



TCM
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Dear Mission Team,

TCM International Institute remains grateful to you and the members of Valley Christian Church for your ongoing support of our mission to equip and engage pastors, church planters, para-church organization leaders, and teachers of the Gospel of Jesus.

Enclosed is an annual report that details how the ministry partnership of Valley Christian Church and TCM is working together to serve our Lord and his Kingdom. Our partnership in ministry allows progress towards the fulfillment of our vision that ***every nation will have effective leaders of disciple making movements impacting their churches, countries, and cultures for Christ.***

We are grateful beyond words for Valley Christian Church. Your leadership and the church's participation through your prayers, your time, and your financial investment have been integral in TCM being able to continue to expand the number of disciple makers to more than 45 nations.

As we move into a new year and a new decade, we pray for you and Valley Christian Church and the body of believers there. Thank you for your continued prayers for TCM.

If you ever have questions or concerns about our ministry or a need for information or our participation in your activities, we trust you will feel free to contact us.

Gratefully in Jesus,

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Vice President of Ministry Services

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2019 Highlights for TCM

- ◆ Throughout 2019 TCM remained committed to the vision *that every nation will have effective leaders of disciple making movements impacting their churches, cultures, and countries for Christ* and accomplishing this by providing graduate level education.
- ◆ Serving almost 2,000 disciple makers from more than 45 nations, TCM continues to be the largest educational institution of its kind serving Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, and beyond.
- ◆ On May 5th the **2019 Graduation - 24th Celebration of Disciple Making** took place at Haus Edelweiss. At that time nine (9) disciple makers received their Certificates, 38 received their Master of Arts in Practical Theology degrees, and one (1) received his Master of Divinity in Practical Theology degree. These graduates represented 19 countries in Europe and Central Asia.
- ◆ On December 11th TCM held its first **Graduation – Celebration of Disciple Making** in the U.S. Taking place in Indianapolis, Indiana, eight (8) men and women who are actively involved in ministry in the U.S. received their Certificates of Disciple Making.
- ◆ The face-to face portions of TCM courses were held at 25 Mentoring Centers located in 20 countries in Europe, Central Asia, Africa, and the U.S.
- ◆ A total of 111 courses were delivered in 2019. These courses included the traditional blended format (80% online and 20% face-to-face in the classroom), 100% online classes, and Graduate Seminars.
- ◆ The Graduate Seminars were held as part of TCM’s commitment to its Core Value of a Learning Lifestyle. Held at Haus Edelweiss these seminars provided the opportunity for TCM graduates to receive additional training and mentoring from faculty, while networking with other graduates. This year’s Graduate Seminars were taught by L.D. Campbell, Pastor Emeritus at First Church of Christ Burlington, Kentucky and Casey Scott, Lead Pastor at Chapel Rock Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- ◆ TCM’s second U.S. Cohort of students began their studies in 2019. Both U.S. Cohorts completed the face-to-face portion of their classes at a retreat center in Indianapolis, Indiana. To provide an international component to their studies, Yulia Lubenets (Ukraine), TCM graduate and adjunct faculty member and Konstantin Nazarov (Russia), TCM graduate and faculty member taught Research Methods and Introduction to the Old Testament, respectively. For additional information about the TCM program in the U.S. contact Ryan Akers, Director of Educational Support Services (ryan.akers@tcmi.edu).
- ◆ In 2019 the first cohort of students in Africa began their TCM studies. These students completed their face-to-face class time at a retreat center near Nairobi, Kenya.
- ◆ The **Engaging Every Nation Initiative** which was launched in 2018 completed its public phase in 2019, reaching its goal of \$2.5 million over and above current giving during the next three-year period. Funds will be used to:
 - Equip more TCM disciple makers in countries currently “under-served.”
 - Establish TCM disciple makers in additional countries in the region currently served
 - Establish TCM disciple makers in 3-5 countries outside the currently served region.
- ◆ TCM is grateful for the many volunteers who served throughout the year. Over 300 men and women volunteered their time. In Indianapolis they helped with monthly mailings and served as Prayer Warriors for the U.S. students. At Haus Edelweiss they served as short-term and long-term workers volunteering their time and talents to serve during the winter work crew, the leadership conference, nine Sessions, and graduation.
- ◆ Staff changes at Haus Edelweiss included the departure of Philip Hough in the fall. In early 2020 Theo and Kristen Spilman will also transition back to the U.S. Marriage was celebrated as Kendra Manning married Jacob Paul Jones, who is serving alongside her in Guest Services. New babies were welcomed to the TCM team with the births of Emma Toma and Reuben Spilman.
- ◆ In Indianapolis Kyle Troupe and Ryan Akers joined the staff team, serving as a Global Outreach Associate and Director of Educational Support Services, respectively.
- ◆ With heavy hearts TCM celebrated a life well lived as the longest serving TCM board member, Fred Brasher, passed into his eternal home on October 17, 2019. Faithfully serving on the Board for 40 years Fred provided Godly insight and leadership to TCM until the time of his death.

- ◆ The annual financial audit was completed for the 2019 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. TCM partners continue to display their commitment to TCM through their strong financial support. Combined with strong donor support and continued fiscal responsibility by the staff the financial year ended on a strong note.

Vision for 2020

- ◆ There are 125 TCM courses scheduled throughout 2019. Face-to-face mentoring portions of the courses will take place at Haus Edelweiss and at 27 Mentoring Centers in Europe, Central Asia, and the United States.
- ◆ Two U.S. Cohorts will begin in 2020 with one in Indianapolis, Indiana and one in Phoenix, Arizona.
- ◆ The first TCM course will be offered in Sierra Leone.
- ◆ A new student support system will be fully operational within the first quarter of 2020. This system will provide much improved student record keeping.
- ◆ Staff additions at Haus Edelweiss will include Chad and Nicole Dillon. Chad will serve as Office Manager and Campus Pastor and Nicole will serve as Food Services Coordinator. In the U.S. Kaleb Heitzman will join the staff as Assistant Director of Distance Education.

Praying 2019

God has richly blessed TCM throughout 2019. We know that nothing we do would be possible without the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit and that everything that we do must begin with and be blanketed in prayer. We invite you to pray with us throughout 2020 not only over the plans outlined above, but for the following items as well:

- Pray that a growing number of churches and individuals will choose to partner with TCM in the providing additional resources to be used for global expansion.
- Continue to pray for the ongoing political unrest in many parts of Europe and for governments that are opposed to religion and specifically Christianity. Many TCM students and graduates are ministering in areas where there is political or social conflict resulting in destruction of homes, families fleeing their cities and countries, and oppression or persecution of Christians.
- Invite your church family to pray for TCM by subscribing to the ***TCM Prayer Channel*** at www.tcmi.org/prayer. Short videos are made available each month providing current praises and prayer needs.
- As you pray for the TCM staff team, lift up Jacob Paul Jones and Chad and Nicole Dillon as they await the outcome of their visa applications that will allow them to live and serve full-time at Haus Edelweiss.

Thank you for partnering with TCM to help train and equip disciple makers in Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the United States, and beyond. There is much work to be done and we look forward to what God will accomplish through our partnership for Kingdom Service.

“You just don’t see many models of servant leadership in our former Soviet part of the world.....TCM was the place where I first saw servant leadership and I learned it. That’s really the only Biblical leadership, that’s the only Christ-like leadership; there is no other way.”
Giorgi, 2019 TCM Graduate
from Georgia

Resources

TCM Prayer Channel: www.tcmi.org/prayer

Video links available at TCM Website: www.tcmi.org/videos