



## WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

J.D. Reed with his wife, Rhonda, and children, Grace (13), Abie (11) and Nathan (7). J.D. and Rhonda are missionaries with the American Baptist International Ministries in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Rhonda volunteers as a school nurse and office assistant and also helps with medical clinics in rural and indigenous communities. J.D. focuses on providing theological education and leadership development to the churches in the Santa Cruz region. We recently connected with J.D. to hear how he uses Third Millennium's materials in his work with the Bolivian churches he serves. J.D. shares:

In a city of over 2.3 million people and a state that occupies over 40% of the land of Bolivia, Santa Cruz only has four legitimate Baptist churches and ten other mission churches. There is a huge need for leadership development, church planting, and pastoral training.

While in language school, I learned of a concept developed by Will Savell of the ESEPA seminary that would use simple tablet computers to educate indigenous pastors. Will piloted the initiative in Costa Rica using Third Mill's materials loaded onto inexpensive tablets. We modified the program to fit the needs in Bolivia and, after prayer and research, kept the Third Mill videos and resources as a core part of the model.

We plan to expand the model by offering a three-year educational program to small groups of pastors. In the first year, we will use Third Millennium's curriculum culminating in a certificate of Bible and Theology. For the second and third years, we will couple our own material tailored to the church in Latin America with Third Mill's series and forums. Pastors completing years two and three of our program will be awarded additional certificates in Leadership and Pastoral Studies.

At the end of the three-year program, students will have earned three certificates from the seminary,



enabling them to pursue the development of a new ministry or church. In the future, we plan to develop additional one-year certificates in church planting, youth and children's ministries, and other core areas. If the program is successful in Santa Cruz, we hope to expand it to all of the seminaries and states of Bolivia.

This program is very cost effective for the students. To go to seminary full-time is a very large expense. When you account for the fact that the average yearly salary here in Bolivia is less than \$5000, students would be asked to give nearly 25% of their income to seminary every year, along with books, travel, probably changing or quitting their jobs and leaving their families. Our program, however, allows students to receive the quality education they crave, while staying in their homes, keeping their jobs, and working in their churches. The practical and user-friendly nature of this program truly is priceless. The only cost incurred by our students is their time to do the classwork and the ink to sign a covenant with us at the seminary!

For less than \$150, we provide a tablet computer and memory cards with classes and resources and a printed notebook of study guides. If the student has a computer, the cost drops to less than \$50. As of today, we have 26 students, and by the end of April, we will have over 50 students working in the program.

I believe this model is the future of theological education in Latin America and the developing world and I am thankful for Third Mill in helping make this opportunity possible for leaders in Santa Cruz and beyond.

For more information on the Reeds' ministry in Bolivia, please visit [www.internationalministries.org/projects/87](http://www.internationalministries.org/projects/87).



## TEAM RUSSIA



HELENA, ALEX AND IGOR BOGAT

After five months of traveling throughout Russia and Ukraine, our Russian team has returned to sunny, Orlando, Florida.

conference attendees, encouraging them share the curriculum freely with their congregations, ministries, and fellow leaders. One group of pastors shared their plan to use our series *Making Biblical Decisions* to train future pastors in Christian ethics.

Through God's grace, they were able to attend large conferences, meet pastors from underground churches, and introduce many people to Third Millennium's curriculum for the first time. In St. Petersburg, Russia, the Third Mill team presented at a conference packed with people of all different nationalities and walks of life. Our presentation and curriculum were well received. One pastor from Kyrgyzstan thanked Third Mill for our focus on Russian speaking countries. "This is the only way we can get Christian materials in our country," he shared.

The team also traveled to Kiev, Ukraine to attend the Eastern European Leadership Forum, a conference connecting, training, and equipping Eastern European ministry leaders and pastors. Third Mill distributed flash drives, loaded with our curriculum in Russian to the

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theological education and teaching and were excited to receive the flash drives so they could download and share them with fellow believers.

We are encouraged to see how the materials Third Millennium produces and the funds we receive are truly extending God's kingdom here on

earth. Now that the team is back in the office, they are working on translating more lessons, so that Christians in Russian-speaking countries can access the theological education they desire.

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## THIRD MILL ON THE AIR

There are many barriers to leaders accessing Biblical education, including highly restricted internet access, government persecution, and difficulty traveling due to cost or threats. Third Millennium has overcome these obstacles by sharing our curriculum through partnerships with satellite broadcast networks and webcasts. Recently, Chinese Christian Network TV (CCN-TV), a webcast providing free



Christian educational resources and sermons in Chinese on the internet, began airing our Father Abraham series. CCN-TV hopes eventually to begin broadcasting via satellite. We are excited to have a partnership with an organization that is so eager to spread the gospel in the midst of persecution and religious oppression. For more information about CCN-TV, please visit [www.ccntv.org/](http://www.ccntv.org/).

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**With your help, in 2012, Third Millennium Ministries was able to continue to provide theological training across the globe. We recognize that there are many worthy ministries doing the Lord's work. We are truly grateful that among these ministries you have chosen to invest in Third Mill. Your gift is equipping pastors and leaders around the world with exceptional Biblical education at no cost.**

**Many thanks!**

## FROM THE FIELD

Our Bible school in Benin, West Africa was excited to receive Third Mill's theological materials. The contents of the teaching make scripture easily understandable. Most especially *The Apostles' Creed* and *Making Biblical Decisions* series have opened the students' eyes to increased knowledge and understanding of the Church. The Third Mill materials are a must for ministerial training. We are very grateful and thankful for this most wonderful great gift of yours for ministers and church leadership training in this generation.

*Pastor Kalawi  
Benin, West Africa*

