

#### **GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS OF CCI'S IMPACT**

20 YEAR IN REVIEW 24

Dear Ministry Partners,

In our **2024 Year in Review**, we celebrate the Lord's faithfulness and provision as we look back at a year filled with growth, transformation, and new beginnings. Through His grace, CCI has reached several important milestones that highlight His work across nations and communities.

#### **Milestones and Achievements**

This year, we've seen first-time graduations in multiple countries, a testament to both the dedication of our students and the faithfulness of God. These graduates are now equipped to share the gospel and make disciples, impacting their churches and communities in profound ways. Additionally, God has opened doors in new regions, allowing CCI to plant roots in countries that have eagerly awaited discipleship and training. This expansion reflects our prayer and vision to reach each nation with trained leaders who will carry the message of Christ and empower local churches and ministries.

#### **CCI Ministry Milestones This Year**

- Surpassed 10,000 students in training
- More than 25,000 graduates
- The first graduations in Guatemala, Bangladesh, and Pakistan
- CCI class began in a closed country in South Asia
- First Teacher Training Workshop in Papua New Guinea

#### **Transformative Impact on Lives**

In every area, lives are being changed. From Central America to Asia and beyond, students are gaining a deeper understanding of God's Word and practical skills for ministry. Many students share stories of renewed passion, stronger faith, and a clearer sense of purpose, which are transforming their ministries, churches, and communities. The power of God's Word and discipleship training is evident, especially in places like Liberia, where students and teachers alike report personal growth and a commitment to sharing the gospel.

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#### **Gratitude for Partnership**

We couldn't have accomplished this without your support. Your prayers and giving have been vital to making these achievements possible. Each nation's testimony and success represents your faithfulness and partnership with us. Thank you for standing with us. We look forward to what the Lord will do in 2025, trusting that He will continue to multiply our efforts and bring forth a great harvest as we press forward.

Grace & Peace,

#### Dr. David Nelson

President & Founder Page 1

### **MALAY COUNTRIES**

#### The Philippines and Indonesia

#### The Philippines: Ministry through Cooperation

Since January, northern and south-central Mindanao has been the fastest-growing ministry areas in the Philippines. This growth is largely due to the work of the Holy Spirit through CCI staff, teachers, and students.

In Northern Mindanao, Pastor Mabano and Area Coordinators Pastors Val, Dominto, and Baliong work as teams to promote, train, and teach. Together with pastors like Alan Gabe, Andy Tan, Angelou Esto, and Noeh Acala, they organized a two-day Teachers' Conference to discuss CCI's Five Best Practices. Participants developed action plans to implement these in their ministries and classes.

The conference inspired a Sportsfest for graduates, teachers, and students, fostering cooperation and a commitment to promote CCI training. Notably, Pastor Angelou Esto started two new classes in Malaybalay City with 22 students.



Then, Pastor Angelou Esto took some of his students with him to Agusan del Sur to teach another group of pastors who live there. They rode their motorcycles on more than 110 miles of mountainous roads. The team left home on Sunday morning, spent the night on thin beddings on the church building floor, and returned home on Monday night. Praise the Lord for their sacrificial service!



Another area experiencing growth is South Central Mindanao. The team, consisting of our Coordinators, Lolito Repaso, Reggie Victorio, Art Robles, and several teachers in the area, are also working together in teams of two or more people to promote CCI training, lead TTWs, start new classes, and visit and minister to the churches in the area.



Given this growth, five candidates are being trained as future Area Coordinators to support Pastor Mabano's ministry expansion in Mindanao. **The Philippines has 245 classes with 2,775 students in total**.

### **MALAY COUNTRIES**

#### The Philippines and Indonesia

#### CCI Indonesia Teams up with CCI Cambodia

CCI Indonesia and CCI Cambodia collaborated to host two days of Bible Story training in Sumarorong and West Sumba, Indonesia. These sessions provided an invaluable opportunity for over 60 pastors and church leaders to deepen their understanding of the Scriptures.



Many participants shared personal stories of how they planned to apply the teachings in their communities, highlighting the impact this training could have on their congregations. Participants connected with the content and one another, fostering a supportive network of leaders dedicated to spiritual growth. **Indonesia has 35 classes with 138 students**.



