



GOD
AT WORK
IN HIS WORLD
2015 IMPACT REPORT



LEADERSHIP
MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE

“ I am better off in ministry now than before I came to your training. You changed my fear to faith in serving the Lord. You changed my preaching pattern for the better, and you made me cherish studying the Scriptures through **The Preacher’s Outline & Sermon Bible®**. ”



REV. BEN NLEMCHUKWU
ORLU, NIGERIA

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friend,

The Bible’s transformative power is undeniable. When God’s Word is faithfully proclaimed, the Holy Spirit moves in the lives of believers and they surrender their comfort and convenience to the will of the Father.

These men and women love the poor, share the Gospel with prisoners, care for widows and orphans, and rescue children from slavery. **Through them, God is changing the world**—one church, one neighborhood, one community at a time.

How can we replicate this effect? **By empowering pastors around the world to preach the life-transforming Word of God to their congregations!** We do this by developing powerful preaching resources and distributing them to pastors through a global network of like-minded partners.

From Antioch, Tennessee, to Abuja, Nigeria, we have heard story after story of the incredible work God is doing through these pastors. Imagine the impact each one of these leaders is having on their congregations. Imagine the effect their church members are having on their neighbors, friends, and families. Imagine the powerful change that is taking place in their communities as a result!

God has worked through us in unprecedented ways this year. We’re excited to share testimonies of His faithfulness with you—and together, imagine the future He has planned for us.

Blessings,

DAVE WORLAND
President & CEO
Leadership Ministries Worldwide



OUR HOPE

This Sunday, millions of pastors throughout the global church will stand before their congregations and preach—but as many as 85% of them have only one hour of Bible training. What if every one of these leaders had the training and resources they needed to faithfully proclaim the Word?

These pastors are hungry for biblical preaching resources and training that will help them shepherd their congregations and grow the Kingdom of God. Our mission at Leadership Ministries Worldwide is to provide tools and training designed to empower them to reveal Christ to the world.

A NETWORK OF EXPONENTIAL IMPACT

Our desire is to place Outline Bible Resources in the hands of every pastor, but we can't reach every one of them alone. To reach every person with the saving Word of God, we need a strategy for exponential impact.

Imagine if one pastor was trained and equipped to preach effectively to his congregation of 100 people. What if each person in his congregation ministered to 10 people? Now imagine if the same pastor mentored two other pastors, who each had congregations of 100 people. This “snowball effect” could eventually transform the lives of thousands.



That's why we're focused on developing a global network of like-minded partner organizations to accomplish this work. This year, God has provided us unprecedented opportunities to join with pastors, trainers, churches, seminaries, missions organizations, and others to bring much-needed resources to every corner of the globe!



OUR DESIRE:

**TO PLACE OUTLINE BIBLE RESOURCES
IN THE HANDS OF EVERY PASTOR AND TRAIN
THEM TO PREACH GOD'S WORD EFFECTIVELY.**

Preaching at a training event held in partnership with the The Anglican Diocese of Jos in Nigeria.

DEVELOPING RESOURCES

Each volume in *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® series contains material synthesized from more than 200 commentaries and biblical study resources, providing pastors, leaders, and Bible students with an entire biblical library at their fingertips.

Decades in the making, this signature resource is nearly complete. In August, we released Psalms Vol. 2, the next-to-last volume in the series. We are currently on track to complete the entire series in 2016. Imagine God's Word, clearly explained, in a single resource, available to pastors across the United States and around the world!

TRANSLATING OUR SIGNATURE SERIES

As we near the completion of the English edition of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® series, we are shifting our efforts toward making these resources available in other languages. Portions of our materials have already been translated into 17 languages, but there is much work to be done. Through partnerships with like-minded ministries, individual pastors, seminaries, online apps, and crowdsourcing, we anticipate exponential growth in our translating efforts in the days ahead.

200+
REFERENCE
WORKS

43
OUT OF 44
VOLUMES
COMPLETED

99%
OF THE BIBLE
OUTLINED WITH
COMMENTARY

17
TRANSLATIONS
AVAILABLE

FIELD NOTES

Translating Resources for the Romanian Church

Though the church is thriving in Romania, pastors there have limited access to trustworthy sermon preparation resources in their own language.

In 2010, we received a request from the Romanian National Baptist Mission Board to translate *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® into Romanian and make it available to pastors hungry for theologically sound biblical resources.

Soon after, Pastor Bob Patty of Chattanooga, Tennessee, began raising funds for these translations. Since then, we have collaborated with Frontline Fellowship, the Timosoara Bible Institute, and Romanian pastors to translate three volumes, including most of Paul's letters.

