Burkina Faso*

by Liz Patten, Africa Regional Director

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

Burkina Faso is a landlocked country in West Africa with a population of just over 20 million (60% are Muslim).

In Ouagadougou, the capital, there is a mix of both Muslims and Christians.

It is here that CLC has a small Christian bookshop, with the aim of providing Bibles and Christian literature.

CLC is aware that our current operations are inadequate for outreach to the interior where there are many believers in Christ who desperately need the level of discipleship that can come from sound doctrine and good books.



We believe the best way to do this outreach would be to purchase a sturdy and reliable vehicle which could be used as a mobile bookshop. With such a vehicle, our team could plan regular routes into the rugged interior with unpaved roads in order to be able to provide a steady supply of Bibles and Christian books. They are inspired to do this, thanks to the growing percentage of Christians in the country.

Despite terrorist activity against Christians and others in Burkina Faso, there is still freedom of worship. The church is increasing and so is the number of readers! But these believers in the interior cannot easily make their way to the capital city and visit the bookshop. They remain where they are, with no provider for their literature needs.



HOW WOULD CLC USE THE VEHICLE?

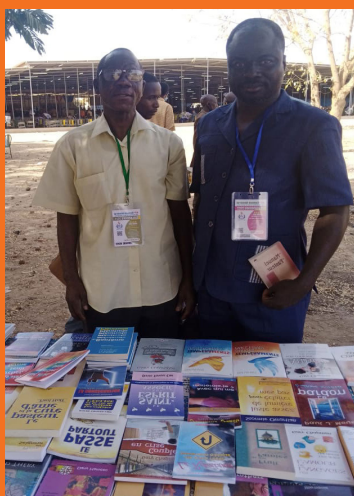
In the words of Sami Luc Noufé, the director of CLC Burkina Faso: "We would use the vehicle at the weekends to set up book tables in churches and we would also use it at any time to bring books and Bibles to conferences, conventions and camps."

In a word, we want to bring the bookshop to those who cannot come to the bookshop - because, for us, this ministry of evangelising and bringing Christians to maturity in their faith in the LORD must be accessible to everyone, everywhere in Burkina Faso. This is our vision, our wish and our prayer."

THE PRACTICAL STUFF - WHAT WOULD IT COST?

Approximately GBP £16,000 / US \$22,000.

Please note that these prices include the cost of the vehicle, freight, and customs clearance fees. **Would you consider sending a gift to enable us to purchase this vehicle in 2022? You can find details on how to send your gift on page 23.**



CLC Burkina Faso's First Book Table of 2022!

The first book table of the new year for team CLC Burkina Faso was the occasion of the 47th Annual Council of the Assembly of God in Ouagadougou, the capital. The event lasted over three days in early January, and many Bibles and books were sold. At the time of writing, the team also plans to serve the Pentecostal Evangelical Church Convention with a book table. This will take place at Diébougou, approximately 320 kilometers from the capital.

A black and white portrait of Dan Balow, a man with glasses and a beard, wearing a sweater. The background is dark and out of focus.

Introducing CLC USA's New Director of Publishing - Dan Balow

by Jim Pitman, CLC USA

Dan Balow

Last October, Jim Pitman, who had been filling the role of Publisher for CLC USA on an interim basis, asked Dan Balow to become CLC's new Director of Publishing. Dan had served on CLC USA's advisory board for several years, was well acquainted with CLC and our publishing operations, and was happy to join our team in November.

Dan started in Christian publishing in 1983 with David C. Cook. Over the years, he worked in acquisitions of new books, audio books, digital publishing, marketing, sales, and translation rights management. He worked at Tyndale House Publishers from 1992-2006 where he developed a wide-ranging perspective on the industry through his involvement with hundreds of authors, thousands of books and a love for the business. Getting to know and work with Ken Taylor helped him develop a ministry perspective on publishing.

Dan served on the board of the Evangelical Christian Publisher's Association and was board chairman of the Global Publishers

Alliance, an ECPA group involved in mentoring Christian publishers in other countries. He was also involved with Media Associates International's LittWorld conferences.

His current approach for CLC Publications is to establish partnerships with like-minded ministries and publishers. Initiatives include expansion of our relationship with Christian Fellowship Publishers, partnership with Tyndale House Publishers on sales and distribution, a publishing agreement with Master's Seminary to create theological books for lay people, and more.