# **South Pacific**

# New Zealand, Australia, and Papua New Guinea

#### First TTW in Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea is located in the South Pacific, east of Indonesia and north of Australia, situated on the eastern side of Papua (Indonesia). The population is estimated to be between 12 million and 17 million people. Most residents work on farms and in gardens, and the average annual income is \$3,400, ranking 145th in the world. Papua New Guinea has been an autonomous country since 1975, having been colonized by the British and Germans until World War II, after which it was administered by Australia until gaining independence.



For the past year, David Nelson and Tim Hawes, an ABWE missionary, have been planning to host a Teacher Training Workshop (TTW) to equip qualified pastors to start classes in their churches or Bible Institutes. From October 28 to 29, we trained 35 pastors from five Bible institutes in Papua New Guinea at Goroka Baptist Bible College in the cooler highlands of Goroka.



One of the attendees, Pastor Taitus, came well-prepared with PowerPoint slides for his lesson. Austin Welch, one of David's students in Florida, joined him on the trip. Pastor Taitus told Austin how encouraging it was to meet a student in training, saying, "The curriculum is well-organized, and I'm looking forward to starting a class." Unlike other Bible Institutes, which often lack structured resources, this curriculum provides a valuable tool for training leaders.



Please pray that God will use this to open training centers across Papua New Guinea, raise pastors for local churches, and send out evangelists and church planters nationwide. Pastor Taitus is pictured on the left.

# **Southeast Asia**

Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos

Also referred to as Indochina

#### **Church Planting Training in Thailand**

In April, CCI Thailand partnered with Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) to host a seminar attended by 25 participants, including CCI representatives from Southeast Asia and Regional Director Joe Kontz. The DCPI training focused on three key objectives: clarifying each participant's vision for church planting, equipping them with tools to create effective mission plans for local churches, and setting realistic timelines to achieve their goals.







Kittikun Meetang, the National Director of Thailand, said this about the training, "We have witnessed a remarkable outcome from this training, as many of the participants have received a clear vision and call from God to expand and start new churches. This is a testament to the power of collaboration and the alignment of our efforts. We would like to thank the DCPI organization, Joe and Bill, for sharing their expertise and enabling us to address our unique challenges in Southeast Asia."

Currently, Southeast Asia has a total of 137 classes with 1,842 students.



# **Southeast Asia**

#### **Vietnam**



Some identities concealed to protect participants



Pastor Nom, a devoted servant from the Baptist Mission, faithfully shepherded his community despite immense trials. He faced re-education in 1975, imprisonment from 1990–1993, and again from 2002–2009, followed by three years of house arrest. These hardships only deepened his commitment to Christ.

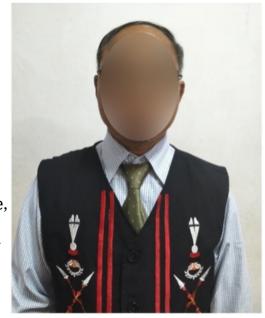
In 2013, at 76, he joined CCI Vietnam's training center in Đà Lạt, his first experience with formal Bible study. Despite concerns about his health and age, he attended every class for three years, even during illness, and graduated in 2016 at age 79. His dedication brought many to faith, including his 12 children, 82 grandchildren, and three sons and a son-in-law who serve as pastors. Through his ministry, ten churches were established in his area.

Y Hanh, the National Director of Vietnam, said, "Having known him for over a decade, I see Pastor Nom as a man of few words but significant actions, with a gentle, honest, and humble demeanor. His deep love for God and unwavering commitment to the gospel of Christ have shone through even in the face of adversity.

He served the Gospel faithfully until the very end. He considered me his teacher, yet I regarded him as a father figure. His dedication and patience have truly inspired me. I will always be his student in the lessons of sacrifice and faithful service to the gospel."

