Hutch Garmany, assistant pastor at Rock Creek Fellowship in Rising Fawn, Georgia, and his family...

Hutch shared the following update with Third Mill about Rock Creek’s partnership in Azerbaijan, Central Asia.

This past year, Rock Creek began a biblical institute in Azerbaijan to train indigenous leaders in theology, understanding Scripture, and using Scripture in their church contexts. The church there is like an infant. It’s very vulnerable to false teaching. We are focusing on training indigenous leaders for distinctly Azerbaijani churches. That task is enormous. If you go over and start a church with Americans and people interested in American and Western culture, you can have a successful church quickly, but it’s not impacting the culture; it’s not defined by the people there; and it’s not a truly indigenous expression of the church. Therefore, it’s not sustainable. It’s not reproducible. It’s not having an impact in the culture. The challenge for us is training indigenous leaders that are passionate about Christ, their people, seeing the kingdom grow, and expanding the church in their country.

I had the opportunity to go over to Azerbaijan last year and teach a Third Millennium class: Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament. I knew that it was going to be a significant challenge to really communicate the theological concepts in the videos, given the language and cultural barriers. However, before I got there, the director of the institute in Azerbaijan distributed Third Mill videos, workbooks, and textbooks to the students in their own language (Russian). The students were able to watch the videos, work through the workbooks, and familiarize themselves with the concepts in the lessons prior to the classes. When I came to teach the classes, I had a translator. I was really surprised at how well and how quickly we were able to interact with the concepts and the videos in the lessons. These leaders, that had very little biblical training, were quickly developing the framework for how the scriptures fit together. I didn’t know how much progress we were going to be able to make, but because of Third Mill’s materials we were able to make some real headway.

Interested in hearing more? Visit thirdmill.org/rockcreek.asp to watch a video where Hutch shares about the institute in Azerbaijan and its work to equip Azerbaijani leaders. In addition, please check out www.rockcreekfellowship.org, to learn more about Rock Creek Fellowship and its ministry.

Being introduced to Third Mill’s materials and seeing how they worked, I think the Institute in Azerbaijan was able to see that Third Mill offers a curriculum for them. Third Millennium has a real turn-key product, where multiple teachers can come in from various academic levels and provide constancy in what they are teaching.

— Rev. Hutch Garmany
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From The Field
I am an associate pastor in Long Island, NY. I was really hungry for some theological meat. God met that need through your site. I’ve really learned so much. I appreciate the clear presentations. I can now say I understand covenant theology. Theologically, things have often been somewhat nebulous and elusive. I have had no good skeletal structure to hang Biblical truth on and hold everything together. Your lessons have helped me greatly. They make a lot of sense.

I teach a class on Tuesday mornings and I showed them a portion of The Apostles’ Creed series. They liked it. After we finish up what we are now studying, we are going to go through that series together as a class. Thank you for offering your materials for free. With the economy the way it is, this is an extra blessing. Third Mill has made a difference in my life and I am sharing it with others. God bless you!

-Rev. Sal Puma, Grace Gospel Church

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