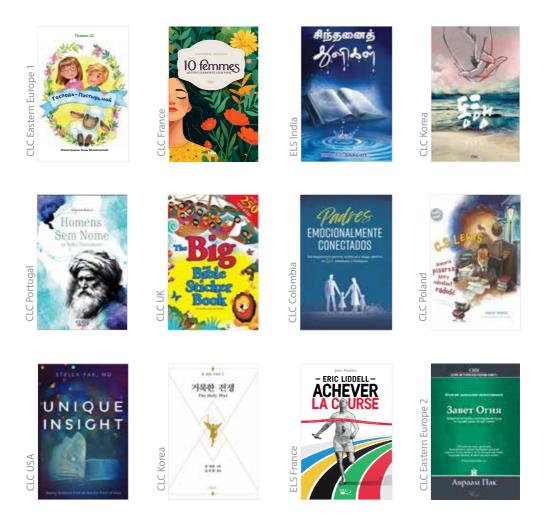


2024 WORLD REPORT





CLC PUBLICATIONS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



The purpose of CLC is to honour God by making Christian literature and resources available to all nations, to help people come to faith and maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Dear CLC Friends,

When we stand together, we can accomplish far more than we ever could alone. That's why unity has been our theme in 2024—because we are truly stronger together! CLC continues to build a thriving fellowship of ministries in 43 countries, working side by side to spread the Gospel.

Since 1941, our mission has remained the same: to honour God by making Christian literature and resources accessible to all nations, helping people come to faith and maturity in Jesus Christ.

Our global family stands together. When countries like Myanmar and Mozambique face political turmoil and unrest, we respond with prayer and support. When countries like India embark on a special building project, we rally to help make the vision a reality.

We continue moving forward with impactful initiatives, such as printing 50,000 Children's Bibles in multiple languages. Our publishing activities are growing strategically, and we are strengthening our digital presence by enhancing websites and engaging individuals and communities through social media.



Gary Chamberlin, CLC International Director World Report!

To our generous donors—thank you! Your support is transforming lives and spreading God's Word worldwide. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to making an even greater impact together in 2025 and beyond.

Be encouraged and inspired as you read this 2024 CLC World Report!



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OUR MISSION

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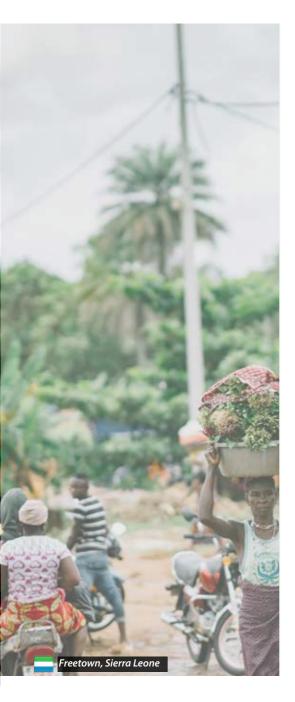


25,000 50,000 Children's Bibles

Our project has grown from 25,000 to 50,000 Children's Bibles! Praise God! Some of these Bibles are beginning to arrive in various countries. New Bibles for children have arrived at our CLC shop in Thailand & India.

Many more will be arriving in Benin, Bulgaria, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Philippines, Poland, Portugal & Romania! Praise God for this project and pray that thousands of lives will be touched by the messages of the Bible!

To donate to this project please see page 43.



AFRICA

Points worthy of note in 2024 include:

- CLC Benin moved to a new location in Cotonou.
- CLC Burkina Faso overcame severe economic challenges for another year.
- CLC Côte d'Ivoire launched a website: clc-cotedivoire.com.
- CLC Kenya held their annual ACABA* gala in a different country, Uganda, for the first time (*African Christian Authors' Book Awards).
- CLC Mozambique experienced severe political unrest, dramatically affecting our ministry in Maputo.
- CLC Sierra Leone (Bo City branch) engaged in numerous outreach events throughout the year.

At the end of September, the CLC Council marked a significant change in the structural oversight of the work in Africa, as I stepped aside from my role as Regional Director after 16 years. This experience has been tremendously enriching and a great privilege. I'm pleased to share that my journey is not over, as I will continue to be involved, although in a reduced capacity. I am grateful to Hervé Lessous and CLC France for their new partnership with the francophone countries, and to Gary Chamberlin for his collaboration with the publishing ministry of CLC Kenya. Please join me in praying for CLC Africa in 2025!



Liz Patten Regional Director for Africa



Population: 14.6 million (8.3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1998 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Director: Emmanuel Ladeyo Bestsellers: Transformed Temperament, The Believer's Authority



For several years, our landlord had been expressing his intention to sell the property, but nothing materialised until early 2024 when he informed us

that we needed to vacate. It took us three months to find a suitable property in the same area of Cotonou. This experience of relocating after so many years was painful and stressful for our team. However, we can ultimately say that the move went well, and we felt the hand of God guiding us through the process. We were particularly grateful for the prayers of the global CLC family during this time, and we would like to especially acknowledge the support we received from CLC France and the International Office, both spiritually and financially.

Towards the end of the year, we received a significant order from a customer in the USA, who purchased 100 Bibles and a considerable quantity of books to support a new church plant in Godomey, a city near Cotonou. This was a tremendous blessing for both us and the church.



Although we did not have the opportunity to meet in person with colleagues from other countries, we participated in virtual CLC Global Prayer meetings and the CLC Francophone conferences. Once again, we can affirm that "together we are stronger."

💶 Burkina Faso

Population: 23 million (8.9% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1991 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Director: Noufé Sami Luc Bestsellers: Prayer, Asking and Receiving; Pilgrim's Progress

2024 marked the beginning of a new partnership between CLC and EDYFI, a Christian educational organisation for schools and universities. The collaboration started in November when EDYFI purchased 360 copies of one of the Bibles published by CLC France, intended for francophone countries in Africa. Their goal is to eventually acquire 1,000 Bibles to distribute to the schools they support. If this comes to fruition, it will be highly significant for CLC Burkina Faso in terms of outreach and sales.

Our primary focus has been the bookshop. We also engaged with customers through social media and book tables at events. However, we need to increase our sales. The current political and security situation remains complex and limits our ability to hold book tables.

We are hopeful that the new project launched by CLC France in September - collecting and selling secondhand books - will benefit our ministry. All of the income from these sales will go to CLC Burkina Faso to help us purchase new books and Bibles.

Participating in the CLC global days of prayer, and meetings with CLC French-speaking teams via Zoom, have been a blessing.



Côte d'Ivoire(Ivory Coast)

Population: 29.9 million (10.5% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1961 Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Web sales Director: Aya Martine Ouffoué Bestsellers: When Mothers Pray, Manga Messiah



We are thankful to the Lord that the tax office did not oppress us this year as it has in the past. The procedures

we followed to obtain updated documents in proper legal form have paid off!

Thanks to the contribution of our IT intern, we have made significant progress in our use of social media, including the creation of our new website (clc-cotedivoire.com). We can now serve our customers online, which is a tremendous step forward.

The national convention of the Assemblies of God churches, held in August at the Stadium of Bouaké, attracted more than 45,000 people. During this event, Marie, the manager of our Bouaké shop, was able to set up a stand for four days. This significantly contributed to increasing our sales. While we are grateful for the good sales, we are also aware of many competitors with aggressive pricing.



А highlight of 2024 was the CLC International Council held in Italy, near Rome. This event was a success. where CLC Côte d'Ivoire was accepted as an established country for the first time. The director,

Martine, participated in various votes, marking an important milestone for us.



Population: 58.2 million (48.9% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 2007

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Print-on-Demand, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale, Various author and book programmes, African Christian Authors' Book Awards (ACABA), Mama Africa Book Box *Director:* Muthoni Mercy Omukhango *Bestsellers:* Eternity, Suspicious Deliveries

In March 2024, we were blessed to open a bookshop at the NPBC Campus. This new venture has created tremendous opportunities for distributing Christian literature and spreading the Word of God in Kenya.

One of the year's highlights was hosting our first African Christian Authors Book Awards (ACABA) gala in Uganda. Authors from Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and Zimbabwe attended, marking a significant milestone in the expansion of the ACABA project. The support and leadership from Uganda played a crucial role in the success of establishing this CLC project in their country.

We were also honoured to witness the strength of the CLC fellowship, with leaders like Gary Chamberlin, David Pabón and Ivano Cramerotti gracing our annual gala. Their presence was a blessing to African authors and served as encouragement to continue fostering global connections.

In mid-2024, we received notice to relocate our headquarters. By God's grace, we were able to purchase land for the construction of a property for CLC Kenya. This has been a longawaited dream come true after 16 years of trusting God for the opportunity to establish a lasting home for our mission. We are praying for the necessary funds to begin construction!





Population: 33.3 million (11.1% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1966 Ministry: 3 Bookshops Director: Liz Patten Bestsellers: Purpose Driven Life, New Manual for Ministers



2024 presented another year of challenges. Orders placed with suppliers in Brazil in January took until April to arrive. Additionally, a lack of foreign currency in the banks made it

difficult to pay suppliers overseas.

In February, CLC Nampula welcomed Sangara Mohalana, to replace Isaque Uarilla, who became a pastor. CLC Beira sold the highest number of low-cost Bibles despite not receiving stock replenishment after the national elections in October. Unfortunately, post-electoral violence resulted in deaths and demonstrations and strikes brought the capital to a standstill. As a result, CLC Maputo was closed for 17 trading days over 3 months. Even when staff managed to travel into the city, many customers could not. This led to an additional 18 days without sales.

We participated in the CLC global prayer Zoom meetings, and various combinations of the team met 40 times via Zoom, which helped us stay connected and aligned.

Among our answered prayers was a visit from International Office staff in June. Publisher Vida Nova continued to consolidate our Brazilian orders and send them together, saving us significant amounts of money. Our shipment of 10,000 "economy" Bibles arrived safely after many delays. By December, thanks to unexpected provisions in foreign currency, we were able to make purchases from Brazil again. We praise the LORD!

E Sierra Leone:

Population: 9.1 million (3.9% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1966 Ministry: 3 Bookshops. Mobile Director: David Scouler Bestsellers: Africa Study Bible (NLT), Our Daily Bread devotional



2024 was a hectic year for CLC. Like much of the population, we faced ongoing challenges due to high inflation rates and disruptions from political demonstrations. Additionally, our head office experienced targeted vandalism and theft several times, particularly involving copper wiring and air conditioning units. As a result, we had to hire a night security guard, adding to our expenses. Maintenance work was also a priority, requiring significant investment in major repairs to CLC buildings.

We are thankful for our six staff members but still need two more: for the accounts department and the bookshop in the capital. Our outreach department continues to operate in Bo city, where the motorized tricycle we purchased with raised funds is proving to be very beneficial.

We were pleased to welcome the OM ship Logos Hope to the port of Freetown. The National Director and the General Manager visited this "floating bookshop" and were able to purchase stock for the coming months.

Several shipments have arrived from the UK, sourced from Book Aid and KCLCT, and from the USA through CLC and various publishers. We also made purchases from the local Bible Society.

Through all these challenges, we are grateful to God that the ministry remains active in distributing Bibles and Christian resources. God's work is evident as souls are being saved and lives transformed through the CLC ministry.