# Myanmar

"Psalm 91:14-16 is one of my favorite Bible verses, and it has helped me serve the Lord humbly and faithfully regardless of challenging circumstances among other people groups since 1996. I experienced a very critical car accident and very bad health during my ministry. In both situations, I prayed to God seriously to spare my life if He would use me in the kingdom ministry, and He did, and I am here as a witness. My traditional way of Christian leadership in the church changed when I took the workshop, which changed my perspective on pastoral ministry. The materials help me a lot in understanding the Bible, what is wrong, and what is right. Also, I was able to see the congregations as potential persons in the Lord's ministry if they are well equipped by the Word. I have committed to training as my priority in my pastoral ministry and encourage my fellow workers in the kingdom to do the same." - Teacher



# **Southeast Asia**

# **Testimonies**

# Some identities concealed to protect participants

#### **Thailand**



"One evening, a friend and I discussed studying the Bible more systematically. Curious about local options, we remembered Rev. Dr. Panya mentioning Bible teaching at Life Center Church, so we visited him the next day to learn more. The structure of CCI's program immediately impressed us, and with encouragement from Rev. Dr. Panya, Pastor Amphon, and his wife—along with the inspiration of Philippians 1:6—we enrolled.

Since starting, I've gained a deeper, clearer understanding of Scripture. This study has strengthened my relationship with God and improved my ministry. I now share God's Word accurately and sincerely, striving to stay true to its message. Learning to handle the Word properly, I see how

it builds others up, bringing transformation through biblical principles. Today, I serve at Living Church Streams Pattaya, teaching Sunday school, leading Bible study in the community, caring for the worship hall, leading Sunday services, and encouraging fellow believers."

Suporn Chiwakunchaichana, CCI student

#### Laos

"Praise the Lord! I am Pastor Onchah. Last year, I was invited to attend the CCI Global Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The sharing and teaching from the CCI team leaders were incredibly motivating. After returning home, I decided to take Teacher Training Workshop (TTW) training and began recruiting pastors and church leaders.

Now, we have three classes with 21 students across three provinces. When I teach using the CCI lessons, many of my students say that the material is very helpful for their lives and ministries. I've found it beneficial as well; while teaching, I am learning too.

CCI has become well-known throughout the provinces, and many people are interested in studying with us. However, we

We are now seeking a safe place uplete them by the end of 2025.

are facing opposition from the LEC, which has ordered us to stop. We are now seeking a safe place to meet. I am determined not to stop these classes and plan to complete them by the end of 2025. Afterward, I intend to open four more classes across three southern provinces."

# **Indian Subcontinent**

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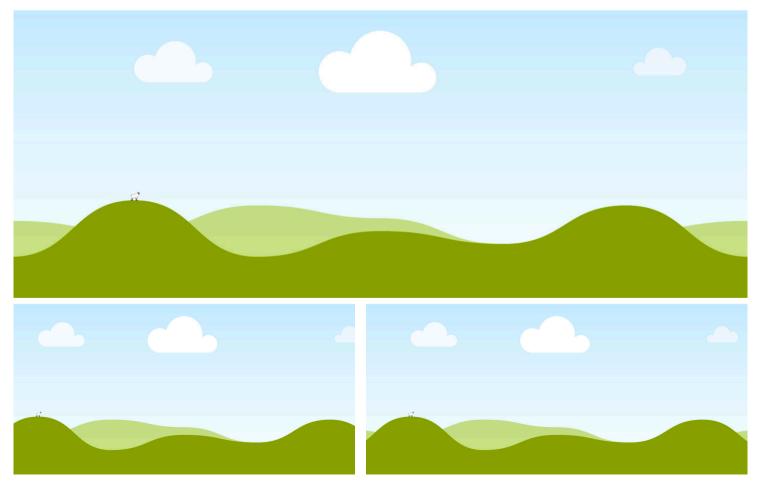
From Taron, the Regional Director, "The work with the ISC Team has been a substantial blessing! Maintaining the ministry in eight nations does not happen without perseverance and the hand of God. Much time has been spent helping the team leaders develop the ministry in their own countries. Coming from the CCI Global Conference in Thailand last November, I shared strong goals with the team. So, 2024 came, and we all were stretched beyond our own capabilities. It is great to see how God brought all the pieces together. What God has done through the ISC Team is praiseworthy."

