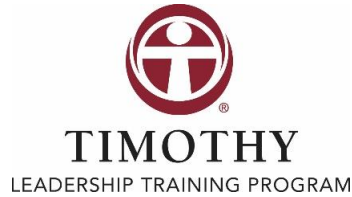


# PARTNERING IN MISSION



## TIMOTHY LEADERSHIP TRAINING CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION

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Dear Friends,

The summer of 2022 flew by! In early July we drove to Alberta to celebrate Albert's parents' 60th wedding anniversary, coming back to Grand Rapids over Northwestern Ontario to spend a little time with Carolyn's family there. Jessica and Ian and William were out from KZ for the summer, and were part of most of our travels. We were blessed to be part of William's dedication at Ian and Jess' home church in Emo on July 17.

In August we had a wonderful cottage-week in West Michigan with all the kids (and William!) before Ian and Jess returned to KZ for another year of teaching. So many beautiful summer memories, with a lot of them somehow connected to grand parenting this little guy!



### The TLT Action Plan

"This course was *practical*." We often hear this from those completing a Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) manual - whether on pastoral care, preaching, or any of the other six TLT courses. TLT is a CRC church leadership training program available in 30-plus languages, and used by churches in about forty countries.

So what is it that makes TLT practical? Usually the answer comes down to the Action Plan. The TLT Action Plan is the final assignment of each three-day course. For this assignment, every participant is required to create a three-four-month plan for how they will apply what they have learned.

After three-to-four months, they report back to their group what has happened by God's grace as a result of their Action Plan. Often real life has a way of modifying plans. But everyone reports: *What did I do? What were the results? What did I learn?*

### The Impact of an Action Plan

Last month, a training group in Bangladesh shared this testimony, "After the training on stewardship, a pastor named Mithu made an Action Plan to help those who had suffered from



loss of work during COVID. Specifically, he encouraged those who had a good amount of land and crops to be faithful with their offerings. He taught about stewardship. He learned that some members had extra land; he talked with them, and some of them gave paddies to those in need. 13,000 Taka (about \$150) was collected to help those without work - even if they didn't come from the same religion. This made a strong impression. There are now more evangelistic opportunities to reach many unreached people..."

James 2:17 comes to mind: "...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." The TLT Action Plan is faith in action. Call it practical, if you will.

### Prayer Request

After a two-and-a-half-year COVID delay, a group of 21 pastors from the *Gereja Kristus Tuhan* church in Indonesia met for 5 days of TLT training in September 2022 to complete their final courses. Thank God for their achievement, pray as they now train others, and pray for the 150+ TLT groups globally who are back to their regular training activities.



Thank you for your support and encouragement in our work with TLT. God's grace and peace to you!

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