This year, we completed the third Romanian translation, which covers Thessalonians through Philemon. Through our Romanian partners, we distributed over 600 of these resources to local leaders.

“As I translated, I was able to use the information to prepare my own sermons. Romanian pastors and students look to this material to help with preaching and personal study. I am thankful to be a part of putting such a great tool in their hands.”



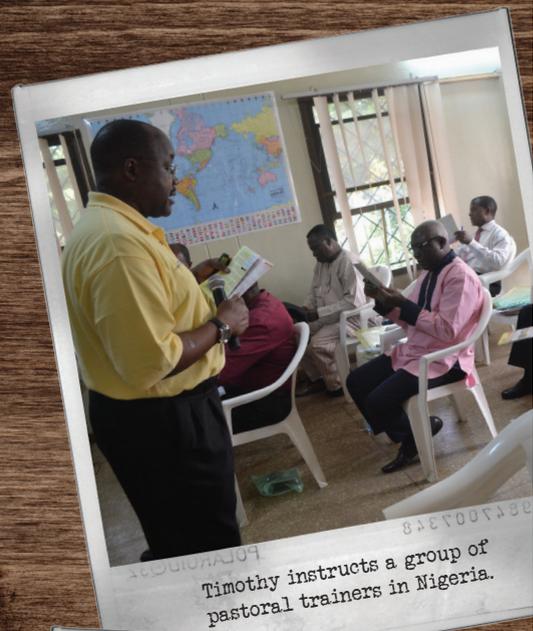
PASTOR GELU PACURAR
ROMANIAN TRANSLATOR
ARAD, ROMANIA



Bill Fortner (2nd from left) of Frontline Fellowship and Bob Patty (3rd from right) with Romanian pastors.



Pastor Bob Patty preaching to Romanian believers in 2014.



Timothy instructs a group of pastoral trainers in Nigeria.

FIELD NOTES

Training a Generation of Church Leaders

God is at work through Timothy Olonade, our Vice President of International Training. This year, he traveled the globe and provided training to an unprecedented 7,197 pastors in countries across Africa and Asia—more than we have ever trained before.

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, 161 of those pastors underwent additional training to become trainers themselves, committing to return to their communities and train other pastors. As Timothy guides and mentors these leaders, the Lord is expanding a network of pastoral trainers who will change the lives of many.

Imagine God's Kingdom growing as Timothy trains pastors and leaders in this network. What if each of those pastors trained 10 more pastors in their communities, and each one of those trained 10 more, and so on? The impact will reach far beyond the classroom, empowering congregations of believers around the world—and transforming lives, communities, and entire cultures.

“ This workshop, this teaching, and these books are making sense of the Bible and our call to preach and lead God's people. Thank you for exposing us to this treasure! ”



FR. MARK MUKAN
JOS, NIGERIA



Pastors receive The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible during training in Malawi, Africa.

MOBILIZING TRAINERS

An estimated **1.87 million** evangelical churches are led by pastors with little or no access to traditional seminary education or Bible training. A movement of trainers is emerging to equip these leaders with the knowledge they need to preach God's Word faithfully. In 2015, God provided an abundance of new opportunities for us to partner with these trainers and equip the next generation of leaders in the global church.

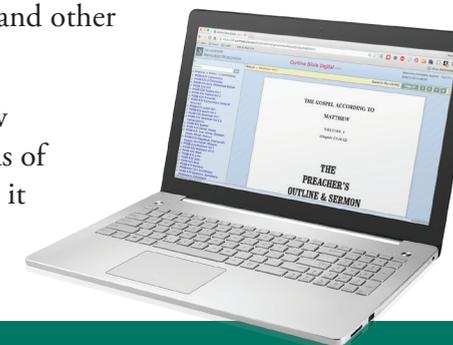
LYSTRA GLOBAL: CONNECTING TRAINERS & PASTORS

This year, we began developing Lystra Global, a new digital tool designed to help pastoral trainers connect with their students and equip them with digital versions of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® and other training resources.

As the software comes online in 2016, it will offer us with new opportunities to provide our resources to potentially thousands of pastors and leaders—including many located in regions where it is impractical or impossible to deliver printed materials.



LYSTRA GLOBAL
POWERED BY LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE



7,197
PASTORS
TRAINED

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554%
INCREASE IN
PASTORS TRAINED

161
TRAINERS
TRAINED

EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS

This year, we experienced an unprecedented level of demand for Outline Bible Resources. God provided us with opportunities to distribute thousands of our resources to pastors, missionaries, church planters, seminaries, and missions organizations, empowering them to boldly proclaim the Gospel wherever He has called them.