The Indian Subcontinent has a total of 148 classes with 1,814 students.

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Malaysia, U.A.E



### First Graduations in Bangladesh and Pakistan



## **Indian Subcontinent**

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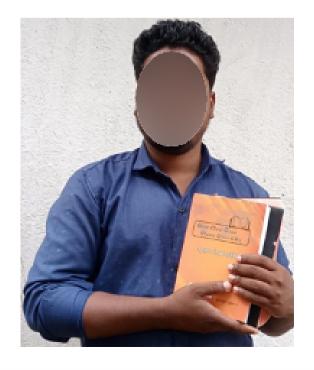
## Nepal

"The main challenge of Nepali churches is that many are either drifting away from sound doctrine or not having a true intimate relationship with Jesus. CCI has a mission to equip the people of Nepal. It is a vital and important ministry that helps many churches to stand on sound biblical doctrine. CCI is not limited to training for Nepali churches. We are able to equip through short seminars: God's Financial Principles, Cross Before the Crown, Resolving Conflict, etc. An interesting fact is that more than ten churches began to financially support their pastor after receiving the finance seminar. I am very glad and thankful for being a part of this awesome ministry in Nepal. Thank you, CCI, for this great opportunity."

-Coordinator, Nepal

# **Testimonies**





#### India

"I am a pastor, and I have been personally blessed to be a student of the CCI Ministry. Through the courses, I have been learning the Bible correctly and systematically. I learned the three steps in Book 1 – Observation, Interpretation, and Application. Book 1 was completed, so we started Book 2, which is the OT Survey. I am able to understand the Old Testament much better through the training. I am thankful for my teacher; praise the Lord! Thanks, CCI."

-Pastor, Odisha State

## **Indian Subcontinent**

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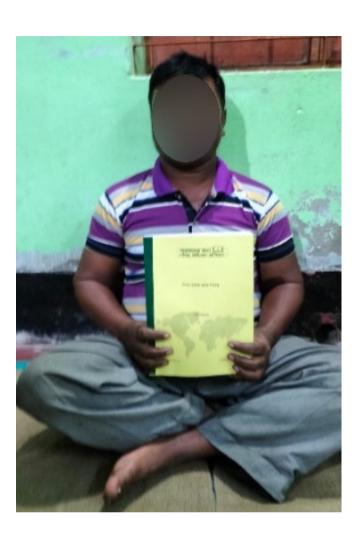
# Bangladesh

Mr. N was a church member with little education. He started the training in 2022. As he continued to complete the courses, his personal life began to change. The Holy Spirit spoke to his heart, and he realized God's calling on his life. After one year of CCI training, he became the pastoral leader of the church.

He said, "Through the CCI ministry, I can understand God's call and realize my goals. I have come to know that God really works out His plan, even if it is later. I believe that by completing the training, I will be able to play a more important role in the growth of God's kingdom and the formation of disciples. I am really grateful to the CCI team members and give thanks to our Almighty God."

-Student Bangladesh

# **Testimonies**





#### **Pakistan**

"I am teaching leaders with CCI training materials. The courses are excellent. I have learned a lot from the courses. I am teaching three classes, which has led to my own spiritual and mental growth. The students have taken great interest in this training. They are learning a lot through discipleship. I want to bring this training to as many people as possible so that they can benefit from the training and progress in their spiritual lives. Thanks to the Lord for CCI."

– Pastor in Pakistan

# **Africa**

#### **Expansion into West Africa**

In March, we appointed our first team members in Liberia: Augustine Morris (left) and Emmanuel Jonah (right). Augustine, who serves as the administrator, and Emmanuel, who serves as the National Director, lead with dedication and vision. Since our first Teacher Training Workshop in 2023, growth has been remarkable, with 16 active classes and 312 students. Liberia has shown an overwhelming hunger for the Word of God, and the impact of CCI's training is evident as more leaders and students engage deeply in biblical studies.











