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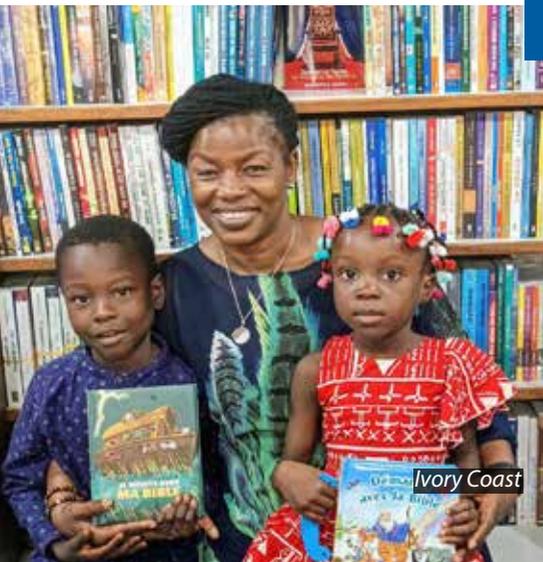
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## WELCOME TO THE CLC WORLD!



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**From Myanmar and India to Bulgaria and West Africa, CLC International is bringing God's Word to people in their heart language.**

By God's grace, CLC is active in 43 countries, where national teams faithfully distribute Bibles and quality Christian literature through bookshops, online stores, and wholesale networks. CLC is actively publishing Bibles and books in 23 languages to meet the spiritual needs of people in their own culture and context.

This edition of the **CLC World Magazine** highlights several important projects:

- The **printing of 20,000 Burmese-language Bibles** for Myanmar
- The **production of 50,000 Children's Bibles** in multiple languages
- A significant **building project in Chennai, India**

The need for spiritual truth remains urgent across the globe. CLC International is uniquely positioned to meet that need through dedicated, mission-driven teams.

### How You Can Help:

- **Pray** with us using the Prayer Focus section in this magazine.
- **Give** generously to one or more of these vital projects.

*100% of your donation goes directly to the project you choose.*

Thank you for partnering with CLC to share the life-changing power of God's Word around the world!

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## THE GIFT OF A MOMENT

*A testimony from Silvia  
Viola, CLC Italy*

It was a quiet afternoon in our Torino bookshop when she walked in — a woman unlike most of our usual visitors. Her long dreadlocks framed a thoughtful face; her presence felt grounded yet searching. She came straight to the counter and asked for something small, “A simple book about God,” she said.

“It’s for my father,” she explained. “He’s in the hospital. He never believed in God — not once in his life. But lately, I’ve seen him reading the Bible. I don’t know if it’s faith or just something to pass the time, but I want to help him find some peace.”

I led her to a little book that had brought comfort to many over the years: *Peace with God – The Secret of Happiness* by Billy Graham. She took one look and said, “Yes. This is it.”

With that book in hand, something inside her opened. She told me about her own spiritual journey, that she was Buddhist but deeply open. “I believe in something bigger,” she said, “and I think truth shows up in many ways.”

As she wandered through the shop, she began marveling over the children’s section. She was a teacher, she told me, and always on the lookout for good material. Her Catholic colleagues had been kind to her and she wanted to give them something they would appreciate.

She chose calendars with daily verses and little devotionals for kids. Before long, her arms were full.

As she came to the counter with her purchases, I felt a quiet nudge in my spirit — one I’ve learned not to ignore. I excused myself and walked to the back room, returning with a gift copy of *Death of a Guru*.

I returned just in time to hear her say, “You know... I love giving gifts to people. I really do. But sometimes it’s hard. I hardly ever get anything in return.”

In the perfect silence that followed, I held out the book and said, “Then this is for you. Since you’re always giving to others, today you get to receive. I hope that through the spirituality you seek, this book will speak to your heart — with the love and truth of Jesus.”

She froze. Her eyes welled with tears. “Really? For me?” When I nodded, something inside her broke free. She burst into tears, clutching the book to her chest. Unable to speak, she whispered a soft thank you, then hurried out the door, overwhelmed by the unexplainable beauty of it all.

Hours later, she came back — radiant. She had run into an old friend on the street, someone she hadn’t seen in years. Right there, outside the shop. “I had to bring her in,” she said. “This place... it’s full of something special.”

She picked out a calendar for her friend and hugged me, full of warmth and gratitude.

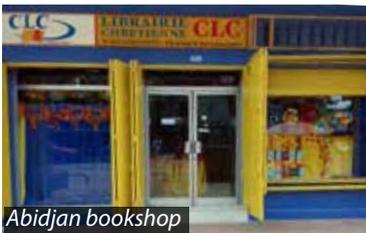
“I’ll be praying for you,” I said.

She looked at me, nodded, and smiled.

*We never know how God will work through a conversation, a small book, or a passing moment. But when we listen and offer what little we have in love, we become part of something eternal.*

## WORLDWIDE

### Expanding Access to Christian Literature



Abidjan bookshop

Our mission is to make Christian literature and resources available to all nations, and at times this calls for special measures to help bring that vision to life. One such initiative would be the establishment of a distribution centre in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This centre will serve as a strategic hub to expand the availability of Christian literature throughout the French-speaking countries of West Africa.

Meanwhile, our dedicated team in Kenya is prayerfully pursuing a vision for a new headquarters outside Nairobi, where land is more affordable and development opportunities are greater.

**PLEASE PRAY** for our teams as they seek the Lord's guidance in every step.

## FRANCOPHONE REGION



Francophone regional meeting

### Working Together

We are grateful to the Lord for the opportunity for our French-speaking National Directors from Benin, Canada (Québec), France, and Ivory Coast to meet in France recently. Sadly, Burkina Faso was unable to attend. It was a time of strategic planning and sharing.

**PLEASE PRAY** for expanded opportunities to grow our French-language distribution and publishing efforts. Almost all literature must be imported from France, a process that is both complex and costly. Pray for wisdom in seeking to establish a strategic warehouse in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, thus facilitating the efficient distribution of French books and Bibles throughout West Africa.



## BULGARIA

### 50,000 Children's Bibles Project

We are excited to share a glimpse of a special milestone — a book presentation event celebrating the launch of CLC Bulgaria's first-ever children's Bibles! As part of the 50,000 Children's Bibles Project, *Picture Bible for Little Ones* and *Bible Storybook for Starters* were the highlights of an evening filled with joy, inspiration and fellowship with people who share our hearts for bringing God's Word to young lives. This is just the beginning. More uplifting gatherings and new titles are on the horizon!

