

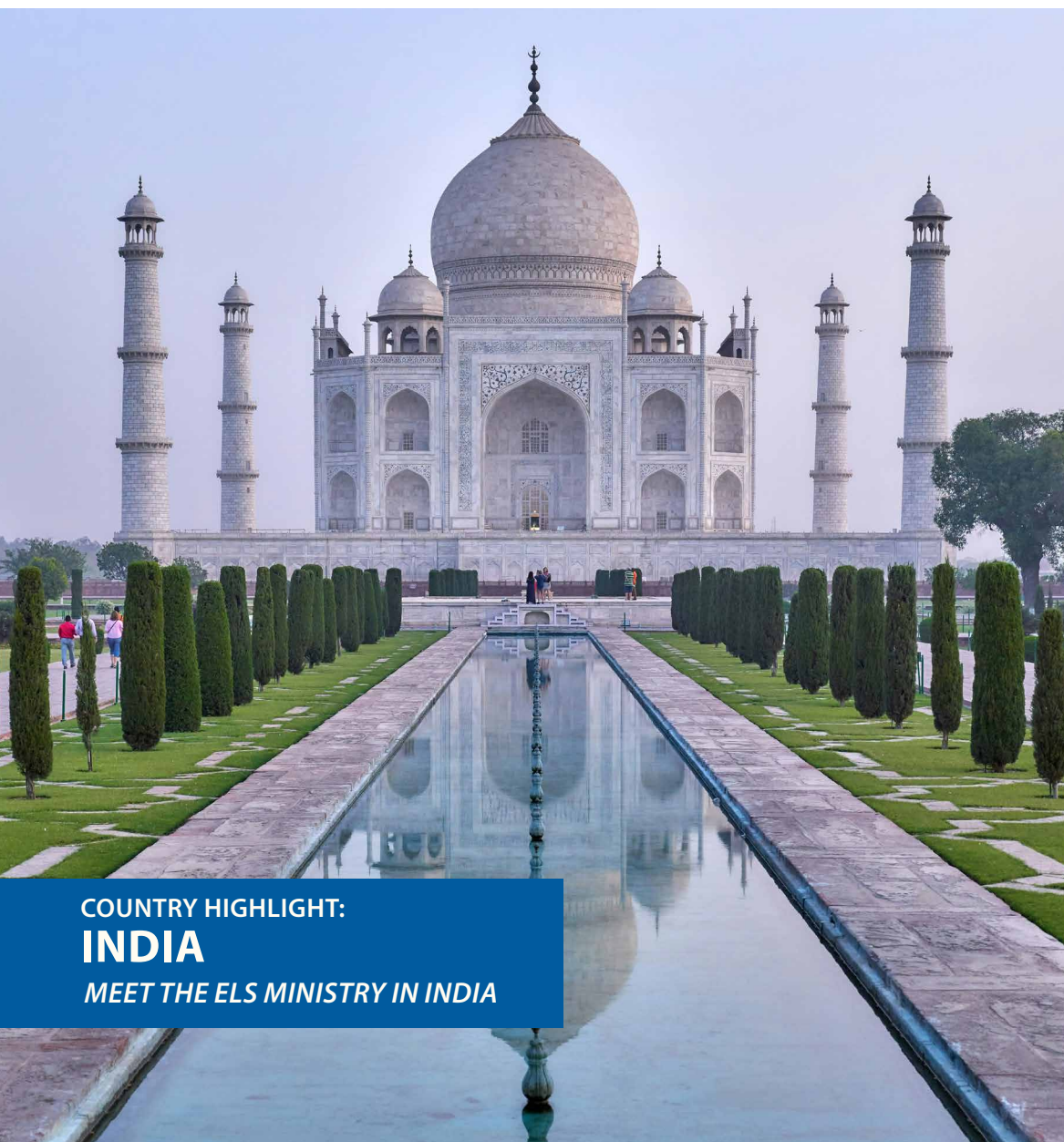
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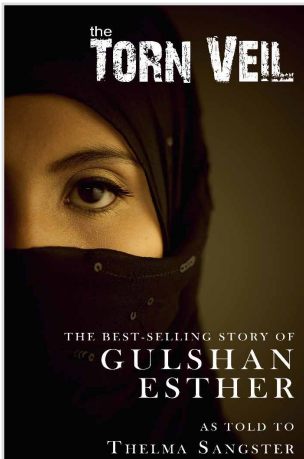
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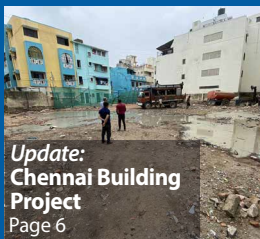




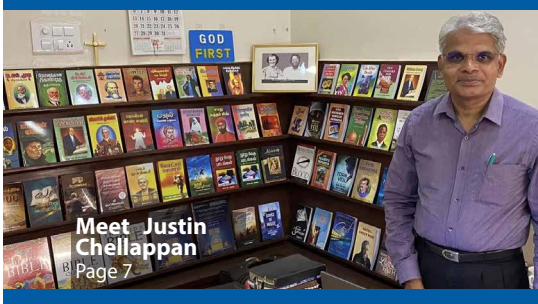
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Dear CLC Friends,

India is amazing and unforgettable, and it has left a lasting impression in my heart. I am delighted that this issue is focused on remarkable India.

It has beautiful scenery, a rich cultural history, delicious foods and a very hospitable and generous population.

Our dedicated team manages 23 bookshops in the country, mostly in the south where the majority of Christians live. It is one of the countries with the most staff and also the largest distribution of Christian literature in the CLC International Fellowship.

Opportunities for ministry abound. The need for more bookshops is very evident.

I hope you enjoy reading the articles about India in this issue of CLC World Magazine. God is doing great things in India through the CLC - ELS ministry.

As you read this issue, I pray that you will be inspired and encouraged.

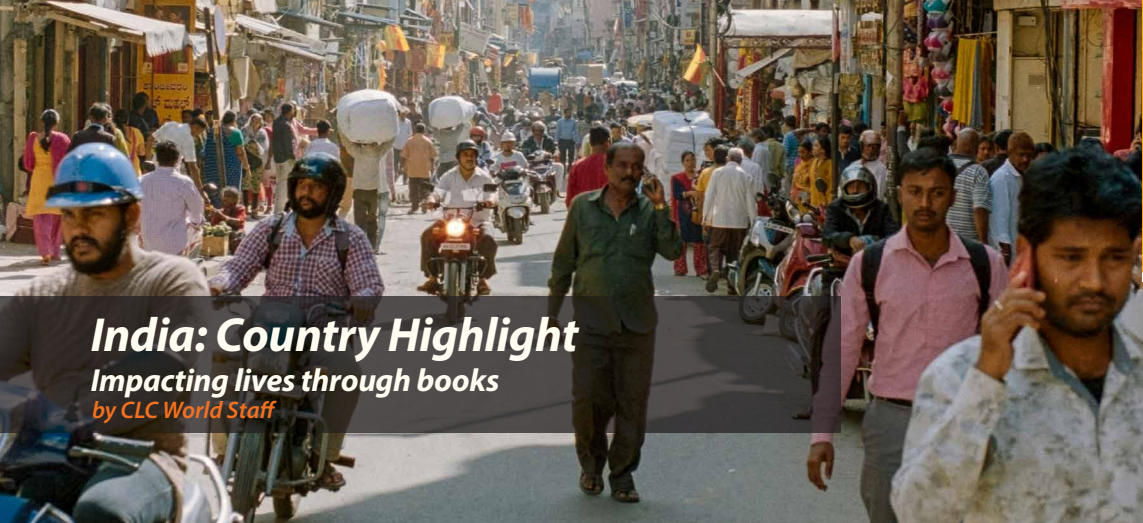
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India: Country Highlight