#### From Emmanuel Jonah, the National Director of Liberia:

"CCI is truly a gift to Liberia! CCI's training has transformed many lives, including Pastor Henry Koisee's (photo on the left). After 12 years in ministry, Henry experienced a profound shift in his understanding and interpretation of Scripture thanks to CCI's Bible Study Methods course. Before CCI, Henry's grasp of Scripture was shallow, leading to misinterpretations and ministry challenges. But CCI's vision opened his eyes. Henry often shares, 'I was truly blind for a long time until CCI opened my eyes.' Today, he handles Scripture with skill, passionately sharing CCI's vision with pastors and church leaders in Liberia. Now, he not only teaches a CCI class but also oversees three others, growing spiritually and helping others do the same."

# **Africa**

### East Africa - Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya

#### **Teacher Training Ignites Expansion**

In July, Bob Loeffler, the Regional Director of East Africa, traveled to Tanzania and Rwanda to lead Teacher Training Workshops. Andrew Victor, the Ugandan coordinator, joined him in training seven new teachers and presenting CCI's vision to 35 church leaders in Zanzibar, Tanzania. There, 1.9 million people live, over 90% of whom are Muslim. The host pastor, a CCI curriculum graduate, was eager to expand the training, resulting in seven classes now underway with 70 students. By God's grace, East Africa has 26 classes with a total of 485 students.

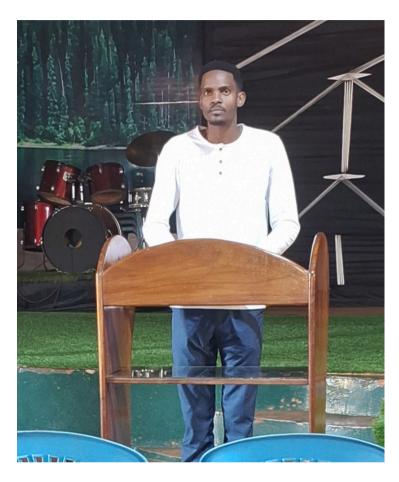








# **Testimony from Uganda**





Ugandan Coordinator Andrew Victor shared a testimony of Rodgers Isabirye, one of his former students and now his assistant pastor.

"Rodgers joined our church in 2016, just before entering university in 2018, to pursue a degree in Computer Software and Information Technology. He was set to graduate in 2021, but the COVID-19 lockdown in early 2020 halted his final year. During that time, I started a CCI class with ten men in our church, including Rodgers.

When schools reopened in late 2021, Rodgers couldn't return due to his family's financial struggles. This was a challenging season for both of us. Nevertheless, we continued with CCI classes, praying and trusting God to open a door. The turning point came during Book #6 on Personal Spiritual Growth. Rodgers' faith deepened as he grew closer to God in prayer and fasting. Soon after, God provided the resources for him to complete his studies, and he graduated in 2022, finding a job soon after.

Rodgers continued to grow in teaching and preaching, and after much prayer, I ordained him as my assistant pastor. He's now teaching CCI classes, sharing the Word with humility and grace. Even in my absence, I'm confident God uses him to bless His people. These classes have been vital in training our church ministers and building a strong and mature ministry team rooted in God's Word."

**Europe** Albania



#### Deepening Faith in Albania

Gusti, the CCI Trainer in Albania, said, "It's been a wonderful experience for everyone as we focus on deepening our relationship with God, sharing challenges, and praying for one another. After finishing Book #6, I had coffee with Klinton and Xhilberto and asked them how this month had been for them in the class.



Klinton responded, 'This book opened up 1,001 problems and challenges for me. I learned a lot and realized how much I need to grow in Scripture, prayer, and more. I'm making plans to grow with purpose.'

This was exactly the kind of response I had been praying for—he showed a humble and teachable heart. We are now working on personal plans with Klinton to help him grow in his journey with Jesus and to equip him to share Jesus with others."

Gusti is on the far left in the top photo. Next to him is his student, Klinton. Brad Diehl, a CCI trainer, is pictured in the bottom photo conducting a Teacher Training Workshop in July. **Albania currently has two classes: one with 15 students and the other with 16 students.** 

# **Central America**

#### Guatemala, Belize, Honduras

#### From Dr. Ray McKenzie, the Regional Director of Central America

2024 has been an incredible year for CCI Central America. In June, we celebrated our first two graduations in Guatemala with 18 students, many now leading their own classes. The Guatemala Baptist Seminary, in partnership with CCI, is also using the curriculum and will graduate six pastors in January 2025.





