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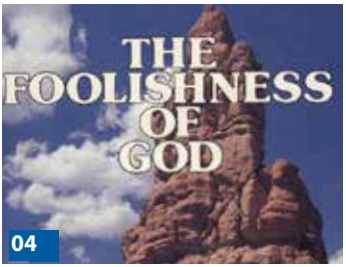

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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Carpe Diem – Seize the Day!

As CLC celebrates 85 years of ministry, I am reminded that this principle has been woven throughout our history.

Again and again, God has opened doors and faithful men and women have responded. Ken and Bessie Adams, CLC's founders, seized opportunities to serve individuals and churches through Christian literature. Through the decades, CLC has expanded into new countries, opened bookshops and warehouses, developed publishing ministries, trained leaders and found new ways to place God's Word into the hands of people around the world.

None of this was accomplished through human effort alone. The history of CLC is ultimately a testimony to God's faithfulness and guidance. When resources were limited, He provided. When obstacles appeared, He made a way forward. When courage was needed, He raised up people willing to step out in faith.

Today, we look back with gratitude for those whose vision, sacrifice, perseverance and faith helped shape the global CLC Fellowship. Yet we also look ahead with expectation. Across our 42 countries, there remain opportunities to serve churches, reach communities and make Christian literature available to those who need it most.

Carpe Diem! May we continue to seize the opportunities God places before us and trust Him to show His faithfulness.

To God be the glory.

Gary Chamberlin,
CLC International Director

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TESTIMONY

The Obstacle That Became a Global Vision

Ken Adams

An excerpt from "The Foolishness of God" written by Ken Adams

The first CLC bookshop nearly didn't happen.

In the late 1930s, Ken and Bessie Adams found themselves at a crossroads. They were willing to serve with WEC in East Anglia, but their bookshop in Colchester stood in the way. Should it be closed, sold, or handed over so they could move fully into mission work?

Ken later wrote:

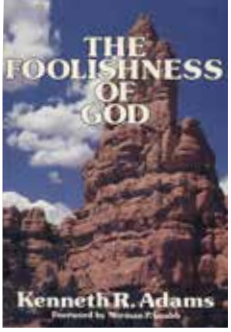
"We were willing to offer our services to WEC but we had a problem... the bookshop. We had no liberty to close it; we were willing to consider selling it or employ someone to carry the main responsibility, which would free us to travel throughout East Anglia in the interest of WEC."

When they shared this with WEC General Secretary Norman Grubb, his response was immediate and decisive: "Close it? Indeed not! We should have bookshops like this all over the country – a chain of Christian bookshops..."

What seemed like a practical obstacle quickly became a widening vision. As they prayed and thought and dreamed, the picture began to grow. Not just one bookshop, but many—across the British Isles and beyond—serving the Church through Christian literature.

Ken reflected on how that vision expanded:

The Adams family



The early days

"As we prayed and thought and dreamed, the vision kept enlarging. We could see not only a chain of bookshops across the British Isles, but a chain of bookstores throughout the English-speaking world... and even in other countries where English was widely used. And more, we could become a service agency for the literature needs of missionary societies and the national church around the world."

From this growing vision, a new work began to take shape. On 1 November 1941, the Christian literature organisation under the name Evangelical Publishing House was formally formed. Ken later recorded the simple but significant step of changing the bank account name from "The Bible Depot" to "The Evangelical Publishing House", with himself and Fred Whybrow as signatories.

"As we prayed and thought and dreamed, the vision kept enlarging."

Yet behind the administrative change lay something deeper. As Ken wrote, the work was ultimately not their own:

"We did not, of course, register with the bank the name of the true Proprietor, but to us and to the rest of our small team of workers, we fully and gladly recognised His Name to be the Lord Jesus Christ."

Bringing Hope Through Literature in Sulawesi, Indonesia

Children in Central Sulawesi hold Christian literature distributed by CLC Indonesia

by Donny Kairupan & CLC World Staff

The sound of worship filled the room as children's ministers from across North and Central Sulawesi gathered to encourage one another, pray and seek God's direction for the next generation.

For CLC Indonesia (YAKIN), this visit to Central Sulawesi was a precious opportunity to connect with ministry leaders from different denominations and share in a time of fellowship and encouragement. Together, we prayed for the children they serve and strengthened one another in the important work of pointing young hearts towards Christ.

During a special praise and worship event, we had the opportunity to pray personally for each child who attended. One by one, we lifted them to the Lord, giving thanks for their lives and the stories God is shaping.

This annual gathering has become a meaningful moment for children's ministers, and we pray that it will continue to be a source of blessing and encouragement for both those who serve and the children being reached.

As part of the visit, CLC Indonesia was also able to share hundreds of printed materials with teachers and children through special meetings. These resources were given with the hope that they would help children grow in faith, understand God's Word and mature in their relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The response was a great encouragement. Through conversations with children's ministry leaders, CLC Indonesia discovered a growing need for more Christian literature. Many expressed a desire for additional resources to support their ministries and help children encounter the truth of Scripture.

PLEASE PRAY that CLC Indonesia will be able to respond well to this opportunity—preparing, supplying and distributing materials so they are available when needed.

Every booklet placed into a child's hands carries the potential to plant a seed of faith. We thank God for the doors He is opening in Central Sulawesi and pray that these resources will continue to point many young lives towards Him.