DIGITAL HORIZONS IN CHINA

In 2015, we established a new partnership with **WeDevote**, the most popular mobile Bible app in China, with over 10.5 million downloads and 2 million active users.

Through this relationship, the Chinese translation of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® will soon be the first Chinese-language Bible commentary available through WeDevote. Imagine the impact these resources will have as they reach millions of pastors and leaders throughout China



84,380

OUTLINE BIBLE RESOURCES
DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE

CANADA
COLOMBIA
MALAWI

NIGERIA
PAKISTAN
PHILIPPINES

36,687

ESTIMATED PASTORS &
LEADERS REACHED IN 2015

ROMANIA
RUSSIA
SIERRA LEONE

TANZANIA
UNITED STATES

FIELD NOTES

Providing Resources for Colombian Pastors

For many rural pastors in Colombia, South America, access to theological education and biblical training means walking miles down dusty roads, canoeing down a river, or riding a mule to a faraway village. These pastors have limited resources and are desperate for tools to help them preach effectively.

Our partner Will Savell of The Grace Institute is collaborating with the Colombian Institute for Pastoral Education to establish strategically-located learning centers to equip more than 10,000 of these dedicated pastors. Each center is fitted with computers and a library of preaching resources to help them faithfully respond to God's calling.

In September, we shipped 1,082 Spanish-language copies of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® to our Colombian partners for distribution to these learning centers. Imagine the incredible work God is accomplishing through the Colombian church as these resources are used!

“ Preaching is a skillset you have to learn. What good is theological education for a pastor if he can't communicate it faithfully to his congregation? ”



