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Through TCM's Engaging Every Nation Initiative, students across Africa, Europe, Central Asia, and the U.S. are equipped to transform their communities with the power of the gospel. From deeper, Christ-centered preaching to dynamic discipleship in local churches, their stories reflect global impact — preparing leaders, making disciples, and ultimately serving Christ.

"I chose to study with TCM because I was seeking a solid, Christ-centered theological education that would deepen my spiritual understanding and equip me for the work of the ministry. As someone who serves in both outreach and discipleship, I felt the need for structured biblical training that could help me rightly divide the Word of truth. TCM's mission and values immediately resonated with my calling and passion for the Great Commission. I also appreciated the flexibility of TCM's program, which allows me to continue serving actively while pursuing my studies. It was a prayerfully made decision, and I have already seen how God is using this season to shape me for greater effectiveness. TCM will impact my ministry in very tangible ways. I will have more confidence in teaching, preaching, and offering sound biblical counsel because my foundation will be strengthened through every course. The theological depth, combined with practical ministry application, will help me serve people not just with passion, but also with wisdom and accuracy. It will help me think beyond my local context and view of ministry with a more global, Kingdom-oriented perspective. I believe this training will multiply my effectiveness and raise others as I share what I'm learning.

I want to sincerely thank the TCM team and all the generous donors who make this incredible training possible. Your support is not only investing in me but also in the lives I touch through ministry. Every lesson, resource, and interaction is a seed that is producing fruit across nations. Sometimes we may never see the full impact of our giving or service, but I want you to know that your contribution is part of a greater Kingdom story. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness and love for His mission."

-Balinda Mavuwa, Polish Student



THIS TESTIMONY IS JUST ONE POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF WHAT GOD IS DOING THROUGH YOUR "YES."



MINISTRY IN ACTION:

Training the Compass Church Team from Moldova

At TCM we believe in ministry that promotes action. This is why we educate our students on the importance of discipleship that is rooted in truth and a lifestyle that mirrors the necessity for Christlike service. In the following paragraphs you will be introduced to Igor, a TCM MDiv student, and the mission God has placed on him and his family's lives.

My name is Igor and I am 44 years old. Together with my wife, we lead a home group, and currently, our team is in the process of planting a new church here in my hometown in Moldova. In 2018, I graduated from TCM with an MA degree, and in 2020, I continued my studies in the MDiv program. For me, it is a great blessing to receive theological education—it has become my way of life. **I cannot imagine being a minister, leader, or pastor, responsible for people in the church, teaching them, and fulfilling this role without specialized knowledge, deep spiritual formation, and constant intellectual and spiritual growth.**

In 2023, we became part of a team that is planting a church in one of the districts of my hometown. I see tremendous potential to reach the educated and professional urban population, young families, and intellectuals. We aim to be a church for the city and with the city—engaged in its life and needs, influencing its culture.



Our core values are Scripture, integrity, and calling. We strive to know God through studying the Bible and engaging in spiritual practices, forming theology rooted in a deep understanding of divine truth. We continually work to develop intellectual skills, spiritual maturity, and personal integrity. It is important to me that the people on our team desire growth and pursue theological education. I see the need for new leadership models and am convinced that the era of lone leaders and "superheroes" is over. The challenges facing the church, society, and the world today cannot be addressed alone. What we need are strong teams of educated, whole leaders who, working together, can create synergy, bring about meaningful change, and influence culture.

Discipleship is at the heart of healthy multiplication in the Kingdom. For a shift to occur in society and the church, a leader must train their people according to the character and abilities of Jesus, empowering and equipping them to make disciples to the fourth generation. I see my task as being a leader who raises up new leaders. When a leadership team grows together, they become more effective, develop a shared language, become more open to new ideas, and broaden their vision.

