What are the strengths of Third Mill’s strategy to meet the need for theological education?
Christianity is changing in the world. Something missiologists (those who specialize in the study of missions) and others have been talking about for over 20 years now is that Christianity is growing fastest in Asia and Africa, where access to theological training is least available. Third Mill’s strategy is to equip church leaders where they are and to deliver excellent material in multiple formats. In China, they want to stay off the internet in terms of being tracked, so it’s important to them to use our flash drives and to put all of the materials onto their computers or to have it in print. What I appreciate about the effectiveness of Third Mill’s strategy is it incorporates different media formats that are appropriate to the context and provides excellent quality theological education to the people who need it the most, where the church is growing the fastest and these resources are least available.

How does Third Mill assist and enhance the traditional strategy of training pastors?
One of the great advantages of partnering with Third Mill is that we (seminary professors) can adjust the way we use our classroom time. I have been involved in planning distance education courses and in planning for classroom situations. What I can do by assigning viewings with Third Mill’s materials is the content can be delivered ahead of time and classroom time can focus on application, context, and ministry skills. I think there is a very effective partnership between Bible colleges, seminaries and the media formats that are appropriate to the context and provides excellent quality theological education to the people who need it the most, where the church is growing the fastest and these resources are least available.

What was the highlight of your trip to Indonesia and China?
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To watch our full interview with Greg Perry, please visit thirdmill.org/mission/video.
To begin studying We Believe in the Holy Spirit, descriptions of how the doctrine of the Holy Spirit developed historically and explores the Spirit's dynamic work in the world, in the church, and in believers. Many Christians know far more about the Father and the Son than they do about the Spirit. Our newest series, We Believe in the Holy Spirit, describes how the doctrine of the Holy Spirit is progressively developed in the Bible and church history. Practically speaking, the Holy Spirit is the person of the Spirit, the Helper, the Teacher, the Witness, the Comforter, the Intercessor, the Counselor, the Forerunner, and the Advocate. We encourage you to explore this series with the Third Mill mobile app and our new Arabic translation of Westminster Confession of Faith.

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The gospel changes lives. Our goal is to get solid, gospel training into the hands of those who need it most—in their own land, in their own language, and absolutely free.

Consider one story of how God is working in Africa. Stephen Spanjer (pictured on the left below), a former seminary student of Richard Pratt and missionary-based in Germany, wrote about his time teaching at a conference in Nairobi in October:

“The conference was a huge success. I was told that this was the first Reformed conference that invited non-reformed pastors. Pastors plagued by spiritual mysticism were exposed to doctrinal truth. One theory that Reformed theology offers is reasonable explanations to life and Bible questions, which people are hungry for.”

When we handed out the Third Mill thumb drives, they gobbled them up and started watching videos on the same day. The organizers of the conference have been getting follow-up questions about what they were seeing there.

“Our churches in Egypt lack biblical education, as such, church pulpits have become places for false teaching and preaching, which come out of self endeavors with no biblical foundation. As soon as I heard about the biblical education that Third Mill offers, I immediately thought about our church ministry staff. I believe that those who have been ministered to reflect those who ministered to them. So I decided to form groups in different churches, after sharing the vision with pastors and elders. I copied the courses on the staff’s computers. If someone does not have a computer, I let them use mine. I plan to give the USBs as a reward after finishing our study. Out of the four groups that I plan to form, we now have two that have started. Each group consists of 8-12 persons.”

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**ARABIC TEAM RELEASES TRANSLATION OF WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Third Mill’s Arabic Team announced this fall the release of the Arabic translation of the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF). This 110-page translation has the full proof texts of the Scriptures, as well as a short historical introduction and explanation of the significance of such a seminal document. A previous Arabic translation of the WCF (not by Third Mill) was missing these critical proof texts and contained errors, according to Rev. Sherif Gendy, lead translator for the project.

“With the political upheaval that is dominating many countries in the Middle East, the church in the Arabic-speaking world is in critical need, more than ever before, for a solid understanding of its faith and practice built upon the Scriptures,” said Gendy, an Egyptian who is ordained in the PCA.

“The political and social realities in these countries have left many Arabs, both Christians and Muslims, wondering about God’s purposes,” he notes. “There is a huge need for sound biblical resources in Arabic that can aid the church in its mission of building God’s kingdom in that part of the world.”

Translated with Modern Standard Arabic, which makes it more accessible and relevant, the free translation can be found on the Arabic Third Mill website (arabic.thirdmill.org). It is also available on the Arabic Third Mill mobile app and as a must read for pastors and elders.

“Please consider making a donation to Third Mill. Our Arabic Team highlighted your generosity and willingness to support Third Mill in their presentation. Your generosity will help us serve more groups in the Middle East, as we believe that the church is in critical need of this well-researched translation.”

“Where financial support is needed for us to be able to translate proofs or purchase the Third Mill mobile app, we will be more than happy to support us.”

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