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Field Partners: Pandemic Creates Ministry Opportunities

Providing culturally relevant, Christ-centered books in the heart languages of people throughout the world.

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These are indeed strange times. A global pandemic is affecting everyone on the planet. How will this change things? How should followers of Jesus respond? Here's what comes to my mind, and it has to do, appropriately enough, with a word in another language. This word is found in both John 16:33 – *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world* – and in Romans 8:37 – *in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us*. It's the Greek word *nike*. Long before the shoe company made the word famous in our day, and quite apart from the winged goddess of victory in Greek mythology, this word was used to describe the victory that Christ won over the *kosmos* and which now belongs to those who are found in Him. It is this conviction that inspires us to confront whatever may come our way, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of Him who is seated on the throne of the universe.

That is the attitude I see reflected in LATM's field partners living in many different places around the world. When this pandemic started, I wrote to them and asked them to let me know how they were doing, and what struggles and opportunities they were facing. We summarize their answers in this issue's Field Focus on pages 10-11. In the midst of problems, they are rising to meet the new opportunities that come with them. Take some time to pray for them.

On pages 4-9 you'll read about the 54 publishing projects in 18 different languages completed since our last issue of World News. Books for children, books for seekers, books for growing disciples, books for church leaders. All of them have this in common: they are requested by our field partners, because they are the ones on the front lines; they are the ones who feel the need for these resources, and work a labor of love to write, translate, proofread, edit, format, print and distribute these transformational tools in the languages of their fields. Rejoice with us as you read of these books getting into the hands and hearts of the nations for whom Christ died.

LATM is alive and well and moving forward into a promising future. Karl and Jill Halverson will be joining us very soon. I look forward to passing the baton to Karl in the months ahead. I have been praying for many years for the right person to take my place. The search process has taken a long time, and the succession process will take a while, too, but we are excited to announce Karl as the next steward of this ministry. Rejoice with us and pray for them as this transition takes place.

Isn't it great to know that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us?

Following and serving Him, by "bringing the books",

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Update on News You Might have Missed



Karl and Jill Halverson

In January, LATM's Board of Trustees announced that Karl Halverson agreed to join LATM in June to step into the leadership role of this strategic ministry.

The ministry of LATM has grown quietly and steadily for 27 years and the results are staggering! Nearly 2.5 million books in 81 languages bring crucial resources to the international body of Christ. And as we look toward the future, with strong leadership, the opportunities are truly unlimited!

Current Executive Director, Phil Casey, has been praying about and planning for future leadership of LATM for some time. After a transition period to help Karl understand and assume the role of Executive Director, Phil will continue to work with LATM's large network of global partners.

Karl comes to LATM with significant experience in missions and discipleship. He and his wife Jill have served a large part of several decades in Europe and are deeply committed to what God is doing as the body of Christ grows rapidly around the world.

Karl and Jill have arrived in the States, and will soon move into their home in Joplin, Lord willing. We look forward to introducing Karl to you and are excited for you to begin seeing how the Halversons' gifts and perspective further shape LATM's unique ministry.

Please pray for their time after leaving their work in Europe and as they settle in Joplin.

As you can guess from the **Recently Completed Projects** pages (54 projects this issue!), book projects are completed all the time. Want to keep in step with our progress? We post to our Facebook page when a project is finished. We include a large image of the cover, and a full description of the book and its ministry uses, more than we can include in the quick summaries in *World News*. **Like or Follow** our FB page: facebook.com/LiteratureAndTeachingMinistries



Doug Reed
Director of Development

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I Think this is Historic

Our new website is ready to help you (www.latm.info). Besides making it look nice (!), we added an online bookstore. Our Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese books are there, of course, and we are adding books in other languages that we have helped publish. Notably, 31 Russian titles are already available from our online store. Prices are surprisingly low: Jeff Vines' *Dinner with Skeptics* is \$10.00, James E. Smith's *The New Testament Books Made Simple* is \$8.00, for example.

This is an unprecedented expansion of ministry resources. As other languages are added, you more and more likely will be able to find titles for neighbors, co-workers, and ministry partners whose heart language is not English. College and University campus ministries will certainly find some great help for their participants.

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NEW BOOK PROJECTS!