**PLEASE PRAY** that these children's Bibles will reach the hands of many families across Bulgaria, and that young hearts will be drawn to Jesus through His Word.

## DONATION PROJECT

# A Ray of Hope for the People of Myanmar

by Jacob Mung & CLC World Staff

In Myanmar, hope feels like a distant memory.

Following a devastating combination of political unrest, a global pandemic, and a powerful 7.7 magnitude earthquake, many in this nation have been left feeling broken, fearful, and uncertain of the future. Families are grieving, communities are struggling, and it seems as though darkness has settled over the land.

Yet in the midst of despair, **God's Word remains a beacon of hope.**

At CLC, our mission is to honour God by making Christian literature and resources available to all nations so that people everywhere can come to faith and maturity in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Myanmar, we are stepping into this mission with urgency and prayerful determination.

**Jacob Mung**, National Director of CLC Myanmar, is leading an initiative to bring the life-changing message of the Gospel to his people through the **distribution of Burmese Bibles.**

"The people are desperate. The future feels hopeless. But God's Word offers a hope that will never fail."

**The Vision: Reaching Hearts Through the Word of God**

Despite having over 100 ethnic groups and dialects, Burmese remains the official and most widely understood language in Myanmar, which is why our team is focusing their efforts on making Scripture available in Burmese, the language of



Burmese woman praying



schools, government, and media.

This Bible project includes two crucial components:

- **Printing 20,000 standard Burmese Bibles**
  - **Reprinting 10,000 copies of the Myanmar Study Bible**, the *first-ever* non-denominational Study Bible in Burmese.
- These Bibles are more than just books; they are the **living Word of God**, the only lasting source of peace and purpose for people surrounded by uncertainty.
- We are trusting God to allow printing to begin this year, with a major logistical effort to ship the Bibles into Myanmar via Thailand in 2026. With border restrictions, economic struggles, customs challenges, and transport costs, this will be one of the

most complex operations CLC Myanmar has undertaken.

### Why We Need You

The economic crisis in Myanmar means that raising funds locally is nearly impossible, yet the need has never been greater. **90% of the population still hasn't heard the Gospel.** This is a spiritual emergency.



*Non-denominational Burmese Study Bible*

We are inviting you to stand with us to help us cover the printing costs.

- A Burmese Bible costs just **£3.80 / \$5.00**
- A Burmese Study Bible costs **£12.66 / \$17.00**

Every gift—large or small—helps us place **God's Word into the hands of someone longing for light in the darkness.** Our prayer is that each believer who receives a Bible will become a messenger of hope in their community.

**This is more than a project. It is a lifeline.**

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us? Together, we can deliver the eternal hope of Jesus Christ to those who are desperate for truth, peace, and new life.

**Help us bring hope by providing Bibles for Myanmar.**

\*See page 27 to make a donation.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE



*The team, Eva & Sotos*

Is God stirring your heart for something more? CLC Cyprus needs you.

An opportunity has opened up to serve on the beautiful

island of Cyprus—a place where sunshine meets spiritual hunger.

At the heart of Nicosia, our CLC bookshop stands as the only evangelical Christian bookstore on the island, a vital lighthouse of hope and truth. Whether customers walk through the door, phone in, or visit [www.clccyprus.com](http://www.clccyprus.com), each connection is a chance to place the right book in the right hands at

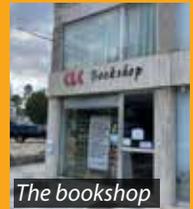
the right moment—and change a life for eternity.

But we can't do this alone. Eva & Sotos are close to retiring from their posts.

We are praying for someone to take up the

mantle; someone to manage the daily life of the bookshop, reach out to local churches and events, handle online orders, and help share our mission across social media platforms. English is commonly spoken, but a heart to learn Greek, or some knowledge already, is essential.

To learn more or express your interest, please contact CLC Europe's Director, Hervé Lessous, at [herve.lessous@clcfrance.com](mailto:herve.lessous@clcfrance.com).



*The bookshop*

## PROJECT UPDATE

# CLC - ELS Chennai Building Project

by Justin Chellappan & CLC World Staff

*Partner with us to complete a God-given vision in India.*

Our team in India is in the final stages of one of their most ambitious projects to date: the construction of a brand-new ministry building in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**, which began as a vision born out of both necessity and faith.

In 2016, after more than 65 years of ministry in the same rented building, our team at Evangelical Literature Service (ELS) Purasawalkam was asked to vacate the premises. It was a moment of uncertainty, but also of opportunity. The Lord stirred a thought in the heart of the National Director, **Justin Chellappan**: *What if we build our own space?*

By God's provision, a vacant lot previously gifted by ELS's founder was identified as the perfect location and in 2023 the construction began—by faith—despite not having full funding in place.

Today, we're almost there.

This **four-storey** building will serve as a powerful hub for Christian outreach in a country where 74.3% of the population practices Hinduism. The facility will include:

- A large 222 m<sup>2</sup> Christian bookstore and showroom
- Conference rooms for discipleship and ministry training
- Guest accommodations for visiting pastors, missionaries, and partners
- Ground-floor parking and other essential infrastructure.

Not only will this building allow us to expand our mission, but it will significantly



View of the almost completed structure



First floor rooms

reduce rental expenses, freeing up funds to further the work of ELS across India.

But to finish the work, **we need your help.**

Construction from the ground up brings many challenges and unexpected costs. With your support, we can complete this project by the end of 2025 and provide a lasting foundation for ministry in one of the world's most spiritually needy regions.

**Would you consider giving toward the Chennai Building Project?**

Your gift will help create a place where thousands can discover the truth of Jesus Christ through Christian literature, training, and connection with other believers.

Our team is praying that God will bless you a hundredfold for your generosity and your heart for His mission.

***\*To support this project, see page 27.***

## PROJECT UPDATE

# Bibles for Young Hearts: CLC Children's Bible Project

by Gary Chamberlin

While visiting CLC's bookshop in Chiang Mai, Thailand, I quickly realized that only a handful of children's Bibles were available in the Thai language.

This led to the launch of the CLC Children's Bible Project, with a clear goal: to provide affordable, age-appropriate Bibles for children in countries where such resources are scarce or unaffordable.

