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ENGAGING EVERY NATION

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 would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors. Because of your support, thousands of leaders in hundreds of countries can continue to spread the word of salvation. On behalf of my brothers and sisters in Christ in Central Asia, I say thank you very much for your generosity! Thank you for your "yes" to Jesus! Thank you for your dedication to the mission. May God bless you, your family, and your churches!"

- Pavel, Central Asia

"My family is so grateful for the opportunity to study God's Word and to be connected with Christians around the world through TCM. The knowledge we have gained has allowed us to serve our city and our people more effectively, with a special focus on encouraging the next generation to value Christian higher education. TCM has transformed my preaching. Before, my sermons were more theoretical, but now they are Christ-centered, practical, and grounded in historical and cultural exegesis. This education has given me a deeper sense of belonging, the confidence to continue the work of my Savior, and the assurance that I am not changing the message of salvation."

- M.Div. Student, Central Asia

"I have a ministry at Alpha course in our church. On average there are 50 newcomers and a team who serve there. I preach there and lead a men's small group of about 20 men. My wife and I also lead 13 families. Studying at TCM has really helped me to be efficient in leading God's people and in my preaching. I am able to apply all the knowledge I have received here to my ministry to equip other believers. That's all because I have had a chance to study at TCM. We bless TCM and all TCM partners for everything you do. We thank God, and everyone else involved in your ministry. If you all didn't provide me such a discount to study here, I wouldn't have had an opportunity to study at all. God bless you and your families!"

- Alexey and Irina, Central Asia

These testimonies are a heartfelt thank you to our faithful partners and a powerful reminder of what God is doing through your "yes."

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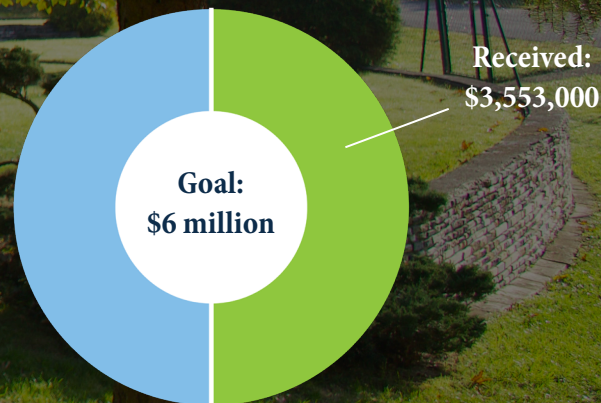
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**ENGAGING EVERY
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PROGRESS**





Pictured:
 Dr. Jozsef Steiner,
 Dr. Konstantin Nazarov,
 Dr. Wallace Kamau,
 Dr. Yulia Lubenets,
 President Tony Twist,
 Dr. Meego Rimmel

JOY IN KENYA:

A Celebration of Disciple Makers

In August 2025 in Nairobi at the TCM graduation celebration, the air carried both the solemnity of achievement and the irrepressible joy of worship as seventeen men and women walked across the stage to receive their TCM diplomas. It was only the second graduation ceremony in Kenya, but the moment felt like the culmination of years of prayer, teaching, and faithfulness. The graduates carried with them not only the hard-earned fruit of their studies but also the promise of impact—equipped to lead, serve, and multiply disciples in every corner of their country. As Jozsef Steiner, Professor of Disciple Making put it, “Their diplomas are more than certificates—they are passports opening doors for new, wider ministries.”

The ceremony reflected the unique character of Kenya itself. As Yulia Lubenets, Professor of Church History and Research Methods remarked, “The graduation ceremony adds significance to the whole ‘Kenyan experience.’ It combines the dignified solemnity of an official ceremony with exuberant joy and vivacity of the ‘worship African style’ as the students themselves define it. It becomes more like a family reunion, a foretaste of Heaven where we, the disciples from various nations and tribes, will enjoy the greatest of feasts and partake of the ‘graduation’ each of us is looking forward to.”

Behind every diploma was a story. Meego Rimmel, Professor of Christian Ethics said, “It is wonderful to see and hear our graduates giving testimonies of how TCM has changed their lives and ministries. They have been trained and commissioned for the mission and vision of TCM so that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple-making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ. Graduation itself was a great example of how a culture may express real joy and faith in a

different cultural context, but so sincere in their joyful dance and singing before the Lord.”

The graduates’ joy was matched by that of their professors, regional representatives, and TCM’s president Tony Twist as he spoke, prayed, and encouraged students and faculty. Together, they celebrated not only academic success but also the multiplication of disciple makers across Kenya.