"We accomplish more when we find ways to work together to make something more fruitful than if we worked alone," comments Dan. "CLC's legacy and reputation makes us a good partner for many ministries."

Dan is a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois and has been married to Carol for 40+ years. They live in Wheaton, Illinois and have four grown children and six granddaughters.



March 1st - 6th

Week 10 - (Continued) Worldwide

Tuesday (1st) - CLC Publications

CLC countries, such as Hungary, Indonesia, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Russia, have small publishing activities. During the pandemic, much was postponed. Please pray for our staff in these countries (and others) who are now concentrating on publishing some excellent titles this year. Pray for the Lord's provision as often there is a lack of funds to print some important and needed titles in the various languages.- *Gary Chamberlin, Director of CLC Worldwide Publications*

Wednesday (2nd) - Prayer and Fasting

Today is the first of some days of prayer and fasting that will be held throughout the year for the global family of CLC. We will have a special fellowship meeting via Zoom, which we hope will be attended by representatives from as many of our countries and departments as possible. Neil Wardrope has prepared a devotional message for us on the topic of Fellowship, which is one of the core values of CLC International. Please pray for good connections and an encouraging time. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Thursday (3rd) - India

In our normal course of activities, every year we conduct two special sales at our headquarters bookshop during the months of April and November. These are well attended. Even in this year of 2022, we are planning to have a sale in the first week of April. However, at the time of writing, as we look into the present pandemic situation, we are unsure how to proceed. Please pray for us. - *Justin Chellappan, India*

Friday (4th) - Venezuela

Praise God, last year we were blessed to be able to remodel our bookshop in Barquisimeto. Please pray that our customers would enjoy the new and refreshed look and that our staff would have much joy in serving there. We also give thanks for increased sales in our bookshop in Maracaibo, especially of the Bible *Jesus for Everyone*. - *Delvis Blanco, Venezuela*

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Canada

Please pray for our new National Director, Fritz Joseph. He came to the post in mid-January, following on from the handover procedure during which he worked alongside the previous National Director. Please pray for Fritz as he learns to "navigate alone". - *Antoine Roberge, Canada*

March 7th - 13th

Week 11 - Latin America

Monday (7th) - Colombia

We are planning to return to holding in-person seminars for teaching on how to make the most of the *Thompson Chain Reference Bible*. These seminars are life-changing for many pastors and leaders, especially those with limited resources. Please pray that God will give the necessary health, strength and wisdom to the "Thompson team", which is lead by Pastor Javier Jaraba.

- David Pabón, Colombia

Tuesday (8th) - Colombia

Every year in the month of March, we hold our CLC Colombia General Assembly with the purpose of evaluating the results of the previous year. Please pray that all the necessary reports, including accounts, will be up to date and ready to be presented and evaluated as we look back over our performance in 2021 and learn for the future. - David Pabón, Colombia

Wednesday (9th) - Ecuador

We thank you for your prayers for CLC Ecuador that the Lord will guide us in obtaining the most competitive prices for our construction project. We want to be able to move forward efficiently with this building work in Guayaquil and, hopefully, complete it in 2022. May the Lord continue to bless our beloved CLC family around the world. - Mónica Rojas, Ecuador

Thursday (10th) - Chile

On Saturday, March 19th, we are planning to have our annual ministry conference, which this year will be via Zoom. We thank God that we have this virtual tool that allows us to have a time of fellowship and to worship the Lord for his goodness towards the ministry of CLC in Chile and the world. Please pray for all the preparations and for this special time we will have together.

- Patricio Romo, Chile

Friday (11th) - Venezuela

Please pray for our national economy. The inflation rate hit 686.4% last year, which means that salaries have greatly depreciated. Please pray that God will multiply our finances so that we may pay our workers fairly. We are grateful for the financial help we have received from CLC International and for the blessing of our bookshop sales. - Delvis Blanco, Venezuela

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Latin America

Please pray for the other CLC countries in Latin America, which were not specifically mentioned this week. They are: Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. Pray for the team leaders to have godly wisdom and pray for lasting impact from the ministry upon individuals, families, churches and even nations as a whole. - Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus

March 14th - 20th

Week 12 - Europe

Monday (14th) - Germany

At the time of writing, all our "extra" activities are still down. Nonetheless, we have planned some reading events with various authors from February until May. Up to a maximum of 20 people can join these. Please pray that God will bring along those people who can be especially blessed by this fellowship. Also, please continue to pray for the effectiveness of our website (www.christlichebuchhandlung.hamburg). Thank you! - Valentin Schweigler, Germany

Tuesday (15th) - France

Our publishing department has expanded with titles from CLC France, Vida and Hosanna. Because of this growth, we are now planning to create a "Publishing Office" to bring together

all the team members involved. We hope to have this Office completed by the current month of March. Please pray for this and for the team who will be working together. Thank you.