Impacting lives through books

by CLC World Staff



A 70 Year Ministry in India

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Evangelical Literature Service in the beautiful and diverse nation of India, which is home to 1.39 billion people.

The work is continuing to grow and includes 23 bookstores, publishing, mobile ministry, outlets, and web sales.

How the Work Began

The ministry of ELS was founded by Donald David in 1946. He dedicated his life to the Lord at the age of 12, not knowing the challenges that lay ahead. At 14 he had a traumatic football accident which left him disabled for several years. During his recovery,

Donald felt a calling to the book-selling ministry. Inspired by D.L. Moody's work with the Moody Colportage Association which aimed to make affordable evangelical books available to everyone, Donald felt prompted by the Lord to do the same in India.

As he recuperated, Donald was able to undergo literature training through CLC in London. In 1954 he partnered with CLC UK, and the ministry began to grow significantly. Today, ELS has 23 centers across nine states in India: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Delhi, Dimapur, Secunderabad and Pondicherry. What originally started in a small rented room in India has blossomed under the guidance and faithfulness of the Lord into what we see today.



One of our shops in Chennai

Country Facts

- 74.3% of the population practice Hinduism
- 23 Bookshops
- Joined the CLC ministry in 1954
- Over 170 books in print in various languages



Book tables in France and Burkina Faso

AFRICA & EUROPE

A new collaboration

We are grateful to CLC France for initiating a new project to support the work in Burkina Faso, which has been financially challenged. Pre-owned books donated by our customers will be sold in two of the CLC bookshops in France and monies raised will be used to provide new stock for our bookshop in Ouagadougou. The customers in Burkina Faso will benefit and the low-cost second-hand books will be a blessing for customers in France! A double win!

PLEASE PRAY for creativity and effective partnerships as CLC countries seek ways to work together and encourage one another in ministry.

AFRICA

Update: Low Cost Bibles for Mozambique



At the end of May at the time of writing, a shipment of 10,000 low-cost Bibles in Portuguese is making its way from the printers in China to the port of Maputo, due to arrive by mid-June. Once safely distributed to our three bookshops in the south, centre, and northern parts of the country, these will be the lowest-priced Bibles we are able to offer to our customers. We are so thankful to God for this opportunity.

PLEASE PRAY for the shipment to arrive safely and with no further delays.

WORLDWIDE

An Answer to Prayer

We have been sharing many prayer requests pertaining to the staffing needs of several CLC countries over the past few months. We praise the Lord for meeting those needs and providing new team members in Sierra Leone, Thailand and Korea.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for staffing needs throughout CLC. Many countries are currently undergoing and/or anticipating staff transition as older members retire and God calls new members into the ministry.

DONATION PROJECT UPDATE: Chennai Building Project

Four-storey building in the city of Chennai

by CLC World Staff

ELS India is currently in the middle of a life-changing construction project in the city of Chennai. This project has been a long time in the making and is now becoming a reality. The four-storey building will have parking on the ground floor, a 222 m² showroom, conference rooms, and a large number of rooms to accommodate guests on the top floor.

The need for Christian literature in India is truly significant and this new shop and building will be another major step in the journey of the ministry in India, where 74.3% of the population practice Hinduism.

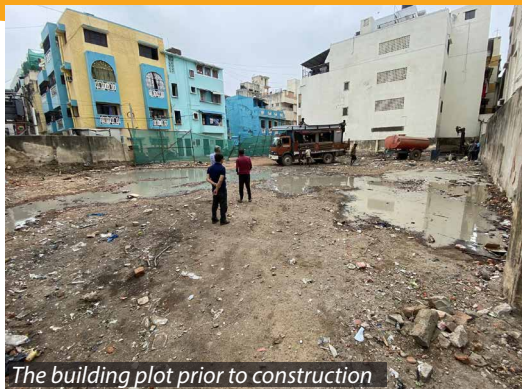
ELS hopes to complete the project in 2025. Please keep India, the ELS Director Justin Chellappan and our dedicated staff in your prayers.

Three Ways you can help with the Chennai building project:

Pray: Please pray for God's protection and guidance in each stage of the project's progress. May this new building be a great blessing to the people in Chennai.

Give: Every donation is important and makes a big difference. Contact your local CLC for more information.

Share: Spread the word and share this project with your family and friends.



The building plot prior to construction



Current state of the building



Mock up of the completed project

**TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, SEE PAGE 27*

Meet: Justin Chellappan

ELS India National Director

by Justin Chellappan & CLC World Staff

Justin, Gary Chamberlin (International Director) & ELS Staff

The youngest of six, Justin was born into a pastoral family. His father, born Hindu, accepted Jesus as his Saviour after seeing the Lord move greatly in his family. Justin committed his life to the Lord at 14 years old, but because of the hardships he saw in the ministry, he decided to follow a different path. The Lord had a different plan. After completing his studies, Justin got a job in a software company where he worked for some time. One day, after interviewing for a new position in a well-known software company, a friend took him to ELS for another interview. Justin received offers from both places and, with great anticipation, showed his father, hoping his father would encourage him to join the software company. To Justin's surprise, his father insisted he join ELS. With great hesitation and confusion, without a clear call, Justin joined ELS in 1990. The Lord then gave him a burden to do ministry through the print page. Justin joined the accounting team and by the grace of God was able to learn and grasp all the principles of accounting. As the department moved from physical to digital accounting, Justin was able

to develop software for the accounts. It was then that he fully realised the calling of God and started serving the Lord wholeheartedly.

In 2004, God allowed him to become the Chief Accountant for the mission, and in the next year, Justin became a member of the leadership team. In 2014, the ELS staff elected Justin as the National Director commencing in January 2015.

In February 2015, Justin unexpectedly lost his wife due to a sudden illness. During that time of discouragement, the Lord spoke truth and encouragement into Justin's life.