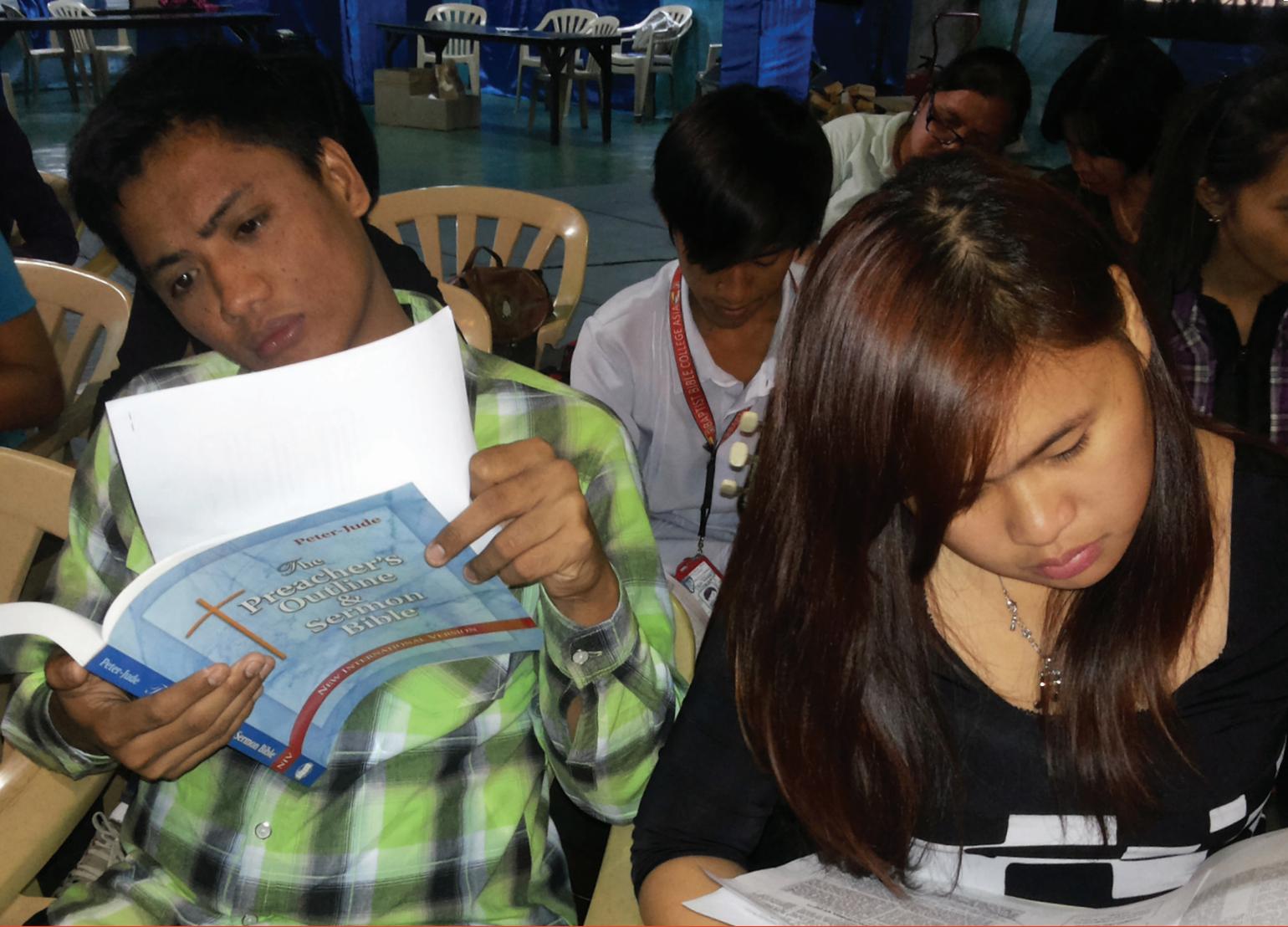
WILL SAVELL
THE GRACE INSTITUTE



Will Savell (left) with Colombian trainers and pastors.



Rural Colombia - imagine the long journey many pastors face to reach theological training and resources!



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60%
INCREASE IN
FUNDS RAISED

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28%
INCREASE IN
MAJOR DONORS

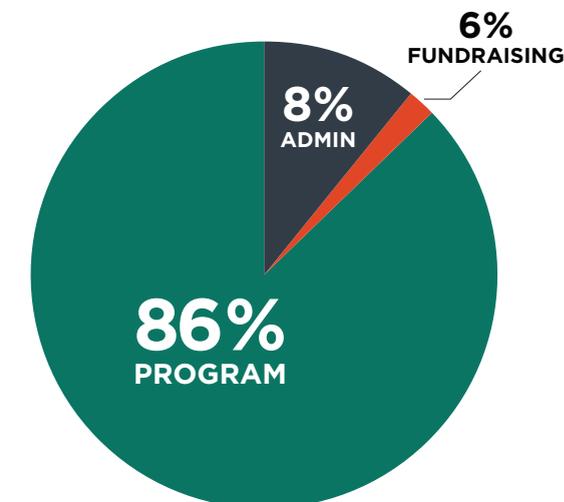
FINANCES

God faithfully provided for the needs of our ministry this year, touching the hearts of many to bring us unprecedented resources for this Kingdom work. The generous support of donors and customers allowed us to reach pastors and leaders in every corner of the globe. We are committed to faithful stewardship of these resources as we continue to experience God's grace and favor.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



Based on our 2015 budget of \$1,490,000

JOIN US!

It is amazing to see God at work in our world! We are honored to work alongside faithful prayer warriors, ministry partners, and generous donors in ministering to pastors and Christian leaders all over the world. It's a God-sized task, and their help makes an impact.

We invite you to join with us in three ways as we continue our mission:



PRAY

Prayer covers and undergirds everything we do. We have a network of more than 183 dedicated prayer partners who lift our work up to the Lord. **Will you join us in prayer?**



CONNECT

We are building relationships with like-minded partners to accomplish this work. **Do you know a pastor, church, missionary, or ministry that we should connect with?**



GIVE

We rely on the support of generous donors to accomplish our work. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to support our ministry with your time, talent, and treasure. **Will you give?**

VISIT OUTLINEBIBLE.ORG/JOINUS TO DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY, CONNECT, AND GIVE.

IMAGINING THE FUTURE

This was an amazing year! As we reflect on all that God has done through Leadership Ministries Worldwide in 2015, we are anticipating what He has planned for us in the next year.

Here are a few of the things we look forward to in 2016:

- We will release Psalms Vol. 3, completing *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® series.
- We will expand our digital footprint, offering our resources through several new Bible software providers. We also plan to make the Spanish edition of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® available electronically.
- As **Lystra Global** comes online, the potential for reaching untrained pastors grows exponentially. As we introduce this powerful tool to trainers, we are exploring new features.
- We will participate in conferences in Thailand and Orlando introducing our resources and Lystra Global to thousands of pastors and trainers.
- We will join with **OM Ships International** to deliver resources and training to pastors in strategically selected ports around the world.
- We will distribute thousands of resources to seminaries around the world through our partnership with **Theological Book Network**.
- We will explore new ways to join with **The Grace Institute** to deliver resources to training networks in South and Central America, Africa and Asia.
- We are exploring opportunities to partner with **Third Millennium Ministries** and make our resources available through their free international online seminary and training programs.
- We are exploring opportunities to work with **Prison Fellowship** to provide biblical resources to prison libraries and prison chaplains in the United States.
- We will host gatherings around the country to share our ministry with interested donors, and invite them to join us in this work.



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