CLC Indonesia team distributing literature

FEATURED STORY

Serving Together for 85 Years: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Mission

by Gary Chamberlin

This year, CLC International celebrates 85 years of God's faithfulness.

In 1941, during the uncertainty and hardship of the Second World War, Ken and Bessie Adams stepped out in faith to begin what would become Christian Literature Crusade (CLC). They believed deeply in the power of God's Word to transform lives and in the importance of making Christian literature available to people everywhere. With very limited resources but great trust in the Lord, they laid foundations that would eventually grow into an international ministry serving across many nations and cultures.

What began as a small ministry in wartime Britain has grown into a global movement serving in 42 countries around the world through bookshops, publishing, mentoring national authors, wholesale distribution, websites, conferences, bookmobiles and many other ministries. Over these 85 years, millions of Bibles, Christian books, evangelistic resources and children's materials have reached people in many languages and cultures.

Yet the story of CLC has never simply been about books. It has always been about people and about the Gospel.

Generation after generation, thousands of men and women have faithfully served in CLC—often sacrificially and quietly—as booksellers, warehouse workers, accountants, publishers, translators, managers, National Directors, trustees and volunteers. Through their dedication, humility, perseverance and passion for the Gospel, countless lives have been touched by the message of Christ.

Having visited CLC teams in many countries around the world, one of the things that has deeply impressed me is the number of CLC workers who have served faithfully for decades. Many have literally dedicated their lives to this ministry, embracing its mission, vision and core values with remarkable commitment. Their faithfulness, often unseen by others, has become one of the great strengths of CLC and part of the spiritual foundation on which the ministry continues to grow today.

At the same time, one of the great encouragements today is seeing many young men and women joining CLC around the world. They bring fresh energy, creativity, technical skills and a renewed

CLC International Office: (LtoR) Ivano Cramerotti, Gary Chamberlin, Hervé Lessous Sohee Yoo, Jim Pitman & David Pabón

passion for mission. As the world changes rapidly, this new generation is helping CLC engage new audiences through publishing, digital outreach, websites, social media, children's literature, special literature events and creative ministry opportunities.

Although CLC faces challenges in certain countries and regions of the world, we are also seeing significant growth and open doors in many places. CLC ministries across Latin America continue to expand, and the work in India is growing in remarkable ways. In the UK, wholesale distribution continues to grow steadily, and the exciting ReBible project has set a goal of distributing one million Bibles—particularly to younger generations who are searching spiritually and have a deep thirst to know the living God.

CLC's international fellowship also continues to grow stronger. Across cultures and continents, staff and volunteers support one another through prayer, financial partnership, training, encouragement and practical cooperation. This spirit of fellowship and shared mission remains one of CLC's greatest strengths and reflects the vision first established by Ken and Bessie Adams.

This 85th anniversary year also marks an important leadership transition. On July 1, Hervé Lessous from France will begin serving as CLC's new International Director. He follows a long line of faithful International Directors who have helped guide and strengthen the ministry through changing times—including Ken Adams, Bob Gerry, John Silk, Peter Horne, Idris Davies, Neil Wardrope, Gerardo Scalante and Gary Chamberlin.

Each leader served in a different historical context and faced different opportunities and challenges. Each brought unique gifts, personality, experience and leadership strengths entrusted to them by the Lord. Yet through every generation, the central vision of CLC has remained remarkably consistent: a passion to make Christian literature available so that lives may be transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The CLC core values of faith, holiness, sacrifice and fellowship remain the pillars on which the ministry still stands today.

Eighty-five years after its founding, the mission of CLC remains as important as ever. In a world filled with confusion, conflict, loneliness and spiritual hunger, God continues to use Christian literature and Scripture to bring hope, truth, encouragement and transformation.

As CLC International celebrates this milestone, we look back with deep gratitude and forward with renewed faith—trusting that the Lord who has guided CLC through the past 85 years will continue to lead in the years ahead.

To God be the glory.

Distributing literature in Papua New Guinea

2024 International Council attendees

2016 CLC European Publishing Training in the Netherlands

Investing in the Next Chapter of CLC's Global Ministry

by CLC World Staff

Jacob Mung & Gary Chamberlin hold a Burmese Bible

Children receiving Bibles through the Children's Bibles Project in Uganda

What will the next chapter of CLC's ministry look like?

Perhaps it will be a Burmese believer receiving a Bible amid civil war. Or a child in India opening God's Word for the first time. Or a Kenyan author being equipped to write for a new generation.

For 85 years, CLC has invested in projects that strengthen ministry for future generations. Today, CLC operates 123 bookshops and 18 warehouses in 43 countries, publishes thousands of books in 23 languages and develops publishing and distribution ministries that help make Christ known around the world.

As we celebrate God's faithfulness over these many years, we are also looking ahead. Four projects in particular are helping prepare CLC for the next decade of ministry and opening new doors for the Gospel.

The Myanmar Bible Project, under the leadership of National Director Jacob Mung, will publish 20,000 copies of the Bible in Burmese. Plans are being finalised for printing later this year. In a nation facing great uncertainty, many are searching for hope and stability in God's Word. Additional funds are still needed for shipping costs from our printer in South Korea so that these Bibles can reach those who need them most.

The Children's Bibles Project is another investment in the next generation. Already, more than 25,000 Children's Bibles have been published and distributed in various countries. In partnership with Tyndale Publishing, over 20,000 additional copies will be printed this summer. We pray that many young lives will be shaped by the truth of Scripture.