Today, Justin has the privilege of leading the growing ELS India team with a staff of around 80. Justin would like to thank the earlier leaders of ELS, Mr. V.M. Abraham, Mrs. Selly Benjamin, Mr. Benjamin Gnanamanickam and Mr. Christopher Robert for their sacrificial and dedicated service.

We cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for our team in ELS India. Please, keep Justin and the team in your prayers.



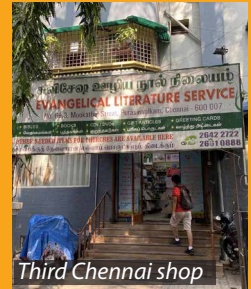
Justin Chellappan



ELS headquarters in Chennai



Justin & Prasad at the New Delhi shop



Third Chennai shop



Kolathur shop



Bangalore shop



Bangalore shop



Second Chennai shop



Kolathur shop

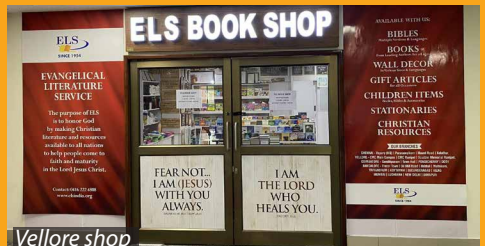


Chennai Headquarters

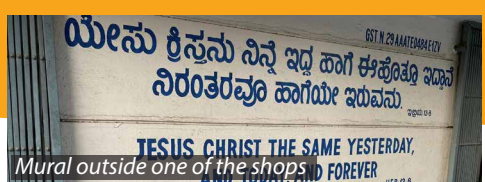
Meet: ELSBookshops



Third Chennai shop



Vellore shop



Mural outside one of the shops



DONATION PROJECT: **25,000 Children's Bibles**

Help us print 25,000 in multiple languages!

by Gary Chamberlin, International Director

During a trip to our CLC ministry in Chiang Mai, Thailand last year, I was struck by how few Bibles were available for children in the Thai language. I knew that we had to do something about this lack of materials for different age groups for our precious children. As I spoke to some colleagues, we realised that this was a problem in many countries.



These are typically countries with relatively small evangelical populations and where the print runs are small. One of the problems is that the costs for a print run of only 700 or 1,000

copies is very expensive, thus making the Bibles unaffordable in some of our countries. Another difficulty, especially for Africa, is that the Bibles may already exist in French and in English, and even be very affordable in France, the UK and the USA, but in the African context they are simply unaffordable. The retail price is already too high and, in addition to that, international transport and importation costs need to be added. Yet, should that stop us from wanting to supply affordable Bibles for children?

We have pinpointed the following

countries where CLC ministers that have a need for children's Bibles for different ages and that have limited resources to print or to purchase them: Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, India, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Portugal and Thailand. Costs include obtaining foreign language rights, translation fees, printing and shipping.

The project will undoubtedly take several years to complete. We are collaborating with publishers like Copenhagen and David C. Cook to obtain the rights for translation. Each Bible costs between \$2.50 and \$5.00 to print, depending on the size. Shipping costs are extra.

Please consider helping us put 25,000 age-appropriate Bibles into the hands of children in the countries listed above. Many parents and grandparents read the Bibles to their children, thus whole families can be impacted by the Bible stories. Please see the page 27 if you would like to make a donation for this amazing project to reach children with Bible stories. Thank you!





Samuel, Chennai shop manager with Gary Chamberlin and Romualdo Macinas



Ladies of ELS



Gary, Justin & Kolathur shop staff



Gnana, prepping packages at the Chennai Headquarters

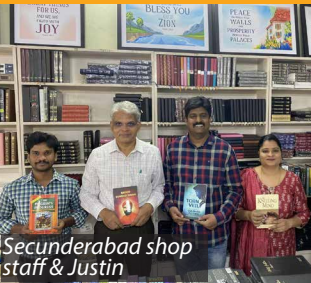


Emmanuel, head of purchasing



Anand, manager at the Chennai HQ shop

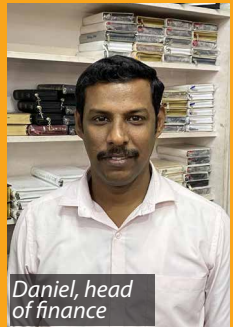
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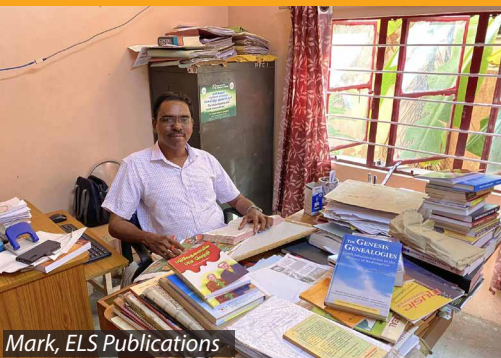
Secunderabad shop staff & Justin



Bangalore shop staff & Gary



Daniel, head of finance



Mark, ELS Publications



Gary, Justin & Vellore shop staff

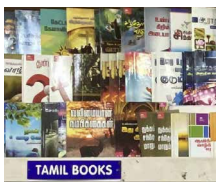


Publishing In India

How the Lord is transforming lives through the printed page
by CLC World & ELS India staff

The Importance of a Publishing Ministry

Through the publishing ministry, our teams can help shape and influence the reading culture in their respective countries. To this day, the Lord continues to use the printed page as a tool for evangelism, hope, equipping, and transformation.



A Testimony from ELS Publishing

The ELS publishing team recently decided to refresh the cover of their 2023 bestseller, *Dr. Ida Scudder*. Dr. Ida was an American missionary in India and the founder of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, where an ELS bookshop is located. This new cover attracted new customers, including someone who read the book and was inspired to become a missionary in North India. Praise the Lord! We are grateful to have played a role in their spiritual journey.

A Testimony from Charles at the ELS Bookshop in Secunderabad:

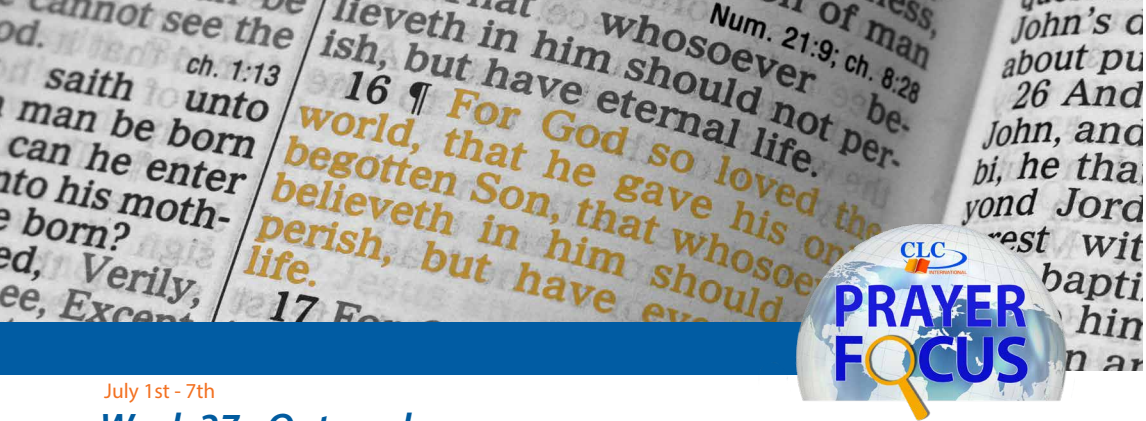
After reading the book *The Torn Veil*, the story of a Pakistani girl named Gulshan

Esther who encountered God amid her pain and grief, Charles's faith in Jesus increased and he felt compelled to share her amazing testimony of hope with his customers. Once he started, he has not stopped! Customers keep coming back for it and now they are even purchasing the book in bulk! One reader became many readers!