Our dedicated Guatemala staff, led by Pastor Otto and Pastor Hamid, are actively promoting training and leading seminars across Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras. In Belize, two classes are underway. Pastor Joel's Bella Vista class is progressing through Book #2, and he's planting five churches with a vision to train pastors in all ten courses. The El Progresso class in Honduras has completed Book #4 and aims to graduate 17 students by spring 2026. Our team is conducting seminars across Honduras, preparing and praying for new classes in 2025. We are grateful for God's work and the many doors that are opening in this ministry! In Central America, we have 18 classes with 166 students.









**Top Left:** Pastor Otto and his class in La Lima

**Top Right:** Ray, Charlotte, and the Guatemalan Seminary Leaders

**Bottom Left:** Otto teaching in Honduras

**Bottom Right:** Pastor Hamid teaching in Belize

# **Central America**

# **Testimonies**

#### Guatemala

"My name is Fred Aguilar. I am the pastor of the First Baptist Church Lamb of God in Guatemala. It's a great blessing to be a graduate of CCI. This ministry is excellent. I had the opportunity to be in the Baptist seminary as well. Still, this course, the ten courses that we have been studying for three years and 520 hours, has been a huge blessing because it challenges us not only to have it in our mind but also to put it into practice with the congregation. It challenges us to do something more than just being in a class. We hope to have students as well and to be a blessing to more people. We are graduating today, and we hope we



can help others to graduate in the same way in the name of Jesus. The books are great. Each book brings a blessing in the life of each one of us. We give thanks to the Lord for this ministry that arrived here in Coatepeque, Guatemala. We started to study during the pandemic, but we are still here now. Blessings, it is a joy to greet you all."

#### **Belize**



Joel Cohuoj is a pastor, CCI trainer, and church planter in southern Belize. He started attending the CCI training class last year and is now planting five churches. Here's his testimony on how he is using CCI.

"As a pastor, I've been pastoring since 2019, but last year, we started with Book #1. We have covered Books #1, #2, #3, and #4. All the books are very helpful for pastors in preaching, teaching, and serving. It's very helpful in teaching, especially in Book #4, as it goes deep into learning and teaching. These classes are helping me in my ministry by giving us more knowledge, practicing more, sharing the gospel, and sharing with other pastors what God has done."





Left Photo: Belize Class

Right Photo: Joel and his

family

# **North America**

#### **United States, Mexico, Caribbean**

#### **Growing Disciples One by One in Northern Mexico**

This year, God worked through Keith and Jenny Arnold, Northern Mexico Coordinators, to have teachers at two locations in Sonora. They now have five classes with seven dedicated teachers working with 37 students who are impacting six churches. Each teacher and student is a clear answer to prayer, as they share the mission and vision of CCI—to equip disciples who dig deeply into God's Word and transform communities around them.





Keith said, "We are seeing a movement of godly, committed individuals who are passionate about growing and living out God's Word through discipleship. One of the most encouraging aspects of our ministry has been witnessing the personal growth of each student. The curriculum has reshaped how they study the Bible, which has impacted not only their faith but also their everyday lives. One by one, students share how their perspectives and reactions to life's challenges are becoming more godly, peaceful, and Christ-centered. It's clear that God's truth is taking root in their hearts, and the ripple effect on families and communities is beautiful to see."



#### West Coast and Canada Fall Tour

David Nelson, Somsay (Laos), Henry (the Philippines), and Vijay (India) traveled together over 40 days and visited churches and donors in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, California, and Canada. They drove over 4,000 miles and had 42 events, including an Asian meal and a Bible conference in Winkler, Manitoba, Canada (Faith Evangelical Bible Church). This included eight church presentations.



# CCI's Global Impact

833 Classes



10,000+ Students in Training



125 Paid Staff



**41 Countries** 



162 People Groups



25,390 **Graduates** 





#### **EQUIP EMPOWER EVANGELIZE**

"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith."-Acts 6:7

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