

Annual Report

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A Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Thirdmill,

This year has challenged everyone in so many ways that we often long to hear some good news. This annual report from Thirdmill is very good news!

For more than 20 years, Thirdmill has provided Biblical Education. For the World. For Free. We equip millions of church leaders in over 100 countries and in more than 20 languages to lead the church in God's Word. Many of us might imagine that during these difficult times there has been less interest in studying Thirdmill, but the opposite is true. This year, countless church leaders around the world have realized more than ever how important it is to learn and to proclaim the Word of God, and they are turning to Thirdmill for help.

Crucial questions weigh heavily on Christ's followers these days: "What is God doing?" "Where is Christ in the trials we endure?" "What does the future hold?" "How are we to be the light of the world today?" The answers to these questions are found in the Bible. Yet, millions of pastors and other church leaders around the world still have no opportunity to learn what the Scriptures teach.

The Lord has increased our opportunities to serve his Kingdom this year in amazing ways, and we are happy to share a number of them with you in this annual report. I hope you will rejoice as you read about our new languages, new educational materials, and new international teaching partners. I invite you to enjoy some good news and to honor the Lord for increasing the reach of our ministry this year.



Blessings,

Richard L. Pratt, Jr.
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Pratt, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Our Mission

At Thirdmill we are passionate about our belief that every Christian deserves a well-trained pastor. Since 1997, we've provided biblical education solutions created to reach the world. Whether a pastor or ministry leader needs instruction in the Bible and theology or other resources like sermons, answers to ministry questions or an online training program for certification, we aim to provide the highest quality resources to serve their ministry needs.



The Need

Countless Christians today follow leaders who have never been able to learn the Word of God. How can these leaders follow Christ and care for their fellow Christians if they do not know the Scriptures? This struggle becomes even more significant when we realize that those areas with the fewest opportunities to study the Scriptures are the same areas where Christianity is growing the fastest.

We see an opportunity to revolutionize the growth of God's kingdom and to make a lasting impact by training millions of Christian leaders with the truths of Scripture.

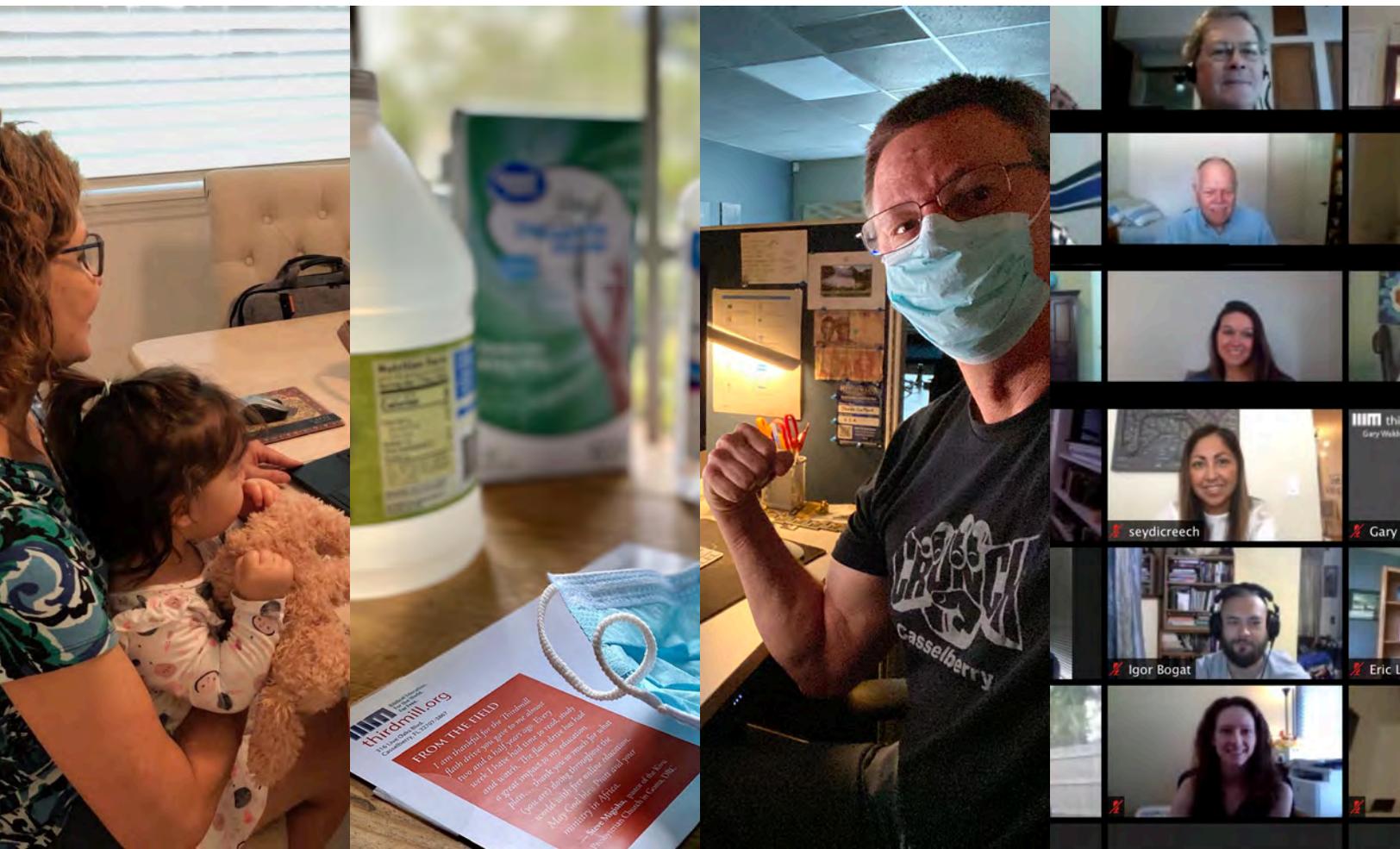
No matter their education, their financial status, where they live or what language they speak, every leader of Christ's church should be able to learn the Scriptures. This has been our compelling mission – **Biblical Education. For the World. For Free.**