Children are naturally open to the Gospel—but only if they can access it in a way they understand. The project focuses on countries with small evangelical populations and limited printing resources, including Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, India, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Pakistan, Portugal, and Thailand.

The project offers Bibles appropriate for three key age groups:

- Ages 3–5: Vivid illustrations and simple storytelling.



- Ages 6–10: Captivating illustrations with more detailed stories for young readers.

- Ages 11+: Full-colour Bibles of about 250 pages, with deeper biblical content—often appreciated by adults as well.

Our vision is for each CLC country to have quantities of at least three different Bibles—one for each age group—available in their national language.

**Phase 1** saw 8,000 copies of *The Picture Bible* (for ages 5–10) distributed in India, Kenya, the Philippines, and Uganda.

**Phase 2** included 2,000 devotional Bibles

printed for children in the Philippines and 15,000 more for various age groups in Bulgaria, India, Italy, Mozambique, Myanmar, Poland, Romania, and Thailand. French-language Bibles are also being distributed in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Ivory Coast in West Africa.

**Phase 3** aims to translate and print 25,000 copies of *God's Colorful Kingdom Storybook Bible* (Tyndale), which features 31 Bible stories. Our goal is to make it available by mid-2026 in 12 languages for children aged 10–14 across 15 countries, including Ukraine.

Will you help CLC print at least 50,000 Children's Bibles—or even 100,000, as the Lord provides?

Each Bible costs \$2.50 to \$4.50 to print, excluding shipping. Every copy can impact entire families, as parents and grandparents often read along.

Your support helps put God's Word into young hands—and open hearts.

*\*See page 27 to make a donation.*



*Beninese children with the printed Children's Bibles*



*Martine Ouffoué and children at our Ivory Coast bookshop*



*Burmese child with a Children's Bible*



*"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

*- Matthew 19:14*

***Will you help us print 50,000 Children's Bibles ?***

*Your support helps put God's Word into young hands and open hearts.*





CLC Panama, Vista Hermosa bookshop

July 2nd - 6th

## Week 27 - Worldwide

### Wednesday (2nd) - Cyprus

This summer, we will have at least two opportunities to serve with book tables at Christian camps in the mountains. For most of those attending, it is their only opportunity to obtain Christian literature throughout the whole year. The first book table will be on July 9th, and the other, in the middle of August. Please pray for strength and stamina in preparing the books, for safety in travels and for new contacts. Above all, pray that the literature may be used by God to bless and to save those who will read it.

### Thursday (3rd) - South Korea

Most secondary schools in South Korea begin their summer vacation in mid-July, which is also when many churches hold their Vacation Bible School (VBS) programmes. With a growing number of children's books now available, we hope these books will be used as meaningful gifts for VBS participants and serve as tools to help children grow in their faith in God.



### Friday (4th) - South Korea

We are excited to release a new children's title, *A Day at the Beach*, by Audrey Spaulding, an ACABA\* award-winning book. We pray that this story will not only delight young readers but also inspire them to dream about writing their own books someday. \*African Christian Authors' Book Awards.

### The Weekend (5th - 6th) - Visas for Travel

CLC leaders often need to travel in order to participate in various conferences and other events, for the good of the ministry. Sadly, visas are sometimes denied, and this is always a cause for disappointment. Please pray that all CLC workers who need to travel this year will be able to do so and that they will have wisdom in knowing how to process their visa applications.

July 7th - 13th

## Week 28 - International Office



Petra Nemansky

### Monday (7th) - Administration Role

Please pray for Petra Nemansky who, since the beginning of the year, has been working two days each week in the role of Administrative Officer for the International Office. Pray that Petra will be blessed in carrying out her responsibilities, which include oversight of legal documentation and issues relating to Charity Commission compliance as well as correspondence and maintaining diverse historical records.



Phil Burnham

**Tuesday (8th) - Accounts Department**

Please pray for Phil Burnham who is working as the accountant for the International Office. While this is officially a post for one day per week, we are very grateful for Phil’s flexibility in attending to matters when necessary. Phil and his wife Jan worked in CLC for several decades prior to retirement, including a number of years in Spain. Jan was also a manager of the bookshop in Sheffield.

**Wednesday (9th) - Trustees**

Today, the trustees of the International Office will be meeting together via Zoom. Please pray especially for John Raby, the Chair, and for his fellow trustees, that they will have wisdom, understanding and unity as they meet to pray, discuss and make decisions concerning International Office charity matters.



Hervé Lessous

**Thursday (10th) - Travels**

Please pray for European Regional Director, Hervé Lessous, as he visits CLC Canada from July 10th - 12th. Hervé will have the opportunity to meet our team as he plans to visit our three bookshops and the warehouse. Hervé is also the Commercial Director for CLC France, and the relationship between the two countries is growing. Please pray for a worthwhile visit with the blessing of long-term results.

**Friday (11th) - Digital Department**

Please pray for Ivano, Cristi, Travis, Yohel and the other members of the growing Digital Department, that each one may do their part in serving the CLC ministry worldwide with functional retail websites. They enable us to fulfil our mission statement more widely in supplying Christian resources to those who are seeking to obtain them.

**The Weekend (12th - 13th) - Finance**

Financial support for the staff and regular activities of the International Office (IO) are largely provided through a voluntary contribution of a small percentage of each country’s global sales. The IO is thankful for all the CLC countries who have faithfully contributed over the years, thereby enabling vital IO support work to take place. As costs inevitably increase, please pray that the IO continues to receive adequate funds for this to continue.

July 14th - 20th

**Week 29 - Latin America**

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**Monday (14th) - Latin America Regional Meeting**

Please pray for all the delegates attending the Latin American Regional Leaders’ Meeting that will be held from July 14th - 18th in Panama City. This event will provide opportunities for colleagues to reconnect, recommit and refresh their mission focus and vision. Pray for David Pábon, Regional Director for Latin America, and for special guests Gary Chamberlin (International Director) and Hervé Lessous (European Director).

**Tuesday (15th) - Colombia**

At the time of writing, we are getting closer to the opening of a new bookstore that is currently being remodelled in Barranquilla, the capital of Colombia’s Atlántico Department. Barranquilla is an important seaport belonging to the Caribbean region and has a population in excess of two million. Please pray that the new bookshop will be a great blessing for many people in this city and for many years to come.

