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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?



Rev. Max Tykhonov (pictured on the cover with his wife and two kids) is a Ukrainian pastor, church planter, and missionary. Max became a Christian in 1995 and has been using Third Millennium Ministries' resources ever since. "My first steps in Christianity and my first seminary studies were with Third Mill's materials, so for me it's part of my life," he says. "I started to use Third Millennium materials when it was still on the VHS tapes." Since many Ukrainians did not have access to a VCR at the time, Max (as well as many other young Ukrainians who wanted to study theology) would have to gather around the VCR in the church office to watch a Third Mill lesson.

In the early 2000s, Max graduated from the Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Ukraine and planted Big City Presbyterian Church of Kiev. Max began using Third Mill's curriculum and the resources on thirdmill.org to evangelize, prepare sermons, and teach others. "Most of the people in Ukraine do not speak English, and many useful resources are not acceptable or not available to them," he says. "They are limited to only what we have in the Russian or Ukrainian languages. In order to be effective in evangelism and reaching out toward people, you have to either come up with new resources in their language or translate what you have in other languages. If we did not have materials like the Third Millennium curriculum...our lives would be much more difficult because we would have to rely on translated foreign materials."

"We [also] encourage people in our church and in other churches to use these materials for self-education," he says. "It is available for everybody, so anybody from any part of the world can get there and take whatever they want in Russian or any language."

Max is thankful for the Third Millennium curriculum because it allows him to focus solely on his pastoral responsibilities. "People run to their missionary or organizing pastor with so many questions. I can answer their questions, but I cannot be an effective church planter, missionary, and run the whole seminary school for them. It is easier to give a DVD to a person who asks about the Mosaic covenant rather than to run the whole school and forget about half of your mission work just to train these people. It helps a lot and helps me as a pastor to *remain a pastor*."

Currently, Max is serving as the temporary pastor for Big City Presbyterian Church and will be breaking ground on another church plant in Kiev this spring. Max hopes to plant at least two more churches in Kiev. With Ukraine making headlines internationally, please pray for safety for Max and his family. In addition, pray that the people of Ukraine will seek God in the midst of this turmoil.



LIBERTY CHURCH PLANTING TEAM

COSTA RICAN GRADUATION



Two years ago, Will Savell, founder of The Grace Institute, began providing theological training to Costa Rican pastors via tablets loaded with Third Millennium Ministries' Spanish curriculum. Through this innovative method, Christians in the most rural areas of Latin America can be taught by some of the most renowned theologians and educators of our time for very little money and without having to leave their local church community.

Late last year, The Grace Institute held its first graduation. Fifteen Costa Rican students received a Certificate of Theology after successfully completing the Spanish Third Millennium Curriculum. In order to receive a certificate the students had to watch all the Third Mill videos, participate in a learning community with a senior pastor and pass an evaluation facilitated by a national trainer after each course. Please join us in congratulating and praying for these graduates as they minister to their respective communities.



WILL SAVELL WITH THE GRADUATES

BIBLICAL EDUCATION. FOR THE WORLD. FOR FREE.

We receive emails almost every day from church leaders around the world requesting DVDs and flash drives loaded with Third Millennium's curriculum.

While our entire curriculum is free to watch and download on our website, some pastors' situations necessitate having a physical copy to view and share. We fulfill the majority of these curriculum requests, but since our resources are limited, we are not able to meet all of them. For a donation of \$25, you can send one 32 GB flash drive containing the entire curriculum of one of our core languages to a pastor or Christian leader who wants to study theology. This includes the curriculum in written, audio, and video form as well as study guides for each lesson.

Some people, however, are unable to use the flash drives due to their circumstances or available technology, so requesting a set of DVDs is more convenient. For example, in the majority of United States prisons, flash drives cannot be brought into the prisons and inmates do not have internet access. DVDs, however, can be used in the prison and are often viewed in a community area, like a chapel or a recreation room. The cost of a complete set of DVDs varies based on the language, but ranges from \$300 to \$565.

Chaplain Dan Matsche of Good News Jail and Prison Ministry recently sat down with us to talk about how Third Mill materials are used in his prison. You can see the full video at thirdmill.org/Matsche.

Would you consider donating to help us fulfill these curriculum needs? This not only equips the pastors, but all of the people they will reach in their respective home communities and churches. You can make your tax-deductible donation at thirdmill.org/donate-curriculum. Thank you!



FROM THE FIELD

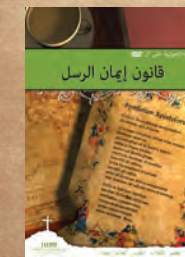
"Dear brothers, My name is [withheld] ... I am a student of Hydraulic Engineering in one of the universities in my country. I want to write this email to thank you for the Third Millennium project. Through the providence of God, it has come to our hands and has been an invaluable tool for our common faith. Our perspectives have been renovated, polished and developed through the application of this excellent project in our churches. I am now studying a series called "The Primeval History" and I am one of those at the front of the implementation of the seminar in the local church where we are about to finish "Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament." We have some difficulties studying because of our profound economic needs and availability of resources, but we have much progress in all areas... God has been pulling us forward and one method that he has used is Third Millennium. Know that we pray for your ministry. We thank you wholeheartedly."

- *Latin America*

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE

We have been hearing from more and more people who have been using our materials to learn a new language. Below is an email we recently received from a missionary in the Middle East who has been using our materials to study the Arabic language.

"One of the challenges new workers face in serving in a cross-cultural context is learning appropriate theological terminology in the new language. While much of that learning happens through conversation and paying attention to what others around you say, I have been personally very blessed with the Third Mill Arabic materials, as I have been able to watch the Arabic videos and pick up the key theological vocabulary necessary for witnessing and discipleship. I've also been



able to watch sections with a college student that I'm discipling and answer specific questions he's had about the Trinity and the two natures of Christ. I'm grateful for Third Mill's work and hope to see more and more Arabic theological education materials produced!"

JOIN US TODAY!

Since 1997, Third Millennium Ministries has remained true to its mission of providing *Biblical Education. For the World. For Free.* With your help, we can continue to ensure every Christian has a well-trained pastor. Will you prayerfully consider joining with us today in the exciting work God is doing through Third Mill?

You may return your donation in the enclosed envelope, or if you prefer the convenience of online giving, visit thirdmill.org and click the "Donate" button.

THANK YOU!