How you can pray?

Pray for our bookshop workers as they share books and resources with both believers and non-believing customers. May the Lord continue transforming lives and bringing hope through the written page.





July 1st - 7th

Week 27 - Outreach

Monday (1st) - Cyprus

July and August are usually quiet due to the holiday season, so we are glad for a couple of opportunities to hold book tables, beginning this week at a children's camp which offers a unique possibility for these children to obtain Christian literature and gift items. The second one will take place around the middle of August at a Christian family camp. Please pray for strength for all the work involved and for good sales!

Tuesday (2nd) - Thailand

Later this month, CLC Thailand has the opportunity to hold a book table in a remote place. Please pray for provision of good transport facilities to take us and the books, protection along the way, and good conversations and encouraging sales when we arrive there. Thank you.

Wednesday (3rd) - Dominica

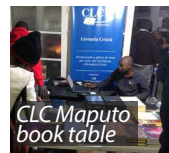
At the time of writing, our sales have been steady, but special occasions such as Mother's Day have not been as busy as we hoped. Nonetheless, we are grateful that new customers continue to come to the shop. In the months of July and August, we will be seeking to collaborate with ministries that may have summer events, so please pray that we will have opportunities to hold outdoor book tables during this time.

Thursday (4th) - United Kingdom

Due to the fact that a large proportion of our work is distributed through our warehouse in Chester, we have limited opportunities to connect with the public face-to-face. However, we are committed to growing our book tables at events, and August is a particularly busy time for this. Please pray for all the folk involved in planning and preparing and then serving the customers, when the time comes.

Friday (5th) - Mozambique

Please pray for CLC Maputo's involvement in an annual conference which is held each July. This is an initiative of a Christian publisher in Brazil, and our Maputo team usually handle some of the logistics as well as providing a book table with Bibles and other stock. The dates this year are 18th - 20th of this month.



The Weekend (6th - 7th) - Colombia

We thank God for the project, *Reading and Writing with Purpose*, whereby we are reaching a growing number of adults who neither read nor write. We believe this is a way to contribute to the people of our nation by helping them in their personal and spiritual growth.

July 8th - 14th

Week 28- Latin America

Monday (8th) - Ecuador

We are thankful for our partnership with CLC Colombia and with the R-Center in South Korea, enabling two teaching seminars this month (July 11th in Quito and 13th in Guayaquil) on the *Covenant of the Torch* (Book 5 in the *History of Redemption* series by Rev. Abraham Park). We are praying for a good level of participation and for lasting blessing in individual lives as a result of these events.

Tuesday (9th) - Colombia

We thank God for His care and support until today, and we ask for prayer for the remodelling of a bookstore in the city of Barranquilla and another in the city of Bogota. We also request prayer for resources for a new Bible project in addition to the reprinting of existing Bibles under the CLC publishing label.

Wednesday (10th) - Venezuela

We ask for prayer that we may maintain a good level of inventory so that our customers can always find something to bless their spiritual life and so that we may be able to cover all our expenses in the face of new government measures. Also, please pray for a blessing for our country following the general election which will be held on July 28th.



Thursday (11th) - Peru

We thank God for our second importation of stock this year. The arrival of new materials is always a tremendous opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our customers who eagerly await the arrival of these titles. Please pray for rapid sales and the ability to pay for our invoices before their due dates.

Friday (12th) - Mexico

We would like to request prayer for three things. First, for strategic vision that will enable us to expand throughout our country. Second, for trained personnel who love God and who will be able to carry out specific tasks. Third, for financial capital to enable us to move forward with plans that will allow us to grow.

The Weekend (13th - 14th) - Ecuador

We are thankful for a recent opportunity to participate in the International Book Fair in Quito, which always serves as a perfect opportunity for outreach to those who do not yet know Christ. Please pray for lasting fruit from our involvement there, the conversations we had and the literature which we were able to put into people's hands.

July 15th - 21st

Week 29 - Asia

Monday (15th) - Myanmar

At the time of writing (end of May), we are thanking God for the safe arrival of 30 boxes of English Bibles. Please pray with us that these will reach those who need them the most. Pray too for the health of our team members, and their families. Pray that we may be able to continue with our publishing projects and please pray for the stability of our country.

Tuesday (16th) - Philippines

CLC Philippines depends heavily on imported books and Bibles for much of our stock. Nonetheless, the process of importation can be very challenging. Please pray that there will be no delays in our shipments from the USA and that we may be able to clear our stock promptly through customs when it arrives, so as not to incur additional storage and other charges. Thank you.

Wednesday (17th) - South Korea

VBS (Vacation Bible School) for Kindergarten to Elementary School students will take place in the middle of July in Korea, and during this time of the year, many large churches in Korea place orders for children's books. Please pray for us that the books will have a tremendous impact in the lives of many young readers!

Thursday (18th) - Thailand

Please join us in thanking God that He answered our prayers and sent the right person to help us with social media. Please pray that she will have great joy in this work and that it will produce great results for the ministry of CLC Thailand. Also, please continue to pray that we may soon hear the news that we have gained official approval for the CLC Foundation, for which we have been waiting for many months.

Friday (19th) - India

In recent months, we have completed the publication of the *Picture Bible for Children*. Please pray with us that these Bibles will bless many children and adults too, in our own country and even beyond.

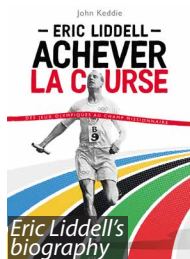
The Weekend (20th - 21st) - India



Praise God with us for all the provision and progress so far for our building project in Chennai, which we hope to complete in 2025. The final edifice will comprise a new bookshop with parking facilities and storage space, as well as hospitality rooms on the top floor. Pray for the remaining funds which are needed to enable us to reach this goal. See page 27

July 22nd - 28th

Week 30 - Europe



Monday (22nd) - France

As you will be aware, the Olympic Games are being held in France from 26th July - 11th August. To celebrate this event, CLC France has published a biography of Eric Liddell, the Christian Olympic medallist in Paris in 1924, made famous through the film "Chariots of Fire". Our bookshops in Paris will be open throughout the Games, despite the anticipated logistical challenges associated with the event.