New well in Kenya

In Kenya, where the project is being overseen by National Director Mercy Omukhango, a new well is providing fresh water and the foundation of the **CLC Kenya Ministry Centre** has been completed. This faith project will provide a permanent base for ministry, support the growing publishing work in Africa and serve as a writers' retreat where African authors can be mentored and encouraged. Around £42,400 (US$57,000) is still needed to complete the next phase.

In Chennai, construction continues on the new **CLC–ELS India Building Project**. This four-storey facility will provide space for a large bookshop, offices, a conference room and expanded ministry activities. Approximately £118,000 (US$159,000) is still needed to complete the next phase of the project and position the work for continued growth and impact.

Behind each of these projects are real people—children, pastors, readers, authors and families whose lives may be transformed by God's Word.

As the Psalmist reminds us: "One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4, CSB).

If you would like to participate financially in one of these projects, please see page 23 for details.

Eighty-five years ago, others invested so that we could serve today. Now it is our turn to invest in the next generation.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity and partnership. Please join us in praying that the Lord will provide the remaining funds needed to bring these initiatives to completion and use them to advance His Kingdom. Thank you!

A moment of joy as refugee children receive Children's Bibles through the Children's Bibles Project

The nearly completed CLC–ELS India Building in Chennai

Passing the Baton, Continuing the Mission

From one season of leadership to the next

by Gary Chamberlin & Hervé Lessous

Hervé Lessous & Gary Chamberlin

CLC International is marking an important leadership transition in the life of the ministry this summer that we'd like to share with you.

On 1 July, Hervé Lessous will begin serving as CLC's next International Director. Hervé has written about his journey, his heart for the ministry and his vision as he steps into this new responsibility. As CLC enters a new season, we invite you to pray for him and for God's wisdom, guidance and blessing upon his leadership.

At the same time, on 30 June, Gary Chamberlin will complete almost five years of service as CLC's International Director. He is planning to continue serving as CLC International Consultant and focus on Special Projects. Gary looks back with gratitude on this season of leadership and reminds us that our roles are a stewardship entrusted to us for a time, and that our calling is to faithfully administer what God places into our hands.

We hope these personal reflections will encourage you, strengthen your prayers for CLC International and serve as a reminder of the privilege it is to serve together for God's glory.

Reflecting with Gary Chamberlin – CLC's Outgoing International Director.

Gary Chamberlin

As I complete my time serving as International Director of CLC at the end of June, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the CLC family around the world.

This year marks 31 years since I joined CLC and began managing the CLC bookshop in Torino, Italy. In time, I became European Director and, for almost five years, I have had the privilege of serving as International Director. Serving the Lord together with my CLC colleagues around the world has been one of the greatest honours of my life.

During those first days as International Director, the Lord placed on my heart a desire to strengthen one of our core values: Fellowship. This was reflected in the themes we embraced together—first, Stronger Together, and now Serving Together. We are stronger when we live and serve as one family across cultures, languages and continents.

Part of this has been encouraging us to support one another intentionally—both in prayer and financially. This spirit has always been part of CLC's DNA from the days of our founders, Ken and Bessie Adams. Countries with available resources have supported projects and stood alongside countries facing challenges and opportunities. We are not simply independent ministries, but one global fellowship.

During these years, I have had the privilege of visiting colleagues in many CLC countries and attending all of our regional conferences. I have also been encouraged by progress in global publishing through initiatives such as the Children's Bibles Project and Myanmar Bible Project, participation in ECPA Rights Fairs, publishing training, building projects and growth in our online presence.

But what I will remember most is not projects, it is my CLC colleagues. You serve with remarkable dedication, sacrifice and passion, and you have greatly inspired me.

I will long remember the smiles, conversations, prayers, shared meals and countless moments of fellowship that have made this journey such a privilege. As Paul wrote, "I thank my God every time I remember you…" (Philippians 1:3).

One lesson I take from this season is this: none of us owns the CLC ministry. We are stewards for a season. Our calling is not to hold on to our position, but to faithfully administer what God has placed into our hands and leave it stronger for those who follow.

Jesus said, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty." May we continue serving faithfully for His glory.

Hervé Lessous

Getting to Know Hervé Lessous – CLC's New International Director.

Hervé Lessous grew up in western France in a Catholic family. During his university years, he met Marie, who would later become his wife. At that stage, neither of them had a personal relationship with Christ. However, through a period of questioning and searching about faith and creation, Hervé gave his life to Christ in 1993. He and Marie married the following year.

Before joining CLC, Hervé spent 16 years working in the steel industry in Austria and France. He eventually became the manager of the French subsidiary of an international company. His responsibilities included leadership, strategic planning, financial oversight and frequent travel. Looking back, he recognises that God was using those experiences to prepare him for future ministry leadership.

Around 2001, Hervé and Marie sensed God calling them to serve Him more directly. After several years of prayer and waiting, they learned that CLC France was seeking a National Director. Following further prayer and discussions with CLC leaders, they believed God was opening the door and Hervé took on the role in 2008.

The early years brought significant challenges. Hervé had no background in bookselling or publishing and CLC France was facing serious financial difficulties. Difficult decisions had to be made, relationships with suppliers rebuilt and many aspects of the ministry restructured. Throughout this period, he witnessed God's faithfulness and guidance.