The moment belonged not only to the graduates but also to the larger community of supporters and prayer partners who made their education possible. Each story of perseverance, sacrifice, and transformation is a reminder that when leaders are equipped, churches and communities are changed. As voices rose in song and feet moved in dance, it was clear that this graduation marked more than an ending. It was the beginning of the next chapter in Kenya’s story of disciple-making movements, written by leaders who are ready to serve Christ’s calling on their lives.



Reflections from the TCM Professors:

For TCM faculty, the graduation was more than a ceremony; it was a reminder of the privilege of teaching in Kenya.

Konstantin Nazarov, Professor of Biblical Studies shared, "The students themselves form the heart of this enriching experience. They are typically bi-vocational, balancing their ministerial callings with other employment, and while most lack formal theological education, their hunger for knowledge is both palpable and deeply inspiring. Their dedication is most evident in the significant obstacles they overcome to learn. I have supervised students who brought their young children to a month-long session, relying on a community effort for childcare. On another occasion, a new mother left her breastfeeding infant to attend classes—a sacrifice of love for learning that I found both humbling and moving,"

Yulia Lubenets said, "It is always students who make the time of teaching in any country a special experience. Dorothy is one of many Kenyan ministers whom TCM has the privilege of naming among its students. I first met her online when she enrolled in my Research Methods course and then in person when I went to conduct a face-to-face session in Nairobi. Her dedication, humility, and desire to serve the Lord reflect the common attitude of the students that TCM teaches in this country. She is a missionary in a remote village in Kenya where mostly Muslims live. To access the internet (or electricity in general), she must travel about 20 miles. However, she never complains or asks to extend deadlines. Her assignments are always well done and submitted on time. She is a model student and a true disciple of Jesus, whose passion is to share the gospel with the Muslim community where God has called her to serve."

May the blessings continue in Kenya through our students and graduates. Thanks be to God, who makes a difference in so many lives through TCM in every country, culture, church, and disciple maker we can reach.

READY TO MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT?
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DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

TCM August Leadership Symposium

By Victoria Bojonca and Megan Herring

Ever feel a gap between what you believe and how you actually live, especially when life and relationships are difficult?

How do we live out our beliefs when life is hard? It's a question we all face. That's why our recent TCM Symposium focused on one powerful concept: Resilience.

We were honored to host Dr. Marcus Warner of Deeper Walk International. Dr. Warner has dedicated his career to bridging that exact gap by integrating biblical truth with brain science to make spiritual growth practical and foster emotional and relational healing.

He presented three powerful sessions:

- **Body and Beliefs:** In the first session, participants were challenged to consider the connection between their physical body and emotional health. Caring for our bodies is a vital first step in building the resilience we need to overcome adversity. A healthy body helps support a healthy mind and spirit.
- **Spiritual Engines.** The final session focused on the reality of spiritual warfare and the biblical approach to facing it. This topic sparked lively and insightful discussions among PhD students and faculty from the University of Bucharest and TCM.
- **Belonging and Attachment:** In the second session, Dr. Warner discussed the distinction between "fear bonds" and "joy bonds." The attachments individuals make with others are based on either fear or joy. Emotional resilience increases as greater joy bonds are developed, and fear bonds are overcome.

A huge thank you to Dr. Warner for equipping our community with such tangible tools for faith and resilience! We are excited about our growing partnership with Deeper Walk and look forward to developing our relationship further to enhance the mission of TCM.



A Legacy of Leadership

For 35 years, Dr. Tony Twist has faithfully led TCM with vision, humility, and an unwavering commitment to Christ's mission. Under his leadership, TCM has equipped thousands of disciple makers who are strengthening churches and transforming communities around the world. His legacy is not only in what has been accomplished but in the countless lives empowered to lead with courage and faith. We look forward with confidence in God's providence, and Tony's humble vision, as we continue to equip Christian leaders.