His CLC W RLD Word changing lives



INDONESIA

Testimonies

A Miracle Month at the Surabaya Bookshop

This past December, we've seen many young people frequently visiting our bookstore, asking for gospel booklets. This surge in interest began after our staff placed the booklets outside the shop window to attract more people. It is encouraging to see high school and university students eager to explore these resources.

Although digital platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and others offer similar Christian content for free, it is wonderful to see that younger generations are still seeking physical resources.

PRAISE GOD for this hunger for His Word! We pray that this interest will lead many more to come to faith in the Lord Jesus.

MEXICO

Sharing the Word of God with everyone

A group of Sunday school teachers from a Baptist church, accompanied by some children, arrived at our shop carrying bags filled with coins.

They brought approximately £163 (about \$200 USD), which was raised from offerings collected by the children during Sunday school. Their goal was to purchase Bibles and educational materials for their classes, as well as to share the Word of God with new children visiting the church. It touched our hearts to witness their dedication and enthusiasm for distributing the printed Word of God and the resources that the Lord has provided for such a time as this.

WE PRAISE THE LORD FOR OPPORTUNITIES to share the gospel with people around us and often gift them a Bible or a book. We love planting seeds for the kingdom!





Sharing the gospel and literature with a taxi driver in Mexico



ASIA

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to have served as the Regional Director of Asia for the past 16 years. This journey has been filled with challenges and joys, and I consider it a great privileae.

In January, Gary Chamberlin and I had the opportunity to participate in the CLC India conference.

In February, the second bookstore in Myanmar became a reality. The Lord showed His provision even in challenging times and places.



Macinas

Director for Asia

In May, we secured the legal ownership of our CLC property in Chiang Mai, Thailand. In September, Sohee Yoo, from South Korea, was ratified as Regional Former Regional Director for CLC Asia.

My duties as a Regional Director started in full swing!

I was grateful to see CLC Korea's newly acquired building in October. We celebrated the first anniversary of our bookshop in Manado, Indonesia, in December. CLC Philippines successfully organized four seminars for pastors and Christian workers. In Pakistan, the ministry has challenges, but continues to be sustained by God's provision in many ways. I visited the team in Japan for the first time and what a joy to see that through Karashidane Mission, CLC



still has a presence in Kvoto.

Sohee Yoo for Asia

Please pray as we continue to make the Word of God available Regional Director throughout the Asian continent.

🔤 India

Population: 1.4 billion (2.4% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1954 Ministry: 23 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Outlets, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Justin Chellappan Bestsellers: Concordance to the Bible in Tamil, Amy Carmichael

By the grace of God, we had the privilege of hosting the Asian Regional Conference in Chennai, India. This gathering was a tremendous blessing, bringing renewed vision and encouragement to our mission.

A significant milestone this year was celebrating our ministry's 70 years of faithful service in India since its inception. As we reflect on this journey, we are deeply grateful for God's immense mercy and provision, which have sustained us throughout the decades. All glory belongs to God!

Additionally, the Lord has graciously met all our needs related to the ongoing construction work of our Chennai building, allowing us to continue advancing our mission. His faithfulness has been evident every step of the way.

One of the major highlights this year was the publication of *The Picture Bible* in English. This project has had a profound impact, especially among children, as the publication presents the timeless truths of God's Word in an engaging and accessible format.

All of these remarkable blessings continue to inspire and empower us to serve Him wholeheartedly.

* CLC is known as Evangelical Literature Service (ELS) in India



Indonesia

Population: 281 million (5.6% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1954 Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Donny Kairupan Bestsellers: The Daily Study Bible, Jesus Christ Our Lord



We are grateful for continued support from loyal customers who play a vital role in sustaining the CLC ministry. Our primary sales come from Bibles, daily devotionals and children's books, which remain essential resources.

We are thankful for our strong partnership with the Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa, Manado. This collaboration allows us to host events and activities focused on equipping Sunday School teachers through the Children's Ministry Commission.

Early in the year we conducted teacher training sessions to prepare educators for their roles and hosted Easter workshops to inspire and equip leaders. The year concluded with Christmas workshops to support holiday ministry efforts.

A significant highlight, and tremendous blessing, was the visit of our new Asia Regional Director, Sohee Yoo, in November. She met the CLC family as well as leaders from the Children's Ministry Commission, which opened doors to new opportunities for collaboration between CLC and church organizations.



for His provision and the meaningful opportunities He has granted us throughout the year.

We praise the Lord

* CLC is known as Yakin in Indonesia



Population: 123 million (0.5% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1950 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Director: Takashi (Thomas) Sakaoka Bestsellers: Bibles, Poetry and Paintings by Tomihiro Hoshino



2024 was a remarkable year for the Karashidane bookstore. Team member Gaika Sakaoka had the privilege of attending the CLC Asia Conference. This provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with CLC teams from across the region, exchange ideas, and gain fresh inspiration.



A visit from the Asia Regional Director, Sohee Yoo, and her husband Sung Won Park was a meaningful time of

fellowship, allowing us to share our mission and learn from their insights. Their encouragement has been a renewed source of motivation for us.

A major highlight was the publication of our first children's book. This milestone represents our commitment to providing resources that can inspire and bless young readers while supporting families in their spiritual growth. We also had the privilege of hosting an art exhibition. This event celebrated the beauty of traditional art and attracted new visitors to our bookshop. Many expressed interest in learning more about our ministry and the resources we offer.

Through these experiences, we have witnessed God's faithfulness and provision in countless ways. We are excited to continue sharing the love of Christ through our books, events, and partnerships in the coming year.

* CLC is known as Karashidane in Japan

💶 Myanmar

Population: 57.5 million (5% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1992

Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Speciality workshops, Web sales, Wholesale *Director:* Jacob Mung

Bestsellers: Bridge Bible Commentary, Heroes in the Bible



2024 was marked by relentless challenges that deeply impacted the nation. Inflation soared to unprecedented levels, making essential goods increasingly out of reach.

The cost of necessities such as gasoline, medicine, printing paper, ink, and daily commodities skyrocketed. Much of the population was plunged into poverty.

Despite these difficulties, and by the grace of God, we continue to operate in the country. We have kept our two bookshops functioning and, in 2024, our sales increased. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for allowing us to serve people's needs and we praise the Lord that we can be a place of refuge for fellow believers.

The Bible remains our best-selling book. Unfortunately, many cannot afford a Bible. In 2024 a plan was set in motion to raise money to print 20,000 Burmese Bibles. See page 43 to donate.



We also prepared two children's Bibles in Burmese which should arrive by March 2025.

Please pray for

our ministry. We want to shine brightly for the Lord during these dark times in our beautiful country. Our mission remains the same: to provide Christian resources and materials that people may come to faith and grow in maturity in Christ.

CPakistan

Population: 252 million (0.6% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1961 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Wholesale Director: Sohail Javed Bestsellers: Holy Bible in Urdu, The Amazing Story of Pakistan's Christians



In 2024. the CLC Office International generously provided funds that allowed us to purchase Bibles and books, ensuring the bookshop remains well-stocked for our customers. though sales have heen slow due to inflation

Sohail & his wife Sheba

in Pakistan. Additionally, the IO assisted in supporting one of our workers who has serious health challenges, including problems with the lower spine and the discs between the vertebrae. Their generosity has been a tremendous blessing, and we are truly grateful for their encouragement during this difficult time.

As we continue in the ministry, we aim to acquire a variety of Bibles, including regular editions, study Bibles, and luxury Urdu Golden Bibles. at affordable prices. Anv support toward this effort would be invaluable.



We are also discussing the possibility of opening a new bookshop in Lahore, similar to our existing location at the Salvation Army Church Headquarters in Karachi. Senior leaders are currently reviewing proposals for this.

Please keep these needs in your prayers as we seek the Lord's wisdom and provision. Your continued support means more than words can express, and we deeply appreciate your partnership.

Philippines

Population: 118 million (12.3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1957 Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Mobile, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Romualdo Macinas **Bestsellers:** The Action Bible. The Preeminent Christ

We are facing significant economic challenges, including high inflation and a rising dollar exchange rate. This is driving up the cost of imported books, shipping and related expenses. In addition, the Philippines was recently ranked as the social media capital of the world. We have observed its effects in a notable decline in book reading.

With consumer behaviour shifting towards online shopping, the widespread availability of illegally distributed titles in PDF format, and a decline in footfall in our two bookshops, our sales have been impacted, even during the busy Christmas season.

Despite these difficulties, we remain hopeful and trust in God's provision to sustain and advance the ministry. We are grateful for the strong sales of imported titles, particularly study Bibles and reference materials.

In September, we had seven booths at the Manila International Book Fair. We thank God for the many Bibles and reference books that were sold and for the new contacts we were able to make.

Although owning our own property in Malolos would be preferable, we are thankful that we were given another one-year contract for our bookshop there.

We are also undergoing a leadership transition. After 38 years serving with CLC Philippines, Romualdo Macinas is scheduled to retire early in 2025.





Population: 52 million (16.8% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1975 Ministry: Covenant Theological Seminary, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Young-Ho Park Bestsellers: Questioning with Mission, Answering with Life; The Concealed Fountain



We began 2024 on a positive note, celebrating significant achievements that are a reflection of our commitment to excellence. A highlight was receiving multiple awards for our translation of the Psalm Commentaries by John Goldingay. which aims at making the Psalms more accessible.

We were also honoured with Best Book Awards in adult and youth categories for works by Korean authors, showcasing the dedication of everyone involved in these impactful projects. This year has seen tremendous growth in our publishing efforts, with new themes introduced and increased community engagement through book table events.

Sohee Yoo became our first Asia Regional Director from South Korea and the first female director in this region, marking a historic moment for CLC Korea.

In September we welcomed our friends and retired CLCers, Lewis and Elsbeth Codington, whose visit inspired our staff.

On November 1st we celebrated CLC Korea's 49th anniversary with a Thanksgiving service, recognizing long-serving employees with plaques and bonuses.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we are grateful for God's love and grace and look forward to what 2025 will bring.



Population: 69.9 million (0.5% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1958 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing Director: Ruchadaparn (Amanda) Intajuk Bestsellers: Tracts, Disciple Making



Throughout 2024, customers consistently visited the bookshop to purchase books and Christian tracts. We saw an increase in foreign customers. Sales grew steadily compared to the previous year. To meet the growing demand, we hired new staff to manage online sales, resulting in a noticeable increase in online revenue.

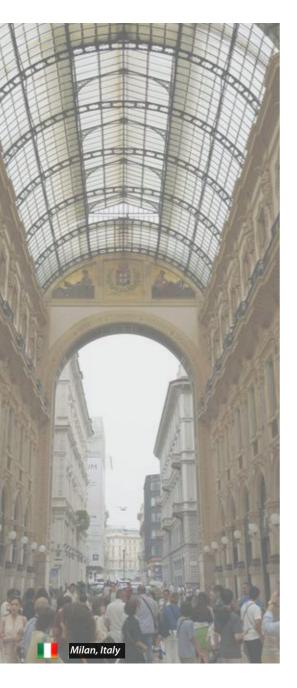
In October, Chiang Mai experienced a city-wide flood and our shop was affected. We had not seen anything like this in the past 50 years. To protect our inventory we moved books, tracts, and other products upstairs. Fortunately, the floodwaters stopped just inches short of causing major damage.