Amharic



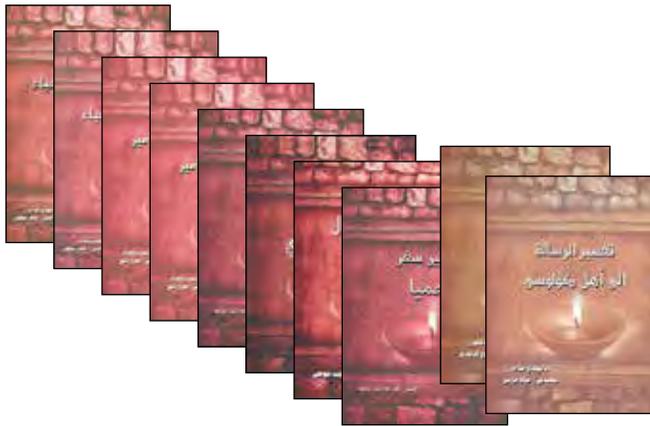
The Christian Leader, Part 2 Bob Sheffler

Eshete Belete, Great Commission Ministries, reported on *The Christian Leader, Part 2* by Bob Sheffler in Amharic:

After a long period of ups and downs, The Christian Leader, Part Two has been printed.

Our country is not in a good condition because of people uprising, we will distribute this as soon as we are able to move.

Arabic



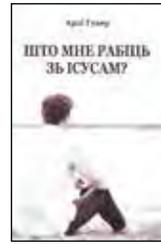
Arabic Bible Commentary Safaa Fahmi, et al. [BC]

Ezra Nehemiah Psalms, vol 1 Psalms, vol 2
Isaiah, vol 1 Isaiah, vol 2 Jeremiah Lamentations
Matthew Colossians

Safaa Fahmi is finishing the entire Bible commentary set. LATM and others have helped Christian Arabic Services with the expenses of this mammoth undertaking. We made these 10 commentaries our Book Club project for September 2019.

Safaa wrote: *Thank you and we ask God to bless your efforts which is influencing the Arab World and the whole world.*

Belarusian



What Shall I Do with Jesus? Arlie Hoover

Vasily Trubchyk in Kobryn, Belarus printed 3,000 copies of George Repetski's Belarusian translation of Arlie Hoover's booklet.

George wrote: *Thank you again. Dr. Hoover's daughter will be thrilled to receive copies of the booklet. My brother and I visited churches in Belarus and handed out copies. I certainly am so happy about this whole thing. What could I do without your assistance?*

Burmese



Handbook for Evangelists Timothy Pungsar

Timothy Pungsar published a revised edition of his *Handbook for Evangelists* in Burmese as a six-part project.

He wrote: *These are key tools for evangelizing in our country. Attendees at our trainings report 192 trainings of their own with over 400 people baptized into Christ, and 5,400 touched with the Gospel of Christ. Evangelists said there would be others who want to be baptized soon. Thank you very much for your help. God richly bless you.*



The Life of Christ Visualized

After visiting her sponsored child in Cambodia, Lynnell Goacher wanted to help her with more than things like shoes and school supplies. From her own childhood, she remembered the *Life of Christ Visualized* comic-style books from Standard Publishing. Since then, Lynnell has funded almost the entirety of the 66,000 books in 17 languages. From a simple desire to bless one little girl, to a project that is changing children's lives in SE Asia, India, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, and Haiti!

ActsCo Printing in Chiang Mai, Thailand recently printed 10,000 copies in Burmese.

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David Morse wrote: *The first books were distributed to Burmese children in refugee camps on the border. There is not much to read in a refugee camp, so there was a lot of excitement when they got the books.*



Children in refugee camp receive books

French



13 Lessons in Christian Doctrine Denver Sizemore

This is a revised edition of *13 Lessons in Christian Doctrine* by Denver Sizemore in French. Reggie Thomas (White Fields Evangelism) first published this for Haiti before LATM was founded.

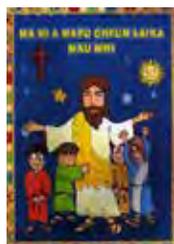
Hindi



Defining Truth, vol. 6 Ajai Lall [BC]

Let Dr Lall's testimony encourage you about the powerful impact of books through CICM's network of churches and evangelists: latm.info/resources

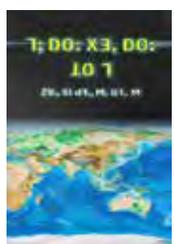
Kachin



365 Children's Bible Stories

2000 copies of *365 Children's Bible Stories* in Kachin were printed in Thailand through a printshop who heard it was for children – at Christmas time – so they reduced their price. Merry Christmas to the Kachin-speaking children of Myanmar!