TCM CLASSES

In-Country

CZECHIA

- **Disciple Making** - Jozsef Steiner

ESTONIA

- **Mission Theology** - Mihai Malancea
- **Introduction to New Testament Studies** - Dennis Lindsey

GEORGIA

- **Introduction to Old Testament Studies** - Konstantin Nazarov

HUNGARY

- **Christian Ethics** - Meego Rimmel

KENYA

- **Hermeneutics** - Andrey Puzynin
- **Servant Leadership** - Myron Williams
- **History of Christian Theology 1** - Otniel Bunaciu
- **Mission Theology** - Mihai Malancea

LIBERIA

- **Introduction to New Testament Studies** - Eddy Sanders

Online

- **Greek 2** - Dumitru Sevastian
- **Introduction to Old Testament Studies** - Sara Fudge
- **Servant Leadership** - Kaleb Heitzman
- **Readings** - Dennis Lindsay
- **Small Groups Ministry** - Timotei Rusu
- **Hermeneutics** - Mark Moore
- **M.A. Integrated Reflection Ministry Project** - Andrey Puzynin
- **Certificate Integrated Reflection Ministry Project** - Andrey Puzynin
- **Introduction to New Testament Studies** - Konstantin Nazarov
- **Christian Ethics** - Meego Rimmel
- **Research Methods** - Victoria Bojonca
- **Chaplaincy Pastoral Training 1** - Andrey Puzynin

Haus Edelweiss

SESSION 7 - OCTOBER 16-22

- **Worldviews and Religions** - Mihai Malancea
- **Research Methods** - Megan Herring
- **Homiletics** - Richard Grover
- **Mission and the Old Testament** - Jozsef Steiner

SESSION 8 - NOVEMBER 6-12

- **Christian Ethics** - Meego Rimmel
- **Mission and the New Testament** - Jozsef Steiner
- **Old Testament Preaching and Teaching** - Konstantin Nazarov
- **History of Christian Theology 1** - Otniel Bunaciu

Faith's Story

This summer, I had the privilege of serving as an intern at Haus Edelweiss, a place truly unlike any other. Nestled in the Vienna woods, it is impossible to walk the campus without sensing the Lord's presence. My time here stretched me in new ways a couple of them being, learning to communicate across cultures, adjusting to unfamiliar foods, and stepping outside my comfort zone to grow in faith. One phrase I learned to carry with me was: "The cross wasn't comfortable, so why should we be?"

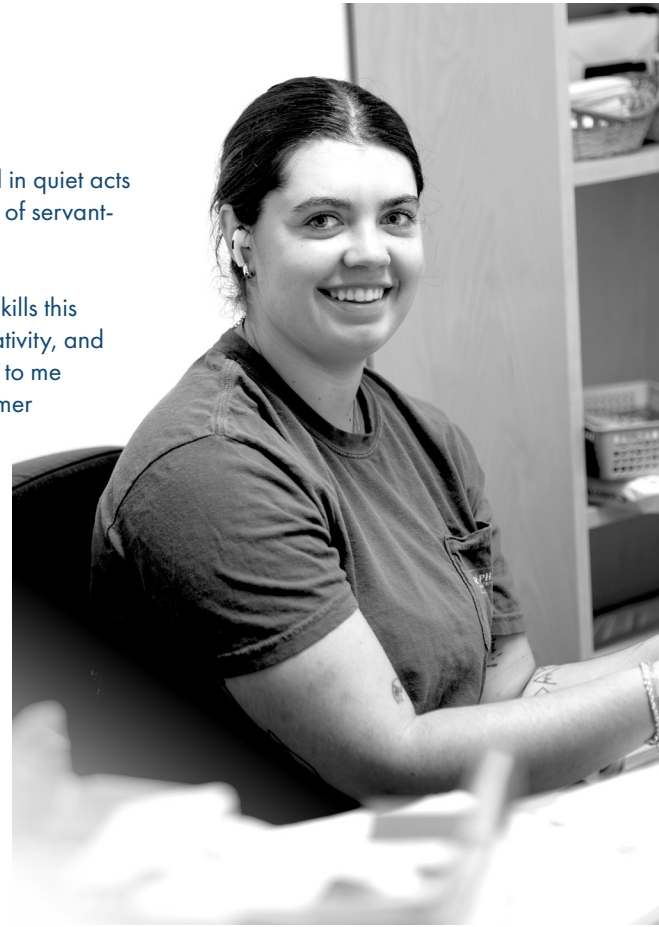
I was blessed with opportunities to lead worship, share devotionals, and gather with students and volunteers around Sunday campfires. Each moment revealed something fresh about God and reminded me that: the Gospel is not local, it's global.

Alongside these experiences, I served as an office assistant, organizing schedules, handling clerical tasks, and even redesigning checklists to better support the team. I also learned the beauty of serving in small, unseen ways, like washing dishes each afternoon. Ministry, I discovered, is often

found both in spreadsheets and in quiet acts of service which is at the center of servant-heartedness.