After the floodwaters receded, restoring the city and uplifting people's spirits took time. During this period, we saw a significant increase in sales of tracts and Bibles for new Christians. This reflected the efforts of believers to share the Good News with the people of Chiang Mai and in neighbouring provinces affected by the flood. We pray that God will touch their hearts and lead them to accept Jesus.

We applied to establish the CLC Foundation, which the government had to review. The required inspections by officials were adequately completed and we praise God that approval was given in December!



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EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

The year 2024 has been marked by both challenges and moments of hope.

One highlight was our European conference in Krakow, Poland where representatives from 11 countries gathered, fostering unity and shared vision. However, a difficult decision was made to close the CLC ministry in the Netherlands, which brought mixed emotions. Although it's sad to see it end, we find comfort knowing another Christian ministry will take over.

My first trip to Central Asia 2 was deeply meaningful, revealing the need for CLC to adjust its approach to the changing circumstances. The year also brought sorrow as we, together with the CLC Bulgaria team, mourned the loss of Ginka's husband.

Yet, there is hope with the arrival of Radu Arbanas in Braşov, Romania, strengthening our bookshop team there. We continue to wait for an end to the war in Ukraine, so please pray as we seek wisdom regarding the possibility of establishing a CLC ministry there. Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming Francophone conference in France in May 2025, anticipating more opportunities for growth and connection.



Hervé Lessous Regional Director for Europe

Bulgaria

Population: 6.7 million (1.9% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1993 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales Director: Lidiya Dimitrova Bestsellers: Spiritual Warfare, Does Your Tongue Need Healing?



We are grateful to the Lord for the publication of new books in 2024. After a year without doing any publishing, we are excited to announce that we will soon release three new books: one by Corrie Ten Boom and two children's Bibles. We expect them to be ready this year.

We would like to thank CLC International for the Children's Bibles Project. Without this initiative, it would have been impossible for us to print the children's Bibles. Additionally, we completed a second print run of Not A Fan, one of our previously published books. We have also produced a few video presentations of books by local authors that we are offering in our bookstore. We held several book tables at various locations throughout the year.



We were honoured to participate in the European conference Krakow in in March alongside our colleagues. We welcomed our Regional Director in May; it was a wonderful time of fellowship with him and our team.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to host Geert Oosterhuis for a few weeks at the beginning of 2025. Geert is one of the founders of our ministry in Sofia and will be assisting us in the bookshop.

Central Asia (CA1)

Date CLC work began: 1996 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Bestsellers: Mere Christianity, Pollyanna



One of the highlights of 2024 was the visit of a group of young ladies from Vietnam. They came regularly throughout the summer, and we had a meaningful and enriching time of fellowship with them.

One of the main challenges we faced was the difficulty in renting out our apartment space for housing. We also needed to rebuild the store and secure a tenant for part of its space. Fortunately, we found a tenant who agreed to renovate the premises at his own expense, with plans to use it as a photography studio.

An unfortunate incident on December 3rd threw off our plans to re-open on the 15th after being closed due to doing some work inside the building. A hot water pipe burst, causing significant flooding that damaged the laminate flooring and Water damage



ruined five boxes of books. As a result, we were unable to open in time for the Christmas season and now it seems the re-opening will be only at the end of January 2025. Despite this setback, we adapted by taking book tables to various churches and hosting small but relatively successful Christmas sales in December.



For up-to-date news, stories and prayer requests visit clcinternational.org

Central Asia (CA2)

Date CLC work began: 1997

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales *Bestsellers: Right Choices Bible, Growing in Christ*

We appreciated attending the European Leaders Conference in 2024. We also held our own annual staff conference. We're thankful that because we haven't had staff changes in the last two years, we've been able to work together more effectively.

We launched our first summer reading program for children and celebrated our bookstore's 25th anniversary with various local pastors during the year. We are grateful to have a shop renting the other part of our building. However, when we were searching for another tenant, some businesses indicated they would only rent from stores with a property deed zoned for commercial use. We are working to change our property deed to allow for commercial zoning.

An exciting new opportunity has arisen: the largest secular retail book chain has started ordering Bibles from us! We praise God that these Bibles are now available in more places and that they are selling well. We pray that another bookstore chain, which has expressed interest, will begin to submit orders.

We are very happy to partner with a lady from the Child Evangelism Fellowship, who organized children's events here for Christmas and International Children's Day. These events have been well attended and are a wonderful opportunity for some non-Christians to hear the truth!

Testimony

One of our customers had been interested in following Jesus for years but she was afraid it might go against her family's wishes. She has also faced psychological and demonic issues in the past. After attending a prayer time at our bookshop, she began going to the church that our shop manager attends. Ever since then she has grown more and more in her faith and was baptized this summer! Praise the Lord!



Population: 1.3 million (0.8% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1981 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales Director: Eva Photiadou Bestsellers: Hungry for More of Jesus, Christian Heroes: Then and Now Series



We are once again grateful to the Lord for His presence in our lives and for the fruitful ministry of our bookshop in 2024.

It brings us great joy to witness the positive impact the bookshop has on young people who discover us through the Internet or are referred by others, particularly when seeking Bibles. This trend reflects the growing desire among the younger generation to seek truth, purpose, and spiritual growth. We see this clearly at our Christmas book fairs, where many young people come to purchase books, Bibles, and other items.

The book fairs were our major events this year, alongside several smaller book tables. We are pleased that a local church in Nicosia has recently started hosting a monthly book table for its members.

In addition to books and Bibles, we have noted a significant increase in demand for the Greek Daily Reading Calendars which include Bible verses paired with thoughtful reflections, providing encouragement, guidance, and hope. Many have expressed their gratitude for how these daily readings have helped them draw closer to God, prompting them to purchase not only for themselves but also for others.

One of the challenges we face is due to rising prices for both Bibles and books, which has made it more difficult to sell items at reasonable prices.

Eastern Europe 1 (EE1)

Date CLC work began: 1994

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Permanent book outlets, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale *Bestsellers:* The Boy who Followed his Father into Auschwitz, Uninvited

Over the past three years, we have been actively involved in various conferences and Christian events in our region by setting up bookstalls. This participation has been a real blessing and a significant source of financial support for the ministry. In 2024, we established a relationship with one of the new churches in the city and successfully ran a well-organised bookstall at a conference hosted by that church.

The completion of our office reconstruction is another blessing for us. This project required considerable time, energy, and financial investment, but we are very pleased with the final results.

A special milestone for our ministry occurred on the last Sunday of September. Thirty years ago, on that day, we sold Christian books for the first time at a bookstall in a church. We praise the Lord for the 30 years we have been able to sell Bibles and Christian literature in the country.



This year, one of our workers retired, and we welcomed another to the team. Even though we experienced a decrease in customers, partly due to the country's economic situation and partly because of a trading platform that offers books at competitive prices, we remain thankful that the Word of God is being

distributed through this secular platform.

Eastern Europe 2 (EE2)

Date CLC work began: 2006

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Bestsellers: Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant, The Girl and the Orange



2024 felt like а roller coaster for us. beainnina with а substantial drop in sales which caused concern. Thankfully, towards the middle of the year our sales not only recovered but

surpassed the first half of the year.

Also early in the year, we were overjoyed that the government had exempted us from paying a city sales tax. However, we later discovered that a new tax, even larger than the previous one, was imposed on us.

Despite the challenges, we saw the Lord's goodness. In May, we had our most successful book-table sale ever. A church held a conference and agreed to host us, which felt like a breath of fresh air after receiving one rejection after another. We achieved almost a month's worth of sales in just two days!

In May we entered a local "Amazon". It was our third attempt and this time it was very successful. What started as small or moderate sales quickly grew to represent more than 10% of our overall annual sales. As a cherry on top, we received a generous Christmas gift for our ministry - a print run of two children's books, *Jesus, My Very Best Friend* by Joy Budensiek and *The Life of Our Lord* by Charles Dickens.

Overall, we were able to experience God's protection and guidance through some difficult circumstances. The Lord is good—all the time!

Testimony from EE1

From an online customer: "I want to thank God that we have such a store in our country; it's a blessing! I also give books to others to read because knowledge is important, and good knowledge can help a lot in life. I've known about the book *Created to Be His Help Meet* by Debi Pearl for a long time, but I couldn't find it anywhere in our country. I was thrilled to see it in stock at the bookshop! If I lived closer to the store, I would probably work for you, even as a loader or janitor."

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📙 France

Population: 68.3 million (1% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1951

Ministry: 13 Bookshops, Logistics for other publishers, Mobile, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Ollivier Quéruel

Bestsellers: The Spiritual Man, The Case for Christ



2024 was a period of growth and change, with both achievements and challenges.

The publishing department launched three campaigns, introduced Bible and Games (a brand offering Christian games for all ages) and reprinted the Thompson Bible. In November we were able to host a meeting with 20 authors in Paris.

We welcomed Jonathan and Fabien to our Montélimar headquarters, while bidding farewell to Anne-Marie and Pascal. Significant transitions occurred in our bookshop chain, including retirements in Grenoble and Paris, a renovation in Montpellier, and a relocation in Marseille.

Our warehouse distribution added new publisher agreements, including with Joyce Meyer Ministries and Ministère Multilingue from Canada, and a new marketing department was established with the creation of the *Itinéraires* magazine to replace the product catalogue.

We face a number of challenges. Political instability has negatively affected sales. Our bookshop teams need to be strengthened. We want our publishing to address the spiritual needs of the Christian community. Our IT system needs to be updated. We want to integrate two publishers into our logistics program. A critical challenge remains securing transport partnerships to Africa after the end of the postal bag service. While seeking to achieve these goals, we also want to further align ourselves with CLC's global vision.



Population: 84 million (2.1% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1948 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales Director: Valentin Schweigler Bestsellers: When Faith Has No Strength (original German title), Are We Supposed to Believe That? (original German title)



Our days are filled with a diverse range of customers who come into the shop, each with their

own unique needs. We serve thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds, including refugees from Ukraine and Syria, customers originally from Spanish speaking countries, and immigrants from Ghana. Some of these people now have children with German citizenship. We also have a notable number of LGBTQ customers. We have observed that many Christians with LGBTQ backgrounds find it easier to visit our Christian bookshop than to attend a church.

As well as the daily work in the bookshop, we organise book tables at various locations, host book readings, and manage a significant volume of daily mail orders submitted through our website.

We have built many strong connections in the community and have customers that encourage us to continue our local services. Some have also expressed concern about the possible closure of our shop, especially as many other stores in Hamburg are closing down.

We are thankful to the Lord who is the one who gives us all we need to persevere and continue serving our vibrant community in this city.