This fall, it has been an immense encouragement and joy for me that three more people from our team have become TCM students, and we were able to attend the session at Haus Edelweiss together. Oleg, one of our team members and a potential leader, shared his thoughts:

"When you realize that to do something properly and effectively, you need knowledge about it—and when it comes to something as important as church planting—you understand that your past experience is not enough. You need the knowledge of others, support, prayers, and help. When your team includes people who can influence your growth and development, both spiritually and intellectually, and who set an example of the importance of learning and growth, you understand the need to study."

For me, studying at TCM is not just about acquiring knowledge; it is an opportunity to inspire my team toward growth and spiritual maturity. Seeing my colleagues and friends embark on their theological educational journey, realizing the importance of preparation for ministry, is a tremendous blessing. I believe that such collective efforts help us become mature ministers and a strong team capable of bringing meaningful change to the life of the church and society.

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VIEW AT THE HAUS

by Jacob Jones

At Haus Edelweiss, the transformative work of equipping Christian leaders continues to flourish. Each session brings together students from across cultures and traditions, united by a shared desire to grow in faith and serve their communities. This fall season, students studied Pastoral Ethics, Homiletics, Worldviews and Religions, and many other subjects. Together, these leaders engage deeply with Scripture and one another, forming bonds that transcend borders.

Our Graduate Seminars have sparked timely conversations as well—from exploring the depths of Matthew's Gospel to discerning how ministry intersects with emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. These gatherings are more than academic; they are spiritual retreats where disciple makers from around the globe reflect, recharge, and reimagine their calling in today's world.

One unforgettable moment came during a worship service led by our Kazakhstani students. They incorporated four languages into their service, echoing Revelation 7:9: "a great multitude... from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne." In these moments, the global Church feels tangible—voices rising in harmony; hearts aligned in praise.

All of this cross-cultural collision happens every session at Haus Edelweiss. Whether it's through learning in the classroom, enjoying the beautiful grounds, or the laughter coming from the bustling dining room, this place looks like a snapshot of the Kingdom to come. On behalf of our students and staff here at Haus Edelweiss, thank you for partnering in this mission. The work here is sacred, and your support helps it continue with strength and purpose.



FALL DISCIPLE MAKING SUMMIT



by Bart Shaw, Pastor
Traders Point Christian Church

Has the idea ever crossed your mind – “What if the first disciples – the 120 in the upper room – had kept it all to themselves?” What if they never shared the Good News, never allowed the Holy Spirit to move through them, and never invested in making more disciples? If that had been the case, we wouldn’t be here today championing the cause of Christ in our generation.

Their faithfulness to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, combined with their sense of urgency, changed the course of human history forever! We are the beneficiaries of their obedience. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. And one day, Lord willing, others will look back and say the same about us. This legacy of faithful and prayerful disciple-making continues to inspire and propel so many disciple-making leaders and organizations like TCM. The Kingdom advances as each church and every disciple plays their part in carrying out this great mission.

Earlier this fall, I had the great privilege of joining Drs. Tony Twist and David Roadcup in presenting at TCM’s Disciple Making Summit in Cincinnati, Ohio, to do exactly that. Our goal was to equip local leaders, pastors, and elders with both foundational and practical tools to more effectively become disciples who make disciples. The people were hungry, the atmosphere was expectant, and it was clear that God is on the move, awakening His church in fresh ways. It was an honor to speak into the passion and desire for “more” that we witnessed in so many leaders.

There is much to celebrate in the ongoing growth of God’s Kingdom through TCM. This Summit was just one of many ways we continue to invest in the Church as we walk in faithful obedience to our King Jesus. May each of us, too, be found faithful in carrying the mission forward until He returns!



