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Franklin Noya first heard about Thirdmill in the late 1990s. Dr. Richard Pratt had come to his church in Indonesia as a guest lecturer, so he was “casually familiar with the name ‘Thirdmill.’” **But in 2021, Thirdmill changed his life.**

Dr. Andersius Namsi, Thirdmill's first Country Director for Indonesia, asked Mr. Noya to help pioneer Thirdmill Institute in Indonesia. They signed a six-month contract with the Bahtraku Foundation, a Thirdmill partner, and by early November, they had started organizing the first “Train the Trainers” session.

“The ... goal was to identify and equip potential facilitators who might be interested in starting and leading their own Thirdmill Institute learning communities,” he told us. And the work went well. But when the contract ended, Mr. Noya left Bahtraku.

Still, having seen the great potential of Thirdmill to change Indonesia, he and a group of friends formed a Thirdmill Institute learning community that they named Komintra360. “This marked the beginning of what has now become a growing movement of Thirdmill Institute learning communities—both virtual and on-site—across Indonesia over the past three and half years.”

To understand the importance of Thirdmill in Indonesia, it is necessary to understand the spiritual climate of Indonesia. Multiple religions co-exist within the country, which means that Christianity is well tolerated, but the myriad of religious influences often results in syncretism (the blending of different religious beliefs and practices). Perhaps even more concerning, conservative

and fundamentalist Islamic groups have recently been exerting more and more influence in certain provinces.

Many Indonesians are hungry for a deep understanding of Scripture, but pastoral training is scarce, especially in the outlying regions. As Mr. Noya says, “There has never been a greater need for biblical and theological education among laypeople, grassroots leaders, even pastors or aspiring pastors in rural and coastal areas. ... However, access to quality [biblical] education remains a significant barrier.”

This is why Mr. Noya and his friends began Komintra. Since 2021, when he first began to realize the potential of what Thirdmill could do in Indonesia, Mr. Noya has been diligently working to equip pastors through the Thirdmill Institute.

He serves as Director of Operations for Komintra, overseeing facilitator training and managing new learning communities, and as Secretary of the Komintra Foundation—all as a volunteer. For more than three years, he has balanced his work for Komintra with his personal responsibilities, working as a freelance translator and copyeditor, among other jobs, to feed his family. It has often been hard to make ends meet.

So, why would he change his life to pursue such a cause? And all without pay? Well, according to Mr. Noya, after studying Thirdmill's series, Kingdom, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament, he “encountered such a grand vision of the Kingdom that it completely turned my life upside down ... It was from this powerful experience that I felt led to create an orientation class for aspiring Thirdmill Institute participants.”



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**Franklin Noya is not the only person whose life has been changed.** As he told us,

“The program has been a life-changing experience for those involved. ... Some have received encouragement or affirmation of their ministry calling. Others feel they have finally found what they have been searching for all these years, with some even sharing their experiences in tears. ... their faith has been strengthened, their understanding of Scripture deepened, and their theological insights broadened—they feel truly blessed to have encountered the Thirdmill Institute program.”

Today, Komintra has 10 new learning communities with 47 participants and an anticipated 30 new participants by the end of the year. Their students are diverse (pastors, doctors, teachers, church planters, government employees, business people), and they come from diverse theological backgrounds (Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, Evangelical, Pentecostal, Charismatic). All are involved in some form of ministry.

Komintra's goal is to graduate an additional 180-230 pastors by 2028, impacting thousands of believers and their communities.

Please join us in praying for Mr. Noya and Komintra. As with any successful endeavor, the basic needs to sustain the work continue to grow:

- Pray for more facilitators and trainers to meet the increased demand.
- Pray for an additional staff member to join the one paid staff member they currently have.
- Pray that God would supply funds to cover their basic operational costs.
- Praise God for all that he has done and is doing through Komintra.

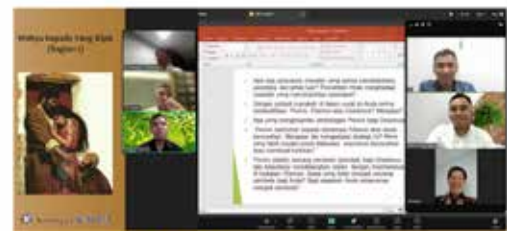
As Mr. Noya says, “We cannot fully comprehend how this movement began, yet we are convinced that God is truly at work to accomplish His own purpose. Praise His Name!”



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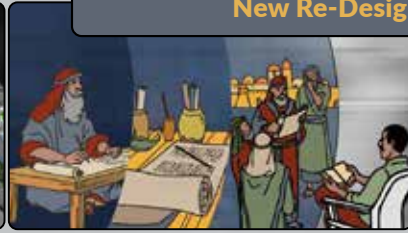


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Twelve years ago, Thirdmill created an 11-lesson series called *He Gave Us Scripture: Foundations of Interpretation*. This indispensable series, hosted by our president, Dr. Richard Pratt, teaches a practical and responsible approach to interpreting Scripture.

Of course, twelve years is a long time, and while the concepts taught in our lessons are always solid,

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## Formations Bible College

After serving as a pastor in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for over 20 years, Dr. Stephen Russell recognized the need for a Bible school that would strengthen and embolden the wider body of Christ in the area. Starting in 2022, Formations Bible College began to offer Christians from all walks of life the opportunity to learn the Bible and theology. The three-year program uses Thirdmill Institute's curriculum to train students by creating learning communities and having each student do 4 to 6 hours of homework per week. Students also meet in person at least one night per week and attend two one-day seminars during the year. Students have called the program "a total game changer."



## Washington Mongolian Church

Ulaanbaatar is Mongolia's largest city, home to nearly half of the country's population and most Bible schools and seminaries. However, even with Bible schools and seminaries, Mongolia still lacks enough theologically trained teachers and solid biblical curriculum to serve the region. In response, Pastor Pil-Nam Hwang at Washington Mongolian Church (WMC) in northern Virginia, founded Truth Knowledge Theological Seminary (TKTS) to establish, educate, and extend the reach of sound biblical education across Mongolia and to Mongolians in the U.S. and Europe. As part of their program, they are using Thirdmill's Mongolian materials. Although their journey is just beginning, they are already seeing tremendous growth in students' biblical knowledge and faith.



## Partner Spotlight

### [Name Withheld for Security]

In South Asia, biblical and theological education is out of reach for many pastors due to high costs and a lack of resources in the Telugu language. Many Telugu-speaking church leaders serve in ministry without proper training. To fill this gap, Rev. J searched diligently online for training materials and discovered Thirdmill. He gathered pastors, Sunday school teachers, and youth leaders, and started multiple Thirdmill Institute learning communities. A little over a year later, 58 students completed Thirdmill Institute's first certificate. Many pastors who completed the certificate said the Thirdmill courses were a tremendous blessing. They noted the difference in their ministries and said they now feel more equipped to reach out to their communities.

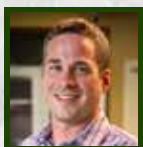






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Giving appreciated stocks or securities is an impactful way to support Thirdmill's mission. By donating investments that have grown in value, you can make a larger gift at a lower after-tax cost, often avoiding capital gains taxes while still receiving a charitable deduction for the full market value. It's a wise and effective way to multiply your impact, helping provide biblically sound, free theological education to Christian leaders around the world.



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## GIVINGTUESDAY

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