Testimony

In the weeks leading up to Christmas a man came into the shop looking to buy a Bible. Three years ago he received a New Testament from us for free. After reading it, he became a Christian and was looking for a complete Bible. We had some great conversations and it was very encouraging to see how the seed that had been planted some years before was bearing fruit. 19

Hungary

Population: 9.8 million (2.8% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1993 Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Publishing, Online course, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Annamária Kárpáti Bestsellers: Thanksgiving Journal (original Hungarian title), Fervent

We saw significant growth in our ministry in 2024. Zoltán Vincze has proven to be an invaluable manager for the Miskolc shop, and his efforts and agility have boosted our sales. We are also grateful to Etelka Ladáni, who was able to lighten some of our workload in Budapest. We appreciate the commitment of both of them.



Annamária at a book table at a women's conference CLC participated in numerous events this year, with a total of 12 book tables. Our Budapest team organized 9 of these, and CLC Miskolc contributed by serving at three different events. We had the opportunity reach people to from various

denominations and age groups. A special blessing was participating in the 100th anniversary celebration of the Salvation Army in Hungary. We also had book tables at the centennial celebrations for the Pentecostal Church and the Free Christian Church.

Additionally, we successfully reprinted the book *Fervent* and our Thanksgiving Journals, which feature six different covers. We also printed *Revealed*, which is a book for teenage boys and young men.

Many of our customers have commented on the friendly atmosphere of our shop. They often say that none of the other shops are as welcoming and warm as CLC. They enjoy coming in to browse our shelves, knowing they will receive helpful advice about specific books or any issues they may have.



Population: 60.9 million (1.1% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1956

Ministry: 6 Bookshops, Discipleship and Leadership training, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Ivano Cramerotti

Bestsellers: Boundaries, The Case for Christ



We had significant staff changes in 2024. Damaris. formerly an assistant, became the new manager of the Turin bookshop and Silvia, the previous shop manager, took over as head of Marketing and Communications.

In September, the "Fire in Our Bones" conference featuring Gary Wilkerson took place in Naples and Milan, focusing on training leaders and pastors. We participated by distributing Bibles and books, witnessing a revival among attendees passionate about Jesus.

In October, the 17th edition of the Portici di Carta (Arcades of Paper) was held. It is one of Italy's largest literary events and it transforms Turin into the longest open-air bookshop in the world, with over 2 Kilometers of stalls.

We managed to distribute many free copies of the book *Death of a Guru*. Despite our stall being placed between two stands of esoteric bookshops where they were reading tarot cards for passers-by, we had the opportunity to talk about Jesus and faith in God with many people. The prayers of the entire team were fundamental in closing the eyes of those passing by to the lies of the enemy and opening them to the truth of God's Word.

In September we hosted the CLC International Council. Members from 21 CLC countries plus invited guests enjoyed fellowship, training sessions, and a visit to the millennia-old city of Rome.

Netherlands

Population: 17.7 million (4.3% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1962 *Ministry:* 1 Bookshop, Web sales

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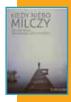
After 62 years of ministry in the Netherlands, CLC is handing over the Apeldoorn bookshop to another organization. Though a sad moment, we also have much to be thankful for.

We are grateful that the Lord sustained our ministry for many decades. Our goal has always been to provide Christian literature that will bring people into a relationship with Christ and then to help them mature in their faith. Praise God that our many workers and volunteers distributed hundreds of thousands of Bibles and books through the years. Undoubtedly, many individuals, families and churches have been greatly impacted by the Christian literature they were able to receive through the CLC ministry.

We are delighted that, beginning in November 2024, a new team will be running the shop and the ministry under the name Credo. We pray for a blessed continuity and for the success of Credo in Apeldoorn in the next years.



Testimony from Poland



The CLC publication When Heaven Is Silent by Ronald Dunn has profoundly impacted the lives of many readers facing difficult circumstances. In times of confusion and despair, this book provides peace, hope, and clarity through the word of the Lord.

Poland

Population: 38.7 million (0.3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1991 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Eva Rymer Bestsellers: The Cost of Discipleship, Jesus Our Destiny

Our online sales have increased and continue to grow every month. Thanks to our updated and active website, we have been able to continue selling many long-standing titles.

This past summer we participated in several book fairs and had particularly successful sales at a summer camp for girls. We were also delighted to welcome our Regional Director, Hervé Lessous, for a visit. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with him and our colleague Tomek.



After few а without vears publishina anv titles. new we were excited to announce that we had resumed our publishing effort again in 2024. We worked towards releasing two

children's books about C.S. Lewis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer by the end of 2024. This was a joint print run with CLC Italy and CLC Portugal.

One of our bestsellers is *List do Rzymian* (Letter to the Romans) by Karl Barth, which has shown very encouraging sales through our wholesale channels.

Poland is primarily a Catholic country, and we are pleased to welcome many Catholic customers to our bookstore. We take this opportunity to share how God is working in our lives.

Many people are surprised to see that the CLC bookstore still exists, as many bookshops in the city have had to close due to financial challenges. This allows us to testify of God's faithfulness towards the ministry.



Population: 10.2 million (3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1985 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Carlos Cunha Bestsellers: Men Without a Name: Men in the Old Testament (original Portuguese title), Di-

etrich Bonhoeffer: The Teacher Who Became a Spy



In 2024 we participated in the CLC European Leaders' Conference and publishing meetings in March. The Director Carlos traveled to Mozambique in May to collaborate with Liz Patten, Petra Nemansky and the local team on ministry development. In September we were invited guests at the CLC Council meeting in Italy. We had visits from Hervé Lessous (our Regional Director), Marco Simas from Riggins Rights, and Mark Carpenter who is the CEO of Publisher Mundo Cristão.

We launched *Men Without a Name in the Old Testament* by Clarisse Barros, the second in our *Anonymous People of the Bible* original series. We are currently working on three more books in this series. In December, we published two children's books in Portuguese that focus on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and C. S. Lewis.

We also saw significant changes in our team and operations. Vinicyus left to return to university, while Rebeca joined us full-time. We also found a small, affordable warehouse near our bookshop, which will support our publishing and wholesale operations.

A dream come true, was the sale of the rights for the English-language edition of our book *Men Without a Name* to an American publisher, set for release in 2025 in the USA and Canada.



Population: 18.1 million (5.4% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1991 Ministry: 2 Bookshops, Publishing, Web sales Director: Ronela Micula Bestsellers: The Pursuit of Holiness, The Practice of Godliness



2024 was a very challenging and complicated year for CLC Romania. The economic environment intensified the emigration of the Romanian people. With a quarter of the population working abroad, it became difficult within the country to find employees or to retain workers, especially if a business could not sustain high salaries. Our workers left one after the other for various reasons, making it increasingly difficult to maintain operations with only two employees. We are grateful for God's help during this trial and for bringing Radu Arbanas to our Brasov bookshop.

Our government has required us to implement a new centralised system for reporting our sales and accounting activities. Please pray for us as we adjust to this new system. While the process is not yet complete, we have managed to meet many of the expectations and we thank God for strengthening us. We still need to implement additional programmes to ensure our ministry operates effectively.

We express our gratitude to God for His assistance throughout these challenges and continue to pray for His guidance in what is yet to come.

Switzerland

Population: 8.8 million (4.4% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 2008 Ministry: Web sales Manager: Carlo Ciafani Bestsellers: My First Bible Stories, Purpose Driven Life



We arateful are the Lord for to His quidance throughout 2024, a year marked by renewed activity and small changes. One highlight was our participation in the annual Open

Doors event, where we set up a book table to share Christian literature with 200 attendees. Many visitors expressed their appreciation for our work and thanked us for helping them deepen their faith and understanding. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with people and reinforce our mission of making Christian books accessible.

A significant change on the horizon is the upcoming relocation of our office, although we will remain in the Chiasso area. While moving always presents challenges, we are thankful for a smooth transition that will allow us to continue serving our customers without interruption.

In November after a two-year break, we resumed producing and mailing our New Releases Catalogue. This was in fulfillment of a step to reconnect more directly with our audience. Interestingly, sales had already begun to rise in October for reasons we still don't fully understand, but we are grateful for this encouraging trend.

As we reflect on these moments, we are inspired by what we've accomplished and remain hopeful for the future. We trust that God will continue to lead us as we share Christian literature. Thank you for your prayers and support—together, we look forward to what lies ahead.

문 United Kingdom

Population: 68.4 million (8.8% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1941

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, National Conferences, Print-on-Demand, Publishing, Web sales, Wholesale

National Director: Mat Owen Bestsellers: The 5 Love Languages, First Steps



There have been a number of highlights for us in 2024:

• The new Print on Demand department has begun to function, producing high quality books. Towards the end of the year, we began to print books by self-published authors.

• The two events that we organise – Mission Worship and Hand in Hand – continue to have a great impact. Hand in Hand is focused on children's workers, and we anticipate moving to a much bigger venue in 2025.

• It is a great joy to see the number of Bibles that pass through our warehouse. In 2024, over 160,000 Bibles and New Testaments were delivered to customers in the UK and around the world.

• In June, a shipment from our warehouse reached our team in Sierra Leone which was very gratefully received.

• The European Leaders' Conference and the International Council were inspiring events that enabled us to feel more connected to our CLC brothers and sisters.

• In the second half of the year, our warehouse staff came under great pressure as we were asked to distribute for an additional four publishers. We are grateful for the confidence that the publishers have in our work.

• We are thankful that the Lord enabled us to make the necessary adjustments to remain financially viable even as wage costs increased significantly.

His Word changing lives



CENTRAL ASIA 1

Testimonies

CLC W RLD

A Summer Programme brought them to our shop! Last year, some young ladies from Vietnam entered our shop and were thrilled to discover that they had found a Christian bookstore.

Ladies visiting the shop The girls were on a summer programme to study our language, and they were also keen to share the gospel with other students. They didn't know at first where they could find Bibles and other Christian literature, to give to the people they were talking to about Jesus. They prayed about this and God miraculously brought them to our bookstore! They visited us almost every day for a month, and consistently made a purchase. Although young, the girls were very mature; they were an encouragement, and they prayed for us. Also, thanks to them, sales in July were higher than usual.



SOUTH KOREA

Comfort & Hope in unexpected places

In 2017 we published the Starter Bible, thoughtfully designed with a sturdy handle to make it easy for young readers to carry. Despite our high hopes, sales were disappointing over the years. Rather than letting unsold copies sit in storage,

we decided to donate them to a women's prison, where mothers could bond with their babies during their brief time together. At this facility, babies can stay with their mothers until 18 months old before moving to foster care or relatives. We prayed the Starter Bible would bring comfort and hope, allowing mothers to create cherished moments by reading Bible stories to their little ones. For years, we heard nothing. In 2024, a popular reality show featured life inside this prison, highlighting how mothers used donated books, including the Starter Bible, to read to their babies. It Starter Bible being featured was a powerful reminder that unseen acts of kindness can



leave a lasting impact, often revealed in unexpected ways. THANK YOU LORD!



LATIN AMERICA

We thank God for the work of CLC Latin America across its eight countries.

In Venezuela, a generous donation of Bibles from Harper Collins has boosted sales, enabling us to address economic challenges and expand Bible distribution amid the country's spiritual need.

In Mexico we faced personnel challenges, but with the guidance of national director Daniel Huertas, new staff started training. Additionally, we have significantly reduced our debt with suppliers, and our current inventory is helping the community grow in faith and spiritual maturity.

In Chile, we have acquired a new warehouse in Santiago, for which we praise the Lord.