**Wednesday (16th) - Ecuador**

Please join us in giving thanks for the ministry in Guayaquil and also that the Lord has protected us in an area where there are many robberies and extortions of various kinds. Please pray for the continued safety and protection of our team, especially as some of them will travel in the coming months, taking the ministry van (bookmobile) to the following cities: Vinces, Quevedo, Babahoyo and Milagro.

**Thursday (17th) - Ecuador**

Our team in the city of Manta is thankful for God's protection in their city, both of themselves and the bookstore. They request that the Lord continues to keep them safe and that He will help them as they visit different churches in the coming months, presenting some of the Bibles and Christian books available and sharing about the work of CLC.

**Friday (18th) - Venezuela**

Please pray for our team in Venezuela, that they may be able to continue the CLC ministry without any problems with the authorities. Recently, the number of restrictions on selling has increased, and new levels of taxation have had an impact on our finances. Also, please continue to pray for the country, which is still in a state of very strong economic recession and political and social crises.

**The Weekend (19th - 20th) - Uruguay**

The team in Uruguay is thankful that, every day, many come to the bookshop seeking more than books. They shared: "Some are looking for advice, others need guidance or knowledge, and we are always surprised at how the Lord uses us, despite our limitations! Recently, we had the opportunity to help an elderly and unwell woman to find shelter for her son. She was very worried and sad about his situation, but after several conversations with our staff, she found the courage and the means to take her son to a safe place".

July 21st - 27th

**Week 30 - Africa****Monday (21st) - Burkina Faso**

In the midst of continuing unrest and hostilities, we thank God for protecting Luc and his family. Luc shares: "At the beginning of each new month, I kneel before the Lord and declare the month a new month of miracles from Him. So far, He has been faithful, and I believe He will continue to be so, according to His goodness and mercy". We praise God for protecting the bookshop and sustaining the CLC ministry.

**Tuesday (22nd) - Burkina Faso**

The situation with terrorism and jihadism is still worrying. This security crisis is impacting all aspects of life in the country, and we feel the impact, with low sales having become the norm due to the current lack of purchasing power. Nonetheless, we put our trust in the Lord. Please pray for an end to the terrorist activity and for lasting peace to prevail in the country.

**Wednesday (23rd) - Benin**

We thank God for our bookshop relocation, which took place approximately a year ago. We are now in a quieter street and a place that is appreciated by our customers, who are continuing to find us. Please pray that we may grow our customer base and our sales in the new location. Pray for inspiration for Adelaide who manages our social media accounts.

**Thursday (24th) - Kenya**

After 18 years of renting, CLC Kenya is finally moving to its own premises in Nairobi's

outskirts this August. We thank God that the land has been fully paid for and the ground breaking has been done. Stand with us in prayer as we trust God for the full provision to develop the project.

**Friday (25th) - Ivory Coast**

At the time of writing, we are awaiting delivery of an order for various theological books from France. These will help us to run a bookstand at a large convention in Soubré, a town in the south-west of the country, next month (August 12th - 16th).



Marie and Martine

**The Weekend (26th - 27th) - Ivory Coast**

We thank God for His grace that rested upon the conference of French-speaking CLCs held in May in France. Prior to the conference, we (Martine and Marie) were able to participate in *La Place*, an annual event in Paris for evangelical believers. There we could reconnect with several Christian publishers, which will be a great help for CLC's ministry in Ivory Coast.

July 28th - August 3rd

**Week 31 - Asia**

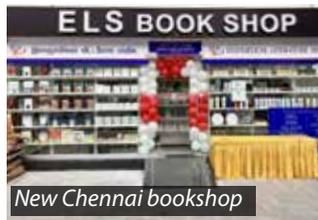
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**Monday (28th) - Pakistan**

Please pray that we will have sufficient funding to be able to purchase large quantities of resources in the Urdu language, especially Bibles. Pray, too, for God's help in the obtaining of printing rights and funding to publish song books in Urdu as well as desired book titles, especially those from the Derek Prince Ministry.

**Tuesday (29th) - Pakistan**

Please continue to pray for financial provision for the various projects we would love to achieve, such as repairs and improvements to our bookshop in Karachi. We would also like to be able to design, host and maintain a website for our bookshop, in order to reach the public at large. Additionally, it would be helpful to hire a security guard for our bookshop, due to ongoing security concerns.



New Chennai bookshop

**Wednesday (30th) - India**

By the grace of God, on May 14th this year, we opened a new bookstore on the compound of the YMCA in Chennai. Please pray that this new bookstore would be a great blessing to the many visitors and others in the coming days, weeks, months and years! Also, please pray for even more new avenues for the ministry in our vast and beautiful country.



Jacob and his wife Sandar

**Thursday (31st) - India**

Please pray for the financial provision still needed to complete the ongoing building construction in Chennai, which will serve as a multi-purpose centre for ELS (CLC) India. We praise the Lord for all He has so far supplied and trust Him for what is yet to come in this faith adventure!

**Friday (August 1st) - Myanmar**

Please continue to pray for Jacob Mung, his team and all their families as they seek to bless their country through Christian publishing and bookshops. Pray for health, stamina and provision of the needs for their lives and for

the ministry despite the very difficult conditions caused by the ongoing civil war. Pray that many will find Christ through CLC Myanmar.

### ***The Weekend (2nd - 3rd) - Asia Regional Meeting***

From September 5th–7th, we will be holding the Asia Regional Conference in Bangkok at the Christian Guest House. We are expecting the participation of all our National Directors and key leaders from across the region and elsewhere. Please pray for the final preparations for this important gathering, and especially for Sohee Yoo (Asia Regional Director) and Ken and Amanda Intajuk (CLC Thailand, our hosts).

August 4th - 10th

## ***Week 32 - Latin America***

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### ***Monday (4th) - Chile***

We are thankful for a recent opportunity to hold a training meeting for booksellers, colporteurs and CLC staff. The event took place with the valued support of one of our suppliers and the participation of Cuban Christian author, Wendy Bello. Please pray for lasting effectiveness from the occasion, which was in July.

### ***Tuesday (5th) - Chile***

Please pray for a new worker for our bookshop in Santiago, since one of our workers who has been with us for several years is leaving us in order to fulfil his pastoral calling.

### ***Wednesday (6th) - Chile***

Please pray for our special training seminar for Sunday School teachers, which we will take to Santiago and Concepción later this month. We are grateful for the support of one of our suppliers for this event, which we pray will bring much encouragement and yield lasting fruit.