- *Hervé Lessous, France*

Wednesday (16th) - France

We will hold our annual inventory on March 30th and 31st. Please pray for good preparatory organisation at the headquarters and also in our 13 bookshops. Please pray, too, for the time investment of all the team members and the precious support of our volunteers, for whom we are very thankful. Please also pray that we will have no technical hitches for the occasion! Thank you. - *Hervé Lessous, France*

Thursday (17th) - Poland

First of all, we thank God for His protection of our team and families. We thank Him, too, that the bookshop could remain open and, despite the pandemic, we still have customers. Please join us in praying for those who come for their salvation and spiritual growth. Pray for His wisdom in all our conversations and pray that we will have enough customers to enable us to meet all our financial commitments. Our other request is for some additional storage space. Thank you. - *Eva Rymer, Poland*

Friday (18th) - Italy

Praise God for opportunities to learn from one another! CLC Italy has made great progress in reaching customers and the general public through various social media platforms and Ivano Cramerotti has been able to share his knowledge and experiences via a webinar to help other Christian booksellers, not only those in CLC. Please pray for Ivano that he will continue to have the time to help others in these areas for the greater spread of the Gospel message. Thank you. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Portugal

The Annual Board Meeting of CLC Portugal will take place on March 19th. Please pray for a good presentation of the reports and that the Board members will continue to be able to actively support the ministry for growth and sustainability over the next year. Meanwhile, we are thankful for every opportunity to serve, whether through our bookshop, our website or by visiting churches and events with books and Bibles. - *Carlos Cunha, Portugal*

March 21st - 27th

Week 13 - West Africa (Francophone)

Monday (21st) - Benin

We have three requests. Here are the first two! First, please pray for an improvement in our cash flow so that we will be able to order from more than one international supplier at a time. Second, we would love to have a computerised inventory system as we believe that this would help us to work more efficiently. - *Emmanuel Ladeyo, Benin*

Tuesday (22nd) - Benin

Following on from yesterday, here is our third request. For many years, we have been praying to have our own building as rents are expensive in Cotonou and landlords are not always reasonable. Although we have not yet seen the answer to this request, we continue praying because with God nothing is impossible. We believe that having our own building would help to guarantee the future of the ministry. Thank you for praying with us for this miracle.

- *Emmanuel Ladeyo, Benin*

Wednesday (23rd) - Ivory Coast

At the time of writing, our bookshop in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, is looking for a new staff member to join the team. The person needs to love God and have a desire to serve Him by being willing

to work in Christian ministry. They should be adept in customer service and have a vision for the use of social media in reaching customers and publicising the ministry. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Thursday (24th) - West Africa

Pray for our teams in West Africa as they continue improving their social media skills. They are encouraged by the results as they use virtual tools to reach out to customers and the general public through Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Telegram and other applications. This has quite often lead to encouraging sales and has even attracted customers from other countries at times. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Friday (25th) - Inventory

Please pray for CLC Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast as they come to the end of their financial year on March 31st. Pray for their annual inventory control and for a good evaluation of the results so that they may have good financial control of the ministry and wisdom in ordering what their customers need for the rest of this year. Thank you. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

The Weekend (26th -27th) - West Africa

Please pray for peace in West Africa so that the Gospel may continue to be preached and God's word distributed through our bookshops and other channels. Pray especially for Burkina Faso which has seen an increase in terrorist activity in recent years. Despite this, our small team has courageously continued to take books and Bibles to churches and conferences in different parts of the country. Please pray for their safety.- *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

