

December 2025

GLOBAL TRAINING
NETWORK

Our Itinerary



Jan 8-26: Philippine ministry
Feb 8: Sonoita Bible Church
Feb 15: First Baptist Church, Duncan, AZ
Feb 22: Maranatha Baptist Church: Globe, AZ
Feb 20-23: GTN Leadership Gathering
March 13-28: Northern Iraq



Saved by His Life

'Tis the season for believers across the world to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Ironically, in just a few short months at Easter we will also mark His death and resurrection. But Scripture provides us with no less than four gospel accounts reminding us that in between His birth and His death lies something crucial: **His life.** The life of Christ—the 33 years He spent walking this earth—is **essential to our salvation and our daily walk with God.** Think about it with me.

Jesus lived the perfect life we could not live. He obeyed the Father in everything, resisted every temptation, loved perfectly, and walked in complete righteousness. **His obedience becomes our righteousness when we trust in Him.** Further, in His life, **we also see what God is like.** Every act



of compassion, every word of truth, every moment of holiness reveals the heart of the Father. Amazingly, Jesus not only showed the Father, but also identified with us. In His humanity, **He understands us**—our weaknesses, our struggles, our griefs. He is a Savior who truly sympathizes. As the all-understanding 'Son of Man,' (his favorite title) Jesus also showed us how to live. He modeled prayer, trust, humility, courage, purity, and love. **To follow Christ means to walk in His steps.** Finally, His life prepared the way for His death, proved His identity, qualified Him to be the perfect atonement for our sins, and provided the righteousness we need.

Jesus didn't remain a baby in a manger, honored by shepherds and wise men alike. Songs like 'Silent Night' could never describe all of Jesus' time on earth. Most of it was neither peaceful nor easy—He came to do the hard work of providing salvation to His erring children, **and He did it. He did it through His life as well as His death and resurrection.** As Romans 5:10 says, **"we shall be saved by His life."** Perhaps between Christmas and Easter we should think and talk not just about His birth, nor just about His death and resurrection, but about His amazing life and all that it means to us. ∞

It's Been Quite a Year!

2025 may have been our busiest year yet! Looking back on our ministry this year, we can report the following:

- We worked in six countries: Cameroon, Kurdistan, Nepal, Philippines, Qatar, and Rwanda.
- We taught 17 classes to 300 people gathered in 14 groups in 12 different locations.
- I traveled more than 120,000 miles for GTN, the equivalent of 5 trips around the earth.
- As part of their 'homework,' our students led 313 people to Christ and baptized at least 170.
- They launched 72 house churches/Bible studies.
- They trained 1123 other leaders using our materials, thus multiplying all of the above results.

The work of training pastors and leaders has been fruitful. I have recently returned from Nepal after a 5 week trip. Our plan was to conduct trainings in Rwanda, Cameroon, and Nepal. In Rwanda with Eileen, I taught Pastoral Care to a brand new group of leaders and Harm to Harmony (Overcoming Harm and Violence in Families) to another group with which we have been working for a year. My planned training event in Cameroon had to be canceled. Political controversy there resulted in riots in which many people were killed. These events forced us to change our plans. Eileen made her way home while I stayed for a third week in Rwanda working on a writing project before beginning the long journey to Nepal. In Nepal I



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It's Been Quite a Year! (cont'd)

was able to lead two different classes on 'Foundations of the Christian Faith' and the 'Christian Theist World View vs. the World View of Hindus.' This was challenging material for our students, but they came through. They rejoiced to learn the vast differences between the Christian view of God, the universe, mankind, justice, and reality in general versus that of Hinduism.



One such difference involved how much the Christian Theist World View provides hope and meaning for everyone's life in ways that Hinduism simply cannot. During the Foundations course I suddenly lost my voice and was unable to teach for two days. By God's grace

I found it again (after a fashion) on the third day and, by shuffling teaching schedules with my training partner Phil Paulsen, I was able to complete my training by doing every session in the second half of the week.

On my last weekend in Nepal, I met my elder brother, Bill. (We see each other more often outside the U.S. than at home.) We had a day of great fellowship together as brothers and also had dinner with four other teams of Global Training Network staff members working in Nepal along with our Nepalese partners. Then Bill headed for a rural area of southern Nepal for a week of training while I headed for home via Bangkok, Tokyo, Denver, and Des Moines. It was a great ending to another great year of training leaders across the majority world. I am thankful that God continues to allow us to do so and am thankful for you, our many partners, who help make it possible.

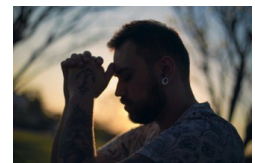


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Our Praises & Prayer Requests



- Praise God for successful classes in Nepal during November.
- Praise God for bringing me through a strenuous trip in good health.
- Praise God for another fruitful year of ministry.
- Please pray for strong fruit among our students in 2026.
- Please pray for my important writing project.
- Please pray for strong year end giving.

Looking Ahead to 2026

At the end of the year it is important to look ahead, not just back. Many weeks ago, Eileen and I sat down and discussed our goals for 2026. The following are our goals representing some of what we hope to accomplish by God's grace in the coming year.

- * Conduct training events in Rwanda, Kurdistan, Philippines, Cameroon, and Doha, Qatar
- * Develop additional committed monthly support for our training events
- * Expand the number of GTN trainers in Kurdistan, Cameroon, and in Doha
- * Develop additional funding for "Books for Kurdistan" to provide \$10,000 or more in 2026 to translate Christian books into Kurdish for Hope Bible Institute
- * Seek foundation grant for translating a major theological work into Kurdish
- * Write manuscript for World Views in the Western World book project

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