### ***Thursday (7th) - Uruguay***

We are thankful for the good feedback we receive from those who follow us on social media and the many positive comments we receive. Please pray for our team members who engage in this part of the work, always seeking to generate interesting content for our followers. Pray that the Lord will strengthen us to carry out all our activities in ways that please Him.

### ***Friday (8th) - Ecuador***

Please continue to pray for the CLC ministry in the city of Cuenca, which is the capital of the province of Azuay. We need to find a new location for our bookshop, one that has more space at the front and more security. In the meantime, we are dealing with various challenges at our current place, including a recent partial roof collapse that came as a result of a water leak.

### ***The Weekend (9th - 10th) - Colombia***

On 10th August, CLC Colombia will participate in the “Right to Educate Our Children” by promoting our own publication, which is entitled *In Defence of the Faith of our Children*. Please pray that this book will be of help and encouragement to many Christian parents and others who are involved in communicating the Christian faith to the younger generation.



Cuenca bookshop

August 11th - 17th

## **Week 33 - Europe**

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### **Monday (11th) - Germany**

Please pray for a young Muslim man who had a dream about Jesus and subsequently came to our bookshop after finding information about us on Tiktok! He now attends a church where he is planning to be baptised - after reading about baptism in his Bible! Pray that this man will go from strength to strength in his new-found faith in Jesus as his Saviour and Lord.

### **Tuesday (12th) - United Kingdom**

Please join us in thanking God for our Print-on-Demand department at Sandycroft, near Chester. As the word spreads among Christian publishers about what we can offer, there is a growth in interest and therefore an increase in opportunities to serve. At the time of writing, it has just been agreed that we will print books for two more well-known UK Christian publishers. We praise God for these new doors that are opening for us.

### **Wednesday (13th) - France**

We are thankful for the opportunities to participate with our books in numerous trade fairs and camps during the summer months. Please pray for strength and stamina for these activities, for good conversations and contacts. Pray also for lasting spiritual fruits from our endeavours.

### **Thursday (14th) - France**

At the time of writing, we are searching for a new premises for our bookshop in Valence. Please pray that the Lord will guide us to the right place and also that He will bring to us the new staff member who will be needed there. Please pray that our customers and visitors will experience all our bookshops as a place of peace and fellowship.

### **Friday (15th) - United Kingdom**

At the time of writing, the refurbishment of the new office and bookshop in Eastbourne is making progress! Please pray for the ongoing work and the practical considerations involved but, more importantly, that this will be a place where people can find resources to help them in their spiritual walk. Our desire is for God's peace and presence to be in that place.

### **The Weekend (16th - 17th) - Italy**

Please pray for Ivano Cramerotti, who took on the role of CLC Digital Director last year, which involves managing a growing team of technical people who are responsible for the CLC retail websites. Ivano has many responsibilities as he is also the director for CLC Italy, a husband and a father. Pray that he will have sufficient health, strength and grace for all of this.

August 18th - 24th

## **Week 34 - International Office**

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### **Monday (18th) - International Director**

Gary Chamberlin, the CLC International Director, has several overseas visits still planned for the last few months of the year. Please pray for good health and stamina, and that he may be an encouragement to all with whom he interacts. Gary is also the Director

of CLC Global Publishing, so please pray that he will know how best to guide our global publishing teams.

### ***Tuesday (19th) - Asia Regional Director***

Please pray for Sohee Yoo as she hosts guests from one of our major publishers from the USA next week. These publishers will be visiting South Korea to attend KCRF\*, in which CLC Korea will also participate. Please pray that they will be led to choose the best titles to publish and connect with the right representatives at the Fair, fostering fruitful and inspiring partnerships. \* Korean Christian Rights Fair (August 28th & 29th)

### ***Wednesday (20th) - Europe Regional Director***

Please pray for Hervé Lessous as he prepares to lead the CLC European Conference next month in the south of France. Pray for any final details that still need to be organised and that there will be no last-minute stress! Pray for good time management skills so that he may be effective in each of his several responsibilities, including the role of Commercial Director at CLC France and oversight of CLC francophone Africa.

### ***Thursday (21st) - Latin America Regional Director***

Please pray for David Pabón as he seeks to guide and encourage the teams in the eight CLC countries in the Latin American region. David is the National Director for Colombia, which is an extensive operation with 11 bookshops, a publishing department, a warehouse, mobile ministry and a social foundation. Pray that David may wisely divide his time between all these commitments.

### ***Friday (22nd) - North America & The Caribbean Regional Director***

Please pray for Jim Pitman, who asks for “wisdom and insight as I strive to listen to God’s direction for our region. Pray that I will be obedient and courageous to follow His direction when I hear it. Pray that, as a region, we will be good stewards of our people, time and resources”. Pray, too, for Jim and his family as Jim’s father passed away earlier this year.

### ***The Weekend (23rd - 24th) - Africa***

Currently, there is no Regional Director serving Africa, but different IO members are involved in supporting our teams in the various countries. Please pray for Hervé Lessous (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire), Gary Chamberlin (Kenya), Liz Patten (Mozambique, Sierra Leone), Petra Nemansky (Mozambique) and David Scouler (Sierra Leone), that they may be a true source of encouragement and help.

August 25th - 31st

## ***Week 35 - Sierra Leone***

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### ***Monday (25th) - Director***

Please pray for David Scouler, National Director for CLC Sierra Leone. David, who has worked with WEC and CLC in many countries, travels twice yearly to Sierra Leone to spend time with the local team. Pray that he will arrive safely in Freetown this week, together with his luggage, which always contains much-needed equipment for the team.



David Scouler & a keke driver in Sierra Leone

### ***Tuesday (26th) - Transition***

After several years of supporting the team in Sierra Leone, David Scouler plans to step aside in March 2026. It is hoped there will be candidates available for interview this week, to fulfil his role next year. The Director is key to the success of the ministry, so please pray for this very crucial matter and that the right person may be found.



### ***Wednesday (27th) - New Generator***

We give thanks to the Lord for the provision of a new and modern generator for our offices in Freetown earlier this year. We are especially grateful to CLC USA for their support in helping us to purchase this very necessary item. Given that there were several attempts at vandalism in the compound last year, please pray for God's protection for this very important piece of equipment.

### ***Thursday (28th) - Staff***

Please pray for a full staff complement for our three shops, which have suffered various losses this year with two staff leaving and another having suffered serious health issues. Pray for full health and healing for those who are unwell and for new and qualified staff to join the team. We are thankful for a new book keeper, Jane Naomi, and we pray for God's help for her in bringing the accounts up to date.