A PRAYERFUL MISSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Driven at ICOM 2025

by Wyatt Gantz

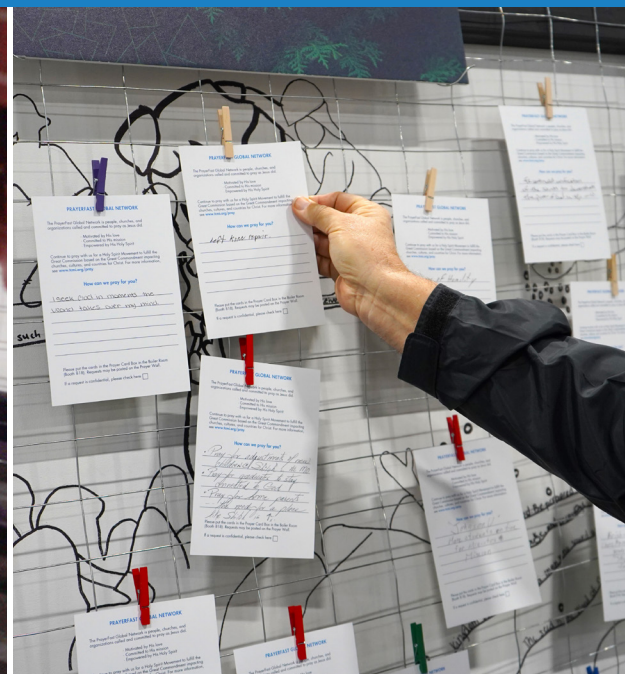
This year at ICOM 2025, The Boiler Room Experience became a vibrant place of prayer, unity, and spiritual renewal. Sponsored by TCM, the Boiler Room Experience invited attendees to step away from the noise of the exhibit hall and enter a space intentionally shaped for one purpose: to seek the heart of God together.

Over the weekend, an estimated 400–500 people visited the Boiler Room and added their petitions to a growing wall of prayer. Prayer cards appeared in several languages, reflecting the global body of Christ and the Acts 2 picture of believers who were united in heart and mind. Children, students, missionaries, church leaders, and families all participated, each adding their unique story and intercession.

The conference theme, *Driven*, came alive in the Boiler Room through a small, but meaningful symbol: a key. Volunteers shared with each visitor that “the love of Christ drives us, and prayer is the fuel that advances His Kingdom.” The imagery sparked countless conversations and helped attendees reflect on what truly motivates their mission and service.

Several moments stood out. One woman knelt at the prayer wall, placing her hands on the cards and praying over strangers whose burdens she would never know. In another tender scene, a mother wrote her child’s prayer request out then handed it to the child to draw a small picture and then hang it proudly on the wall—reminding everyone that God hears the prayers of every generation.

In addition to the TCM volunteers that worked at The Boiler Room Experience, there were students from three Christian universities Johnson, Point, and Ozark, who created prayer stations to encourage people to intercede on behalf of others and to share their praises of thanksgiving. In the end, the Boiler Room Experience became more than a place to share prayer requests—it became a living testimony to the power of God’s people united in prayer.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

Pastor Konah is one of our Liberian students who began his studies with TCM two years ago. He recently shared his reflections:

"I LOVE this program. Though I have led a congregation for decades, I am LEARNING so much!! I am deeply BLESSED by being a part of this remarkable community of Liberian leaders working toward making a difference for God in our country. Great VALUE is being added to my life through coming to know and learn from international leaders who fly here to teach us and who are making their own remarkable impact upon the world.

My PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with God is profoundly deepening as I experience the worship during our in-person sessions and the spiritual disciplines incorporated into each class.

My denomination is beginning to be notably impacted because I am taking all I am learning back to them. I have been leading pastor conferences all over the country since I began this program. Walls are coming down. The light of understanding is coming on for so many. We as a denomination are being truly blessed because I am in this program.

I don't even know how to begin to thank God for this opportunity. "

Pastor Konah is one of thousands who have benefited from the generous scholarships made possible by many churches and individuals. TCM's Engaging Every Nation initiative seeks to significantly increase the number of students developed for significant service through higher learning.

Whether you can give \$50 monthly, \$5,000 annually, or use non-cash or estate funds to establish a \$500,000 endowed scholarship fund, your gifts directly support the training of leaders like Pastor Konah so that every nation – including Liberia – will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ.