Tuesday (23rd) - Italy

During our team conference, we conducted elections for the National Director and the leadership team. Ivano Cramerotti was reelected as the National Director. Three other staff, Roberta, Silvia and Luigi, were elected to be part of the leadership team. We ask you to pray for this group of people so that they may work in harmony and in submission to God's will for CLC in Italy.

Wednesday (24th) - Italy

Please pray for all our team members to have the opportunity to be recharged, both

spiritually and physically, during the summer months. Pray especially for Roberto and his team at the CLC bookshop in Florence. This shop is located in a very crowded tourist spot, so the summer is always an extremely busy period for them.

Thursday (25th) - Italy

During the summer, our warehouse receives many supplies which need to be prepared for the autumn season. Large quantities of calendars and new publications will be registered on the inventory system in our warehouse prior to dispatch to various retailers and others in the next months. Please pray for the team at the warehouse as they work on this.



Friday (26th) - France

At the end of July, we will be installing the last of the new shelves in the Montpellier bookshop. We are thankful for this opportunity for remodelling, and we pray that the new look will bring pleasure to our customers when they visit us.

The Weekend (27th - 28th) - France

July and August are the time of the summer camps, which are precious moments of rest and renewal with God. They also provide CLC with the opportunity for several book tables. Please pray that the books and other resources sold at these events will be a great blessing in individual lives.

July 29th - August 4th

Week 31 - Publishing



Monday (29th) - Global

Praise God with us for the growth of CLC global publishing over the past 10 years. By God's grace we now have almost 5,000 titles in print in 23 countries, including Bibles in various languages! CLC in South Korea is by far the largest publishing country for our global ministry, followed by France, USA, Colombia and the Philippines. Please pray for all our publishing teams, for wisdom in which manuscripts to choose.

Tuesday (30th) - Global

Our new global publishing project is to print 25,000 children's Bibles for countries where very few are available, or they are too expensive for people to afford. Our goal is to supply these Bibles for Benin, Burkina Faso, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Thailand and the Philippines. Please pray with us for financial provision for this project. See page 27.

Wednesday (31st) - Philippines

There are two reference books that we would like to publish this year, notably Wiersbe's expository teachings on the Old and New Testaments. At the time of writing we do not have sufficient funds. The project is urgent for us as the contracts for the right to publish will otherwise expire. Please pray with us for the LORD's provision for these projects.

Thursday (August 1st) - Philippines

In addition to the reference books mentioned yesterday, we would also like to publish the *KJV Kids' Devotional Bible*, which is a beautiful book with full colour illustrations. Again, we need funds for this before the contract lapses. Thank you for praying with us for this and for other titles that need to be printed before the end of the year.

Friday (2nd) - Romania

We thank God for His help concerning the advancement of our much delayed publishing

projects, the completion of which will allow us to start new projects. Please pray for wisdom to choose the best titles in order to bring valuable resources to our Publishing House, and for a good planning and coordination in order to have a better-controlled process in our publishing activities.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Around the World

Please pray as our publishing activities continue to grow around the world and as lives are being challenged and encouraged by these excellent books. Our goal is to see people of all nations come to put their trust in Jesus Christ and then mature in their faith in Him.

August 5th - 11th

Week 32 - Worldwide

Monday (5th) - Portugal

For a long time, we were paying for an additional member to join our small team of one full-time and one half-time worker. We are thankful that Patricia, who sometimes helped us voluntarily, has joined us full-time, and so we can now say that we are two and a half! As the work is growing, we needed this reinforcement to handle the increased work load in the bookshop and outside, with opportunities to serve at events.

Tuesday (6th) - Portugal

We praise God for the successful launch and sales of our newest publication, *Homens sem Nome no Velho Testamento* (Men without a Name in the Old Testament) by Portuguese author Clarisse Barros. The book invites us to take a look at a number of men who were used by God but whose names are not revealed to us in the Bible. The book encourages us by showing us that in all that we do, we are seen and known by God.

Wednesday (7th) - Japan



Please pray for the “Mustard Seed” in Japan, a Centre which focuses on helping people with special needs. The bookshop is a part of this, encouraging reading in a culture where, overall, people seem to be reading less. Pray for Gaika, who manages the bookshop. Pray for ways to stimulate especially the Christian believers to develop and maintain good reading habits, particularly the Bible.

Thursday (8th) - South Korea

This month, we are in the final stages of printing theological textbooks for the autumn semesters, so please pray for us that we will be able to keep to deadlines so that we can provide the books to the theological seminaries on time. Thank you.

Friday (9th) - South Korea

At the end of this month, representatives from CLC Korea will be attending the Korea Christian Rights Fair for two days. Please pray for Sung and Sohee Park, as they meet many publishers coming from Europe and the USA. Pray that they will be able to choose the most appropriate titles for publishing in South Korea and that they will have good fellowship with the rights managers.

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - Worldwide

Please pray for CLC in the countries where the economic and political situations are unfavourable and even the religious environment can be hostile at times. Pray for our staff and their families in these countries and pray that our ministry may be able to continue in these places as a “light to the nations” for many more years.

August 12th - 18th

Week 33 - Latin America & United States



Monday (12th) - Ecuador

During the month of August, we are preparing in a big way to celebrate the month of the Bible, which is always celebrated in September in our country. Please pray for our teams in Quito, Guayaquil, Cuenca and Manta, that they may each be able to fully participate in all the events which will be planned, both in-person (in the bookshops) and online.

Tuesday (13th) - Mexico

Please join us in thanking God for the following blessings and answers to prayer. First, we would like to thank Him for His faithfulness to us, in the midst of economic difficulties. The evidence for this, is that we have been able to pay the overdue debts to our international suppliers. As a result, we have been able to purchase new inventory for our customers.

Wednesday (14th) - United States

We believe that God blesses those who step out in faith and obedience and makes them a blessing! So we are grateful for our intern student from Germany, Conni Haidinger, who has been serving in our bookshop this summer. We have been blessed by her commitment to this ministry opportunity and ask you to please join us in praying for God's continued leading in her life.



Thursday (15th) - United States

Please pray for the CLC USA Multi-language Media department, that we may be a blessing to various ministries who are looking for Bibles and Gospel-centred resources in different languages. Pray that we will have good relationships with publishers, and wisdom and effectiveness in our arrangements of international shipping logistics.

Friday (16th) - United States

Please pray especially for our Publications department, that we will have manuscripts that are in line with our mission statement and which, consequently, will serve as valuable resources for our customers.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - United States

Please pray for the preparations for our annual conference next month, for God's direction in all the planning and for His presence as we gather together as a team.