Lisu



Harmony of the Gospels (reprint) Joel Bee and Yiliya Ngwapha (based on Jerry Thaprom's Rawang book)

Over 25 Lisu Bible schools and training centers use this well-received book. It meets the needs of students in outlying areas who do not have a lot of resources or libraries for study and research.



Study on the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology) (reprint)
Philip Ngwapha

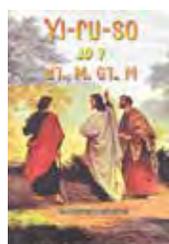
When printed in 2015, this was the first book written in Lisu on the Holy Spirit. Focusing on the Personality, Divinity, and Ministry of the Holy Spirit, it equips Christian leaders for effective teaching and to empower them for Christ-like living.

David Morse, our field partner for Lisu projects, knows when books like this are ready for reprint because his coworkers in the region report the need, and include corrections and feedback on the content, as well.



Pastoral Epistles Pastor Thufusa

Pastor Thufusa is a respected Lisu teacher with years of pastoral and teaching ministry. Seven books are being prepared from his teaching notes. This is the second title, the first was *Practical Ministry* (2018).



Commentary on Ephesians Thefuna Nopha [BC]

Since studying under J. Russell and Gertrude Morse, as well as their sons Eugene and Robert, Thefuna Nopha has been in ministry for over 60 years. He has taught this book in many Bible Schools, many times. He is well-received among the churches in Myanmar. This book will be used in Bible schools in Myanmar and China.



Thefuna and his daughter with David and Norma Morse

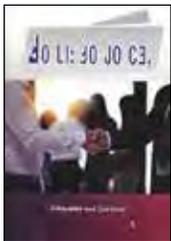


The Christian Family Joshua Lee (Kasem Sengli) [BC]

This book is for Lisu Christian families who have had to change their way of life (from raising opium, for example), learn new skills, and get jobs in towns, and have lost the village community for support. The book teaches the role of husband and wife, building family relationships, bringing up children, dealing with the influences from school, and Bible values and morals,

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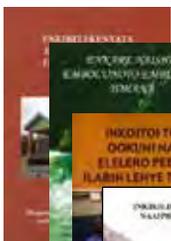
etc. It is a popular and effective book for Bible schools and study groups.



Christian Etiquette and Conduct Joshua Lee (Kasem Sengli) [BC]

Kasem Sengli has been teaching Bible students how to conduct themselves when speaking to an audience – how to dress, how to speak, how to be culturally appropriate. It prepares them to present the Gospel well. This is the first time this good advice to new evangelists and preachers has been put into a handbook. It will go to Bible schools and churches in Thailand, Myanmar and China.

Maasai

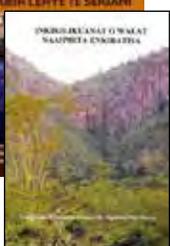


Commentary on John (reprint) Paul Highfield [BC]

Church and Community Transformation (reprint) Paul Highfield [BC]

Thirteen Ways to Make it Through the Teenage Years with Peace (reprint) Paul Highfield [BC]

Questions and Answers on Baptism (reprint) Paul Highfield [BC]



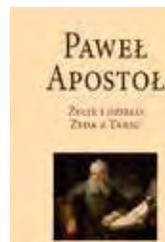
Paul's update: *We recently visited most of the churches in the Olkoro cluster and an African Inland church at Naisuya just north of Narok. It was a thrill to go to a new place and see their excitement about our books. We are excited that our book ministry is opening doors for us to speak and share in fellowships outside of our movement.*

Pam Highfield adds: *Paul and I thank you so much for your incredible support to our ministry. We were very thankful to get the 13 Ways book published as well as the Q&A on Baptism.*



Distributing books in Maasai

Polish



The Paul Quest: The Renewed Search for the Jew of Tarsus Ben Witherington III

Michal Weremiejewicz published this book through his Christian Bible Institute of Warsaw. Michal says:

There is no book on the Apostle Paul in the Polish language like this one. All Polish Christians will benefit from it, but especially Bible teachers and students. Understanding Paul better means understanding the New Testament Church better and the New Testament itself. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Russian



Basics of Scientific Method Andrey Goryainov

This is part of the "Christian Teacher's Library" series by Andrey Goryainov. The main problem of post-communist school education is a shortage of worldview aspects in textbooks and curricula. They overload students with information instead of developing their ability to think. The goal of the series is to turn this shortage into opportunity – to equip Christian teachers in public schools to help students get an integrated picture of the world, to shape a Bible-based worldview in them, and to transform students instead of simply informing them.