Colombia has continued its publishing activities, growing in new titles while receiving manuscripts and new rights. We also remodelled a bookstore in Barranquilla.

Our team in Peru requires support to replenish inventory and settle debts. Please join us in praying for the Lord's provision.

In Ecuador, participation in book fairs and events has attracted numerous young people and children. We pray that this new generation continues to grow in their knowledge of the Lord.



David Pabón Regional Director for Latin America

💶 Chile

Population: 18.6 million (18.4% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1958 Ministry: 6 Bookshops, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Edgardo Roldán Bestsellers: In His Image, Incendiario (original Spanish title)



2024 began with a three-day annual conference focusing on fellowship, devotionals, and workshops to inspire and motivate our staff. David Pabón visited us. He updated us on the global work and presented us with various challenges.

In July we celebrated Thanksgiving Day by offering a 20% discount to all our customers, including those who buy through the web. In the bookshops we also had opportunities to pray with customers.

The purchase of a new headquarters was on our agenda as we had to vacate our warehouse. After searching and visiting multiple properties, we found one that met our criteria. We acquired at a significantly discounted price, and we also sold an older property to help fund this purchase.

The bookstores engaged in regular activities, such as trips and exhibitions in various locations. They successfully exceeded their distribution goal for the year. Looking back, we can attribute our accomplishments to the guiding hand of the Lord.





Population: 49.5 million (7.5% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1978 Ministry: 11 Bookshops, Publishing, Mobile, Social Foundation, Web sales, Wholesale Director: David Pabón Bestsellers: A Sus Pies (original Spanish title), The 5 Love Languages



CLC Colombia experienced a year full of achievements and progress in 2024. We are grateful to the Lord that we were able to fulfil all our commitments to our workers, not only ensuring timely salaries, but also providing training and ensuring holiday time.

We organised weekly reading sessions for our staff, using the Bible and books published by CLC. In addition, we hosted a "bring your children to work" day. A great opportunity for our team to be able to share their workday with their children.

Training sessions with publishers were conducted to gain a better understanding of the new titles that have been released, leading to greater efficiency in inventory management.

We were able to train more than 1,500 leaders through the Thompson Bible Seminar, enhancing their skills and knowledge to lead effectively in their communities and preach the Word of God with confidence.

Our mobile bookstores made trips to six different regions of Colombia to visit wholesale clients, strengthening relationships and expanding the organisation's presence in the country.

We renovated our shop in northern Barranquilla, improving the facilities and providing a welcoming space for visitors.

Overall, 2024 was a year of growth for the ministry of CLC Colombia.



Population: 18.3 million (8.5% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 2001 Ministry: 4 Bookshops, Mobile, Web sales, 2 Wholesale Distribution Centres Director: Mónica Rojas Bestsellers: Our Daily Bread, Una Pausa en Tu Vida (original Spanish title)

In 2024, CLC Ecuador faced security challenges and droughts that resulted in power outages, but we experienced divine support in several initiatives.

We participated in book fairs in Quito and Guayaquil, which attracted numerous young people and children. Our location at the Quito book fair was particularly advantageous and provided at no cost.

We donated study Bibles to pastors in the Shuar, Huaorani, and Quichua communities.

Through the Thompson Bible Seminar we trained 310 individuals, and via the History of Redemption seminar we trained 342 people using the book *Covenant of the Torch*.

We also participated in various training events, including those focused on evangelism. One notable event featured the author of the book *Cartas a una Joven Deprimida* (Letters to a Depressed Girl), addressing mental health issues. We organized conferences on gender ideology and offered training for Christian bookstores.

We are grateful to God for a significant increase in global sales, with online sales growing substantially as well.

We thank God for the health and well-being of our team, which has grown in number particularly in the marketing area. Despite the challenges, we witnessed God's grace in every activity, resulting in a positive impact on the community.



Mexico

Population: 130 million (8.3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 2014 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Daniel Huertas

Bestsellers: The 5 Love Languages pocket size, Lies Women Believe



2024 was a time of learning, consolidation, and growth for CLC Mexico. Through daily readings of biblical books such as Proverbs, Psalms and Revelation, our team has been spiritually strengthened. Although adapting to various roles has not been easy, our hearts remain willing and sensitive to God's voice, allowing us to move forward. Araceli, Wendy, Kevin, and I, Daniel, have come together to pray and delegate responsibilities, which has helped us consolidate our leadership team.

We have made improvements in our inventory and have settled our debts with suppliers.

We participated in two significant events: one with a Reformed community and another at a Pentecostal women's assembly. In both instances, we witnessed the Lord's working through every Bible and book we offered.

We faced the challenge of a new and very active distributor in the online market. Despite this, the Lord gave us peace and motivated us to enhance our service and strengthen our weaker areas.

The invitation to the CLC International Council filled us with joy and gratitude, inspiring us to continue pursuing the ministry's purpose. We are thankful to all those who have supported CLC Mexico both spiritually and financially.

Throughout this year, we have experienced God's goodness and faithfulness at every moment.



Population: 4.4 million (19.3% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1976 Ministry: 5 Bookshops, Social Foundation, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Héctor Burke Bestsellers: A Woman After God's Own Heart, Good Morning Holy Spirit

In 2024, CLC Panama conducted various events aimed at promoting education and fostering reading habits in our country. One notable event was the annual gathering for Christian educators, which reached over 500 teachers nationwide. This event's purpose is to train and equip Christian educators with better tools so they can perform their roles effectively.

These workshops focus on preparing Christian teachers and educators with excellence and knowledge, guided by the Lord, to train the next generation of leaders. At CLC Panama, we firmly believe that education is the cornerstone for transforming a nation.

In April, we celebrated the 87th anniversary of Police Day. This occasion provided an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the tireless efforts of the members of the National Police, who protect and serve the citizens of Panama with dedication and courage. CLC participated in the event at the National Police Headquarters, taking a special selection of Bibles, books, and gifts.

We thank God for giving us the opportunity to develop 'Reading Circles' in our bookstores. Through this initiative the participants were able to deepen their relationship with God, appreciate the value of a book and enjoy reading in a group.





Population: 32.6 million (11.6% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 2019

Ministry: 3 Bookshops, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Cristian Farías

Bestsellers: Biblia para todas las niñas (original Spanish title), Woman's Battle for Grace



In 2024 we were blessed with a visit from our International and Regional Directors, Gary Chamberlin and David Pabón. We had a meaningful time engaging with pastors and leaders representing various ministries in Peru. It was exciting to see how these leaders were inspired by what God is doing through CLC around the world.

In Lima, we hired a dedicated staff member to visit different churches, seminaries, and schools. This initiative allowed more people to learn about CLC.

We organized several activities at our shop that attracted a larger audience. We conducted 15 workshops, reaching over 150 people who discovered different aspects of CLC.

We were also fortunate to establish a working alliance with a new publishing house in Peru called Editorial Sembrando, which provides Sunday school materials.

Both in Lima and in the provinces, we received invitations to various meetings, conferences and events, allowing us to set up a book table to present our resources and supply attendees.

Although we took over the ministry from Latin Link five years ago, there is still much work to be done to reach many more people in Peru.

Uruguay

Population: 3.4 million (6.2% Evangelical) *Date CLC work began:* 1948

Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Mobile, Web sales, Wholesale

Director: Humberto Urrutia

Bestsellers: Systematic and Biblical Theology Collection from Clie, *Biblia para todas las Niñas/ todos los Niños (Bible for all the Girls/ all the Boys)*



We thank the Lord for 2024!

Distributing Bibles is essential for the spiritual growth and evangelization of the population. The Bible is the Word of God, and its message of love, redemption, and salvation is relevant to people of all ages and backgrounds.

We have been able to distribute a large number of books, primarily Bibles, across various areas of the country. Our mobile bookshop and the steady increase in orders through WhatsApp and our website have made this possible.

Participating in church events, ministries, and schools has allowed us to share our ministry with people of all ages. In September, we celebrated Bible Month and welcomed visits from students and Christian institutions in the city. We were delighted to see many young people visiting the bookshop.

We also had the pleasure of hosting author, Kari Clewett, who gave a conference for married couples based on her recent book, *El Buen Sexo* (Good Sex). The number of participants exceeded our expectations, and we were thrilled to see many couples leave with new tools for their lives.

At the end of the year, the Lord guided us to add two new members to our team following staff departures. We continue to pray for the strength of our team so we can carry out our mission with greater excellence and dedication.

🚾 Venezuela

Population: 31 million (10.8% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1970 Ministry: 5 Bookshops, Web sales Director: Eliel Nicoliello Bestsellers: The 5 Love Languages, A Woman After God's Own Heart



The year 2024 has been a significant blessing for CLC Venezuela despite the enormous difficulties we face in our country. Amidst the current crisis, we successfully purchased merchandise on credit from CLC Colombia, which allowed us to refresh our inventory and serve the church and the Venezuelan community more efficiently.

We were fortunate to receive a generous donation of merchandise from Harper Collins Publishing House. Among the donated items were study Bibles, such as the Full Life Bible, and reference Bibles, like the Thompson Bible. We decided to offer these Bibles at very affordable prices, making it possible for many pastors and leaders to purchase a Bible for their spiritual growth—something they may not have been able to afford otherwise, as some did not own any study Bibles prior to this.

Thanks to these initiatives, we achieved our best sales in recent years. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for guiding and blessing us in the midst of adversity. This prosperity has not only improved our finances but has also fulfilled our mission to share the word of God with more people in Venezuela.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission and are confident that the coming year will bring even more opportunities for growth and community service.



DOMINICA Impact beyond our bookshop

Tajya Wilson, bookshop manager, shares:

"A young lady who had just recommitted her life to Jesus came to our shop, seeking advice about her unborn child. She had recently ended a relationship before finding out that she was pregnant. When she reached out to the young man, who is an unbeliever, he and his mother encouraged her to abort the baby. She was hurt and distraught, feeling both rejection and disbelief, especially as the young man's mother professed to be a Christian.

She came to the bookshop a few times for encouragement, advice, and prayer, and we also spoke over the phone. This helped her faith grow to overcome her doubts and trust in the Lord to go through with the pregnancy, with or without the support of the father and his mother. As I write this, she has a bouncing baby boy who is healthy and strong. As for the man and his mother, they met with the young lady to apologize, and they now embrace the baby.

PRAISE GOD for the way He is working in this family and for His Word which gives instruction for righteousness. I know it all started in a bookshop, but the ministry has no walls."

ECUADOR

Bringing the Gospel to the Ecuadorian police force

We provided support to the national police by donating tracts and Bibles. In collaboration with Lifeway Publishing House, we organised a conference led by Pastor Luis Angel Diaz Pabon for the family members of the police force. We thank the Lord that approximately 120 policemen in the city of Quito committed their lives to Him during this conference.



Many more individuals are coming to faith as they receive visits from the Salvation Army along with the donated literature.

WE ARE GRATEFUL that we could bless the many men and women that protect our communities, by bring a message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ.



NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Having served with CLC for 28 years, 2024 marked my first year as Regional Director.