March 28th - April 3rd

Week 14 - Asia



Monday (28th) - South Korea

Please pray for Mr. Kim and Mrs. Lee at our warehouse. Amazingly, they have been working for CLC Korea for almost 20 years now. In contrast, our newest member joined our warehouse in December. His name is Mr. Soo Young Lee. Please pray for him as he settles in and gains experience. Mr. Young Ho Park, CLC Korea's National Director, has his 76th birthday today! Praise God that he is still in mission, and may the Lord continue

to watch over him and bless him more! - *Sohee Yoo, South Korea*

Tuesday (29th) - South Korea

We plan to improve CLC Korea's YouTube channel, and so we are praying that during this spring, we will be able to continue our interviews with foreign and Korean authors via Zoom or in person. The idea is to help as many people as possible to know more about CLC Korea and the varied stock that we now hold, from theological seminary textbooks to children's books and Bibles. However far away you are, you can visit us at www.youtube.com/c/CLCKorea/

- *Sohee Yoo, South Korea*

Wednesday (30th) - Indonesia

By continuing to conduct webinars with the Indonesia Bible Society, we have an opportunity to make new connections and gain new customers. Please pray for the strengthening of this partnership and that the Lord will help us to develop more of these mutually beneficial relationships. Thank you. - *Donny Kairupan, Indonesia*

Thursday (31st) - Indonesia

We are thankful that we can reprint the book, *Jesus Christ Our Lord*, by John F. Walvoord as, since 1990, it has been a reference book for many theological schools and seminaries. Please

pray that this and other well-known reference books will continue to be available for those who need them. Last year, the Assemblies of God reprinted *The World of the New Testament* by J. I. Packer and others, which is another such title. - *Donny Kairupan, Indonesia*

Friday (1st) - India

Thank you in advance for praying for the needed wisdom and accuracy for our translators who are working on three titles in preparation for publication. These are: *The Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant* (into Hindi), *The Genesis Genealogies Vol. I* (into Tamil), *The Covenant of the Torch Vol. II* (into Tamil). - *Justin Challappan, India*

The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Asia

Please pray for our Asian teams that have not been specifically mentioned. They are: Myanmar, Pakistan, the Philippines and Thailand. Pray especially for those where the local culture can be hostile to the Gospel message that we proclaim that they will know God's protection and provision in every way. Thank you. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

April 4th - 10th

Week 15 - Africa



Monday (4th) - Mozambique

Our bookshop in Beira was doing quite well until the pandemic. The effect was severe as conferences were cancelled, churches closed and many expats left Mozambique. Please pray that we can recover as, slowly, events start up again, and it is now possible to do some book tables. Also, the seminary where we are located has plans for expansion. We hope that this will bring more people to the bookshop.

- *Petra Nemansky, Mozambique*

Tuesday (5th) - Mozambique

In 2021, we were finally able to open a small outlet in Nampula in northern Mozambique. Please pray that this will be a blessing to the local churches, have an impact in the community and even touch the lives of those who have been displaced due to terrorist activity in the northern region. Pray that, in time, this bookshop will become self-sustaining as, generally speaking, there is limited purchasing power. Please also pray for Isaque as he seeks ways to make the bookshop known. - *Petra Nemansky, Mozambique*

Wednesday (6th) - Kenya

At the start of this year, our publishing department was full to capacity with 35 different titles. Please pray for us that we will be able to work very professionally in terms of accuracy and schedule, and that every book we publish will impact lives for God. In line with our growth in publishing, we need to upgrade our print-on-demand equipment. Please pray with us for God's miraculous provision for this. Thank you. - *Mercy Muthoni Omukhang'o, Kenya*

Thursday (7th) - Kenya

In 2021, we held an Awards Programme (ACABA) for national Christian authors. We plan to repeat it this year because, as a result, there have been many new opportunities for us to be a blessing to our communities through Christian literature. The 2022 programme has already started, and we are happy that almost all the volunteers (judges, planning team and partners) from 2021 have agreed to serve again. Please pray that we can even improve on last year's programme! - *Mercy Muthoni Omukhang'o, Kenya*



Friday (8th) - Kenya

In addition to our publishing and missional outreach programmes in Kenya, we continue with bookselling - mostly online. Other than making a selection of Bibles available, we are opting to focus mainly on African authors. Thanks to help from CLC USA, this year, we will be able to make these African titles available for customers in the USA. Please pray that this process will go smoothly. Thank you. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Sierra Leone

