

Into the THIRD MILLENNIUM

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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?



As part of the leadership team at the Cuban church and seminary known as Los Pinos Nuevos, Pastor Ornán Cruz has been instrumental in putting Third Millennium Ministries' Spanish curriculum into the hands of Cuban students and pastors. For nearly two years, Los Pinos Nuevos has been using Third Millennium's lessons and biblical materials as the platform for their seminary curriculum. Ornán recently visited the Third Millennium office to share with us how quickly their seminary program has grown since adopting our curriculum.

According to Ornán, the number of evangelical churches in Cuba has been growing rapidly in the last 25 years. As a result, it has been difficult for the church of Cuba to train the increasing number of Christian leaders and pastors – especially those who are located in the most remote parts of the country and cannot attend a physical seminary. “Our great challenge is to train people on the go,” Ornán tells us. “God’s work grows rapidly – more rapidly than how we can train people in the seminary.”

When Dr. Jeff David of The Grace Institute showed Ornán and the leadership of Los Pinos Nuevos how the Third Mill curriculum could be loaded on to tablets and distributed throughout all of Cuba, they began to think seriously about using our material as the base for theological training in Cuba.

They started by giving a handful of students a tablet device loaded with the Spanish curriculum. Upon satisfactory completion of the coursework, those students were

challenged to lead a small cohort of new students through the curriculum. Once these “second generation” students completed the Spanish lessons, they too were challenged to start their own cohorts and so on and so forth. This method of having former students teach current students both quickly and effectively equips a network of pastors and church leaders with the ministry skills and theological understanding necessary to lead the people of Cuba in accordance with the word of God. What started as just a few pastors studying Third Mill's Spanish curriculum on tablet devices, quickly grew to 1,500 students studying the curriculum in cohorts, classrooms, and home groups throughout Cuba.

Ornán thinks the reason the Third Mill material has been so effective in Cuba is that it can be easily adapted to fit other cultures. “Every single thing that Third Millennium produces makes it more adaptable throughout the world,” Ornán says. “I have met pastors and Christians in Ukraine who use Third Millennium. For us in Cuba, being able to adapt their materials to our reality is a blessing.”

It is exciting to see how God is using our material to transform the nation of Cuba. “Third Millennium has become a tool provided by God to fill a huge need in Cuba,” Ornán concludes. “They are the tools that we use the most right now in order to provide biblical and theological training to every area, every denomination, and every leader.”

To watch our entire interview with Ornán and hear how God is working in Cuba, please visit thirdmill.org/ornan.

DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Partnerships are a key piece of our strategy to distribute God's word and train Christians worldwide. Below are some of our most recent updates from our distribution partners.

Igor Kapustin, a professor at a Pentecostal seminary in Ukraine, is currently teaching our series, *Building Systematic Theology*, to 30 students. In the winter, he plans to teach *The Book of Revelation* to another class of 30 students.

e3 Partners Rwanda distributed 25 Third Mill flash drives to pastors in the country. e3 Partners Rwanda is directly connected to planting hundreds of churches annually and is involved in equipping pastors and churches to enable their congregations to study and learn the word of God in small groups and at home.



E3 PARTNERS IN RWANDA

NEW LANGUAGE: INDONESIAN

About a year ago, we finalized our largest distribution partnership to date with the Indonesian education foundation Yayasan Pendidikan Pelita Harapan (YPPH). YPPH seeks to deliver education through a Christian worldview to all segments of society to produce competent future leaders who fear God and possess Godly character. As a part of this partnership, YPPH and their affiliated college, Universitas Pelita Harapan, assembled a team to translate our seminary curriculum into Indonesian. We are very excited to announce that the first Indonesian manuscripts are now available on our website: *The Apostles' Creed* and *The Gospels*.

Indonesia is the fourth most populous country and the most populous Muslim majority nation in the world. With only 7% of the population identifying themselves as Protestant, it is imperative for Christians there to have a strong knowledge of the scriptures and theology so they are able to articulate clearly their beliefs to other Indonesians. We are thankful that the Lord has formed this partnership with Third Mill and YPPH so that the Christians of Indonesia can have the seminary education they need to minister to their brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia.



You can view the manuscripts we have available at indonesian.thirdmill.org.

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

In 2012, Third Millennium Ministries collaborated with Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS) to create an online distance education program where individuals could take classes based on Third Millennium's English curriculum. Non-US residents who completed the courses and passed final evaluations were eligible to receive a Certificate in Christian Ministry from BTS.

Today, we are pleased to report that BTS and Third Mill's Certificate in Christian Ministry program is now available in Spanish. We are excited that Spanish-speaking Christians and church leaders around the world will now have the unique opportunity to earn a free, seminary degree without having to leave their country and their families.

You can find more information on the Spanish program at es.btsfreeccm.org.



FROM THE FIELD

"May I say a thanks to you from brothers in Almaty, Kazakhstan. I just left men who wept for the benefit they have received from Third Mill material in Russian that they have used to revamp the entire theological curriculum in The Bible Institute of Central Asia. Alexander and Uri were simply effusive in praise to God for the help they have received."

- Rev. Joe Novenson, Senior Pastor, Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church



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