Family has played a vital role in this calling. Marie has supported the ministry through prayer, translation work, proofreading publications and practical help. Together, they have viewed ministry as a shared calling, with their children also participating in events and assisting with CLC book tables.

As he begins serving as International Director, Hervé is encouraged by seeing how God uses Christian literature to impact lives across cultures and nations. He desires to promote unity, fellowship, faithfulness and a continued commitment to CLC's mission of making Christian literature available around the world. He believes CLC must continue serving both locally and globally with vision and humility. A verse that has deeply shaped his life and leadership is John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches… because you can do nothing without me," reminding him that lasting fruitfulness comes from remaining close to Christ.

Pray with Us for the Next Season of CLC International.

For Hervé Lessous as he begins serving as International Director, that God would give him wisdom, strength and guidance as he steps into this new season of leadership.

For CLC International as we enter a new season, that we would continue to serve together in unity, support one another and remain faithful to the mission God has entrusted to us.

For Gary Chamberlin as he moves into a new role with the International Office, that God would guide him and continue to use his gifts in service of CLC's ministry.

Thank you for partnering with us!

(LtoR) Ivano Cramerotti, CLC Digital; Hervé Lessous, CLC International Director; Sohee Yoo, CLC Asia Regional Director; Jim Pitman, CLC North America & The Caribbean Regional Director; David Pabón, CLC Latin America Regional Director

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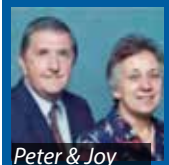
Bob & Dorothy Gerry

John & Marge Silk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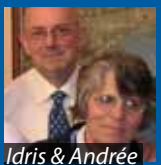
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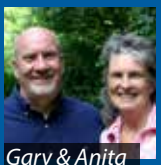
Gary & Anita Chamberlin

Hervé & Marie Lessous

Gary Chamberlin at the North America & The Caribbean Regional Meeting

CLC PRAYER FOCUS

July 6th - 12th

Week 28 - Various

Monday (6th) - International Director
Pray for Hervé Lessous, who took up the post of International Director on July 1st. Pray for him to settle into the role quickly and to be able to determine the priorities, given the many demands on his time.

Tuesday (7th) - Day of Prayer
Today, CLC has a special day of prayer that involves all our shops and departments. As part of this, the International Office has organised a Zoom fellowship meeting which will be attended by around 120 participants. These special days are held three times annually.

Wednesday (8th) - Cyprus
Please pray as we hold a book table today at a Christian children's camp in the mountains. For most attendees, it is the only opportunity they have to obtain Christian literature. Pray for strength and for safety as we travel.

Previous book table at a summer camp in Cyprus

Thursday (9th) - Philippines
We are expecting deliveries of imported books and Bibles this month. Please pray for the safe arrival of all of these and for an efficient customs procedure without extra costs.

Friday (10th) - France
Please pray for the various book stalls that will be set up throughout the summer that people may take this opportunity to spend time reading and recharging their spiritual batteries.

The Weekend (11th - 12th) - Mozambique
Pray for Sangara Mohalana and Milca, his bride-to-be, as they prepare for their wedding on July 25th. Sangara works in our bookshop in Nampula, in northern Mozambique, and is a graduate of the seminary in which the bookshop is located. May God bless this happy couple!

July 13th - 19th

Week 29 - Asia & Africa

Monday (13th) - Myanmar
Praise God that much progress has been made toward making the Burmese Bible Project a reality. Since September 2024, funds from many sources have helped produce 20,000 Bibles for Myanmar, where civil war continues to affect daily life.

Tuesday (14th) - Myanmar
Although more funds are needed due to high shipping costs, we are believing for a print run for Bibles in Burmese in August/September (see yesterday's prayer point). Please pray that these Bibles will be available in Myanmar by December 2026.

Wednesday (15th) - South Korea
Please pray for creative ideas and opportunities to promote CLC Korea's children's books during the upcoming VBS (Vacation Bible School) programmes in August so that many churches and families

may use them as meaningful gifts and resources for children.

Thursday (16th) - South Korea
Please pray for wisdom and strength for our staff as we continue publishing and distributing Christian books that faithfully share God's truth in Korea and beyond. Pray for smooth progress in translation, editing, design, and printing work for upcoming theological, Christian living, and children's books.

Friday (17th) - Mozambique
Please pray for this year's annual Fiel Conference from July 17th–19th in Maputo. Each year, CLC holds a significant book table at this event and helps with publicity and registration for the conference. Pray that this partnership may continue.

The Weekend (18th - 19th) - Africa Speaks
Please pray for the Africa Speaks trustees, including CLC's Liz Patten, as they arrive in Ivory Coast this weekend for meetings next week. Africa Speaks is a trust founded to encourage a flourishing Christian publishing ministry on the African continent.

July 20th - 26th

Week 30 - Romania

Monday (20th) - Forever Grateful
CLC Romania has experienced many struggles during its 35 years of existence but has also experienced God's help and providence throughout. Please praise Him with us and pray with us for His help in overcoming our many current challenges.

Tuesday (21st) - Economy
Currently, it is hard to see the way forward. One reason is the general economic situation in our country, which adds to the general crisis going on in the world that affects us as well. Pray for our national economy.

Wednesday (22nd) - Struggles
Pray for small businesses here (such as the CLC bookshops) as we struggle to pay the assigned percentage of taxes and to fulfil other government and legal requirements. Pray as we battle to survive and keep our two bookshops open.

