



Into the THIRD MILLENNIUM

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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?



Will Savell with his wife, Elaine, and children, Emma and Jack. Will is the Director of Pastor Training at ESEPA Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica. He recently shared with us how Third Mill is helping him train and equip rural pastors and church leaders in Costa Rica.



“I am excited to report that ESEPA is now offering a certificate in theology, targeting under-resourced pastors and church leaders. The certificate follows a two-year curriculum with Third Mill’s materials in Spanish as its theological core. We are exclusively using inexpensive tablets, micro SD cards (secure digital memory cards for mobile devices), and USB jump drives to deliver the training.



The team at Third Mill has put together a curriculum with a sound theological core that has enabled us to reach a wide array of leaders from various denominational backgrounds, including Baptist, Pentecostal, and Presbyterian. Through the Third Mill videos, we are given access to highly trained PhDs, freeing us to help the pastors here who feel extremely forgotten. It’s perfect. For example, I don’t have to explain about the different genres of writing in the Old Testament. That’s done for me by Third Mill. Instead, I can focus on helping the pastors apply what they are learning to their contexts.

The Third Mill material is deep and stout, and equivalent to a master’s level education. Some ask if untrained pastors are able to understand the teaching. Our philosophy is that as pastors and leaders of the church are enabled by the Holy Spirit to learn the deeper truths of the Bible, then it is not and will not be too hard.

This summer, we kicked off the two-year certification process with 45 students from the Northern part of Costa Rica. I told them up front that the material was going to be difficult and deep, but rich in truth. Overwhelmingly, the pastors are excited about what they are learning with the Third Mill material. They are being given more than the simple teachings of the Bible and they appreciate it. They don’t feel patronized. They feel loved by the richness of the teaching.”

Interested in the ministry in Costa Rica and hearing from two rural pastors who are being trained with Third Mill materials? Check out thirdmill.org/savell.

For more information about the Savell’s ministry, visit www.esepa.org and www.savellcrossover.com.



INVEST IN THIRD MILL



On August 26th, five students graduated with an advanced diploma in Christian Ministry from the Third Millennium Leadership Institute—Philippines. These new graduates, along with former graduates, will launch care groups, oversee and implement church activities and ministries, and assist with future church planting. The head of the institute, Pastor Roberto F. de Fiesta, prays that “the Lord will help Third Mill finish its whole curriculum soon so that missionaries, pastors, and church leaders will not be uprooted from their current ministries to go to the West to receive a world-class biblical and theological education.”



The overwhelming majority of Third Mill’s funding comes from donations. Will you please consider investing in Third Mill today? Your contribution enables Pastor de Fiesta and countless other Christian leaders to receive an exceptional seminary-level education in their own countries, in their own languages, for free.

Your donation can be returned in the enclosed envelope, or if you prefer the convenience of online giving, visit thirdmill.org and click the “Donate” button. Thank you!



THIRD MILLENNIUM AND BTS GO GLOBAL!

This summer, Third Mill and Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS) in Birmingham, Alabama launched a joint online distance education platform that fully integrates Third Mill’s complete curriculum in English. After only two months, there are 54 students enrolled in the free Third Mill/ BTS program! Through this exciting collaboration, students living outside of the US (41 out of the 54) are eligible to earn a Certificate in Christian Ministry from BTS. The Third Mill/ BTS program already has a global reach, with students coming from the following countries: Canada, China, Columbia, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania,



Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

One Filipino student who currently lives in Saudi Arabia shared that he is excited to have the opportunity to be better equipped and more knowledgeable about God’s word and theology. While he plans to return to the Philippines to work with a mission there, he has been actively sharing the Third Mill/ BTS program with Christians in western Saudi Arabia who are also eager to further their study.

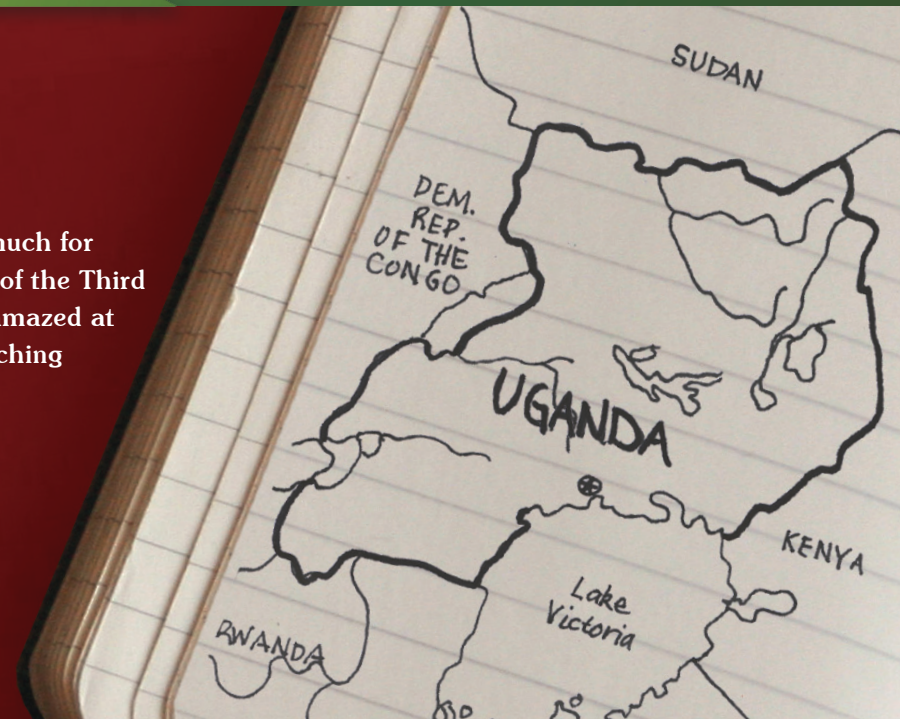
Third Mill and BTS hope to offer the program in Spanish in the near future. With the success of this pilot, Third Mill is poised to partner with other schools and institutions interested in launching a similar learning platform. For more information on this endeavor, please visit bts.thirdmill.org.



FROM THE FIELD

Greetings from Uganda! Thank you so much for sending the DVDs and the thumb drives of the Third Mill material. What a blessing! We are amazed at all the material on it. We have been watching the videos— they are so helpful and are teaching us a lot.

From students in Kampala, Uganda



GRACIAS CAMINO GLOBAL!

More than 350 million people in the world speak Spanish as their first language, and recent growth in the Spanish speaking evangelical population is unprecedented. With substantial church growth comes the urgent need for trained church leaders who not only understand their faith, Scripture, and theology, but can present it thoughtfully to their congregations.



In order to help meet this need, Third Mill recently partnered with Camino Global (formerly CAM

International), a large and well-established ministry whose mission is to produce and empower committed followers of Jesus Christ in Spanish-speaking areas. Founded in 1890 with a focus on Central America, Camino’s scope is truly global today. Their missionaries serve on four continents and their online ministry is thriving, reaching Spanish speakers in more than 100 nations.

We are honored that Camino Global is using and actively distributing our materials. Already, over 42,000 Spanish-speaking leaders have been given free access to Third Mill’s exceptional multimedia curriculum in Spanish. To learn more about Camino Global, visit www.CaminoGlobal.org.

