



CAREY INTERNATIONAL PASTORAL TRAINING

TRAINING LEADERS FOR THE GLOBAL CHURCH



UPCOMING TRIPS

Apr: Ontario, Canada
May: Oklahoma City, OK
Jun: Entebbe, Uganda
Oct: Baltimore, MD



Always Be Ready

As heralds of the Gospel, we are called to be ever on the lookout for opportunities to proclaim the glory of Christ. Despite the myriad of challenges and distractions in our lives, we are to rise each morning with great eagerness and constant preparedness. As Paul told Timothy, we must be ready, always, to **“preach the Word...in season and out of season.”**

CURRENT PROJECTS

Curriculum development:
Life of Christ
The Book of Acts
Accreditation work with ARTS



In the original language, those words urge us to a state of continual readiness...during timely and untimely occasions, at both convenient and inconvenient times. Is that how we approach each day? Ready, willing and eager to share the Gospel with anyone and everyone the Lord places in our path? Or do we sit on the sidelines, allowing these divine appointments to pass by?

RECENT TRAININGS

In addition to several online trainings, members of our team just returned home from Tanzania, Ethiopia & Zambia



A couple weeks ago, I had to wrestle with these questions myself as one of our volunteer lecturers found himself unable to teach the New Testament Survey course that was scheduled to take place via Zoom. Was I ready, willing and eager to step in and teach? Or did we need to cancel the training session altogether?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for my New Testament Survey students, who are currently taking exams and writing their papers



It would not be the easiest week and a half of my life, nor the most convenient (from a time zone perspective). But what a tremendous blessing to “gather together” with pastors from halfway around the world to walk them through the New Testament Scriptures.

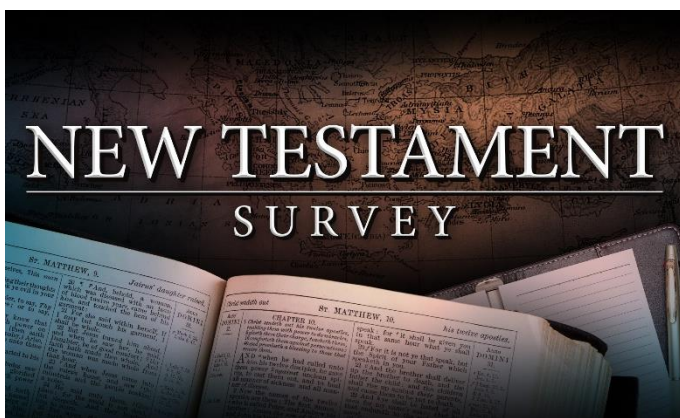
For me, being **always ready** meant being **abundantly blessed!**

27 Books in 28 Hours

In these first six months working with Carey International, I have had a lot of new and exciting opportunities to preach, teach and serve the global church. I experienced another 'first' two weeks ago, conducting my first (solo) training online to pastors whose location could not even be disclosed because of hostile political environments in their home country.

To make the schedule work for participants that are twelve time zones removed from one another, the New Testament Survey class was held 4 hours per day for 7 days. But how do you teach through the historical background, cultural context, particular occasion and salient teachings of all 27 books in a mere 28 hours?

I found that to be the greatest stressor of the course. Beyond the technology concerns and translation encumbrances (both of which were seamless, praise God!), knowing what passages to highlight and which to let pass proved challenging. But thankfully, prayerfully and by the grace of God, I believe we were able to provide a good overview of the New Testament and its teachings in a way that will benefit the pastor-students in their various ministries.



One of the highlights came during our discussion of Paul's letter to the Romans. As we were reviewing the pertinent themes of the book, one of the students asked a question about the process of salvation. "From my readings of John Wesley," the student began, "it seems that we are saved as a result of our own free will decision rather than God's electing grace. Can you help me to understand that?"

After looking again at Paul's treatment of election in Romans, Ephesians and elsewhere, the entire group came to agree that **"God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him."**

Preparing for Greater Responsibilities

As you know, Carey International University of Theology offers pastor-students the ability to earn Certificates and Diplomas as well as Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees. In accordance with typical academic standards, instructors can teach one level below the highest degree they themselves have earned.



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With that understanding in mind, I have decided to enter back into the classroom myself, this time in pursuit of a Doctoral degree from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Upon graduation, not only will I be a more learned theologian, I will be in a better position to serve the ongoing ministry needs of CIUT and its students.

It will be a long road, with many challenges, but I am excited about the opportunity to grow and learn...all to the glory of God!

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