Due to a lack of funds, we have not been able to deal with building issues at our headquarters building in recent years. However, thanks to improved sales and other financial provision, we are now working on this. As well as the "refreshment" of new exterior redecorations, we are thankful for work that has been done to repair the roof and fix cracks in the walls. Please pray for Alfred Kaikai as he oversees and continues with this maintenance programme in Freetown, Sierra Leone. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

April 11th - 17th

Week 16 - Easter Week

Monday (11th) - France

This year, we have planned to publish a small but special Spring catalogue in order to present Bibles and literature that is pertinent to the Easter period. Please pray that this will be successful in helping many to understand the true meaning of Easter and what Christ has done for us. - *Hervé Lessous, France*

Tuesday (12th) - Canada

April is the time for the preparation of our catalogue of new products and summer specials. This brochure is always eagerly awaited by our customers. Please pray that we make a wise choice of the featured books, and that we will have sufficient quantities of each book on hand for the day when the catalogue will be released. - *Antoine Roberge, Canada*

Wednesday (13th) - Dominica

The special occasions of Mother's Day and Father's Day are widely celebrated in the Caribbean. As we prepare for these, please pray for new stock that will bless our customers and boost our income. Also, please pray that we would soon be able to install air conditioning for the comfort of our customers and the well-being of our books, which can easily spoil in the heat and humidity. - *Tajya Wilson, Dominica*

Thursday (14th) - South Korea

Next month, our country will celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day and Teacher's Appreciation Day! Wonderfully, CLC Korea has the perfect gift items for these occasions. Please pray that they will be purchased and generously offered to many mothers, fathers and teachers. Pray, too, that those receiving them will be blessed! - *Sohee Yoo, South Korea*

Friday (15th) - Good Friday

CLC works in many countries where Christianity is not supported, and so many of our workers may not have a day off today in honour of the One who gave His life for us. Please pray especially for them that they will be able to make time to reflect on the Easter message and be renewed in the strength of God's love and salvation through the cross of Jesus Christ. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

The Weekend (16th - 17th) - Easter Weekend

Please pray for all those around the world today who will receive something this weekend that has been purchased from CLC. It could be a Bible or a book, an Easter tract or even a

simple greeting card with the Easter message. Pray that God will speak to people's hearts and draw them closer to Him through these "signposts" of his love. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

April 18th - 24th

Week 17 - Bibles

Monday (18th) - United Kingdom

At the start of 2022, we were delighted to discover that in 2021 we distributed over 100,000 Bibles, mostly in the UK but also beyond our shores. We know that the Word of God changes lives. Please pray with us that these Bibles will impact many lives and encourage people to follow Jesus Christ. - *Neil Wardrobe, United Kingdom*

Tuesday (19th) - United Kingdom

Towards the end of 2021, we received substantial quantities of Chinese and Russian Bibles. The Chinese Bibles are available for free distribution thanks to a donor. It was wonderful to see the first 100 Bibles go to an international student worker who is connected to the universities in Leicester. People from many nations come to the UK, and the church needs to reach out to these people who are often open to the Gospel. - *Neil Wardrobe, United Kingdom*

Wednesday (20th) - Africa

Thank you to all who supported our project in 2021 to raise funds for 10,000 Bibles in French for the people of West Africa! These Bibles have now been printed, with a special section with the Gospel message and a prayer of repentance for salvation, together with the contact details of our bookshops in Benin, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast. Money from the sales of the Bibles will be reserved to enable a repetition of the print run without needing to raise further funds. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*



Printed French Bibles

Thursday (21st) - Mozambique

Last year, we started a small project to give Bibles to people in northern Mozambique who were displaced due to terrorist activity. Recently, we received a large donation, which enables us to greatly increase the number of Bibles being offered. So far, the Bibles have been distributed by seminary students, with the help of local churches and other Christians. Please pray for continued efficient distribution and that the Bibles will have a great impact on the receivers. - *Petra Nemansky, Mozambique*

Friday (22nd) - Cyprus

Since we have noticed an increase in the demand for Bibles over this pandemic period, please pray that this will lead people to seek the Lord and His salvation - that there will be a real thirst and desire for the truth and reality, which are to be found in Christ. - *Sotos & Eva Photiades, Cyprus*

The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Indonesia

We praise God for the opportunity to deliver Bibles and Gospel tracts to several areas in Indonesia, notably North Sulawesi, Papua and Timor. Recently, the former CLC Director went to Manado, which is the capital city of North Sulawesi. He said that it was a great honour to deliver the Bibles and tracts to so many people as there is great need in this area. It is our hope that CLC can open a new distribution channel in this city. - *Donny Kairupan, Indonesia*