### ***Friday (29th) - Property Rentals***

We are blessed to own a number of properties that help to sustain the ministry by bringing in rent. However, the rapid depreciation due to tough external conditions presents a significant challenge requiring time and money as well as relevant skills and experience. Please pray for someone on the ground who can take on this responsibility. Also pray for good relationships with all our tenants, both domestic and commercial.

### ***The Weekend (30th - 31st) - Advisory Board***

We are grateful for the support, advice and local insights provided by our Advisory Board. It comprises five people, including two pastors, one full-time Christian ministry worker, one lawyer and one IT business trainer! Please pray that they will be both effective and blessed in their involvement with us.

September 1st - 7th

## ***Week 36 - Publishing***

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### ***Monday (September 1st) - Foreign Language Rights Fair***

Please pray for the Foreign Language Rights Fair, organised by CLC International Office in partnership with ECPA\*, and taking place in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 1st - 2nd. Various CLC publishing teams from Asia will join other regional and international publishers to evaluate a wide range of new titles for publishing. \* Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association.

### ***Tuesday (2nd) - Foreign Language Rights Fair***

Please pray for the second day of the event mentioned yesterday, which will hopefully result in new and helpful publications in several different languages, including Burmese, Chinese, Indonesian and Thai. Please pray that this important event will be fruitful and that it will result in strong, lasting partnerships and publishing opportunities for all involved.

### ***Wednesday (3rd) - CLC Publishing Training***

From September 3rd - 4th, a Publishing Training conference specifically designed for staff from the CLC Asian countries will take place. Please pray that the seminars will be both effective and encouraging, and that new collaborative opportunities for publishing quality Christian books will emerge.

### ***Thursday (4th) - Children's Bible Project***

Please continue to pray for our project to print 50,000 Children's Bibles in multiple languages.

These Bibles are intended for countries where Children's Bibles are either extremely scarce or prohibitively expensive due to importation costs. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide funds for this vital project, which is already transforming the lives of thousands of children. See page 9 for more information.

### **Friday (5th) - Eastern Europe 1**

We are preparing to publish the book, *Love Thy Body*, by Nancy Pearcey, a former agnostic who is now a Christian. This project has not been easy, but we hope that it will be helpful for many people, both believers and otherwise, as they seek answers to difficult questions surrounding issues of sexuality. Please pray that the content will enable readers to more clearly understand the Creator's plan in these areas.



Nancy Pearcey

### **The Weekend (6th - 7th) - India**



Mark oversees  
ELS Publications

Please pray for our ELS publications team. At the time of writing, they are engaged in publishing a Bible commentary on the Psalms in the Tamil language. Pray that this book will be a great blessing and that it will be used by God to open up the Scriptures for many.

September 8th - 14th

## **Week 37 - Europe**

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### **Monday (8th) - France**

This month, we are welcoming 12 young people into our bookshops for the purpose of engaging in community service. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to have an experience in missions work, so please pray that for each one, this will be a very positive time as well as a blessing for CLC France!

### **Tuesday (9th) - Portugal**

Please pray that we will be ready in time this month with sending the files for our two new CLC Portugal publications (which will both be children's titles) and that the printing processes will go well and accurately. Pray, too, that the ones we have chosen will be a great blessing once the books are finally released. Also, please give thanks with us for the return of team member Patricia, following her maternity leave.

### **Wednesday (10th) - Germany**

At the end of May, a young lady came to our bookshop and engaged in a long conversation about the Christian faith. At the end of this, she purchased a Bible and (since she was aware that another faith forbids carrying the holy book below the hips), she asked the question: "To what must I pay special attention?" She was happy when I told her that for Christians, the most important thing is to keep our hearts right before God. We have many such encounters, for which we are very thankful.

### **Thursday (11th) - Cyprus**

In May, we hosted a couple from Sri Lanka who were here on holiday. The husband told us how he used to be a Buddhist living and studying in Cyprus, and how the CLC bookshop was instrumental in him coming to know the Lord and receive His salvation. He is now married with two adult children who also follow Christ. What an encouragement to know

that the bookshop ministry is so meaningful and worthwhile.

### **Friday (12th) - Cyprus**

CLC is urgently looking for someone (or two people) who could manage the bookshop in Nicosia. Eva and Sotos Photiades have faithfully served in the shop for many years and, by now, they are well into their retirement season. They continue to minister each day because, so far, we have not succeeded in finding their replacements. Please pray for this urgent staffing need and that the bookshop may be able to continue for many more years on the beautiful island of Cyprus.



### **The Weekend (13th - 14th) - France**

Please pray for our annual team conference, which will take place from September 16th - 18th at the headquarters in Montélimar. Pray that this will be a time of refreshment, inspiration and renewal for each one who will participate. Pray especially for Ollivier Queruel, the National Director, as he leads this time away together.

September 15th - 21st

## **Week 38 - Latin America**

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### **Monday (15th) - Chile**

Edgardo Roldan, National Director for CLC Chile, is requesting prayer for the various visits made by his team each year to different congregations during the month of September, which is the Month of the Bible. Edgardo writes: "May the Lord be glorified and surprise us with the distribution of His Word".

### **Tuesday (16th) - Venezuela**

We have customers who purchase Bibles from us and then take them to places where there are no bookstores. One very special case is that of a customer who sells Bibles in a state called Delta Amacuro, one of the poorest states in our country. We are thankful that we are able to obtain Bibles at a high discount from publishers, which then gives opportunities to others to have the Word of God.

### **Wednesday (17th) - Ecuador**



On September 17th, our team from Guayaquil will participate in the Guayaquil International Book Fair, where we will be the only Christian bookstore present. We are very happy that many people have approached us to tell us what a great blessing it is to have a Christian bookstand there, especially considering the strong influence of non-Christian and other religious movements. We appreciate your prayers for us in this.

### **Thursday (18th) - Colombia**

From September 18th - 20th, we will participate in the Annual Meeting of National Booksellers. This is a spiritual retreat with the participation of approximately 40 towns in Colombia, together with publishers and authors. It is also an opportunity for training and learning about new releases, combined with devotionals and times of prayer. Thank you for your prayers for this event!

**Friday (19th) - Ecuador**

A member of an indigenous community received the Gospel in a prison in Chile and then during his time there, studied at a Bible Institute, developing a love for the Word of God and books. He says that every visit to CLC is special for him, describing it as an oasis with excellent books that have helped him mature in his faith and guide other believers. Please pray for him and for us, that the Lord continues to use us as instruments to spread His word.



