



CAREY INTERNATIONAL PASTORAL TRAINING

TRAINING LEADERS FOR THE GLOBAL CHURCH



UPCOMING TRIPS

January 5-20 Uganda
Systematic Theology II
Biblical Theology I



CURRENT PROJECTS

Curriculum development for
Biblical Theology I, Genesis,
Life of Christ & NT Theology



ONGOING TRAINING

10/30-11/10 Philippines
10/30-11/10 Cuba
11/6-11/17 Tanzania



PRAYER REQUESTS

Good transition to Carey
Spiritual insight in study
Safety/Wisdom for our trainers



A Pastoral Commissioning

Most of us are well-acquainted with Jesus' commission to His apostles in Matthew 28:16-20. This Great Commission is so familiar, most believers could probably recite the overwhelming majority of it 'word-for-word.'

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Just as this charge was given to Christ's apostles in the first century, so it remains the mission for us. But how is it best accomplished?

Should we plant a church in an unreached country?
Should we move our personal witness overseas?

Surely there are any number of ways we might attempt to fulfill this Great Commissioning. But as the early church began to take shape, the Apostle Paul employed a different strategy. In those areas where he had established churches, Paul sent pastors to train indigenous leaders, teaching them to shepherd the flock of God amongst their own people.

This is their Pastoral Commission (given by Paul to Timothy):

¹ You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Carey International Pastoral Training is sending academically trained and congregationally experienced pastors around the world to see this commission fulfilled, entrusting what the Lord has taught them to 'faithful men who will be able to teach others also.'

A New Chapter

After more than a decade serving vocationally at Montrose Bible Church in Northeast Pennsylvania, the Lord has given me the opportunity to strengthen congregations around the world by training pastors in places like Cuba, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zambia, Madagascar, Egypt, Lebanon, Myanmar and The Philippines.

Research suggests that nearly 9 out of 10 men leading churches in these countries are doing so without any formal, theological training. Though these pastors are passionate about the Lord and well-intentioned in their efforts to serve Him, far too many struggle in their ministries because they possess *zeal without knowledge*. Scripture continually points out the dangers of that combination, not only for the pastors themselves, but for all of the men and women they lead.

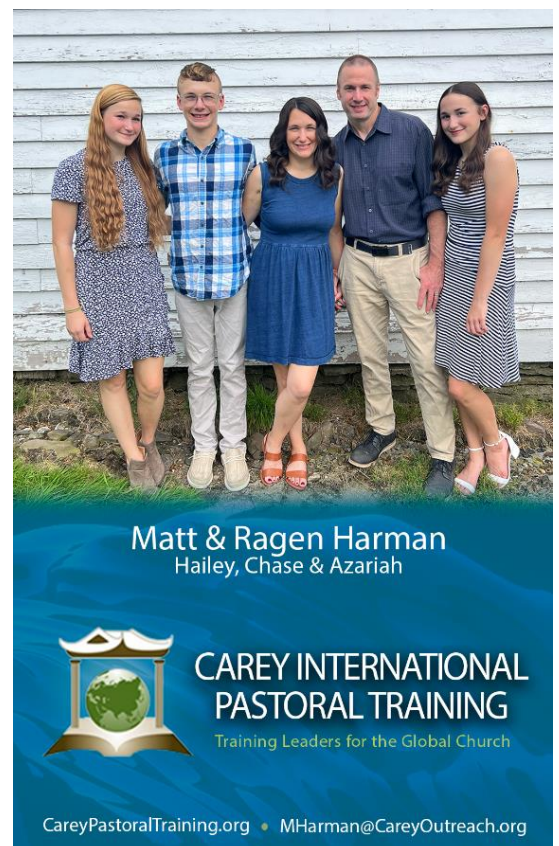
This is why Carey International Pastoral Training exists (and why I am so excited to join them)... to train these men of God, in the Word of God, for the people of God, to the glory of God.

Now that I have officially stepped into my new position as the Associate Director of Carey International, I have begun my work strengthening and supporting these efforts around the world. When I am not teaching my own classes in one of our fifteen international training centers, I will have various administrative responsibilities to keep the ministry effort moving forward.

Beginning next month, I will be part of the new Academic Team, charged with the development and standardization of curriculum for over 40 courses in our University of Theology's Certificate and Diploma programs. I couldn't think of a better way to familiarize myself with Carey's catalog of offerings than pouring over syllabi, student manuals, lecturer presentations and exams for all of our in-country courses!

In addition to my work with the Certificate and Diploma programs, I will be compiling Hispanic and Arabic resources for our Master's degree courses, enabling students who are less proficient in English to continue their studies with Carey International University of Theology.

I am so excited to partner with this incredible organization as they train leaders for the global church. I would appreciate your prayers for my family during this time of transition; but more importantly, pray that the Lord would accomplish His perfect will in and through us, and that God would receive all the honor and glory He is due in this next season of ministry!



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