I practiced and learned many skills this summer such as, diligence, creativity, and leadership, but what stands out to me most is how God used this summer to shape my heart, through relationships, growth, and experiences that I will carry with me for years to come.

As I return to campus, I carry with me not only memories but also a renewed desire to share what I've learned, encourage others, and invite more people into the Kingdom of Christ.



Welcome to Wyatt Gantz!

We're excited to introduce Wyatt Gantz as the newest member of the TCM team! Wyatt has joined us as an Operations Associate, where he will be supporting our operations, finance, and development efforts from our Indianapolis office.

Originally from central Florida, Wyatt moved to the Midwest to attend Olivet Nazarene University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Communications with a minor in Business. His background and enthusiasm make him a great fit for our mission and work.

Wyatt and his wife, Elizabeth, are active members of Traders Point Christian Church, serving in various ministries. Outside of work, Wyatt enjoys movies, music, and reading—and he's also an Eagle Scout, which speaks to his dedication and leadership.

We're delighted to have Wyatt on board and look forward to the many ways he will contribute to the TCM mission!

End of Year Giving



As 2025 nears its end, thank you for your faithful prayers, volunteer service, and financial support. Because of your partnership, God is using TCM students and graduates to equip disciple makers across nations. Thank you.

This year, leaders received training through TCM's ministry. They take this training to their home countries to strengthen their churches, mentor new believers, and extend the Gospel into unreached areas. Your generosity supports every one of their stories.

Many supporters consider an additional year-end gift to aid TCM as we advance our vision of Engaging Every Nation. In addition to cash, you might multiply your impact through:

- Appreciated assets: Publicly traded stocks/bonds
- Retirement: IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Property & commodities: Real estate, vehicles, farm crops
- Legacy & income: Life insurance, bequests, charitable gift annuities

These types of gifts often provide tax advantages for you while ensuring that future students have access to high-quality, Christ-centered training. In this way, your stewardship becomes both a blessing to your family and a lasting investment in God's Kingdom.

Your generosity equips leaders who strengthen their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to finish the year with a gift that multiplies disciple makers well into 2026 and beyond.

To learn more or to start a year-end gift, contact Megan Herring (317-299-0333, megan@tcmi.org) or scan the QR code.

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COME PRAY WITH US

at the Boiler Room Experience this fall at ICOM



ATLANTA,
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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

— **Philippians 4:6**

In this powerful verse, the Apostle Paul reminds us that prayer is not just a spiritual discipline—it's a lifeline. In a world filled with uncertainty, anxiety, and need, God invites us to bring everything to Him in prayer. This is the heart behind the Boiler Room Exhibit, coming to ICOM 2025 in Atlanta, Georgia, November 20–22.

The Boiler Room is more than a booth. It's a sacred space to step away from the noise of the conference, encounter God, and intercede for the nations. Here, you'll find interactive prayer stations, a prayer wall to share prayer requests, and space to pray for global ministry needs. Whether you come alone or bring a group, you'll be invited to slow down, listen, and seek God's will together.

The inspiration for the Boiler Room comes from Charles Spurgeon, the great 19th century preacher who attributed the power of his

"Step into the Boiler Room and discover how prayer fuels God's mission around the world."

ministry to the prayers of faithful believers. Beneath his pulpit, in the church's basement "boiler room," people gathered to pray as he preached. Spurgeon once said, "If the engine room is out of action, then the whole mill will grind to a halt. We cannot do without prayer." We believe the same is true today.

Join us November 20–22 in Atlanta at ICOM 2025.

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 opens soon!

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President's Outlook

Why?

The look on his face was a mixture of surprise and confusion. He had asked a great “discussion starter” question. But the answer was totally unexpected. He said: “Are you looking for more students?” I replied: “My goodness, no.” He did not know what to say.

After a pause, I answered: “We are looking for disciple-making students.” I waited for him to process this and then told him why.

Are you interested to know what the “why” is...???

I thought so. At TCM, we want to be part of nothing less than the restoration of all creation to God the Father, through His Son, in the power of The Holy Spirit. We want to bring heaven to earth through a God-ordained family growth process called disciple making: the reset of “be fruitful and multiply” that Jesus gave us in His Great Commission to be motivated by His Great Commandment. We are called to create cultures of prayerful, faithful disciple making through movements, macro and micro, that bring so much glory to our Father, we can feel Him smiling through us.

It's not just about completing a course of study. It's also about impacting churches, cultures, and countries for Christ - through an army of trained disciple makers with heads, hearts, hands, and feet all going in Kingdom directions. That's WHY!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Tony