The Bible often highlights important "firsts"—such as the rights of the firstborn, offering our "first fruits," the first and greatest commandment, and maintaining our "first love." Here are some noteworthy "firsts":

In April, I visited Dominica, Antigua, and Trinidad & Tobago for the first time. What a privilege to witness CLC's mission work and spend time with dedicated teammates. Together we evaluated each situation and looked for opportunities to improve operations. Despite longstanding economic struggles, it was encouraging to see the teams respond with new initiatives.

In July, I traveled to Barbados shortly after a hurricane had devastated 90% of the island's fishing fleet. Please pray for our team there as they provide hope through Christ while distributing His Word.

The USA and Canada also had their share of both challenges and answers to prayer. I ask for your prayers for our region as we aim to consistently "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).



James Pitman Regional Director for North America & the Caribbean

🚰 Antigua & Barbuda

Population: 102,634 (19.9% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1961 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Manager: Arah Martin Bestsellers: The Power of a Praying Woman, Prayers that Rout Demons

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous," but God promises in Psalm 34:19 to deliver them from them all. In 2024, the ministry faced its share of afflictions, but God's faithfulness was evident at every turn. Praise is given to God for both the blessings and challenges of the year. As the song says, "God uses people, people like you and me," and it was through His people that the ministry experienced His provision during a particularly difficult time.

The poor economy was a significant challenge, but God provided generously through the support of Tyndale House Publishing and the CLC USA family. Without their unwavering support, it is uncertain how the ministry would have managed. Special thanks are also given to Regional Director Jim Pitman, whose regular texts, calls, and emails were a true blessing. Additionally, thanks to CLC USA, the ministry now has a tent and folding table for community outreach, and two book tables were held towards the end of the year, with more planned for 2025.

While seasonal sales were not as strong as in previous years, God's provision remained steady. A renter was found for part of the store— a believer who understands and supports the ministry's mission as a lighthouse in Antigua. God continues to make a way!



Barbados

Population: 303,139 (34.2% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1957 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Director: Marion Manning Bestsellers: 40 Questions about Interpreting the Bible, Holman Illustrated Guide To Biblical Geography

By the grace of God, we made it through a challenging year in Barbados. Our country faced many difficulties, including Hurricane Beryl, which further damaged our already struggling economy.

Despite these challenges, God showed His faithfulness by allowing us to continue serving His people. While our sales were not high, we are thankful for all the books and Bibles that were purchased. We also appreciate the gifts from various CLC fields that helped us pay our bills.



One highlight of the year was the visit from our Regional Director, Jim Pitman. who spent time with us in July. We were also pleased to provide office space for the advance team of the Logos ship, which visited Barbados in December.

We have been working on purchasing a piece of property next to us, which will allow our customers to have parking and enable us to rent out some parking spaces to help cover costs. Additionally, this property could provide the opportunity to rent out office space to another ministry. We praise God for the funds we received for this property purchase in the last month of the year.

Marion Manning's health continues to be a matter for prayer, and we are grateful for God's provision for her throughout this past year.

Canada

Population: 38.7 million (7.7% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1944 Ministry: 3 Bookshops, Web sales, Wholesale Director: Fritz-Gerald Joseph Bestsellers: Our Daily Bread in French, Jesus Calling in French



Our warehouse quickly outgrew its available space so, in 2024, we expanded it by adding a new section to accommodate our growing stock. In addition, we are moving our E-commerce department into the warehouse to allow guicker and easier access to inventory, streamlining our operations.

Each vear, we participate in Montreal's Christian Book and Arts Fair, a key event that CLC Canada sponsors and actively engages with. This fair continues Montreal Book Fair



to grow, attracting visitors and authors from Canada, the United States, and Europe.

We also hosted our popular annual Warehouse Sale, bringing in clients from across the region to purchase books and Bibles, and we were invited to sell our products in a number of church events leading up to Christmas.

Our biggest challenge was selecting a new ERP and POS system to replace our outdated one. After thorough research, we found the best solution and are currently training our staff. The new system is expected to be fully operational by January 2025.

To support ongoing growth, we created new positions and hired additional staff. The positive results are already visible, and we are grateful for the Lord's continued blessings.



Population: 74,661 (16.8% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1947 Ministry: 1 Bookshop Manaaer: Taiva Winston Bestsellers: Understanding the Purpose and Power of Women, The Spiritual Man



Our highlights of the year reflect the love and provision of our Lord. When sales were slow, He provided just in time to meet all our bills. When we lacked enough resources, He gave to us abundantly. During times when we needed prayers and encouragement, He blessed us with colleagues, friends, family, and all of you who prayed for us. When we faced discouragement, His Word brought us joy. In moments of weakness or when challenged by sickness, He granted us strength and healing.



We can now testify that these challenges served to grow our faith and keep us focused on Him. We praise God for our good stock and the increase in customers since our move in 2020 from the roadside

to the first floor of a shopping mall. Our sales are climbing steadily but surely each year. Additionally, we have been able to donate Bibles and books to customers, organizations, and churches. To God be the glory!



Population: 1.4 million (20.2% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1951 Ministry: 3 Bookshops, Web sales Director: Sandra Robinson Bestsellers: The Bait of Satan, Prayers That Avail Much



2024 was а challenging vear for Financial us. struggles left 115 behind on rent and supplier bills. Then after a staff member left in late 2023, our two employees from Port of Spain had to alternate traveling to Tobago to keep the shop open.

Glenn helping out a customer at a book table

In February, we welcomed Asha Henry James to the Tobago store, and her efforts significantly improved sales even in a tough economy. A highlight came in June when we set up a successful book table in the city, leading to similar initiatives in churches from July to September, which boosted sales further.

During the Christmas season, our dedicated staff managed three stores, but in December, we were asked to vacate our Port Mall premises due to overdue rent. We are thankful for God's mercy, as we paid some arrears and were given three months to catch up.

We appreciate the prayers and support from Jim Pitman and the USA team. We believe that all things work together for our good, and we look forward to what 2025 has to offer.

Kadeen, the store manager in Point Fortin, had the opportunity to minister to a young woman who identified as agnostic. She was raised in a household where her mother practiced Hinduism. The young woman began visiting the store during her lunch breaks, and Kadeen took the time to pray for her and offer guidance. Eventually, this led the young lady to give her heart to Jesus, and she started attending church. Praise God!

United States:

Population: 341.9 million (28.9% Evangelical) Date CLC work began: 1947 Ministry: 1 Bookshop, Publishing, Multi-Language Media, Web sales, Wholesale National Director: James Pitman Bestsellers: Pastor's Pal; Sit, Walk, Stand



Through God's provision and equipping, we were able to carry out all aspects of the ministry and even to expand and increase in some areas as new opportunities presented themselves.

With Jim Pitman now serving as a Regional Director, we've been learning about, connecting with, and praying more for the international work of CLC. The team is adjusting to Jim's increased responsibilities and assisting in accomplishing necessary tasks both here and internationally.

We are grateful for increased marketing, social media exposure, and editorial assistance through the efforts of Kaitlin Hakes, who joined the team. She is supporting the daily work and initiating new projects.

The Publishing team brought five new books into print, while working on an equal number for future publication. There were challenges with several of the books which complicated the process. The members are relatively new to working together, so the challenges helped to teach and reinforce new skills as they refined the publishing process.

The lease agreement for our off-campus bookstore was renewed at the start of the year. We continue to hear how much customers appreciate the service of the shop staff and the availability of Christian resources that support them in their journeys of faith and ministry.



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Week 10 - (March 3rd to 9th) AFRICA

Monday (3rd) - Benin: We thank God for our successful bookshop move last year but, at the time of writing, we still have some debts from our moving expenses. Pray with us that we will be able to pay these off completely, preferably through improved cash flow from better sales.

Tuesday (4th) - Burkina Faso: Please join us in thanking God for the considerable help we have received from CLC France, since they undertook to cover all the costs and expenses of our imports in order to alleviate our many financial difficulties linked to the impact of terrorism.

Wednesday (5th) - Côte d'Ivoire: We praise God for His faithfulness to our team and the ministry of our two bookshops. We pray that He continues to bless our mission and grants us all the necessary wisdom, intelligence and strength to accomplish the work He has appointed us to do.

Thursday (6th) - Kenya: We praise God and rejoice that we already own the land upon which to build CLC Kenya's permanent home outside of Nairobi. Please pray for His further provision so we can begin the first phase of construction. Thank you!

Friday (7th) - Mozambique: At the time of writing, there is still much civil unrest following the general elections held in October 2024. This affects every aspect of the ministry, not to mention the safety of our workers. Please pray for a proper nationwide resolution.

The Weekend (8th - 9th) - Sierra Leone: Please pray for our current staff, that they will remain in good health and keep their passion for the ministry in Sierra Leone. We have vacancies on the team, so please pray that when we advertise for new staff, we will receive applications from the right people to fill the specific posts.

Week 11 - (March 10th to 16th) ASIA

Monday (10th) - India: We are planning to hold a special sale at our headquarters in Chennai next month. Please pray for a positive response, fruitful engagement with visitors, and the establishment of new contacts through this event.

Tuesday (11th) - Indonesia: Please join us in asking God for the opportunity to publish influential children's books. May He guide us in selecting the right

ones that will be able to touch the lives of many children and bring them closer to Him.

Wednesday (12th) - Japan: Christian bookshops across Japan are facing significant challenges, so we ask for your prayers that churches and individual Christians will recognise the vital role of these bookshops in sharing God's Word. May there be a growing movement to support Christian bookshops, thereby ensuring their impact for generations to come.

Thursday (13th) - Myanmar: We thank God for His protection over our team and bookshops amidst the intense fighting of recent years. We are grateful for the ministries that continue to serve the people of Myanmar with His message of hope. Please join us in praying for His provision for every need and peace for the people of Myanmar.

Friday (14th) - Philippines: Please pray for God's anointing and guidance for CLC Philippines' newly elected National Director, Deedah Macinas. May she lead the ministry with wisdom and grace over the next four years.

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - South Korea: Please pray that, as the first semester begins this month, we will be able to distribute many books to theological seminaries across the country. Pray for health and stamina for our warehouse workers, so they may work efficiently and deliver books to universities and other places where they are needed.

Week 12 - (March 17th to 23rd) LATIN AMERICA

Monday (17th) - Chile: We give thanks for our annual conference this month, giving us the opportunity to elect our Board of directors for the next four years. Please pray for the future transfer of the baton of leadership and for a good transition process.

Tuesday (18th) - Colombia: This month we will have the opportunity to elect our National Director and members of the administrative committee. We pray for the Lord to guide our decisions and for those elected, that they will be able to serve with grace and ability for the next years.

Wednesday (19th) - Colombia: Please pray for our participation in the International Book Fair next month, when we will be present with two stands in different pavilions. We trust that it will be a good opportunity to introduce Christian literature to



people who do not usually have access to it.

Thursday (20th) - Ecuador: At the time of writing, we are in conversation with CLC Publishing in Colombia to conduct teaching sessions on the *Inextinguishable Lamp of the Covenant* as part of the History of Redemption series. We hope to achieve this in March in the cities of Quito and Guayaquil. Assuming that this will be confirmed, please pray for these sessions to be a blessing for many.

