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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

In the last few months, I've had the opportunity to share with many of you the next phase of our ministry called the Thirdmill Global Network (TGN). This newsletter explains the vision of the TGN, introduces some of our new TGN team members, and shares stories of how our efforts are already bearing fruit. I am very excited about this new major initiative! It is the culmination of more than two decades of developing and testing our unique curriculum for church leaders with more than a million students around the world. Together with the help of dedicated partners and staff, we have the goal of providing biblical education to over four million church leaders in the next five years. Now, more than ever, we are equipping church leaders to understand, communicate, and apply the Scriptures to their communities in every corner of the world.

Blessings,

Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr.



## Launching the Thirdmill Global Network

What if you were a pastor and had no way to study the Bible deeply? How would you lead your congregation? Pastors around the world face this dilemma every day. Without a deep understanding of the Bible and theology, these pastors struggle and sometimes unknowingly lead their churches into false doctrines.

More than 20 years ago, Thirdmill began creating a seminary-level curriculum to solve this problem, and we've had tremendous success. Today we're going one step further. **Introducing the Thirdmill Global Network.**

### What is the Thirdmill Global Network?

The TGN is an international association of Christians who are working to deliver not only outstanding curriculum, but also structured biblical education programs for pastors and other church leaders around the world.

Pastors and church leaders are no longer alone in their pursuit of biblical education. The TGN stands with them every step of the way.

### How does the Thirdmill Global Network work?

Our in-house Network Department supervises every level of the TGN. Our Field Director appoints and trains Regional Directors who recruit, train and advise indigenous Country Directors. These Country Directors work alongside ministry partners in recruiting, training and advising learning community trainers who implement local programs using Thirdmill curriculum and work hand-in-hand with local pastors and church leaders.

Through Thirdmill and the TGN, pastors can also receive certificates, diplomas, and degrees to validate their hard work through the Thirdmill Institute and Thirdmill Seminary.



### How will the Thirdmill Global Network benefit the global church?

In conjunction with 200+ ministry partners worldwide, Thirdmill and the TGN are poised to provide at least four million pastors and church leaders with a world-class biblical education over the next five years.

On average, pastors and other church leaders touch the lives of 100 people throughout their lifetimes. As the TGN reaches and equips four million church leaders over the next five years, these leaders will impact no less than 400 million followers of Christ.

We can't wait to see what God's going to do through the Thirdmill Global Network!

# New Global Language RELEASES

## CHINESE:

*Building Your Theology* – manuscript, audio, & video

## FARSI:

*We Believe in God* – manuscript, audio, & video  
*The Epistle of James* – manuscript

## GREEK:

*We Believe in the Holy Spirit* – manuscript & audio

## HINDI:

*The Book of Hebrews* – manuscript, audio, & video

## KISWAHILI:

*Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the OT*  
manuscript

## RUSSIAN:

*Your Kingdom Come: The Doctrine of Eschatology* – faculty forums  
*The Gospels* – faculty forums  
*The Book of Hebrews* – faculty forums  
*He Gave Us Prophets* – faculty forums  
*The Prophetic Wisdom of Hosea* – faculty forums  
*The Epistle of James* – faculty forums  
*The Book of Revelation* – faculty forums



## SPANISH:

*What is Man?* – manuscript, audio, & video

## TELUGU:

*Father Abraham* – manuscript, audio, & video  
*The Primeval History* – manuscript, audio, & video

## Meet the TGN Leadership Team



**Vice President of Global Opportunities Network (GO Network): Andrew Lamb**  
Andrew has been with Thirdmill for seven years and has been instrumental in distributing Thirdmill's curriculum and forming the Thirdmill Global Network. He is an ordained minister in the PCA, served as a missionary in Mexico for 10 years with Mission to the World (MTW) as Regional Director over Mexico and Brazil and in a worldwide role, and has worked with Muslim ministries. Andrew has assisted in many roles within his home church and the new church plant where he worships. He and his wife, Anne, have four sons and five grandchildren.

### Senior Director for Partnerships:

#### Hal Wilkening

Hal started working with Thirdmill as a volunteer before coming on board three years ago. Hal comes from an engineering background, which is beneficial as he organizes the training advisors who work with Thirdmill's ministry partners. He has been active in his church, serving as a ruling elder and working with church planting, as well as using Thirdmill to train the men in his church. He and his wife Carol have four children and four grandchildren.



#### Vice President of Field Staff: Brent Ropp

Brent was recently hired to bring onboard and oversee our Global Network Field Staff. Brent previously served as VP of Operations for a ministry where he worked closely with denominational leaders and local pastors to support all aspects of Bible translation. Brent and his family also served in Africa as staff members with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in Lesotho and Kenya. Brent and his wife, Linda, have three children whom they raised in Africa.

### Director of Thirdmill Institute:

#### Steve Kammer

Steve has been instrumental in pulling together the various aspects needed to launch the Institute. You'll learn more about Steve and the Thirdmill Institute in our next newsletter.



## The Harvest is Plentiful!

### Thirdmill Global Network Begins in Tanzania



Earlier this year, Thirdmill's new Regional Director for East and Horn of Africa, Cloud Roman, joined forces with the Council of Pentecostal Churches of Tanzania (CPCT), The Grace Institute, and Pastor Wade Hooper of Rainbow Presbyterian Church, to organize the Tanzania Pastors' Conference.

Cloud's hope was that pastors would have the chance to experience a Thirdmill Institute class and get a taste of Thirdmill's award-winning curriculum. He also hoped a few pastors might sign up to become Thirdmill trainers. But he didn't know what to expect.

On opening day, he spoke for an hour about Thirdmill and The Thirdmill Institute. That first day, 117 people came

to his breakout session. The next day, 300 participants showed up. On the third day, there were 400. The fourth day had 600, and by the fifth day, he had lost count!

“Brethren, we have work to do in Tanzania. People are hungry for God's Word!”  
Cloud Roman

Many pastors who attended earlier sessions returned over the following days.

While Cloud was teaching, The Grace Institute's Patrick Kibirige was also leading

sessions using Thirdmill's materials. In total, more than 1,000 attendees received Thirdmill training over the course of the week.

And what about Cloud's other hope for the conference? Of the more than 800 pastors or church leaders who attended his breakout sessions, 40 registered to be trained as trainers. Many others have registered since, after obtaining approval from their Bishops.

Throughout the conference, Cloud was struck by the people's desire to learn God's Word. In fact, most Pentecostal churches in Africa, especially in Tanzania, have for many years ignored any form of theological or biblical education. By the grace of God, they are now realizing the need and are searching for knowledge.

## Study at Home: Letters to the Seven Churches

Last year, we began creating Study at Home series for small groups based on our multimedia curriculum. We had so much positive feedback, that we've kept going. Just before Easter, we partnered with some ministry friends to create a six-week series based on Thirdmill's, "The Book of Revelation." Our next series will explore one of the most important concepts in the whole Bible: "The Kingdom of God." Get your group ready. Whether you're meeting online or in person, you won't want to miss this! Access our Study at Home series at [thirdmill.org/study](http://thirdmill.org/study) or search "Letters to the Seven Churches" in the YouVersion Bible app.