Study at Home

During the 2020 quarantine, Thirdmill was uniquely positioned to help our partners continue to study God's Word. Through Thirdmill's online platforms and easily-accessible curriculum, educators who traditionally held in-person classes were able to continue teaching online, and face-to-face Bible study groups were able to meet without having to come together physically. One of the ways we made this possible was through our "Study at Home" series.

Early in the pandemic, our Production Team worked quickly to create an accessible online Bible study. This first study was based on our series, The Book of Hebrews. Each of the eight sessions included a time to connect and reflect, a 15-minute video segment, discussion topics, and application questions. Dr. Kristi Woodall, an oncologist, joined a group in late April and said, "I personally loved it as it had some academia, scripture, and fellowship. I am starving for all of the above."

We are working to create more "Study at Home" options. Make sure to check our website, thirdmill.org, to see what new offerings we have available.



Global Languages

Thirdmill creates, publishes, and distributes a free, multilingual, multimedia, seminary-level curriculum. We are pleased to have our courses available for free in the following 21 languages:

18 ESTABLISHED LANGUAGES

English	Portuguese
Chinese	Hindi
Spanish	Kinyarwanda
Russian	Indonesian
Arabic	Farsi
Mongolian	Korean
French	Romanian
Amharic	Karen
Greek	Telugu

3 NEW LANGUAGES ADDED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Kiswahili

Official language of Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Sudan and spoken throughout Africa as a secondary language.

Czech

Official language of the Czech Republic and a recognized minority language in Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

Thai

Official language of Thailand and a recognized minority language in Cambodia, Malaysia, and Myanmar.

Production Series Redesigns

To ensure that our lessons are effective for Christians in the digital age, we are redesigning our foundational series. These upgrades include new interview footage and updated graphics that improve how we explain concepts visually, making fundamental but complex aspects of theology even more accessible.



This year, our team completed the redesign of Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament. Originally released in 2005, this series has been a staple of our curriculum. It emphasizes the significance of God’s covenants with his people and establishes the recurring theme of God’s kingdom. Because it sets the foundation for many of our other courses, schools, ministries, and learning communities around the world regularly teach Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament first. Many of the individuals who have gone through the course have commented that it has revolutionized the way they read and understand the Bible.

“This course was so helpful to me as a student. Now I understand that both Old and New Testaments work hand in hand to bring God’s kingdom on earth to its fullness.”

Visit <https://thirdmill.org/seminary/course.asp/vs/KOT> to check out this redesigned course.

GO Team (Global Opportunities)

The Global Opportunities Network (GO Network) department exists to equip, assist and connect Christians globally in the study and effective application of Thirdmill curriculum for Kingdom growth. We do this by distributing Thirdmill curriculum and connecting students, ministries, and partners with Thirdmill and with each other.

GO TEAM STATS



Increased total number of reported students using Thirdmill curriculum by 35% to 1,025,000.



Added 45 new partners:

- 18 Educational Institutions**
- 17 Independent Ministries**
- 4 Denominational Ministries**
- 4 Mass Media Organizations**
- 3 Local Churches**



Received 16,000+ new online classroom sign-ups this year.



Participated in World Reformed Fellowship in Jakarta, and appeared as a key speaker at KL2020 Conference in Malaysia.

Online Degree Pathways

Accredited programs are now recognizing the quality of Thirdmill's curriculum and are incorporating it into their courses and degree programs. Below are the institutions we partner with to provide seminary degrees to those within the United States and beyond.