April 25th - May 1st

Week 18 - International Office

Monday (25th) - CLC Ministry

There are many opportunities and needs all across the world. Please pray for the International Director and the Regional Directors as we work with our teams as they continue the expansion of the CLC ministry. Pray that we will all have wisdom and courage as we seize new opportunities to grow our distribution of quality books and Bibles. - Gary Chamberlin, International Director

Tuesday (26th) - International Office Team

The International Director and the Regional Directors need prayer as we collaborate with some of our teams that still need to find stability in these turbulent times. We need insight as, occasionally, circumstances in countries require us to make decisions to temporarily downsize our ministry so that it can be viable in the future. It is a delicate balance, and we need the Lord to give us courage, grace, insight and wisdom as we work with all 43 CLC countries. Thank you. - Gary Chamberlin, International Director

Wednesday (27th) - Leadership

As part of our global strategy to prepare future leaders on a regional and international level, there are some National Directors who are becoming more involved in leadership in Europe, especially as we will soon need to elect a new Regional Director. Please pray for Carlos, Hervé and Ivano that they may better understand the work of the Regional Directors and that the Lord will prepare them to appreciate the complexities and future opportunities of the CLC ministry. - Gary Chamberlin, International Director

Thursday (28th) - International Office Structure

Please pray for those who are involved in reviewing the structure, effectiveness and sustainability of our International Office (IO). Pray that going forward, the "IO" will be able to retain those systems that work well while being able to discern what could be improved and/or restructured to better suit the changing times. Please pray for courage to change! - Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus

Friday (29th) - History of CLC

Please pray for me as I continue to work on the manuscript of CLC's more recent history, which, hopefully, can be published in the near future. I hope that the draft will be more or less ready by the time you read this! Pray that the finished work will be a true testimony to God's faithfulness as well as to the dedication of those who have laboured in the mission. Meanwhile, my wife and I continue with online discipleship activities for a number of people in Asia.

- Lewis Codington, International Office

The Weekend (30th - May 1st) - Worldwide

We continue to be very thankful for the spirit of fellowship that is demonstrated in CLC around the world. Due to the global pandemic and various other national or local circumstances, some countries have had considerable challenges over the past couple of years. Several countries have given from their own reserves to give a helping hand to those in need. Please pray for those who are still struggling that the Lord will bring them to a place of stability. - Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus

May 2nd - 8th

Week 19 - Latin America

Monday (2nd) - Expolit

God willing, the important trade fair known as "Expolit" will take place in May in Miami, where

publishers, distributors, bookstores and the media will be present to learn about the latest resources in the Christian book sector. At the time of writing, we do not know if the fair will be able to take place because of the variants of COVID-19. We pray for guidance from our Lord. - *David Pabón, Colombia*

Tuesday (3rd) - Chile

Here, it is early days for the new government, and there is still uncertainty as it is a major political change for us. At 36 years of age, our new President is the youngest our country has ever had. We ask for wisdom for him and his ministers in leading the nation in the best way forward as well as for CLC to be able to encourage our customers in these uncertain times. - *Patricio Romo, Chile*

Wednesday (4th) - Chile

Last year, a constituent assembly was established in our country. This assembly is in the process of drafting a new constitution, where one of the first items to be put forward is a proposed law on religious freedom. We trust that the Lord can guide the members of this assembly in the most favourable direction for the church here. Thank you for praying with us as we seek to serve. - *Patricio Romo, Chile*

Thursday (5th) - Ecuador

God has been very good and wonderful to us, and so we thank Him for His faithfulness. Here in CLC Ecuador, May is usually a month of good turnover for us, especially because of the Mother's Day celebrations. We are thankful that we have a good supply of Bibles, books and other gifts with which to bless many mothers with His Word. - *Mónica Rojas, Ecuador*

Friday (6th) - Ecuador

Please pray for the Christian church in Ecuador since many have been affected economically and in their level of membership since the beginning of the pandemic and now with the new Omicron variant. Child attendance is also down, and, therefore, so is the demand for Sunday School resources. Please pray that the church may remain strong in such times. - *Mónica Rojas, Ecuador*

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - Latin Region

Please pray for the CLC ministry in Latin America in the countries that have not been specifically mentioned. They are: Mexico, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. Pray especially for any bookshops or departments that are struggling financially that they will experience the Lord's provision to see them through. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

May 9th - 15th

Week 20 - CLC Virtual Council & Communications

Monday (9th) - Communications Team

Please pray for all the staff who work in the CLC Communications Department, often with the pressure of strict deadlines. Their responsibilities include such tasks as the production of a weekly prayer bulletin, the CLC World Magazine and the Prayer Focus calendar. These productions include the digital copies! Pray, too, for the volunteers who help with proofreading and editing that they will work with "eagle eyes"! Thank you.