August 19th - 25th

Week 34 - West Africa

Monday (19th) - Ivory Coast

Please pray for Marie Sekongo, the manager of our bookshop in Bouaké, Ivory Coast. Pray for good health for her family, as there have been many challenges in this area. Pray too for a young person who can help our manager, now that the previous person has left to get married. Pray that social media publicity will continue to be effective to increase sales, especially as the bookshop has suffered an increase in rent in recent months.

Tuesday (20th) - Ivory Coast

Please pray for the completion and future launch of a new website that will showcase



both the mission aspect of CLC and the inventory of CLC in Ivory Coast. We are thankful for Emmanuel, an intern student at CLC Abidjan, who has been working with us on this project. We pray that God will be glorified in all the results.

Wednesday (21st) - Benin

Regular readers of Prayer Focus, will recall that the possibility of needing to relocate our bookshop in Benin, has been a reality for some time. Finally, the premises where CLC has been for many years, was sold by the landlord, and we were served notice to move. At the time of writing, we have just signed a contract for a new premises, which will be renewable annually. Please join us in giving thanks and praise for this opportunity.

Thursday (22nd) - Benin

Please pray for our team in Benin as they make a new start in different premises. The process of finding a new location has been very stressful for them and especially for the team leader, Emmanuel Ladeyo. Please pray for God to renew their strength and pray that we will be able to keep our previous customers as well as gain some new ones at our new place.

Friday (23rd) - Burkina Faso

We are thankful for Robert, a student who is helping two days each week at our bookshop in Ouagadougou. This enables Luc, our manager, to take a day off and also to run errands without having to close the shop. Please pray for Robert, that he will be blessed through his involvement to CLC and that he will be a blessing for the ministry too!

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Burkina Faso

We praise God for a new project initiated by CLC France to support our work in Burkina Faso. The idea is for used books to be donated to our bookshops in France, where they will be sold at a low price. This will benefit not only the customer in France, who will be able to purchase at a low price, but also the CLC ministry in Burkina Faso, which will be able to purchase new stock from CLC France with the funds raised.

August 26th - September 1st

Week 35 - Europe

Monday (26th) - Eastern Europe 1

One of our team members has recently retired. We praise God that He answered our prayers and sent us a new worker, Tanya. This lady is a very good help for the CLC ministry. She is also a pastor's wife and very active in the church as a Sunday school teacher. We pray that the Lord will bless her and give her the right knowledge and skills for the work at CLC.

Tuesday (27th) - Eastern Europe 1

Since 2012, we have been very blessed by a project in CLC Europe, to print Bibles in the Russian language in a variety of formats. However, at the time of writing, these Bibles are out of print, and we are dreaming of the possibility of a new print run. Please pray with us for this to become a reality. We value your prayers so much!

Wednesday (28th) - Eastern Europe 1

We thank God that for many years, CLC was blessed with a vehicle which covered many thousands of kilometres in our country and beyond our borders. Eventually, the bus

became a drain on our finances, but we were able to sell it to Christian people who have put it to good use. Please pray that we may find the correct way to record this in our accounts so as not to incur future problems when we may be subject to controls.

Thursday (29th) - France

On September 1st we have to relocate the CLC Marseille bookshop. We thank God that a new premises has been identified, and we are praying for the continuity of this bookshop in the city and region of Marseille where several Catholic bookshops have recently closed.



CLC Italy staff with a children's publication

Friday (30th) - Italy

On the first Sunday in September, our team at CLC Turin is involved in a large book stall at a conference organised by the Brethren Church in northern Italy. Please pray that God may grant both the strength and the wisdom for them to best serve the church.

The Weekend (31st - September 1st) - Italy

September marks the restart of Sunday School activities, so there will be many requests for materials for the churches. With this in mind, CLC Italy has published two children's books (one on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the other on C.S. Lewis) and a third book specifically for pre-teens. Please pray with us that these projects will have a wide distribution and be much appreciated by the Italian believers.

September 2nd - 8th

Week 36 - France & Romania

Monday (2nd) - Romania

We thank God for helping us with our staffing crisis. So far, we were able to continue working despite the problems we had with the frequent changes in our team. We thank God for His help in sending new workers each time when we were in need.

Tuesday (3rd) - Romania

While we appreciate and value every person coming to work with CLC Romania, we need more stability and predictability for the developing of our mission. Please pray with us for workers able to dedicate themselves on a much more stable basis, and for a much longer term.

Wednesday (4th) - Romania

We pray for wisdom and guidance from God for the future of CLC Romania, especially in finding a future National Director. Ronela Micula, the current Director, has been due to retire for some time already, but has graciously continued to work while awaiting a successor.

Thursday (5th) - Romania

We thank God for helping us to pay our old debts and to have a more established financial situation than in previous years. Please pray for us for good sales in our bookshops and for increased sales on our website, so that we may maintain our stability and sustainability, despite the unfavourable economic environment around us.

Friday (6th) - France

On September 8th we will be holding the General Assembly of CLC France, which will be an opportunity to welcome all our members and the present CLC team as an Organisation and



Meetings at CLC France

to discuss the projects completed over the past year. The meeting will begin with a time of worship together in the morning, followed by a shared meal and then the business of the AGM.

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - France

Next week we will meet again for the conference of CLC France in Montélimar. This is planned as a time of mutual exchange and sharing for our booksellers and head office departments. Please pray for an enjoyable and profitable time together in God's presence.

September 9th - 15th

Week 37 - Asia

Monday (9th) - Philippines

Our bookshop in Malolos will end its contract by the end of this month. By the time you read this, we hope and pray that we will have been able to find a suitable place to where we may transfer the shop. We trust also that God will provide financially for this move. Please pray with us for all the logistics to go smoothly and that we will be able to keep our customers and gain new ones too!



2023 Manila International Book Fair

Tuesday (10th) - Philippines

Please pray for the success of The Manila International Book Fair which will be held from September 11th-15th at the SMX Convention Centre in Pasay City. CLC Philippines will have seven booths, each measuring 3m by 3m. Please pray for

stamina for our workers and that our participation in this event will be very effective for God's Kingdom. Thank you.

Wednesday (11th) - Philippines

We are very thankful for the partnership between CLC and Lifeway Publishers, who will be presenting the CSB Bible translation at a hotel near the SMX Convention Center, coinciding with the Manila International Book Fair mentioned yesterday. Lifeway has generously sponsored one booth for us at this book fair.

Thursday (12th) - South Korea

September is one of the busiest seasons for CLC South Korea, as the autumn semester begins at that time. Please pray for all our staff members to be fit and healthy to do the work of wrapping and packing the books at our warehouses during the busy working hours. Pray especially for our newest colleagues. Also pray for patience when dealing with the many delivery companies involved.

Friday (13th) - South Korea

The Korean Thanksgiving holiday, Chuseok, will be held from September 14th - 18th, so we will be closed for those days. Please pray for a refreshing time for the staff and for safety for those who will travel to spend time with their families.