Thursday (23rd) - Stability
Pray for the political and economic stability of our country as we face rising inflation, which increases the general cost of living for individuals and also the costs for our ministry, especially as our book selling is not very profitable.

Friday (24th) - Sales
Pray that we may know how to continue and increase our income, especially through sales. We have invested much into publishing (especially for children); this helped us greatly until others began to do the same but on a bigger scale.

The Weekend (25th - 26th) - Website
Pray for wisdom to find ways to improve our website to give us more orders and better sales. Also, please pray we can find better ways to improve the sales from our own publishing stock (see yesterday's point).

July 27th - August 2nd

Week 31 - West Africa

Monday (27th) - Benin
Pray for Emmanuel and Alex in the bookshop in Cotonou. Pray for ways to reach new customers to make the bookshop more viable. Pray for Adelaide, who recently left to reduce overheads, that God will continue to provide for her.

Tuesday (28th) - Burkina Faso
Praise the Lord with us for the help we receive from Dorcas, the daughter of our beloved former colleague Prosper Weda, through the promotion of our Bibles and books on TikTok. This has had a positive impact on our sales.

Wednesday (29th) - Burkina Faso
Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of Burkina Faso. During the rainy season*, terrorists often resume their activities because the lush vegetation

provides them with hiding places. (* May to October but mostly July to September).

Thursday (30th) - Ivory Coast
Praise God for a fruitful collaboration with CLC Burkina Faso, enabling us to purchase books, such as the highly valued annual devotional, "The Good Seed". Thanks to Luc in Ouagadougou, our 2027 edition order will be available in September 2026.

Friday (31st) - Ivory Coast
July and August are the months when we place our orders for the holiday season. Let us pray for wisdom and guidance in choosing uplifting and transformative books and beautiful children's items for the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays.

The Weekend (August 1st - 2nd) - Ivory Coast
Our sales have declined since the recent election crises, so please pray that our social media advertising will attract potential customers. Pray for innovative ideas to overcome the general decline in business activity and the high cost of living.

August 3rd - 9th

Week 32 - Europe

Monday (3rd) - Eastern Europe 1
Eugen, the husband of Aksana, the CLC National Director, suffered a stroke earlier this year at 43 years old. We thank God that he received timely medical care and is presently recovering, with God's help. Pray for Eugen and his family.

Tuesday (4th) - Hungary
Please pray for wisdom as we investigate the possibility of a merger with another Christian bookshop. Hervé Lessous, the new CLC International Director, is helping to guide us in this important matter.

Zsolt & Annamária Kárpáti at a book table event

Wednesday (5th) - Hungary
Please pray for our plans to produce new booklets for children with material written by our National Director, Annamária, and illustrated by her daughter, Anna. Pray that we can produce excellent gospel materials for different age groups.

Thursday (6th) - France
Please join us in thanksgiving for the new bookshop in Valence, which opened last month. Pray that it will be a blessing for many years to come.

Friday (7th) - Cyprus
Please pray for Eva and Sotos as they hold a book table in mid-August at a Christian family camp. Pray for their travel safety, meaningful conversations, new contacts, good sales, and that they will be a source of blessing and encouragement.

The Weekend (8th - 9th) - Italy
Please pray for our booksellers, who will need to carry out stocktaking during the summer. Pray that they may have clarity of mind and accuracy. Please also pray that each of them may have a refreshing time of holiday.

August 10th - 16th

Week 33 - Italy

Monday (10th) - Property for Sale
At the time of writing, we are looking for new premises for the Naples bookshop. Also, when we have the necessary documentation, we will be able to sell the current bookshop premises, which are located in a dangerous area.

Tuesday (11th) - Relocation
Following yesterday's point, please pray we can move to a nearby town that is easier to reach by car and by public transport. Pray that we may find premises that suit our needs and are large enough to host events.

Wednesday (12th) - International Leaders
Please pray for the International Director,

the Regional Directors, and the Digital Director (who is also the director for CLC Italy) as they meet today via Zoom. Pray for good fellowship and for wisdom and unity in decision-making.

Thursday (13th) - Social Media
We are currently working with an agency that is helping us develop a social media strategy to reach many more believers and nonbelievers across Italy. May God continue to use CLC to touch the lives of the Italian people.

Friday (14th) - Finances
Please pray for our financial situation in general. Summer is often a difficult time because of lower sales. Please pray that, despite the holiday season, many people will still choose to read and explore biblical topics more deeply.

The Weekend (15th - 16th) - Meetings
Please pray as we prepare for the meetings that will take place in the bookshops with authors or Christian professionals next month, that attendance may be high and that people may be edified.

August 17th - 23rd

Week 34 - Europe & Central Asia

Monday (17th) - Germany
Sadly, our bookshop in Germany closed at the beginning of the year, although the website still remains active. Pray for Valentin Schweigler as he works to complete all legal requirements relating to the closure before autumn this year.

Tuesday (18th) - Central Asia 1
Give thanks with us that here, CLC has a tenant paying good rent, bringing the operation close to break even. The tenant occupies the front of the shop while CLC operates from the back, which is considered safer.

Wednesday (19th) - Central Asia 1
The couple who have been working with us for many years have moved to another country, leaving us without staff. We are thankful for their dedication over a long period, so please pray for them as they relocate.