- *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Tuesday (10th) - Virtual Council

Usually, CLC's International Council* meets in person every four years. However, due to the pandemic, it has started to meet more often (and via Zoom) for the time being. Our Council members will meet today and tomorrow for fellowship and prayer, and discussion of any weighty issues pertinent to the global fellowship. Thank you for your prayers for this important

gathering. *Note: The Council comprises the International Director and the Regional Directors, together with the leaders of our work in countries where the ministry has reached a certain level of maturity and growth. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Wednesday (11th) - Virtual Council Devotionals

At our Council meetings this week, author and pastor Alfonso Guevara from Cuba/USA will bring two devotional messages for us. Please pray that we will have ears to hear what God wants to say to us and that these messages will have a lasting impact. The devotionals will be shared with the wider CLC family afterwards via Facebook so that everyone may be blessed. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Thursday (12th) - International Website

Please pray for the new CLC International website, which has been prepared by Yaninna Scalante, to help make the mission known. Pray that it will be visited by an ever-increasing number of people, who will thereby discover more about CLC's ministry around the world. Pray that we will be able to keep it updated and that God will graciously use the website for His glory. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Friday (13th) - Graphics

Please pray especially for Alessandra Platania in CLC Italy. Alessandra specialises in graphic design, and, among other things, she produces many beautiful slides that are used to publicise CLC's ministry, projects and prayer needs. Pray that the Lord continues to inspire her as she joyfully serves him and the CLC family with her creative skills. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Follow-up

Following on from discussions at this week's two days of virtual Council meetings, it is anticipated that a number of people will have follow-up assignments to work on. Please pray for each person to whom this applies that they will be able to make sufficient time available in their already busy schedules to do the additional things that they have committed to follow through. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

May 16th - 22nd

Week 21 - Logistics

Monday (16th) - United Kingdom

A combination of Brexit, COVID-19 and labour shortages have produced significant problems in shipping books and other resources from the US to the UK. At any one time, we may have substantial quantities of material "in the system" and taking far longer to arrive than before. This means shortages of stock for customers and cash tied up in material that we are unable to distribute. At the time of writing, there does not appear to be a quick solution, so we would appreciate your prayers to somehow rectify this situation. Thank you. - *Neil Wardrope, United Kingdom*

Tuesday (17th) - West Africa

At the end of January, the French postal system abandoned the use of postal bags as a means to transport goods to West Africa. Until then, this system had worked very well and economically for sending books and Bibles from CLC France to Burkina Faso. Please pray that we can continue to find the most economic and safe way to send stock to all our West African countries. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Wednesday (18th) - Portugal

Most of our stock of books and Bibles has to be ordered from supplier publishers in Brazil. The shipping and customs process is expensive and complex with stock sometimes getting lost on the way to us. Please pray for an improvement in the services of the channels engaged in this process. Thank you. - *Carlos Cunha, Portugal*

Thursday (19th) - Mozambique

As is the case for CLC Portugal, most of our stock comes from Brazil as we need Bibles and books in Portuguese. Also, as with Portugal, the shipping and customs processes are expensive and complex, resulting in high prices for our customers. Please pray that we may be able to find someone in Brazil who would be willing to consolidate stock orders for us on a regular basis as this could result in a considerable saving. Thank you. - *Elizabeth Patten, Regional Director for Africa*