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Indonesia

We praise God for two special opportunities we have had to give away Gospel booklets

and teaching materials this year in the Manado region. The first was in partnership with Compassion, and the second with the Children's Services Commission of The Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa. Pray that these resources will be an ongoing blessing to those who received them.



September 16th - 22nd

Week 38 - Around the World

Monday (16th) - South Korea

The Lausanne Movement conference 2024 will be held in Korea from September 22nd - 28th and the theme for this year is Acts. CLC will have a book table to sell our own publication of Craig Keener's Acts commentary books during the conference, a series of five volumes with a total of around 8000 pages! Please pray that all aspects of the conference will lead to lasting blessing and fruitful service in God's Kingdom.

Tuesday (17th) - South Korea

By the end of next month, we plan to release two new books for children. Please pray for our editorial and printing staff, that these publications will be ready on schedule as we approach the end of the year season.

Wednesday (18th) - Peru



From the 19th - 21st of September, the CLC Trujillo bookshop team will be participating with a book table at a missionary conference organised by a local church that expects more than 200 national and international attendees. We ask for your prayers for a good distribution of our material and that we may be able to strengthen our presence in this city through these events.

Thursday (19th) - Kenya

Pray for Mercy Muthoni, the National Director for CLC Kenya, and her involvement on one of the planning committees for the Africa Speaks Round Table Consultation, which will be held in Nairobi next month. Africa Speaks, which is a Kenya-based registered trust, exists to promote a flourishing Christian publishing industry on the African continent.

Friday (20th) - Ivory Coast & Panama

Please pray for these two countries who have each made great strides in their growth and development on their respective continents. Pray for their leaders, Martine Foto and Héctor Burke respectively, as they are being considered for CLC Council membership. The CLC Council is the highest decision-making body in CLC and meets in person every four years.



Héctor Burke



Martine Foto

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Regional Directors

Please pray for the CLC Regional Directors as they arrive in Rome on Sunday for two days of strategy meetings and some final preparations prior to the CLC Council meetings which will begin on Wednesday next week. Pray too for the other Council members as they prepare to travel from many different destinations around the continents, arriving in Rome on Tuesday. Thank you.

September 23rd - 29th

Week 39 - International Council Meetings

Monday (23rd) - Council Meetings

The International Council, the highest governing body of CLC, meets every four years. It is composed of about 20 representatives from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. The Council will be meeting near Rome, Italy from September 25th - 30th. Please pray for these days as the Council assesses our current global ministry and as we consider the future direction of the mission.

Tuesday (24th) - International Director

The election of the CLC International Director (ID) will take place during the International Council. The ID must demonstrate leadership, have clear vision and be able to discern the issues and trends that affect our ministry. The person elected typically serves for a four-year term. Please pray for this process as we want to be sensitive to the Lord's leading as we elect the right person for this time.

Wednesday (25th) - Elections

The CLC Council has the responsibility to ratify the elections of the CLC Regional Directors from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America & the Caribbean. Praise God for these servants who oversee the ministry worldwide as they work with National Directors and leadership teams. Pray with us for the Lord's blessing on each of them as they seek to help and encourage the National Directors and their teams.

Thursday (26th) - Stronger Together

The theme of the CLC International Council is *Stronger Together*. Each morning a CLC Director will give a devotional on the CLC core values of faith, sacrifice, fellowship and holiness. Please pray that each devotional will inspire and encourage the participants as they listen. Pray that our times of praise and worship and our prayer meetings will be uplifting and draw us closer to the Lord.

Friday (27th) - Special Sessions

There will be five sessions at the Council on the topic of Time Management, with a Christian professional from Italy who will be challenging us on the principles of effectively managing our days and the time God gives to us. These sessions will include group discussions. Please pray that this training and the lessons learned will be transformative and a real help to the participants as they return to their homes.

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Global Ministry

The Council meetings are a time to assess the CLC global ministry, with sessions on our activities in the geographical regions. They will also focus on global publishing, future projects, the launch of the CLC eBook App, the possibilities of using Publishing on Demand (POD), financial reviews and the structure of the International Office. Please pray for unity and a clear vision for our future direction as we meet today.

September 30th - October 6th

Week 40 - International Council Meetings (continued)

Monday (30th) - Stronger Together

Please pray for this last day of the Council meetings, when we will be having a session on

How to be Stronger Together. As the Council meetings close with Holy Communion, please pray with us as we renew our commitment to the Lord and to the CLC global ministry. Pray also for the Lord to strengthen our core value of fellowship as we continue to show generosity and concern for each other.

Tuesday (October 1st) - Regional Directors Meetings

Please pray for the newly elected International Director and the Regional Directors as they meet together for two days to evaluate the Council meetings and prayerfully look forward to what is ahead. Pray for the other Council delegates who will now be traveling back home to various parts of the world.



Sung & Sohee Park

Wednesday (2nd) - Regional Director for Asia

Pray for Sohee Park, the new Regional Director for Asia. Sohee is based in South Korea where she is part of the CLC team and is married to Sung. They have two beautiful children. Pray for Sohee as she adjusts to her new level of responsibility, that she will build good relationships with the CLC Asian teams and have wisdom to know how to best help and encourage them.

Thursday (3rd) - Regional Director for Europe

Pray for Hervé Lessous, the Regional Director for Europe. Hervé is based in France where he is part of the team, and he also has an increasing level of involvement with three French-speaking countries in CLC Africa. Pray that he will be able to manage his time well to give his best in all areas and also have time for rest and relaxation with his family.

Friday (4th) - Regional Director for North America & The Caribbean

Pray for Jim Pitman, the new Regional Director for Canada, United States and the Caribbean Islands. Jim is based in Philadelphia at the CLC headquarters there. He also leads the team for CLC USA. Pray for Jim as he looks for ways to support all these teams, especially those in the Caribbean Islands where we are facing many challenges.

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Africa

CLC is changing in our approach to the work in Africa. We will no longer have a regional director for Africa, a role that has been occupied by Liz Patten for 16 years. Liz will now take on a consultancy role for the continent in general, while retaining more hands-on involvement with Mozambique and Sierra Leone. Hervé Lessous will be more involved with French-speaking Africa (see 3rd October). Please pray for these changes.

October 7th - 13th

Week 41 - Europe

Monday (7th) - Italy

Please pray for us as we start up again with meetings in the bookshops. Pray that God guides us in choosing topics to address which will bless Italian believers. The meetings will be held both in-person at the bookshops and broadcasted via our streaming channels.

Tuesday (8th) - Italy

Please pray for new promotional initiatives and book presentations, as we try to be creative and attract the attention of the digital crowd. Pray too for the publisher, La Buona Novella (The Good News), that they may quickly complete the text revision of the *Nuova Diodati* and rapidly print new models of youth-attractive Bibles.