Thursday (20th) - Central Asia 1
As the couple working with us are moving (see yesterday's point), we need to quickly find an affordable manager or possibly close. CLC owns the property, which would then need to be sold. Please pray about this situation.

Friday (21st) - Central Asia 1
For many years, CLC has continued despite low sales, due partly to the distribution of free literature by another organisation. The Bible Society also operates in this country. Please pray for wisdom going forward, given the previous days' prayer points.

The Weekend (22nd - 23rd) - France
Please pray for our booksellers' conference taking place this weekend. It is always a time for sharing experiences and offering encouragement, so please pray that we may listen to the Lord regarding His work and the projects to be undertaken.

August 24th - 30th

Week 35 - The Caribbean

CLC Barbados bookshop

Monday (24th) - Barbados
Please pray for the members of our board as they need to quickly move forward with selling part or all of the CLC property to address debts and enable further purchases of stock if the ministry is to continue.

Tuesday (25th) - Dominica
Sadly, our Dominica shop closed earlier this year for economic reasons. We are thankful to Tajya Winston, who is courageously

continuing the work as a mobile tent ministry. Please pray for Tajya's good health, strength, and spiritual encouragement.

Wednesday (26th) - Trinidad & Tobago
We praise God for His faithfulness and His goodness to us. We had reached a very low point financially, but then a publisher generously donated over thirty cartons of Bibles and other books for our ministry. God is always on time!

Thursday (27th) - Trinidad & Tobago
In addition to the generous gift of stock we received from one publisher (see yesterday's point), we have also learnt that another stock donation is coming from a different source. Pray that through these gifts we may increase our income.

Friday (28th) - Antigua
Pray for Arah Martin and her team. Most Antiguans are Christian by background, but "complacency prevails in the face of serious spiritual and moral challenges" (Operation World). Pray for CLC to make a difference and impact the population.

The Weekend (29th - 30th) - Regional Director
Pray for our Regional Director, Jim Pitman, as he works closely with our teams on the Caribbean islands. Pray for good mutual understanding and strong relationships with the local boards as well. Thank God for Jim's fruitful USA connections.

August 31st - September 6th

Week 36 - South Korea

Monday (31st) - Staff
Pray for health, strength, and protection for the warehouse staff who prepare and ship books during the hot weather. Additionally, pray for spiritual encouragement and renewal for all the CLC Korea leadership and staff as they continue in ministry.

God's Colorful Kingdom

Tuesday (September 1st) - Publishing
Please pray for the Korean edition of "God's Colorful Kingdom", scheduled to arrive around mid-September, that the printing and shipping will go smoothly without delays. Pray that the books will safely arrive and be delivered to the warehouse on time.

Wednesday (2nd) - Textbook Orders
Please pray that many theological seminaries in Korea would continue to place textbook orders during the fall semester, and that the books would be delivered to seminary students on time.

Thursday (3rd) - Provision
Please pray for God's guidance and provision for all publishing projects, international partnerships, and foreign rights' communications connected with CLC Korea. Also pray that our new books would be used for God's kingdom and reach the right readers at the right time.

New solar system at Paju warehouse

Friday (4th) - Stewardship
Please pray for the newly installed solar power system at the Paju warehouse, that it may help support the ministry through stable operations, wise stewardship, and long-term financial efficiency.

The Weekend (5th - 6th) - International Office
Please pray for the in-person meeting of the International Office trustees, which is scheduled for around September 7th, in Sheffield, UK. Pray for Hervé Lessous, the new International Director, who will give his first report.

September 7th - 13th

Week 37 - Asia

Monday (7th) - Thailand
We thank God for His faithful provision during a difficult financial season. Due to war and economic slowdown, sales have decreased and cash flow has been challenging. Yet, whenever important bills needed to be paid, God always provided help at the right time.

Tuesday (8th) - Thailand
Please pray for the ongoing process

regarding the Silom building in Bangkok, currently under the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand. There is positive progress toward transferring the property to CLC Thailand. Pray that all legal and administrative procedures will go smoothly and be completed successfully.

Wednesday (9th) - Philippines
Please pray for our participation in the Manila International Book Fair from September 9th–13th. There will be thousands of titles from local and international publishers, with many exclusive discounts and special offers. Pray for fruitful encounters and many new contacts.

Thursday (10th) - India
Please continue to pray for our Chennai building project. Pray for further funding* and for the project to be completed with good workmanship and on time. Pray that once finished, this new centre will bring much glory to God. * At the time of writing, approx. $163,000 US is still required.

Friday (11th) - South Korea
Please pray for safe travels during the upcoming Korean Thanksgiving holiday (Chuseok), which begins on September 24th, and that the CLC Korea staff and their families will enjoy a season filled with thanksgiving, joy, and restful fellowship.

The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Regional Director

Sohee Yoo

Pray for our Regional Director, Sohee Yoo, as she works with our National Directors and their teams throughout the region. Pray that Sohee may know how to help them develop the work in their countries and have time to spend with family too.

September 14th - 20th

Week 38 - Africa

Monday (14th) - Mozambique
Please pray for Carlos Cunha (CLC Portugal) as he visits the team in Mozambique this week. Pray especially for Carlos and Francisco Macheque, CLC Maputo bookshop manager, as they travel to Beira and Nampula to spend time with team members there.

Tuesday (15th) - Mozambique
Continue to pray for Carlos and Francisco (see yesterday's prayer point) as they have important conversations about the ongoing partnership between CLC Portugal and Mozambique, and other relevant issues, such as the future accounting system for our bookshops in Maputo, Beira, and Nampula.