African Bible Colleges (Malawi, Liberia, and Uganda)

Belhaven University

BibleMesh Institute

Birmingham Theological Seminary

City Vision University

Sekolah Tinggi Teologia Amanat Agung (STTAA)

Sekolah Tinggi Teologia Reformed Indonesia (STTRI)

Sekolah Tinggi Teologia Injili Arastamar (SETIA) Jakarta

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Thirdmill Seminary

Union Theological College (Belfast, Northern Ireland)



For information on any of our degree pathways, visit thirdmill.org/mission/academic.asp.

Kuala Lumpur KL2020 Conference Report

Gospel and Culture: Building the Heavenly Body of Christ on Earth

This past January, Richard Pratt, Greg Perry, Biao Chen, and Tom DeWitt spent several weeks in Asia training and exhorting Chinese church leaders and expanding the impact of Thirdmill in the region. One of the many ways God blessed the trip (in addition to protecting us from COVID-19) was at KL2020, a conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Richard, Greg, and Biao were all scheduled to present Thirdmill's curriculum. As the participants registered for various workshops, the Thirdmill sessions filled up, and the conference organizers had to start a waiting list. The desire for Thirdmill was extraordinary!

Recognizing the need, we quickly assembled additional packets that included a microSD card (with USB adapter) containing the first full year of our master's-level curriculum in Mandarin. Those who received these packets then signed commitment cards pledging to train at least five other church leaders and provide them with copies of the materials.

At the conference, we learned firsthand how well this type of training strategy works. In discussions with dozens of house church leaders, we heard that many learning communities in China are already using our curriculum and are sharing it with others. In addition, many participants told us with great passion that they would have no access to materials like ours once they returned to China, so our curriculum would be vital for learning and spreading God's Word.

Our time in Asia was both humbling and inspiring. Even with internet access to Thirdmill restricted and seminaries closed all over China, the Lord is still opening doors! By our conservative estimate, more than 5,000 Chinese church leaders will be significantly impacted by our time there.

In the coming year, this training-the-trainer strategy will become the template for training Christian leaders, not only in Asia, but in every country using Thirdmill. God is amazing!

“Christian theological education is the foundation for the church's revival; Thirdmill has provided the most important parts: education, training, and learning. ...”

— Chinese Online Student

Visit thirdmill.org/request to request Thirdmill's curriculum for download or via flash drive.

Financials

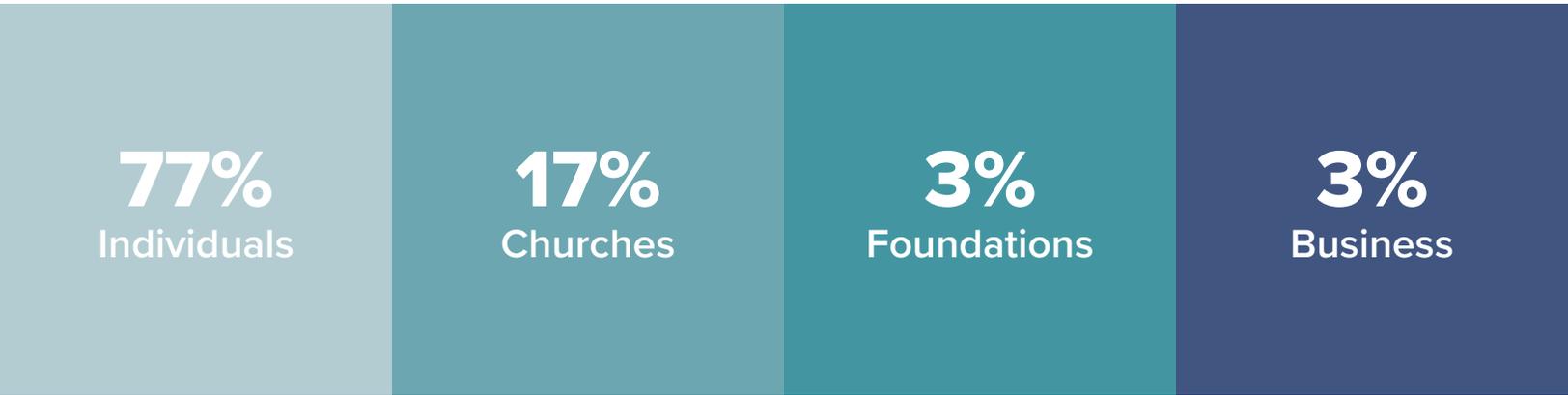
\$4,367,767

2019-2020 Total Contributions and Grants

\$4,429,145

2019-2020 Total Expenses

Fiscal Year Donations by Category



Fiscal Year Expenditures by Category



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“Using Thirdmill among the college students in Sohag, Egypt has had a great impact on developing in them a sincere appreciation and understanding of the Holy Scriptures.”

— Yousry Yassa, Evangelical Youth Ministry, Egypt

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