

Into the THIRD MILLENNIUM



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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

Hutch Garmany, assistant pastor at Rock Creek Fellowship in Rising Fawn, Georgia, and his family...

Hutch shared the following update with Third Mill about Rock Creek's partnership in Azerbaijan, Central Asia.

This past year, Rock Creek began a biblical institute

in Azerbaijan to train indigenous leaders in theology, understanding Scripture, and using Scripture in their church contexts. The church there is like an infant. It's very vulnerable to false teaching. We are focusing on training indigenous leaders for distinctly Azerbaijani churches. That task is enormous. If you go over and start a church with Americans and people interested in American and Western culture, you can have a successful church quickly, but it's not impacting the culture; it's not defined by the people there; and it's not a truly indigenous expression of the church. Therefore, it's not sustainable. It's not reproducible. It's not having an impact in the culture. The challenge for us is training indigenous leaders that are passionate about Christ, their people, seeing the kingdom grow, and expanding the church in their country.

I had the opportunity to go over to Azerbaijan last year

and teach a Third Millennium class: *Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament*. I knew that it was going to be a significant challenge to

really communicate the theological concepts in the videos, given the language and cultural barriers.

However, before I got there, the director of the institute in Azerbaijan distributed Third Mill videos, workbooks, and textbooks to the students in their own language (Russian). The students were able to watch the videos, work through the workbooks, and familiarize themselves with the concepts in the lessons prior to the classes. When I came to teach the classes, I had a translator. I was really surprised at how well and how quickly we were able to really

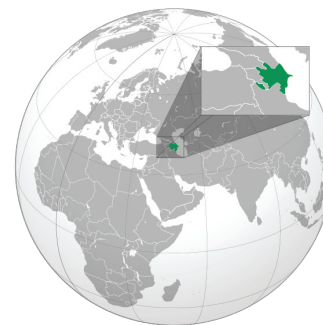
interact with the concepts and the videos in the lessons. These leaders, that had very little biblical training, were quickly developing the framework for how the scriptures fit together. I didn't know how much progress we were going to be able to

make, but because of Third Mill's materials we were able to make some real headway.

Interested in hearing more? Visit thirdmill.org/rockcreek.asp to watch a video where Hutch shares about the institute in Azerbaijan and its work to equip Azerbaijanis to lead the church. In addition, please check out www.rockcreekfellowship.org, to learn more about Rock Creek Fellowship and its ministry.



“Being introduced to Third Mill's materials and seeing how they worked, I think the Institute in Azerbaijan was able to see that Third Mill offers a curriculum for them. Third Millennium has a real turn-key product, where multiple teachers can come in from various academic levels and provide constancy in what they are teaching.”
— Rev. Hutch Garmany



THIRD MILL IN MONGOLIA

The AMONG Foundation works among the people of Mongolia to spread faith and freedom through humanitarian and educational assistance and broadcasting on Eagle TV. Eagle TV is the first independent television station in Mongolia and the only local station on the Asian continent focused on broadcasting the Gospel. Through Eagle TV, AMONG has helped advance the freedoms of speech, press, and religion in Mongolia.

For some time now, Eagle TV has used Third Mill materials in its broadcasts. In an email to Third Mill, Eagle TV President Tom Terry shared recent efforts to reach pastors in the Mongolian countryside:

“For the last four years, we’ve been hoping to provide the Third Millennium theology series on DVD to countryside pastors in Mongolia. We were finally able to take the DVDs to countryside pastors this fall.... Now that the pastors have had time to watch the *Building Your Theology* DVDs, calls are starting to come in. In a word, they love it! The pastors are calling to ask for more Third Millennium materials. One pastor sat down with 10 of the people in his church and they watched the lessons together. Third Mill is a hit!”

VISIT WWW.AMONGFOUNDATION.COM. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AMONG AND EAGLE TV.



The team putting together DVDs & study guides to take to countryside Mongolian pastors.



Batsukh, a Mongolian missionary, goes over the study notes to the *Building Your Theology* DVDs with a countryside pastor.

A NEW AFFILIATION

What do Focus on the Family, Billy Graham Ministries, and Third Millennium have in common?



We are all full members of the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB)! The NRB is a non-partisan, international association of Christian communicators whose membership represents millions of listeners, viewers, and readers. Our work at Third Mill directly aligns with NRB's vision to:

- Proclaim the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- Transform culture through the application of sound biblical teaching.
- Preserve religious freedom by keeping the doors of electronic media open for the spread of the Gospel.

We are eager to collaborate with the NRB and its members in our collective efforts to advance the Gospel through multimedia. To learn more about the NRB, check out their website: www.nrb.org.



FROM THE FIELD

I am an associate pastor in Long Island, NY. I was really hungry for some theological meat. God met that need through your site. I've really learned so much. I appreciate the clear presentations. I can now say I understand covenant theology. Theologically, things have often been somewhat nebulous and elusive. I have had no good skeletal structure to hang Biblical truth on and hold everything together. Your lessons have helped me greatly. They make a lot of sense.

I teach a class on Tuesday mornings and I showed them a portion of *The Apostles' Creed* series. They liked it. After we finish up what we are now studying, we are going to go through that series together as a class. Thank you for offering your materials for free. With the economy the way it is, this is an extra blessing. Third Mill has made a difference in my life and I am sharing it with others. God bless you!

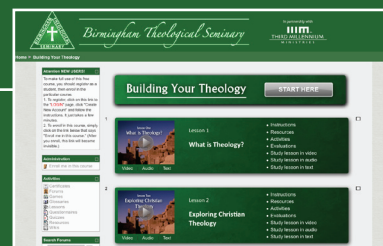
-Rev. Sal Puma, Grace Gospel Church

A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Third Millennium is pleased to announce our new partnership with Birmingham Theological Seminary (BTS) in Birmingham, Alabama. Third Mill has worked with BTS to develop an online distance education platform fully integrating Third Mill's complete curriculum in English. This summer, Third Mill and BTS will launch the co-branded website which will include our video courses, reading lists, forums, evaluations, quizzes, and tests. The site is free and available to anyone interested in theological enrichment; however, credits can only be earned by students residing outside of the U.S. Through the BTS/Third Mill site, any student outside of the United States will be able to take courses at no

cost and earn a Certificate in Christian Ministry from BTS. While the Certificate in Christian Ministry initially will be offered in English, BTS and Third Mill anticipate adding Spanish this year, and are contemplating adding Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, and Russian in the future. This unique venture is intended to equip pastors and Church leaders globally at no charge, using a medium increasingly available even in economically depressed areas.

BTS is known for its commitment to affordability and accessibility. As such, the partnership between Third Mill and BTS is a natural one, as both



ministries share the vision of making exceptional biblical education widely available, especially to those who otherwise would not have access. Throughout its history, BTS has offered low cost, high quality seminary-level learning opportunities and degrees to pastors and lay leaders from many different denominational, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. It is a true privilege to join with BTS in furthering our collective missions.

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