Friday (21st) - Ecuador: In the month of April we will be conducting a campaign for a special Book Day, in which we want to encourage reading, promote topics for families and offer several promotions. Please pray for the Lord to inspire us with His ideas and strategies for this campaign!

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - Mexico: Pray for all aspects of the re-modelling of our Distribution Centre, a large project which includes the installation of almost 300 m2 of flooring! We also plan to adapt the washrooms and the kitchen area, and to install a glass door at the main entrance to protect the area from dust and cold. Additionally, we need more bookcases, for exhibition and storage.

Week 13 - (March 24th to 30th) EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

Monday (24th) - Bulgaria: We have a great need for a new software programme for the bookshop. Please pray that we would find the best one for our needs and to be able to transfer our current database without problems.

Tuesday (25th) - Central Asia 1: In connection with the events taking place in the world, we ask you to pray for the continual safe delivery of books, Bibles and other products which our country usually receives from a neighbouring country.

Wednesday (26th) - Eastern Europe 1: One major concern is the future re-registration of the CLC mission, in line with an initiative to reduce the number of religious organisations in the country. Please join us in prayer for God's protection over the ministry. Pray for wisdom as we navigate the re-registration process and obtain the necessary publishing and trading licenses.

Thursday (27th) - France: On March 31st, we will have the annual inventory of stock in the ware-house and also in all 13 of our bookshops in France. Please pray that our teams may work efficiently

and accurately to get the job done!

Friday (28th) - Switzerland: Please pray for our upcoming office relocation, planned for spring 2025. We ask for a smooth and timely transition with minimal disruptions. Pray that the new space will be larger and more comfortable, as our current location is quite small. Thank you.

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - United Kingdom: In the first months of 2025, we are hoping to move into new offices in Eastbourne. This move holds out the exciting possibility of opening a bookshop on the premises, something that is very much on our hearts. Please pray for us to see this dream realised.

Week 14 - (March 31st to April 6th) NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Monday (31st) - Canada: We are undergoing both a digital transformation and a technological innovation to enable us to continue to support the mission of CLC in Canada. We ask for your prayers so that these projects unfold as they should, without disrupting our daily operations.

Tuesday (April 1st) - Canada: The ongoing changes mentioned yesterday require strong support for our workers, both in terms of training on the use of new tools and improving our customer service. Please pray for the Lord to grant our team the strength, wisdom, and insight to carry out our service with humility and excellence.

Wednesday (2nd) - Barbados: We thank God for His protection from extensive damage during last year's hurricane season. Please pray with us that we - and the other islands - may continue to experience His favour in 2025. We are also grateful for His financial provision as we continue to face many challenges.

Thursday (3rd) - Dominica: Praise the Lord with us for a growing number of requests for Bibles and literature in Spanish, Chinese, and Haitian on our island. Pray for wisdom and opportunities to enable us to grow in our mission, which is to help people come to faith and maturity in Christ Jesus.

Friday (4th) - Trinidad & Tobago: We give God thanks and praise for His faithfulness in always seeing us through our challenges. We thank Him for the opportunities He gives us to reach our community through book tables at churches and other venues. Please pray for more of these open doors



so that we may continue to serve our communities both inside and outside of our bookshops.

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - USA & The Caribbean: Planning for the CLC North America & The Caribbean Conference in June is now well on the way, having begun early in the year! Please pray for Jim Pitman as he coordinates this event, which will be held on the island of Trinidad. Pray for God's help and direction in all the final details, so that He will be honoured throughout.

Week 15 - (April 7th to 13th) AFRICA

Monday (7th) - Benin: Pray that we may build our customer base significantly in 2025, that customers from our previous location will find us at the new place and that we may gain many new ones also. Pray too, for a change in the spiritual atmosphere in our country, which claims to be the 'cradle of voodo', and for a positive change in our economy.

Tuesday (8th) - Burkina Faso: Sadly, the postal bag delivery service is no longer available between France and Africa. For many years, this was an economical way to send stock to CLC countries in West Africa. Currently, CLC France is generously paying our freight costs, so please pray that they can find an appropriate way of shipping that will not be too expensive for them.

Wednesday (9th) - Ivory Coast: We praise God for our new e-commerce platform, through which we hope to reach many more readers. Please pray for our publicity to be effective so that, indeed, we may provide more people with helpful Christian books and God's Word! Also, please pray for the right person to join Marie at the CLC shop in Bouaké, our second largest city.

Thursday (10th) - Kenya: We give glory to God for a dream come true for some of our African authors. This year, we will receive translations of three of our published books in French, Spanish, Italian and Korean, thanks to a successful collaboration with CLC in France, Colombia, Italy and South Korea respectively.

Friday (11th) - Mozambique: Please pray for a longterm solution to the issue of lack of foreign currency in the banks in our country, so that we can pay our overseas suppliers on time as we have always done in the past.

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Sierra Leone: We are grateful to God for our suppliers in the UK and the

USA, without whom we could not provide Bibles and good Christian literature for our customers! Please pray that this year's shipments will arrive without delays and at a reasonable cost, so that our bookshops will be well stocked with resources at affordable prices for our public.

Week 16 - (April 14th to 20th) ASIA

Monday (14th) - India: We give glory to God for our ongoing building construction work in Chennai, which began two years ago, in March 2023! Pray for God's continued provision and for the necessary funds to complete this project by this time next year, to His glory.

Tuesday (15th) - Indonesia: As part of our Children's Ministry, we aim to distribute parcels and booklets to orphanages, especially during Easter and Christmas. As we approach the Easter weekend, please pray that we may reach as many children as possible, sharing the love of Jesus and drawing them into His grace.

Wednesday (16th) - Myanmar: Praise God with us for the two children's Bibles that were published in the Burmese language through the special arrangement between the CLC Publishing Department at our International Office, and Copenhagen Publishers in Denmark. May these Bibles bear much lasting spiritual fruit!

Thursday (17th) - Philippines: In the face of high printing costs, we ask for prayer for wisdom in selecting the right books for publication by CLC Philippines. Also, we ask for discernment in the matter of our importations, that we may choose the best titles in the right quantities to serve our public well.

Friday (18th) - Good Friday: As we give thanks to God for the death of Jesus on the cross, we rejoice for all that this means for those who put their trust in Him for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of eternal life. Thanks be to God, for His indescribable gift!

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Easter Weekend: We praise God for the marvellous truth of the resurrection of Jesus! Because He lives, we live also! We know that many believers will share the Gospel message this weekend using outreach resources purchased through CLC in countries around the world. Please pray for many people to come to know Christ as Saviour this Easter weekend.



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Week 17 - (April 21st to 27th) EUROPE

Monday (21st) - Bulgaria: Please pray for our colleague, Ginka, whose husband passed away last year. May she continue to know God's comfort and renewal. Also, we are once more in need of a new worker, so please pray for God to send a dedicated person who will be able to serve with us full time.

Tuesday (22nd) - Cyprus: Our ongoing request is that the Lord will provide the right person who will carry on the CLC ministry in Cyprus in the future. Eva & Sotos Photiades are still serving in the bookshop even though they are well into retirement age, in the hope that they will be able to hand over to others. As well as praying, please help us to publicise this need by sharing it with others. Thank you!

Wednesday (23rd) - Eastern Europe 1: We are thankful to the Lord. He cares for the CLC ministry and provides for our daily needs. Although we do not have much money in our bank account, we always have enough to pay our bills and to live without significant debt. We are also thankful for good health and strong relationships among our team.

Thursday (24th) - Eastern Europe 2: We praise and thank the Lord for helping our tenants, a Christian family. He has strengthened them in time of trouble, healed their sickness and kept their coffee shop alive. They are a tremendous support to us!

Friday (25th) - France: From May 12th to 15th, we will host the CLC Francophone conference at a retreat centre in the south of France. We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from CLC Ivory Coast, Canada, Benin, and Burkina Faso. Please pray with us for all the logistics, such as visa authorisations, and for a very blessed time together.

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - United Kingdom: May is always a busy month for us. We will be serving at events with book tables and there are three significant church groupings that will have large conferences next month. Please pray that we will be able to serve our fellow believers with the resources they are looking for.

Week 18 - (April 28th to May 4th) LATIN AMERICA

Monday (28th) - **Colombia:** Please pray for our plans to open new bookshops! Pray for the purchase and adaptation of a new shop in Barranquilla (Colombia's fourth most populous city) and the purchase of a shop in the city of Bucaramanga (the ninth most populous, and the capital of the department of Santander). *Tuesday (29th) - Ecuador:* Next month, we will be celebrating Mothers! For this, we are planning some special promotions and a virtual card mailbox with dedications, photos and videos. Please pray that we can bless mothers with this initiative and promote Christian resources that will inspire them in their daily lives.

Wednesday (30th) - Mexico: We have the desire to open a new bookstore in Mexico City in 2025! Please pray for the Lord to guide us in everything. Pray for His financial provision, for a good place and for suitable personnel to serve in this new project. Thank you!

Thursday (May 1st) - Panama: Please pray for our construction project, CLC Plaza, in the city of David. We have had more challenges than expected and we pray for a divine intervention so that (a) the building plans can be approved and (b) we may find a suitable construction company to carry out the work.

Friday (2nd) - Peru: Due to national labour laws, CLC Peru has to pay 50% more in salaries in the month of May. Please join with us in asking the Lord for His provision, preferably though the money coming in from sales as this would indicate more Christian resources in the hands of more people, to the glory of God!

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Uruguay: Our prayer request is first for our team, that the Lord will help us to know Him more deeply and to better reflect His character. Secondly, we pray that He will enable us to expand our reach through the churches and schools we are able to visit, as well as through the individual customers who come to our bookshops.

Week 19 - (May 5th to 11th) NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

Monday (5th) - Canada: The Christian book market in Quebec is undergoing significant changes due to migration movements that have brought in many French-speaking Christians from Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean. This creates new opportunities for us to support these Christians in their journey and spiritual growth. Please pray for us in this.

Tuesday (6th) - Antigua: Please join with us in prayer for the health of our team, especially Cecilia who has been suffering difficulties with her thyroid, af-



fecting her health. Also pray that all our shipments will reach us safely this year and in a timely manner. At the time of writing, we are pursuing the whereabouts of some cargo that was unfortunately mislabelled. Thank you.

Wednesday (7th) - Barbados: We have a repeat prayer request that we may be able to finalise the purchase of the lot next door, in order to provide adequate parking for our customers and others, since parking is scarce in our downtown area.

Thursday (8th) - Dominica: Please pray for new and stronger relationships with publishers so we can meet the spiritual needs of people through a wider selection of Bibles, literature and other resources. Pray too for more efficient shipping and logistics as our stock inevitably comes from overseas.

Friday (9th) - United States: We are amazed at the generosity of a Foundation, reaching out to us with a desire to invest in ministries that spread the Gospel. We praise God for this unexpected partnership and for the grant funding that has been given for the ministry of CLC in this past year.

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - United States: We thank God for the longevity of service of so many of our team members. In this context, there are several scheduled staffing changes anticipated around this time. This most likely will include a combination of re-assignments and taking in new colleagues. Please join us in praying for this process.

Week 20 - (May 12th to 18th) AFRICA

Monday (12th) - Burkina Faso: We are grateful for the current project organised by CLC France, collecting used books for re-sale in some of their bookshops. Pray for these books to be a blessing for their customers and for the proceeds which will be given to us to help purchase new stock for our own customers.