CLC Uruguay staff with author Samuel Pérez Millos (middle)

**The Weekend (20th - 21st) - Uruguay**

CLC Uruguay writes: "Please join us in giving thanks for each of our team members and their families who support them in this work. Many times, the Lord's provision surpasses our understanding, enabling us to see that He is in control of every situation. Please pray for this same provision and blessing for each of our customers and that we may serve them well, as in our service for Him".

September 22nd - 28th

**Week 39 - French-Speaking Region****Monday (22nd) - France**

We send our Bibles and books to more than 60 countries each year. Until now, we have benefitted from a postal service that allows us to reach every country at a reasonable cost. Sadly, this postal service has been withdrawn this year, which will impact access to Christian literature in many countries, particularly in Africa. At the time of writing, there is no equivalent solution so far, so please pray for wisdom and a way forward.

**Tuesday (23rd) - Virtual Meeting**

Today we will have a special virtual meeting for the leaders of the CLC francophone countries, hosted by Hervé Lessous. Hervé shares: "Please pray that we may continue to strengthen the existing partnerships and to improve even further the good cooperation between us in CLC Benin, Burkina Faso, Canada (Québec), Ivory Coast and France. A special prayer request is for safety and security in Africa".



Fritz Joseph

**Wednesday (24th) - European Regional Conference**

Please pray for the CLC European conference that will take place from September 29th to October 3rd at Eau Vive, a Christian centre in the south of France. Pray for a greater degree of collaboration between the CLC European countries in areas of publications and training. There will be several different languages and cultures represented, so please pray for a good understanding of each other in every way!

**Thursday (25th) - Canada**

We pray that the Lord helps us manage the growth which we are experiencing, including in the number of employees and volunteers, the number of new titles being stocked and the number of new customers! Pray that we will be able to continue to deliver quality content and service in all departments. Pray for National Director, Fritz Joseph, as he leads the ministry.

### **Friday (26th) - France**

We are thankful that our new CLC magazine, "Itinéraires", is already very popular. A full-colour, thematic, 50-page magazine in French, it has many articles of interest, including a range of personal testimonies, interviews and, of course, book recommendations! Published three times annually, it encourages readers to go deeper with God through the various topics discussed. It even has a two-page trimestrial planner!

### **The Weekend (27th - 28th) - Ivory Coast**

Please pray for the sociopolitical atmosphere in our country to be one of peace and tranquility as we anticipate presidential elections next month. It is usual for many people to leave the country at such a time for fear of possible unrest. Also at these times, our sales become significantly less than usual, so please pray that the Lord will surprise and sustain us.

September 29th - October 5th

## **Week 40 - Eastern Europe & Central Asia**

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### **Monday (29th) - Eastern Europe 1**

In recent years, we have seen a growing demand for books in the first language of our nation. We are pleased that the children's Bibles we had printed a few years ago in China have become popular now. Sales of these Bibles have increased due to our link with the Bible Society and we hope that whole families will find their way to Christ by reading in their native language.

### **Tuesday (30th) - Central Asia 2**

One of the two men who oversee parking near our bookstore has expressed a deep respect for us since he had a dream about Jesus. He has read parts of the New Testament and also some of the books we gave away at our anniversary celebrations. Please pray for God to lead him to fellowship with other believers and a saving knowledge of the Gospel.

### **Wednesday (October 1st) - Central Asia 2**

The second man who oversees the parking (see yesterday's point) is pleasant but never expressed interest in Jesus. However, one of his relatives came to the bookshop and was asking questions about the Bible, saying he had not realised there was more to the Bible than the Torah and the Gospels! He thanked us for our explanations and bought a Bible for himself. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open his heart to understand what he reads and that he will find salvation!

### **Thursday (2nd) - Central Asia 2**

We have started selling Bibles to a secular book chain in town and are encouraged at how that is going. There is another large bookstore interested in stocking our Bibles too. Please pray that God would open this other door soon so that more people may find His Word and experience His love.

### **Friday (3rd) - Eastern Europe 1**

We have released our own versions of a Bible board game for children and another for adults. These games were developed by a staff member and we are grateful for the growing interest. Our hope is that the games will help to unite players and inspire interest in the Bible and the Christian faith.

## **The Weekend (4th - 5th) - Eastern Europe 1**

Several months ago, there was a change of leadership in the National Bible Society in our country. The newly appointed director activated work with local publishers, and this has had a noticeable positive effect on our wholesale department as they are now interested in all the books, including Bibles, published by us. Praise God for this wider distribution that is happening!

October 6th - 12th

## **Week 41 - South Korea**



**Traditional Chuseok food**

### **Monday (6th) - Thanksgiving Day**

Today, we celebrate Chuseok, also known as Korean Thanksgiving Day, one of the nation's major holidays. Due to additional national holidays, our office will be closed from October 3rd - 9th. Please pray that this holiday season will be a time of gratitude, rest and renewal for everyone.

### **Tuesday (7th) - New Publication**

We are expecting the delivery of 2,000 copies of *Your Lamp for My Feet* to our warehouse this month. Please pray for this to go smoothly, without delays or damages. As the book includes accessories, it is legally required to undergo safety testing by KATRI (Korea Apparel Testing & Research Institute). We trust that by the time you read this, the book will have been approved. Please pray it will be a blessing for many families.

### **Wednesday (8th) - Staffing**

We continue to seek new team members who are skilled, have a mission-minded heart and a cooperative spirit. Please pray that God will lead the right people to join us and serve with unity and dedication, not only in Korea but also in other CLC teams around the world where new staff are needed.

### **Thursday (9th) - Warehouse Operations**

CLC Korea is blessed with two warehouses but the work can be physically demanding, so please pray that the Lord will strengthen our warehouse staff with renewed energy after the holiday break and protect them from any injuries during their daily activities. Pray that all logistics, dispatch and delivery processes will be well-organised and efficient.



**CLC Korea's Thanksgiving worship service**

### **Friday (10th) - National Director**

Please pray for our National Director, Dr. Young Ho Park, and his family. Dr Park was one of the founding members of CLC Korea, which this year celebrates 50 years of ministry, now comprising a theological seminary, publishing, web sales and wholesale. Praise God for His faithfulness to us!