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ANNUAL PARTNER CELEBRATION

**Engaging Every Nation 2026:
Multiplying the Impact**

You're invited to join us for the TCM Annual Partner Celebration - Engaging Every Nation 2026: Multiplying the Impact. Together we will celebrate what God is doing around the world thanks to the support of our partners and look ahead with vision and hope. Mark your calendar now for this special evening of fellowship and impact! Can't wait to see you there!

Registration is now open!

**MAY 1,
2026**

6-8:30PM

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to register!**



STAFF UPDATE:

Sara Fudge Retirement

At the end of 2025, Dr. Sara Fudge retired from her role as Academic Dean at TCM. We are grateful for her exceptional service and leadership throughout her tenure with TCM. Sara's contributions have been instrumental in shaping the organization's success and future direction.

In her roles as Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Sara played a pivotal role in evaluating and strengthening TCM's mission to prepare effective leaders for significant service. Her work in assessing student success metrics, collaborating with the Registrar, and serving as TCM's liaison to the Higher Learning Commission ensured that our accreditation standards were consistently met and exceeded.

In 2022 Sara became TCM's Academic Dean and under her guidance, TCM maintained accreditation, advanced SARA compliance, and addressed student performance issues with care and professionalism. She has led faculty development, fostered growth in student enrollment, and positioned TCM for global expansion—extending our reach beyond Europe and Central Asia into Kenya, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and the U.S. Her efforts

to prepare TCM for micro-credential approval in Europe lay the groundwork for future European accreditation and demonstrate her adaptability in navigating uncharted waters.

Beyond these achievements, Sara's dedication as a teacher and mentor has left a lasting impact on countless students. Their feedback reflects the deep respect and admiration they hold for her—not only for her knowledge but for her compassion and commitment to their success.

We are grateful that although Sara will not be on staff at TCM, she will be involved in key strategic initiatives and special projects that will further advance TCM's mission.

Sara's husband Bill has accompanied her to the Haus to support Sara and has used his skills in completing various projects related to the upkeep and beautification of the Haus and property. We are truly grateful for Bill and Sara and their contributions to the ministry of TCM.



TCM CLASSES

In-Country

MOLDOVA

- **Mission Theology** — Mihai Malancea

LIBERIA

- **Christian Ethics** — Meego Rimmel

CENTRAL ASIA

- **Introduction to New Testament Studies** — Konstantin Nazarov

CZECHIA

- **Research Methods** — Yulia Lubenets

KENYA

- **Introduction to Old Testament Studies** — Konstantin Nazarov
- **Disciple Making** — David Roadcup and Giles Emery
- **Advanced Research and Writing** — J.K. Stevens
- **History of Christian Theology 2** — Oti Bunaciu

Online

- **Greek** — Dumitru Sevastian
- **Marriage and Family Life Education** — Timotei Rusu
- **Theology and Practice of Worship** — Leonid Mikhovich
- **Introduction to Chaplaincy** — Eddy Sanders
- **Pastoral Ethics** — Meego Rimmel
- **Research Methods** — Yulia Lubenets

Haus Edelweiss

SESSION 1: MARCH 11-17

- **Hermeneutics** — Jordan Scheetz
- **Disciple Making Through the New Testament** — Jozsef Steiner
- **Cross-Cultural Ministry** — Otniel Bunaciu



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President's Outlook

With morning mist still on the ground, you hear the tractor starting. The farmer heads out of the barn into His fields. As he passes, you notice something very sweet and strategic. His little child sitting in the cab on His lap. Tiny hands straining to touch the steering wheel. A contented father holding them in place. A joyful child delighting to be included in the family business.

The day unfolds. They carefully plow the fields, sharing snacks and sandwiches. The Father gently guiding everything while sharing wonderful stories of family history and culture. Heart and soul surrounding His heir seated before him. The little one wanting no more at the end of the day than to be with and like the beloved Father.

This is exactly how I feel after 35 years of serving Him with TCM. Loved, included, protected, guided, enriched, and more prepared to rule and reign with Him in our new heaven and earth.

Truth be told, still a child. But more content than ever that I always will be.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Tony