Tuesday (13th) - Kenya: We are so thankful for the positive impact on young lives through our *Mama Africa Book Box* reading club. Please join us in asking God for provision of a ministry van so that we may expand the project even further.

Wednesday (14th) - Kenya: We are grateful to God and to CLC USA for the latter's sponsorship of awards in three categories of our annual African Christian Authors' Book Awards programme. This partnership has significantly elevated the impact of the programme. We pray that God will bless CLC USA for this generosity towards us.

Thursday (15th) - Mozambique: Our greatest joy is to distribute God's Word and we are privileged to have been able to print 30,000 low-cost Bibles so far. Please pray that we will have many opportunities to partner with organisations that can help us with getting these Bibles to those who need them. Pray that the seed will bear eternal fruit.

Friday (16th) - Mozambique: Due to the vast distances between our three shops (located in Maputo, Beira and Nampula), it is rare that our team members are able to see each other in person and some have not yet met each other. Please pray that it will possible for us to have a team conference this year, for fellowship, encouragement and training.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - Sierra Leone: Pray for the outreach programme in Bo City, that brother Matthew will receive invitations from local churches and other organisations requesting book tables at their events and services. We are grateful for Matthew's "ministry heart" for this type of work and for his many initiatives in spreading Gospel literature.

Week 21 - (May 19th to 25th) EUROPE

Monday (19th) - Cyprus: We have been very encouraged by the fresh desire we have seen in the younger generation to seek out truth and purpose in their lives. Please pray that many of these young people will come to know the Lord and deepen their relationship with Him.

Tuesday (20th) - Eastern Europe 1: We are so thankful to God that we did not suffer much during the periodic flooding in recent years, even though the last flood happened shortly after we finished our office renovations! Please pray for the Lord's continued protection over the CLC premises and for wisdom as it is possible that we will need to make further renovations.

Wednesday (21st) - Eastern Europe 2: We give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness to us in our trials. By His grace, our sales are more stable again; our online presence is growing and we are once again able to participate with booktables in conferences. We have learned not to take these blessings for granted.

Thursday (22nd) - Hungary: At the time of writing, we are in discussions about the possibility of merging one of our bookshops with another. Please pray for wisdom in this potentially long-term pro-



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cess. Also, please pray for God's guidance in choosing which should be our next titles for publishing.

Friday (23rd) - Italy: At the end of 2024, CLC Italy published two children's books on two important figures in the Christian world: C.S. Lewis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Please pray for a wide distribution of these books among all denominations, both Catholic and Protestant. Thank you.

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Netherlands: After 62 years of ministry in the Netherlands, CLC handed over our one remaining bookshop to another organisation. We are grateful to the Lord, for sustaining our ministry for several decades, allowing us to provide Bibles and Christian literature for many people. Please pray for the new Credo team as they continue in this precious ministry.

Week 22 - (May 26th to June 1st) LATIN AMERICA

Monday (26th) - Chile: Please join us in praying for new workers for the ministry, and that God will bless our current workers with good health, as there have been a number of serious health issues among our team.

Tuesday (27th) - Ecuador: Please join us in praying for a property for CLC Quito. The current property, which is leased, no longer has sufficient space for the operation of the bookshop, distribution department and offices. Although prices of properties in the area are very high, we trust that the Lord will open the way for us to find a suitable property for our needs.

Wednesday (28th) - Panama: Please pray for God's help and wisdom in the midst of the different challenges we face with the premises we are renting, mainly due to cost increases and the limited availability of parking spaces. Also pray for the health of our staff, as a number of them have been facing difficulties.

Thursday (29th) - Peru: As we approach the end of the fifth month of the year, we ask the Lord to continue guiding us in our plan to reach new customers this year for each of our bookshops. At the time of writing, we are already seeing an increase in the number of new customers and we are encouraged by this!

Friday (30th) - Venezuela: We are thankful for opportunities to form partnerships with other ministries, such as the Thompson Bible Seminary and

Ray Comfort's evangelistic ministry. Please pray for the strengthening of these relationships to the glory of God and for more such partnerships in the coming months.

The Weekend (31st - June 1st) - Venezuela: Please pray that the Lord will help us to continue buying books and Bibles from CLC Colombia and that we will find a simple way to make the international payments to them. Thank you.

Week 23 - (June 2nd to 8th) CANADA & EUROPE

Monday (2nd) - Central Asia 2: Our national director and her family plan to be overseas during the summer months, visiting family, friends and supporters. Please pray for a fruitful and blessed time for them, and also for the team who will continue the work without them during this period.

Tuesday (3rd) - Canada: Every year, we participate in the Montreal Christian Book and Arts Fair which is held in the second weekend of June. This event brings together authors from Quebec and beyond. As this year marks its 10th anniversary, we pray for a smooth event and that every visitor finds exactly what God intends for them.

Wednesday (4th) - Portugal: For many years, we have been blessed to participate in the annual book fair which takes place in Coimbra. This year is the 46th anniversary of the event, which is scheduled for June 20th - 29th. Please pray for our team and any volunteers, as these are long days - but very worthwhile!

Thursday (5th) - Romania: We thank God for His answer to our prayers for a new worker in the bookshop in Brasov. Please pray for Radu Arbanas, who felt called to work with Christian literature and who has joined our team.

Friday (6th) - Switzerland: Please pray for new ministry opportunities and connections across Switzerland, as we seeks partners who can support and help to expand our work. We would like to have a greater impact in sharing Christian literature with Italian speakers in Switzerland. Thank you.

The Weekend (7th - 8th) - United Kingdom: We are seeking to strategically move forward with our publishing and Print on Demand this year. The nature of printing and publishing has changed dramatically in the digital age, opening up new possibilities. Please pray that we will understand where the Lord is leading us.



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Week 24 - (June 9th to 15th) EUROPE

Monday (9th) - Central Asia 1: Our sales have continued to suffer due to a long-term distribution of large quantities of free Christian literature in our country. Please pray for us to know how to work with this situation.

Tuesday (10th) - Eastern Europe 2: Please pray for our team as we continue our struggle for the ministry in this city and in the country as a whole. Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection, wisdom and strength. We are grateful to Him, as we have seen that our country's conflict sparked an interest in the Bible - something that was even mentioned on the news. We praise Him that we have Bibles to sell to those who are searching.

Wednesday (11th) - Germany: Please pray for us in the everyday details, as we learn to balance our time between meaningful, and often listening, conversations with our customers, and the business workload. We depend on God's wisdom and guidance. Also pray for more good new Christian authors to arise, so that publishers can offer meaningful books.

Thursday (12th) - **Hungary:** In February this year, Zsolt Kárpáti took on the pastoral responsibility in his fellowship, which necessitated some rearrangement of the work in CLC to enable him to focus on his new responsibilities. Please pray for the best outworking of the situation, for both the church and CLC.

Friday (13th) - Italy: It has been increasingly difficult to have people visiting bookshops because of the growing tendency to use digital channels. Please pray therefore that God will continue to give us new ideas to attract believers to come and meet us in person, allowing us to establish a connection that goes beyond the digital.

The Weekend (14th - 15th) - Poland: We always would like prayer that God's Word will spread throughout the area and change many people's hearts. A current request for the ministry is that the Lord will be preparing a successor for when the current national director, Eva Rymer, retires in two years from now.

Week 25 - (June 16th to 22nd) ASIA

Monday (16th) - India: Please pray for newly elected General Secretary Jose Kombi Kunnath, as he works closely alongside the current General

Secretary for 12 months before taking up his new responsibilities. Pray for Justin Chellappan who will have occupied this post for the past eight years, that he will be able to pass the baton and know God's plans for his retirement next year.

Tuesday (17th) - *Pakistan:* Please pray for the bookshop in Karachi and for our team there, that the Lord will continue to watch over them. Pray for their health and stamina, and that there will be lasting spiritual fruit from the ministry.

Wednesday (18th) - *Philippines:* Please pray for the newly elected National Director for CLC Philippines, Deedah Macinas. May she know the Lord's help and guidance in her new responsibilities. Pray for excellent relationships with all the members of the team, in the various departments of retail, wholesale and publishing.

Thursday (19th) - South Korea: We are thankful to God for enabling us to serve the theological seminaries in South Korea through our publications ministry. Please pray that we may be on time with all our publishing manuscripts and that we may continue to maintain commercial quality standards, to the glory of God.

Friday (20th) - Thailand: For many years, CLC Thailand has been registered under a Christian umbrella organisation, for which we are grateful. Lately, the CLC Foundation has received government approval and steps are being taken to finalise this. This will bring more stability to the ministry and we are thankful for this long-desired development.

The Weekend (21st - 22nd) - Thailand: We are very thankful to the Lord for the new children's Bibles which we have received in collaboration with Copenhagen Publishing in Denmark, as part of the CLC Children's Bible Project. Please pray with us that these Bibles will be a huge blessing in thousands of families, inspiring a love for God in the lives of children and adults too!

Week 26 - (June 23rd to 29th) EUROPE

Monday (23rd) - Italy: Many Christian publishers in Italy struggle to adapt to commercial quality standards, especially with regard to eBooks. Please pray for all of us, that we may gain the favour of publishers and gather more understanding for the production and distribution of Christian eBooks in the Italian language.

Tuesday (24th) - Portugal: Please pray that we



may be able to have the book Homens sem Nom no Velho Testamento translated into English. We could then give the publishing rights to some of the CLC countries that are interested to have these rights to produce the book in their languages.

Wednesday (25th) - Romania: Please pray that we may fulfil all administrative and financial legal requirements without losing the efficiency in our work. So far, although we have succeeded in implementing various changes in order to comply with some new regulations, the process was complicated for us due to being unable to hire extra staff to deal with the necessary procedures.

Thursday (26th) - Romania: Please join us in praying for resources (both financial and human) to enable us to do much needed maintenance and repairs in our CLC buildings. Also, please pray for our publishing activities, since this is a very important part of our work.

Friday (27th) - United Kingdom: We have the opportunity to serve many language groups - but it is a complicated business! The world has come to the UK, and we want to help those who are reaching out to different language groups. Undoubtedly, Print on Demand is one of the solutions, so please pray for us as we seek to extend our reach with literature in different languages. Thank you.

The Weekend (28th - 29th) - Websites: Please pray for our CLC websites in Europe, and those who maintain and upgrade them. Pray that our online customers will be able to easily find what they need and that they will be blessed in knowing that in making their purchases from CLC, they are contributing to God's Kingdom work.

Week 27 - (June 30th to July 1st) WORLDWIDE

Monday (30th) - Everywhere: Many of our teams around the world are asking for prayer for the political and socio-economic situations in their countries, which directly impact on them and their families as well as upon the ministry in which they serve. Please pray especially for those in countries where there is unrest and where, at times, the lives of our staff may be in danger. Pray that their faith will remain strong.

Tuesday (July 1st) - Central Asia 2: Please pray that we would have a stable business to rent the other side of our property. Our current tenants are struggling with sales, bringing financial uncertainty both for them and for us.

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Francisco (Mozambique) & Carlos (Portugal)





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