Wednesday (16th) - Mozambique
Please pray for this year's annual Fiel Conference, which takes place from September 22nd - 25th in Nampula, and especially for CLC worker Sangara Mohalana as he participates in this important gathering. Pray for spiritual blessing for him and for fruitful networking for CLC.

Thursday (17th) - Sierra Leone
This has been a very tough year for CLC Sierra Leone. Sales have declined, so we have had to reduce staff, and our premises at Circular Road have had repeated thefts and acts of vandalism. Please pray for a turnaround.

Friday (18th) - Sierra Leone
In addition to the problems described yesterday, we had to close our second bookshop in Freetown in July, due to unsustainable rent increases. Salamatu Bangura, the manageress, transferred to our Circular Road branch. Please pray for team consolidation as we move forward.

Salamatu Bangura

The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Sierra Leone
Following on from the past two days, but on a happier note, this year we are celebrating 60 years of CLC ministry in Sierra Leone. Please pray for wisdom as we plan anniversary celebrations for November and for successful fundraising.

September 21st - 27th

Week 39 - Latin America

Monday (21st) - Peru
Please pray for the CLC ministry in Peru, where we are struggling to break even. Pray for our team, who have been trying to increase our sales, including increased promotional activity through special discounts and the development of wholesale channels.

Tuesday (22nd) - Peru
Praise God for the support that has been graciously provided by CLC Colombia, CLC Chile, and CLC Mexico, through gifts of added inventory or finance. We are thankful for this "CLC core value" of fellowship being lived out in action.

Wednesday (23rd) - Peru
Pray for National Director Christian Farias and Regional Director David Pabón as they work together to grow the CLC ministry. In Peru, evangelical Christians make up 10–15% of the population, with the faith growing mainly in rural areas.

Thursday (24th) - Colombia
As part of their 50th anniversary celebrations, CLC Colombia will hold a special event for customers from September 24th–26th. Pray for a time of blessing, also at the staff meetings this weekend where most Regional Directors will be participating.

Friday (25th) - Venezuela
We are grateful to the Lord for helping us maintain good sales despite the economic instability and uncertainty in this country. We have also grown significantly in the digital market, particularly on Mercado Libre, where many people are buying.

The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Venezuela
Please pray that the Lord will continue to enable us to pay our suppliers in US dollars and also help us through the frequent power outages, which last up to six hours each day and greatly delay and complicate our processes.

September 28th - October 4th

Week 40 - International Office

Monday (28th) - Meetings
Please pray for the International Director, the Regional Directors, and the Digital Director as they meet in Bogota from September 28th–30th. Praise God for this opportunity to gather in person and pray that the time will be used wisely.

Tuesday (29th) - Administrator
Please pray for Petra Nemansky, who became the International Office Charity Administrator last year in addition to her responsibilities as a trustee and her involvement with the CLC ministry in Mozambique, for which she is currently the accounts person.

Wednesday (30th) - Communications
Please pray for Yaninna Scalante, who serves in the role of International Office Communications Coordinator. In addition to producing the CLC World magazine three times a year, Yaninna also collates the annual country reports and keeps our international website updated.

Thursday (October 1st) - Visits
Pray for the International Director, Hervé Lessous, and the Regional Director for Latin America, David Pabón, as they briefly visit Latin American countries at this time. Pray for health and stamina, and the building of good relationships with the teams.

Friday (2nd) - Publishing
Pray for Gary Chamberlin, who takes the lead in CLC International's publishing programme by encouraging our National Directors and facilitating various special projects. Pray for fruitful connections with non-CLC publishers about possibly working

with their titles, and for additional funding where needed.

The Weekend (3rd - 4th) - Publishing
Praise God for the growth of publishing across CLC countries. Each year, hundreds of new titles are published in multiple languages, including works by national authors. Pray that these Bibles, books, and children's Bibles will have an eternal impact on readers worldwide.

October 5th - 11th

Week 41 - Kenya

Monday (5th) - Celebration
We give thanks to God for Print-On-Demand as it celebrates 10 years of ministry, impact, and God's faithfulness in Eastern Africa. We are grateful for every author served, every book printed, and every testimony that has emerged through this journey.

Tuesday (6th) - Writers' Class
We thank God for all the writers who enrolled in this year's cohorts of the Kenyan Writers' Class and in the repeat classes in South Africa, Eswatini, and our newest addition, Botswana. We pray for more committed participants and fruitful learning experiences in these countries.

Wednesday (7th) - Teens Programme
We are grateful for the relaunch of the Purposeful Teens Programme, led by Abiah Omukhango under the Mama Africa Book Box programme. Pray that this programme will continually help teenagers discover purpose, grow in godly confidence, and become responsible young leaders who positively influence their generation.

Thursday (8th) - YouVersion
We thank God for the continued growth of the YouVersion* ministry outreach. We pray for even greater impact, wider open doors, and transformed lives as God's Word reaches more people across nations through this ministry. (*YouVersion is a free, global digital Bible platform).

Friday (9th) - Building Project
Please pray for CLC Kenya's ambitious project to build a centre outside of Nairobi for the purpose of long-term ministry, including a vision for workshops and retreats for authors. Construction of the foundation has begun, but much more funding is needed.