Friday (20th) - Venezuela

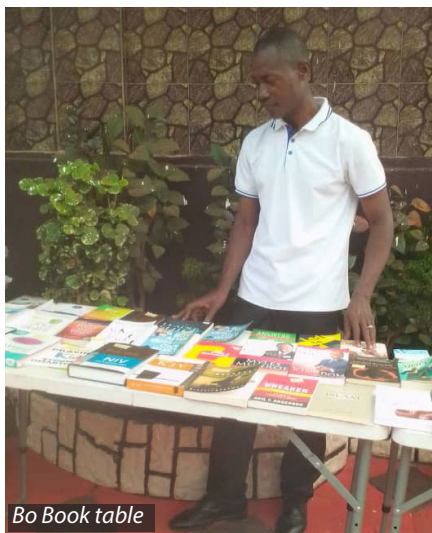
Ordering stock from elsewhere in Latin America always gives us cause for concern. Apart from the delays that can occur, we always pray that the books and Bibles will arrive safely and that we will be able to continue buying. It is very difficult for us to import our stock because of the very high taxes that are levied by the government. Please support us in your prayers. - *Delvis Blanco, Venezuela*

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Worldwide

In addition to those in the countries specifically mentioned, there are many logistical challenges facing us as we seek to "get God's Word around the world". Please pray for God's favour and blessing on our endeavours, and for His divine appointments and connections with people who can help us when we meet obstacles of many different kinds. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

May 23rd - 31st

Week 22- Evangelism & Outreach



Bo Book table

Monday (23rd) - Sierra Leone

At the start of the year, our prayer was that we may tell as many of our customers as possible about the Lord Jesus. We want to lead to Him those who are in need of salvation as well as encouraging and praying for those who are already believers. One who we were able to lead to Christ was a Chinese man named Chris. Please pray for him that the seed sown may continue to produce lasting fruit in his life. Thank you. - *Alfred Kaikai, Sierra Leone (Freetown)*

Tuesday (24th) - Sierra Leone

Our prayer and our desire this year is to be able to reach out with even more book tables at churches and events in the Bo city region. Also, that we may have an increase in customers at the CLC Bo shop and hear testimonies from them about how our books have changed their lives. Please also pray that we will have a real spirit of commitment and

devotion in the CLC ministry. - *Matthew Ndoinjeh, Sierra Leone (Bo)*

Wednesday (25th) - Evangelism Fund

Very sadly, last August, one of our dear fellow CLC workers, Rudy Kuijer, succumbed to COVID-19 whilst in Italy doing what he loved best - evangelising. In honour of Rudy, we have set up the Rudy Kuijer Evangelism Fund, which will cover the cost of producing evangelistic materials in multiple languages to continue Rudy's legacy. Please pray for the many people who will receive these booklets and brochures in the future that they will come to know Christ. - *Elizabeth Patten, Prayer Focus*

Thursday (26th) - Burkina Faso

CLC has a current project to raise funds for a suitable four-wheel drive vehicle that will help our small team in Burkina Faso with their work of taking books and Bibles to the interior. We hope to reach our fund-raising goal by June this year. Please pray with us that we can obtain a good sturdy vehicle that will serve well and safely for a number of years. Thank you.

- *Elizabeth Patten, CLC Africa Director*

Friday (27th) - Dominica

Please pray that we will have continued vision and leading from God for this ministry. Pray, too, for opportunities and provision to expand. We would like to open a bookstore in Portsmouth, which is 43km away from where we are presently in Roseau, the capital. Portsmouth is Dominica's second town. We are so thankful for all your prayers and support. God bless you. - *Tajya Winston, Dominica*

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Canada

Since these prayer points were written in mid-January, I am not sure if this request will be pertinent in May! Nonetheless, please pray for our project to reach out to people of remote First Nations in our country. This project has been on our minds for about two years, but, because of the pandemic, we have not been able to implement it so far. - *Antoine Roberge, Canada*



Monday (30th) - Dominica

We give the Lord praise and thanks for His goodness towards us. When we re-opened the bookstore on October 1st, 2020, after a period of closure, it had so few shelves and looked so empty. Today, thanks to financial help from CLC International, it has added shelving, and we are doing much better. To God be the glory - great things He has done for us! - *Tajya Wilson, Dominica*

Tuesday (31st) - Central Asia 2

Please pray for our team in these economic times when we have needed to reduce staff salaries because of our financial difficulties. Nonetheless, we are still open and can serve our customers with the Gospel as well as helping to print and distribute some books. Pray for new ideas about how to increase our sales and help people to find us. Please pray, too, for the improvement of our website and for the good health of the team, both spiritually and physically. Thank you.

- *National Director, CA2*

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