Spacecraft Earth: A Guide for Passengers Henry Richter

We hear so much today about how the universe, the earth and life supposedly came about by chance events and processes. In this book, Dr Henry Richter – a rocket scientist and pioneer in aerospace – challenges these views by exploring what is required for us to exist in the universe. He shows that our planet can be thought of as a sophisticated spacecraft designed for our benefit. In a format that is clear and appealing for people in Eastern Europe, the book describes our planet as a well-designed spacecraft and leads the reader to the biblical conclusion: *God himself has formed the earth and made it; he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited* (Isaiah 45:18).



Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage Jerry Jones [BC]

Marriage is the first institution created by God. Understanding the heart of God about marriage, divorce, and remarriage is vital for anyone seeking to honor Him in this important relationship. With so many

differing views on the subject streaming throughout the world, it's essential to listen to the desire and intent of the author of marriage. Most Christians in the former Soviet Union are first-generation believers. Dealing with problems in the family is a great challenge for young churches. They desperately need the resources like this.



Handbook for the Hurting Lynn Gardner

This book gives practical help for the hurting and the helpers, for the sufferers and the caregivers. The issue of help in suffering was underestimated in the former Soviet Union, though people have always needed guidance in suffering and in helping those who suffer. The need has increased since 2014 when Russia's war in Ukraine started.



Grace Stewardship: Biblical Fundamentals for Church Leadership Sergei Golovin

Sergei says, *This book highlights biblical fundamentals of church leadership. It will help God's people in former Soviet Union countries see them as a priority above cultural and religious traditions. Most churches in former Soviet Union countries uncritically adopt the leadership models of the missionaries who planted them, at the best, or at worst, models from post-communist secular social and business structures. Grounding church life on the solid foundation of biblical principles is a desperate need in our part of the world.*



Genesis for Today Andy McIntosh

From Sergei: *This book argues for the complete accuracy of Genesis and the Bible. All fundamental Christian doctrine is found in embryo form in Genesis 1-11. True revival of Christianity will never be known unless we get back to believing God's Word from the beginning. It lays a solid foundation for fundamentals like science, history, marriage, family, gospel, salvation. Scripture says: preaching Christ crucified is foolishness for gentiles, i.e. for those who do not know about creation, the fall, and the promise of salvation. This is very true for many in former Soviet Union countries who were indoctrinated against the biblical fundamentals. This book is a great tool to cultivate the soil for a rich harvest of evangelism.*



Olga Golovin at Foundations of Family and Marriage Conference



The OT Books Made Simple James Smith

Dr. James E. Smith helps reduce the intimidation of the Old Testament by taking the reader through the books of the Old Testament, opening their contents and significance in dynamic and understandable ways. This resource is sure to become a valuable tool for anyone wanting a clear, easy to understand comprehension of the books of the Old Testament. Most Christians in the former Soviet Union are first-generation believers. It is important to equip them with tools for better understanding of scripture and for teaching the faithful, who will be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).



A Shepherd's Guide to Counseling Fundamentals Beth Robinson

The book equips ministers to counsel in a godly and effective manner. Most ministers in the former Soviet Union lack training in counseling strategies and techniques, while the congregation members frequently seek counseling from them.



Old Testament Introduction Mark Mangano, ed.

Our partner Konstantin Nazarov (Apostle Paul Academy in Moscow, Russia) completed a reprint of this title. The book is still required by students and pastors. It is one of the major books in the curriculum of TCMII. Russian Christians value this book for its strictly conservative approach to critical issues of the Old Testament.

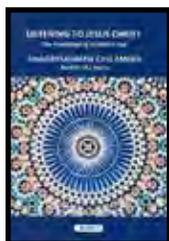
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and learn about the books as they are being finished.

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Watch Konstantin's talk about his literature work, specifically about updating his own earlier translation of *Old Testament Introduction*: latm.info/resources

Somali

Our field partner in East Africa is writing a series of ten booklets for discipling Somali believers. They are bilingual Somali/English booklets for use in various situations. We made these ten booklets LATM's Book Club project for the month of May. Two of them have been completed.



The teachings of al-Masih 'Isa [BC]
(500 copies each). Focuses on key themes from Jesus' words, starting with the concept of the kingdom of God.



The Deeds of al-Masih 'Isa [BC]
About the life of Jesus and its meaning for us, including his death and resurrection, which are crucial issues for Muslim background believers.

Spanish



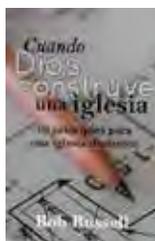
In Remembrance of Me Víctor Sepúlveda

Available on our webstore and for Kindle, this is a book of communion devotions for an entire year, written by respected pastor/teacher in Chile, Víctor Sepúlveda.



Be Baptized, But Why? Omar Barajas

Not everyone has read the Bible carefully to learn about the purpose of baptism. Omar Barajas has searched the Word of God and the writings of early and modern disciples to answer the question: Why must a disciple of Jesus Christ be baptized? Available on our webstore and for Kindle.



When God Builds a Church Bob Russell

Bob Russell's comments and stories explain the 10 principles that guided Southeast Christian Church's growth. We finished this just in time for Colegio Bíblico's

Convention with Bob Russell as featured speaker in February. Available on our webstore and Kindle.

Tamil & Telugu



Ten Timely Truths (reprint) Don DeWalt

Sweet Hour of Prayer (reprint) Don DeWalt

Years ago, V. Benni met with Chris DeWalt of College Press in Joplin, MO to express the need for literature in Tamil and Telugu. That was part of the motivation to begin LATM. Christian Mission of South India and LATM have been partners ever since. Forwarding agent Dan Bowen says: *LATM has been such a blessing to CMSI in funding books in Tamil and Telugu.*

LATM's Phil Casey adds: *Our first visit to India (1995) included meeting with representatives of missions and churches, among them, V. Benni and his brother, Dr. Gnanasikhamani. Through the 95 completed projects, the partnership has blessed many, helping them to Find, Follow and Serve Jesus!*

Thai



Life of Christ Visualized

There has been missionary activity for nearly 200 years in Thailand, but over 95% of the villages still have never heard the gospel. ActsCo Printing, in Thailand, will distribute 10,000 copies, including 5,000 to an amazing indigenous movement among Thai nationals. Read an article about it: v.gd/vU3T5x. Listen to this interview: v.gd/fDtvZy.

Ukrainian



Conference of Christian Education experts, including leaders of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, at the Ostroh Academy

Our field partners in Ukraine are taking advantage of opportunities for Kingdom advancement in a changing cultural situation. The Orthodox Church of Ukraine got independence from the Russian Orthodox Church. It has

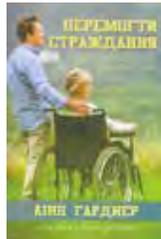
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young, ambitious leaders and may experience an inner reformation, and already have experienced revitalization. It is a great benefit to have books in Ukrainian to influence the situation. At the invitation of Ostroh Academy, Sergei Golovin was on a panel with the highest level experts on Christian Education, and presented his vision and resources. This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



If You Want to Preach Don DeWalt

This book provides lessons on homiletics that help improve both the preacher and his sermons through grounding in the Word and in the Spirit. Due to the situation in Ukraine since Russia's invasion, more and more people demand to have books, lessons and sermons in the Ukrainian language. That raises the need for training Ukrainian-speaking preachers. Until now, there was no book on homiletics in Ukrainian.



Handbook for the Hurting Lynn Gardner

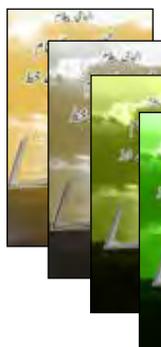
Since the Russian invasion in 2014, there is a great need for this book in the Ukrainian-speaking region of Ukraine.



The Case for Faith Lee Strobel

Wally Vasylovych published this book of Lee Strobel's look at hard issues of Christianity, like why God allows evil, why good people suffer, is Christianity the only way to Heaven, has science dismissed faith, and many more. Ukraine is a nominally Christian country. The atheistic background from the Soviet Union is still strong. That is why there is a need for books in Ukrainian that show Christianity's strong foundation and deal with hard questions.

Urdu



Commentary on Galatians Jonathan Turner

Commentary on Ephesians Jonathan Turner

Commentary on Philippians Jonathan Turner

Commentary on 1 and 2 Thessalonians Jonathan Turner

Key Communications has served Pakistan for several decades, originally under the leadership of Lee Turner, and continuing under his

son Jonathan. These commentaries are enjoying wide distribution among Urdu pastors and evangelists.

Saleem Massey of Pakistan Christian Evangelical Services published two titles in Urdu:



The Seven Unique Claims of Jesus (reprint) Saleem Massey

This book explains seven claims Jesus made that show humanity and divinity. It is an evangelistic tool to present Christ to Muslims and Christians alike. No book like this has been published in Urdu.



Psychological Problems and the Art of Counseling Saleem Massey

This book is for pastors, doctors and nurses who want to help people in their psychological and spiritual problems. PCES is building The Good Shepherd Christian Hospital near Lahore, Pakistan. They want their fellow Pakistanis to know the healing power of Jesus in their physical bodies, and in their mental and spiritual lives, too.



Saleem (center) presented *Seven Unique Claims of Jesus* and *Psychological Problems and the Art of Counseling* to Pakistan's Minister for Human Rights.

100 book projects are underway for 2020. Take a look at the 2020 Publishing Plan at our website: latm.info/momentum

Language	Title	Author	Qty	\$ needed	Target Field	Partner
Urdu	Commentary on 1 & 2 Thessalonians	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 1 & 2 Timothy	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on Hebrews	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on James	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 1 Peter	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 2 Peter	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 1 John	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 2 John	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on 3 John	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
	Commentary on Revelation	Saleem Massey and others	1000	2000	2020	Saleem Massey
English	Commentary on Galatians	Jonathan Turner	1000	2000	2020	Jonathan Turner
	Commentary on Ephesians	Jonathan Turner	1000	2000	2020	Jonathan Turner
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	Commentary on 1 Peter	Jonathan Turner	1000	2000	2020	Jonathan Turner
	Commentary on 2 Peter	Jonathan Turner	1000	2000	2020	Jonathan Turner
	Commentary on 1 John	Jonathan Turner	1000	2000	2020	Jonathan Turner

Ministry in the Pandemic

Read about our ministry partners and pray for their Kingdom efforts

Ajai Lall (Central India): There has been a surge among Christians and non-Christians for prayer as fears rise. Much of India is ill-equipped to adjust to church online. The Mission Hospital is the only place where much of the population can get quality and affordable medical care, offered with the love of Christ.



Wing Wong (China): All of our churches in China are still worshipping and studying at home with family. We have been sending our Bible study and worship videos to them on private links.



Saleem Massey (Pakistan): Our churches are among poor villagers and brick kilns. They work daily and earn money to buy food. We are praying and thinking to give food to widows, orphans, and needy.



Jay Greer (Japan): We need God's help to stay focused on the core of the mission even though it looks very different in this strange time.



Konstantin Nazarov (Russia): Konstantin is putting his isolation time to good use, translating and proofreading major portions of three different books. Besides putting his church services on the internet, he is preaching via Zoom at a unity service of several churches in other cities in Russia, and creating a Christian YouTube channel with provocative and relevant content. Take a look at a video about it: latm.info/resources



Sergei Golovin (Ukraine): I am asking for prayers about our workers, partners, coordinators, and volunteers in Russia and the territories controlled by Russia. A person from the Crimea wrote: "Several persons died from pneumonia in our city recently. There are no tests and nobody knows if it is a coronavirus or just pneumonia." May the Lord



protect His workers as well as all people who suffer from their governors' irresponsibility at the face of danger!

We produce media versions of our courses to equip the workers of the Lord in the restricted regions. We are well prepared for the situation, thanks to technologies! We supply students with the books by mail, with online videos of the lectures and assignments. That is how our ministry of media production and book publishing works for the Kingdom when other methods fail! May the Lord be praised!

Leonid Mikhovich (Belarus): Some of my friends and our Seminary staff are affected with Covid-19. My son-in-law's father got pneumonia and passed away at 67. His wife was hospitalized and missed the funeral.



We have realized we were not prepared for this. Digital resources work, so we try to publish articles regularly.



Simon Thaug (SE Asia): The Corona virus is slow in spreading in Myanmar. We have 22 Covid-19 positive patients and 1 death; 2 are in ICU.

We are staying home and doing well under our Lord's care. We meet and encourage one another online, and I am writing *A Century of History of the Morse Family: 1920 to 2020*.

Ron Morse (SE Asia): Our Bible school closed just as Covid-19 shutdowns started. We hope to re-open in early July. Pray for the students who are home and leading in their communities. We collected donations within our family team and the church to supply some 60 members of the Lisu and Mru church with rice, oil and salt.



The Borneo church members mostly make their living working in the markets, but with tourism shut down,

those are deserted. Already people are out of food and facing serious problems. Sadly, the government here has done little to help with food.

David Morse (SE Asia): There is a lot of fear. Yet we have seen people rally together and look out for those around them. The church has contributed funds to purchase rice, oil, salt, canned goods, and other basics.



Not meeting is hard for the Lisu. Going online has been a huge change, but good has come of it. Our Lisu church in the city averages 120. Yet, 200+ view the live stream service. By week's end, over 800 have viewed!

We received 10,000 copies of the *Life of Christ Visualized* in February. We felt some urgency to get the books to different distribution points by early March. Had we waited another two weeks, travel restrictions would have brought us to a standstill. We are glad for that prompting!



V. Benni (South India): We work with rural tribal people along the Tamil Nadu and Andhra border. They survive on daily wages working in fields, scavenging, collecting firewood, or working in houses. COVID 19 is one side, but people are suffering without food. Our government announced it will provide for them, but has not done much. They asked humanitarian organisations like ours to help these people. They will not provide financial support for our services. Our government is a anti-Christian and pro-Hindu and deny aid to poor Christian families.

We opened our church buildings that can accommodate 5 to 10 people. We need help to provide for families that can't work. A family can survive on 30 dollars to get rice, oil, cooking spices, water, and sanitation. We work with around 650 families in 23 villages who are in need.

Many villages are using LATM literature for spiritual growth. I am encouraging them to read the Bible in one year and use the *Bible Student Study Guide Series*.

Pray for our family's daily needs, safety, and health. We are entirely dependent on God to provide for us and protect us so we can bring hope to the hopeless. We believe that the people we are reaching will feel the love of Christ and his church, just like how it was in the Book of Acts.

Paul Highfield (Kenya): The print shop in Kenya is closed, so we cannot print books. Kenya asked the churches not

to meet. This is hard for them in the bush because they do not have online capabilities.



I send posts to the Chinese students who went through our studies [in Springfield, MO] and are back in China. I get some good responses.



Name Withheld (East Africa): Our college is closed. The campus church has online worship now. I preach for them Sundays. Our district of Nairobi is the hotspot for Kenya. Yesterday Nairobi recorded 29 cases of Covid-19, all of them in our district. I travel to the college to work in my office, but students and visitors stay away. My wife and I contact Somalis by phone and WhatsApp. My wife visited one poor Somali woman yesterday to help her with food and rent.

Rutherford Banda (Malawi): As a poor nation we have no facilities to get tested. Some rural churches are still meeting. We would like to provide sanitation kits to the churches which include a bucket with a faucet, sanitizer, soap, and masks. We would love to provide some assistance to the churches. Please pray for us.



Bob Sheffler (Africa): Funerals, an important event in Ghana, are allowed to have 25 people in attendance. The borders are still closed. Evangelists divided the congregations to meet in house groups. Sermons, Bible studies and prayer bulletins are online. Churches assist members with financial help or food. During this stressful time, young people were baptized. Food and other necessities are in short supply.

Samuil Petrovski (Serbia): God gave us amazing opportunities for ministry. Once a week, we held online meetings that became regional events with up to 200 participants. After the lectures, we put them on YouTube and Facebook, we offered PDF files of the books as gifts. We've distributed a few hundred copies. Most of the speakers are authors that we published through LATM's generous support.



Some attendees became believers through our lectures and the books. One is a University of Belgrade professor.

During this time, we translated *Where is God in a Coronavirus World?* by John Lennox, which we will print and distribute electronically. [Lord willing, LATM will help with \$1000 for this booklet.]

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Dr. Jesse G. Yangmi 1940-2020

Jesse Yangmi, an early LATM field partner, passed away March 8th in Chiangmai, Thailand. He figures prominently in Eugene Morse's book *Exodus to a Hidden Valley* about the Morse family's unique mission work and adventures in a "no man's land" between China, India and Burma in the 1960s. Jesse's life spanned many ethnic, cultural, language, and vocational divides. From his early days as a student in Putao, Burma (Myanmar) he showed an insatiable desire to study, learn, and excel. Throughout his life, his talents and abilities were called on in a full spectrum of service to God and his people, from village evangelism, preaching, and teaching, to Bible translation and writing Bible commentaries and study helps for Lisu and Rawang churches.