### **The Weekend (11th - 12th) - Advent & Christmas season**

All books related to the Advent and Christmas season are scheduled to be ready for printing and launched next month. Please pray that we will complete everything on time with ample opportunity for final checks and no errors in the process.

## **Week 42 - Ecuador & Mozambique**

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### **Monday (13th) - Ecuador**

Recently, our bookshop in Cuenca was visited by a man selling cookies. He told us that his wife had died three days earlier and he needed to earn money to buy diapers for his baby. He was looking for answers as to why a loving God allowed all of this. We were able to share the Gospel with him and help him financially. We are thankful for the many testimonies of God at work through us.

### **Tuesday (14th) - Mozambique**

For more than a year, we have been unable to pay our foreign suppliers from our bank in Maputo, due to a lack of US dollars in the Central Bank of Mozambique. After much prayer over several months, the Lord graciously provided a solution through a partner organisation working in the country. As there is no indication of when things will change, please pray for a long-term answer to this problem.

### **Wednesday (15th) - Mozambique**

We are very thankful for the missionaries who have supported our local teams in Beira and Nampula over the years, helping with such matters as accounts and transportation when deliveries arrive. Please pray for God's blessing upon Claudia, Inge and Paula, who have all freely given their time to help us. Pray, too, for our Advisory Board in the capital of Maputo, who are all volunteers.



Part of the CLC Mozambique team

### **Thursday (16th) - Mozambique**

The team in Mozambique recently expressed, once again, their appreciation of the spiritual and financial support they received from other countries in CLC a year ago, when their own country experienced a period of political turmoil leading to unrest and uncertainty. The love of God leaves a lasting imprint, so please pray that this would always be a characteristic of the CLC ministry around the world.

### **Friday (17th) - Mozambique**

CLC Mozambique is very thankful to have received a quantity of two different children's Bibles in Portuguese as part of the CLC International Office Children's Bibles Project. Many people cannot afford more books for children, after buying the necessary schoolbooks, so please pray that the special offer prices of these Bibles will make them accessible for many who otherwise may not be able to consider buying them.



Ecuadorian fishermen

### **The Weekend (18th - 19th) - Ecuador**

Lino Mero, a fisherman, is a loyal customer at one of our bookstores. Every time he returns from the high seas and is close to the coast, he calls us to ask for Bibles as a way of thanking God for bringing him back. Further, he uses the Bibles to evangelise because he remembers that one day he was given a Bible and was therefore able to learn about the Gospel. Please remember him in your prayers.

October 20th - 26th

## Week 43 - Events & Activities



Christian Piaget

### Monday (20th) - France

Please pray for our new publishing campaign that will take place this month. At the time of writing, nine new titles are planned. Pray for Christian Piaget, who heads up the CLC France Publishing Department. Also pray for those team members who need to prepare for La Place, the Evangelical Christian fair in Paris next month, where CLC France will have a sizeable stand.

### Tuesday (21st) - Global

Preparations are underway for a CLC day of prayer on November 4th. These prayer days are held three times a year and include a special global virtual meeting for CLC workers around the world. The gathering includes praise and worship, a devotional message and prayer in small groups in various languages. We are grateful for these opportunities to seek God together and we trust Him to hear as we pray.

### Wednesday (22nd) - Germany

A year ago, we had a special event at the bookshop in Hamburg with Pastor Martin Benz, and we asked you to pray for this. The event was very much appreciated by the participants, so we decided to invite him back this year! He will be with us on October 25th, for a whole day of reading and teaching together. Pastor Martin is also a well-known podcaster, and we expect many visitors.



Martin Benz



Mama Africa Book Box event

### Thursday (23rd) - Kenya

After six years of steady growth, the Mama Africa Book Box (MABB), initiated by CLC Kenya, has gained momentum. We thank God for a recent grant that came through, opening doors for new partnerships with children-focused institutions, such as Scripture Union in Kenya and Uganda. Truly, God's timing is perfect!

### Friday (24th) - Kenya

What began as a small writing class in January 2020 has grown remarkably. From 20–30 writers trained annually in Kenya, this year we have been training 110 writers across virtual platforms, enabling us to reach participants in Uganda and South Africa. To God be the glory - great things He has done!



ACABA 2024

### The Weekend (25th - 26th) - African Christian Authors' Book Awards

The CLC Kenya ACABA programme has now reached 19 Anglophone African countries and we give God praise as we press on towards our goal of reaching all 27 - uniting authors to grow authorship, publishing and readership across the continent! The 2025 ACABA Gala event will be held today (25th) in Kampala, Uganda, for the second year running, and so we appreciate your prayers for spiritual impact and blessings!

## Week 44 - Worldwide

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### **Monday (27th) - Philippines**

At the time of writing, the CLC Malolos branch needs to be relocated, since our sales have been adversely affected by the closure of the main building where CLC is situated. Please pray that we can find a new place which will be a blessing to our customers, even more than at the old location!

### **Tuesday (28th) - Burkina Faso**

Due to the very high temperatures in the bookshop in Ouagadougou, especially with the many power failures, one of our customers recommended the installation of solar panels. A few days later, he sent a technician to CLC to install the panels and promised to pay the bill to alleviate the suffering of Luc and his customers. Note: Burkina Faso is located in a desert region and is possibly the hottest country in the world.

### **Wednesday (29th) - Hungary**

Our bookshop in Budapest needs some renovations, especially on the outside. Though we are planning it for next year, we are already looking at the possibilities. Please pray for good timing for the work to be carried out and for the necessary funding, etc.

### **Thursday (30th) - Hungary**

We are thankful to have had the opportunity to participate in two events with book tables earlier this year, with attendance by the younger generation. We appreciated so much the possibility to connect with and encourage younger people in their walk with Jesus Christ. Please pray for more of these opportunities to open up for us.

### **Friday (31st) - Hungary**

CLC workers Zsolt and Anna Maria write: "We are thankful for the addition of Eszter, our daughter, as a part-timer in CLC Budapest. She is now responsible for our social media - and her creativity can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We ask for prayer as she is also learning to help out in the shop's daily routines. Thank you!"

### **The Weekend (November 1st - 2nd) - New opportunities**

As we head into the month before Christmas, most of our bookshops and warehouses will experience their busiest season of the year! Pray that our staff will be fit and healthy and have stamina for the additional work that the next weeks will require. Pray too that, where necessary, they may be able to find additional temporary help to see them through. Pray that they will have adequate stock levels to meet demands.

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