

November  
2021



GLOBAL TRAINING  
NETWORK

Our Itinerary



- Nov 7: Maranatha Baptist Church, Globe
- Nov 14: Faith Fellowship Community Church, Bullhead City
- Nov 18-Dec 1: Kurdistan Ministry (Northern Iraq)
- Jan 3-7: International Zoom Class
- Jan 9: Ponderosa Bible Church, Payson, AZ
- Jan 20-Feb 6: Nepal ministry (tentative)
- May 5-30: Rwanda ministry



# In His Grip

## 2022: Training Leaders in Hard Places

As you know, one of our ministry values involves a high level of communication with you, our partners, about what we are doing. In that spirit, we want you



also to know what we aim to accomplish going forward. God has led us in a particular direction as we have prayed about the future. The theme we have chosen for our ministry in 2022 is **Training Leaders in Hard Places**. God has placed it upon our hearts to continue working with students we have come to love in the countries we serve, but also to take leadership training to areas where Global Training Network has not previously gone --

places like Kurdistan and elsewhere. These areas are often underserved precisely because of the difficulties involved in going or working there. We are praying for God to lead us to such places in the coming year. The following is a summary of 2022 goals:

- I. Cultivate new training fields in Asia and/or Africa.
- II. Continue training programs currently in progress.
  - a. Conduct training events in at least 5 countries.
  - b. Complete current international zoom classes.
- III. Continue ministry partner development.
  - a. Develop approx. \$900 in net new committed monthly support.
  - b. Maintain high communication with current partners.

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## Good News From a Distant Land



Where in the world were Bob and Eileen this month? God placed us in different areas to minister in different ways during October. Eileen spent the entire month in Iowa helping to care for her father after spinal surgery on Sept. 27. His recovery is progressing well and Eileen has now returned to Phoenix. Bob spent 26 days in Rwanda training leaders in three separate cities. The results are highly significant! In carrying out their self-designed application plans during the past six months our students accomplished much:

- Led 391 people to Christ.
- Trained 542 additional leaders.
- Successfully addressed harm and violence occurring in 90 families.

• Restored more than 65 individuals and families dealing with various issues ranging from lapsed church attendance to marriages in crisis.

Never forget that these numbers represent real people and relationships changed by God through the work of our students based on biblical training. This is a *magnificent* return on investment. As long as our students keep doing this kind of work for God's kingdom, we plan to continue bring them the tools to do it.



# Books for Kurdistan

God has recently opened the door for ongoing training ministry in Kurdistan, northern Iraq. One of the challenges faced by students there is a lack of Christian books in the Kurdish language. The influence of Christian writers is an important part of spiritual formation for leaders! God has led us to provide one or more Christian books for our students each time we conduct training there. This means obtaining permission from authors and publishers, translating materials into Kurdish and producing 100 bound copies for the use of our students both now and in the future. It is expensive: up to \$5000 per book or more for larger texts. We are working to contain costs, but, as you can imagine, Kurdish translators are a bit hard to find. Funding this effort is a job for ALL of us. That's why today we are announcing a special project for 2022: BOOKS FOR KURDISTAN. Our aim is to raise \$10,000 or more in 2022 to provide books for our Kurdish students. This is a modest goal. If God provides more through your generosity, then we will provide more books for these students. If God leads you to take part in this project, please follow the instructions below and simply designate all or part of your gift for "Books for Kurdistan" or simply use the account number 43503. I am excited to see what we all can do together to provide the ongoing influence of Christian writers to courageous Christian leaders in Kurdistan!



## Our Praises and Prayer Requests

- Praise God for highly successful training events in Rwanda.
- Praise God for a successful back surgery for Eileen's father.
- Praise God Nepal is now open to international travelers.
- Please pray for Bob's upcoming training event in Kurdistan.
- Please pray for developing plans for Nepal.
- Please pray for strong year-end support for this ministry.

## 2022: Training Leaders in Hard Places *(Cont'd)*



- IV. Continue curriculum development.
  - a. Develop/discover "one day" introductory curricula on subjects list.
  - b. Edit/enhance current curriculum as needed.
- V. Continue spiritual life disciplines (Bob and Eileen).
- VI. Continue academic research on evolving world-views

We are thankful to God for your partnership in 2021. We are also excited for the future! We need your faithful prayers and support more than ever as we work together with you to take new ground for God by *Training leaders in hard places* in 2022.

## Ministry Partnership

Your financial partnership is essential as we carry out our God given ministry. Please follow the instructions below or on the enclosed response card (US mail version).

*"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account... And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:17, 19)*

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