



# Into the THIRD MILLENNIUM



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## FOCUS ON RUSSIAN

Russian, like all of our curriculum languages, is vital to our mission. One of the reasons Russian is so important is because many of the former Soviet states border predominately Muslim countries. Russian missionaries can travel to many places American missionaries cannot. But these missionaries need training. Below is a comment from one of the students who, through your support, is using Third Millennium curriculum to lead the charge.



"In December 2009 I went to Tashkent to teach Christian Ethics. 90% of the teaching materials that I used were from the Third Millennium website. This is great because I cannot bring any materials into this country." (Christianity is illegal and many people are searched at the airport and prosecuted) "So it is extremely helpful when I am able to download the materials from your website. Thank you so much Third Millennium! Please thank your donors for me for allowing me this resource!"

Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan (areas where Russian students minister across borders to the Muslim world)

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## WHERE'S RICHARD?

Richard travels so much that people are always asking where he's going and what God is doing through his travels. Here are just a few of the doors God is opening:

- **Phoenix, Arizona** — Richard recently addressed the deans of most of the major evangelical seminaries in the United States. He shared how education is changing in the United States and discussed how the church's educational system must grow to accommodate the current mindset. Distance education, like what Third Millennium offers, is growing rapidly and Christian educators need to be proactive in their efforts to meet contemporary needs.



- **India** — Richard will meet with leaders from all over India to talk about leadership training. The church in India is growing so fast that the need to train pastors has become critical. Many church leaders are coming together to hear about how Third Millennium can help meet this need.



- **Philippines** — Richard will meet with church leaders, pastors, and Asian theologians at a Campus Crusade for Christ conference in Manila. Following the conference, our Chinese team will meet with the leaders of several underground seminaries located in China.



- **Africa** — Our team will meet with church leaders from all over the world at the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Johannesburg. The Lausanne Movement was started by Billy Graham and other key leaders in the 1980's to help mobilize the world church. Third Millennium has been asked to attend this important event.





## IMPACT!

Did you know that when you support Third Millennium you are actually donating to hundreds of other ministries? Your dollars have a huge impact because they multiply with every ministry we serve. Consider this when you look at some of our newest contacts:

### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Our forward thinking Research and Development team is constantly refining their systems to stay in step with the rapid growth of technology around the world. At Third Millennium Ministries we understand the importance of making your donations go a long way and we are committed to making that happen in innovative ways. While we continue to make our materials available to places that are less technologically advanced, like Africa, we also research ways to distribute our curriculum through emerging technologies for places on the cutting edge of technology, like some areas of China. Biblical education, for the world, for free is not just an empty slogan. With your help and support it is possible.



- **Wycliffe Bible Translators**—We recently met with Bob Creson, the President of Wycliffe, to tell him about Third Millennium’s free Biblical training tools. Bob was excited because he saw the enormous value in our materials. He told us, “These would be a help to our translators in the field because the Third Mill videos would communicate to our translators what the original author of the biblical text was intending.”

- **SAT-7**—The largest Christian satellite television station in the Arab world. Satellite networks like SAT-7 are having a powerful impact in the Middle East and Northern Africa and need quality programming like what Third Millennium has to offer. We have begun talks with SAT-7 to formalize the use of our materials.



When you donate to us you’re donating to several other ministries like these. Your dollars have a huge impact! Because of you, our curriculum is being used freely by people and ministries all over the world. Thank you for making a difference!

## GETTING INVOLVED

The meetings we’ve had with groups like Wycliffe have been made possible because our supporters, people just like you, saw an opportunity and introduced us. You don’t have to be in full-time ministry to help. There are a variety of ways to assist IIIM and be a part of the exciting things God is doing here. Just ask yourself the following questions:

- **What missionary or ministry can I introduce to Third Millennium?**
- **Does my church know about Third Millennium Ministries and if not, would they be interested in hearing how a strategic partnership could be mutually beneficial?**
- **Who do I know on the missions committee at my church that I could present Third Millennium materials to?**
- **Which of my friends would be interested in hearing more about Third Millennium and getting involved?**

We want to hear from you! Write to Len Hardison, our Global Advancement Officer, at [lharrison@thirdmill.org](mailto:lharrison@thirdmill.org) or give him at call at 407-901-4359.

## FROM THE FIELD

A few years ago, I received a Third Mill CD from Miami International Seminary. When I watched the CD I thought [it] was really wonderful and I was very much benefitted. I gave it to my other English speaking friends and they felt the same—so much so that we want to translate [the CDs] to make them available to our Brothers and Sisters in India.

The translation of the Third Mill material will be a great help for the people in India. The whole Christian community will be benefitted [and] the truth will teach people groups in India.

It is our privilege to take up this task of translation of these great teachings. [We] hope these teachings will be useful, like a fire, in India.

Thank you for everything,

— **Kiran Kumar Boddu**  
General Secretary,  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA



FROM THE DESK OF  
**CINDY SAWYER**



Hi, I’m Cindy Sawyer, and I’m the copy editor here at Third Millennium. I wanted to thank you for your support and tell you a little about what I do here.

You already know that we create a seminary curriculum in five languages, but did you know that we won’t release anything unless it has been carefully reviewed several times for accuracy and clarity? A number of people are involved in this process, but my job is to ensure that everything we release goes out to the field without errors. In addition, I also make sure we are communicating our message clearly. Many people don’t realize that a pastor in Africa won’t understand an American sports analogy or be able to translate an English colloquialism into his own native language. So, just as Jesus used language and concepts his audience could understand, we create our materials to be as comprehensible and concise as possible.

That’s why my job is so important. