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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

José Aristides dos Santo Filho is the pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Brazil in Itaporanga d'Ajuda and the Dean for Miami International Seminary (MINTS) in Brazil. He is also translating Third Millennium Ministries' curriculum into his native language – Portuguese. With 203 million native speakers, Portuguese is currently the sixth most-spoken language in the world. When José first contacted us about starting the translation work a few years ago, he told us that he wanted his “Brazilian brothers to have excellent theological education for free.” Now, he is actively involved in training Christians in Brazil and ensuring that everyone has access to sound theological education. José recently visited Third Millennium to share more about the state of seminary education in Brazil and about his work with the next generation of Christian leaders in his country.

In Brazil, the majority of quality seminaries and postgraduate programs are concentrated in major cities and are often too far away for those living in rural areas of the country. For example, a trip from José's city, Itaporanga d'Ajuda, to the country's largest city, São Paulo, would take approximately 27 hours by car. Even if those living in rural areas could travel to one of the major cities in Brazil for seminary, most would be unable to afford the cost of tuition. “Our greatest need is to have good material to teach these people about Jesus Christ,” José says. That is why he has worked so passionately to educate pastors in his community – through MINTS, church planting, and translating Third Mill's curriculum.

José first came across Third Mill's website when he was still in seminary. He was immediately



impressed with the depth and academic integrity of the curriculum, but he was disappointed when he noticed there were not many Portuguese resources available on the site. After talking with his professors and praying, José felt it was his calling to improve his English and translate the Third Millennium curriculum for his fellow Brazilians.

Since then, José has been able to translate the entire series of *He Gave Us Prophets* and the first three lessons of *The Apostles' Creed*. He has begun sharing these lessons with his church and the students of MINTS, and he has seen encouraging results. “This material has impacted not only my life, but has impacted the lives of many other pastors of Brazil – notably pastors of small cities,” he says. “We're using this material to teach other pastors and train other pastors. In this way, the materials of Third Millennium Ministries are a blessing, not only for other languages in the world, but also for our beloved Brazil.”

José's ministry efforts are not solely concentrated on Brazil. He is currently preparing to teach classes to Christians in Portugal and the Portuguese-speaking regions of Africa. We ask that you please pray for him as he ministers to the growing number of Portuguese-speaking Christians around the world. To view the materials we have available in Portuguese, visit portuguese.thirdmill.org.

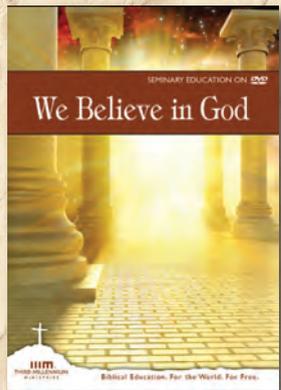
NEW SERIES

Due to the generosity of all those who are partnering with us to complete our English curriculum, our English Production team has been able to release two new series: *The Epistle of James* and *We Believe in God*.



The Epistle of James examines James' letter to Jewish Christians in the first century. James knew that living a godly lifestyle was not easy, but he encouraged his audience toward humble endurance and patient faith as they walked with God. It is important that we look at the major themes in this

book in order to understand his message better and apply it to our lives today.



We Believe in God is a critical lesson in our master's curriculum. This lesson presents one of the most vital Christian doctrines in a way that is easy to understand and that forms a secure foundation for more advanced studies. This series addresses the nature and existence of God, the

attributes of God, his creative and providential works, and the implications of these subjects for modern Christian living.

You can watch either of these series on our website at thirdmill.org.

THIRD MILL IN INDIA

With an estimated 74 million native speakers, Telugu is the third most-spoken language in India and the fifteenth most-spoken language in the world. Countless people have been involved in making our curriculum available in this critical language including the Director of Christ Gospel Church Ministries, Rev. Vijay Raju. Vijay has a vision for training a large network of pastors who desperately need theological education in India. Last month, he traveled from India to record our first series in Telugu, *The Apostles' Creed*. We are excited to make this series available to thousands of our brothers and sisters in India, and we look forward to a continued partnership with Vijay.



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THIRD MILL IN UKRAINE

Every year, Third Mill's President and Co-Founder, Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr., visits Ukraine to teach at our partner seminary, Ukraine Biblical Seminary. Here is what he had to say about his most recent trip:

"It was my privilege to be at the Ukraine Biblical Seminary once again in July. It was an encouragement to be with the church leaders in that war torn country. It was such a joy to see them using Third Millennium lessons as they learn more about the Scriptures and theology."

Please keep these students in your prayers as they continue their studies. If you would like to support the education of pastors in Russian-speaking countries, please visit thirdmill.org/donate and click on the Russian panel.



STUDENTS AT UKRAINE
BIBLICAL SEMINARY

FROM THE FIELD

"I am very thankful for your DVDs. I have been watching the videos and I like them very much. Thank you also for the study guides. I do believe that I will use them. God bless you and be with you."

~ Pastor Delcho Atanasov, Bulgaria



INTERVIEW TRIPS

One of the key components of a Third Mill lesson involves our engaging interview segments with seminary professors and theologians. These interviews help clarify topics discussed in the lessons or offer additional perspectives. Earlier this year, three of our staff members travelled around the country and collected almost 100 interviews for several upcoming series. If you would like to see how they did it, visit thirdmill.org/interviewtrip to see a short video they filmed of their most recent trip.

WILL YOU INVEST IN THE EDUCATION OF PASTORS AROUND THE GLOBE?

We recognize that there are many worthy ministries doing the Lord's work. We hope that you will consider investing in Third Mill. Your gift will be instrumental in equipping pastors and leaders around the world with exceptional biblical education at no cost. You can either return your donation in the enclosed envelope or visit thirdmill.org and click the "Donate" button to donate online. Thank you!