The Weekend (10th - 11th) - ACABA
Pray for preparations taking place for the ACABA* BookFest and Gala Awards for 2026, an annual CLC Kenya event that is scheduled in Nairobi on December 5th. The event will feature writers' graduations, exhibitions, and the awarding of top Christian titles across 10 categories.
* African Christian Authors' Book Awards

Writer programme 2025 graduates & Muthoni Omukhango (centre)

October 12th - 18th

Week 42 - Europe & Central Asia

Monday (12th) - Central Asia 2
Praise God that last year, we broke even due to rental income and increased sales, and we ask for prayer for a repeat of this in 2026. Also, we rejoice that we are now providing Bibles to be sold in a secular retail chain.

Tuesday (13th) - Italy
We ask for prayer for our coworkers in Italy, who from October onwards will face the busiest period of the year. Please pray for good sales of the daily Christian calendars, an effective evangelistic tool that churches use to bring the Scriptures into Italian homes.

Wednesday (14th) - United Kingdom
In this digital age, we are aware that having a face-to-face experience is still important. At the time of writing, we are investigating the possibility of taking over the Edinburgh branch of the Faith Mission Bookshop and

Coffee Shop. Pray for the future!

Thursday (15th) - United Kingdom
Pray for the effects of the "Quiet Revival" to be felt more evenly across the UK as many ask questions about the meaning of life, especially among the working classes and the younger generation. Pray that CLC will be able to serve these demographics with appropriate and helpful resources.

Friday (16th) - France
Please pray for the organisation and smooth running of the Des Livres & Vous (Books and You) book fair, taking place in Paris at the end of October and which will bring together many authors for discussions and book signings.

The Weekend (17th - 18th) - France
According to Operation World, less than 10% of the French population own a Bible and 80% have never handled one. Yet, Bible sales are at an all-time high, spurred by the spiritual hunger evident among many and the availability of inexpensive Bibles in various outlets. Pray for France!

October 19th - 25th

Week 43 - Various

Monday (19th) - South Korea
Please pray that God would continue to open new opportunities for Christian literature ministry in Korea and throughout Asia. Please pray, too, for children and families who read CLC Korea's books, that they would come to know God more deeply through biblical and Christ-centred literature.

Tuesday (20th) - Colombia
At the time of writing, we are praying for the renovation of our bookshop in Bucaramanga. The process has been delayed due to legal permits, but the plan is to begin the renovation as soon as possible. Please pray for a good outcome.

Wednesday (21st) - Peru
At the time of writing, we are looking for the right person to join our bookshop team in Lima. Please pray for all CLC vacancies worldwide, that the Lord will fill them with the ones He is calling to serve in this ministry.

Thursday (22nd) - Cyprus & Romania
For a long time, we have been looking to the Lord for new leaders in these two countries so that our dedicated workers may retire. We continue to wait on the Lord's timing and seek His guidance in this matter. Please pray for the future of our bookshops here.

Friday (23rd) - Digital Department
Please pray for our Digital Department as, in the light of current technological developments, CLC has concluded that significant changes will be necessary. Pray for those involved in the move to a more sustainable solution for future years.

The Weekend (24th - 25th) - Africa
Three of our six teams in Africa have had to reduce staffing levels this year due to financial constraints. Please pray that bookshop sales will be stronger throughout the region and that our teams will be blessed and encouraged as they serve.

October 26th - November 1st

Week 44 - Past, Present & Future

Monday (26th) - History
Praise God for retired CLC worker, Lewis Codington, who wrote a manuscript entitled "The Faithfulness of God" to update the CLC International history for the 80th anniversary in 2021. However, for various reasons, it was not published but further content has been added.

Tuesday (27th) - Publishing
Pray for the International Office as they seek to go ahead with plans to publish "The Faithfulness of God" (see yesterday's topic) in English and Spanish. Pray for excellent editing and an attractive cover design. Praise God for funds already available for this publication.

Wednesday (28th) - Ken & Bessie Adams
A children's book has been suggested about the life of Ken and Bessie Adams, who founded CLC in 1941 during WW2. Their story has already been an inspiration

to generations, and such a publication could also support broader visibility for the CLC ministry. Please pray for this.

Thursday (29th) - European Director
Pray for Hervé Lessous as he continues serving as CLC's European Director until next spring, alongside his new role as International Director. Pray for the preparations to elect a new European Director who will be able to oversee the 14 countries involved in this region.

Friday (30th) - Publishing Rights
Pray for Gary Chamberlin as he works with the Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association on plans for CLC's involvement in both the European and Asian rights fairs for next year.

The Weekend (31st - November 1st) - Regional Directors
Pray for the Regional Directors as they plan next year's travels and prepare their budgets for approval by the International Director and the trustees. Pray for wisdom in all of this and that they will be able to connect meaningfully with all the countries in their regions.

CLC NORTH AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN *REGIONAL MEETING*

Leaders from CLC's North America and Caribbean region gathered at CLC USA's headquarters in Philadelphia from 25–27 April for a time of fellowship, encouragement and renewed vision.

Hosted by CLC USA, the conference brought together delegates from across the Caribbean islands and North America, creating an opportunity to strengthen relationships, share insights and reflect on the future of the ministry across the region.

We praise God for this fruitful gathering and for the continued partnership of leaders who are faithfully serving their communities and carrying the message of hope through Christian literature.

Worship time

Jim Pitman, North America & The Caribbean Regional Director

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