Wednesday (9th) - France

October marks the beginning of the “high season” for us here in France. It is time for the final CLC publishing campaign for 2024, with more than 20 new titles and already a heavy workload for the next editions in January 2025! Please pray for a good cohesion between all our different bookshops and departments, that we may work well together during this busy period.



Aberdeen shop

Thursday (10th) - United Kingdom

In the UK, we have drastically reduced our bookshops – down to just one in Aberdeen. This does not mean that we do not have the ambition to have more shops. Rather, it means simply that the model has to be different. The Aberdeen shop, based in a church, is working well. We can see further possibilities, and some churches would appreciate our knowledge. Please pray with us for the right relationships to be formed.

Friday (11th) - United Kingdom

In the UK, CLC merged with Kingsway Trust in recent years, to form the Kingsway CLC Trust. This has been a very positive move, but it does mean that we have a variety of brands that are presented to the public and the bookshop trade as a result of the two organisations coming together. Please pray with us as we consider what is appropriate for the future.

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Germany

On Saturday October 12th, we will host a special study day with a Pastor who is a well-known podcaster here. We anticipate participants from all over northern Germany for this event, which will be aimed at believers whose faith has undergone de-construction. We pray that this occasion will help our delegates to survive as Christians. We will also sell the pastor's latest book on this theme.

October 14th - 20th

Week 42 - Africa

Monday (14th) - Sierra Leone



Liz Patten, David Scouler & Sierra Leone team

Please pray for David Scouler as he travels from Brisbane to arrive in Freetown on Wednesday to spend 10 days with the team. Pray for effective training, a good time of mutual encouragement among all team members, and useful connections with the local Advisory Board members. Pray for good health and stamina for David after his long journey.

Tuesday (15th) - Sierra Leone

Pray for Alfred Kaikai who is our general manager in Freetown and who has faithfully served with CLC for many years despite suffering from a very challenging back condition. Pray for Alfred's health and stamina and that he will continue to have much joy in the ministry.

Wednesday (16th) - Sierra Leone

Last year, we suffered several overnight acts of vandalism at our HQ in Freetown. As a result, we began to employ night security via an agency. One morning, our general manager arrived early to find that the security guard was still around. This led to a significant conversation, and Alfred was able to lead the security guard to Christ. Shortly after, the

agency moved him to a different place of work. Pray for him to grow in Christ.

Thursday (17th) - Sierra Leone

Pray for more opportunities to share the Gospel directly through our three bookshops in Sierra Leone. Alfred, mentioned yesterday and the day before, is an evangelist and so is Matthew, who is the manager of our shop in Bo. Pray for many more to be led to Christ through their witness.

Friday (18th) - Sierra Leone



Daniel Konnah

For some time, we were praying for someone to have oversight of the Finance & Admin departments, based at the CLC HQ in Freetown, but encompassing all three branches. We praise God that in May, Pastor Daniel Konnah joined the team for three days each week, in this capacity. Please pray for Pastor Daniel to be a blessing for the ministry.

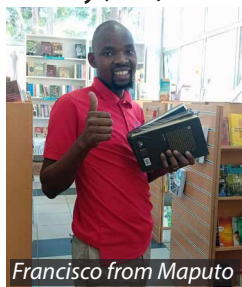
The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Sierra Leone

We are thankful to God for the increase in our sales over the past two years, largely due to having a good availability of the right stock items at affordable prices. This includes many second hand books coming from the USA and the UK. Please pray that we will find ways to keep our prices accessible for our customers so that they may have the opportunity to grow in their faith by reading the Bible and excellent Christian books.

October 21st - 27th

Week 43 - Africa

Monday (21st) - Mozambique



Francisco from Maputo

We praise God for our three bookshops in Mozambique, which are strategically located in seminaries in the south (Maputo), the centre (Beira) and the north (Nampula) of the country. We believe that these bookshops truly impact their communities and beyond, and we are thankful for our four dedicated Mozambican workers who love the ministry and the work they are doing.

Tuesday (22nd) - Mozambique

We are grateful for the missionaries and the Board members who voluntarily support our ministry in Mozambique, with hands-on involvement. Together we are stronger! Please pray that God will bless them as they freely give of their time and abilities and that they will be able to advise us well so that we may further develop the ministry towards a long-term sustainable future.

Wednesday (23rd) - Mozambique

We praise God for the growing partnership between CLC Portugal and CLC Mozambique, for mutual benefit. Please pray for Carlos Cunha, National Director for CLC Portugal, as he gives a portion of his time to support the ministry in Mozambique in various ways, including raising funds for various outreach projects in collaboration with our bookshops there.

Thursday (24th) - Mozambique

We praise God for the delivery of 10,000 low-cost Bibles earlier this year. This is the third such delivery in recent years, and we are so thankful for this project which by now has

become self-sustaining. In addition to the full Bible text, these Bibles contain a summary of the Gospel message and a prayer for salvation, together with the contact addresses and telephone numbers of our bookshops.

Friday (25th) - Mozambique

With the exception of our economy Bibles, around 90% of our regular stock comes from Brazil, the home of the vast majority of the Portuguese-language Christian publishers. This means that invoices must be paid in foreign currency, which sometimes causes delays. This in turn can lead to additional charges, making the books and Bibles more expensive for our customers. Please pray for a solution to this.

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Mozambique

Please pray for the LORD's leading for our next outreach projects. We are thankful for the opportunities we have had, to place Bibles into the hands of those who have lost theirs due to flooding and other inclement circumstances. We are also thankful for outreaches into a children's home on the outskirts of Maputo, where we have been able to supply Bibles and evangelistic materials, thanks to support from CLC Portugal.

October 28th - 31st

Week 44 - The Caribbean & The Trustees

Monday (28th) - Dominica

At the time of writing, sales have been quiet and not always up to hopes and expectations. Please pray for dedicated CLC worker Tajya Wilson, that she may have strength and courage to hold fast in such times, and for new opportunities to work with local churches by supplying book tables at services and special events. Pray for divine connections and financial breakthroughs for this ministry in the marketplace.



Arah and the team

Tuesday (29th) - Antigua

Please pray for Arah Martin and her team in Antigua. They have been going through tough times and consequently, resources were becoming depleted. Pray for the team as they implement some difficult but necessary measures in order to try to "win back" the situation. Pray that the LORD rewards them with new progress in the right direction.

Wednesday (30th) - Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados

Please pray for our bookshops on these other islands. Pray for Sandra Robinson as she works with CLC but also carries a number of pastoral responsibilities in two congregations, together with her husband. Pray again for Regional Director Jim Pitman as he works with these CLC islands to help them overcome their challenges.

Thursday (31st) - International Office

Please pray for the trustees of the International Office as they meet together in person today in Sheffield, UK. We are thankful for this committed group of people who ensure that CLC stays true to its vision and purpose, while complying with the charity laws in the UK. Pray especially for the Chair, John Raby, who is a retired accountant and does a lot of unseen work for CLC, as do all the trustees. Thank you.

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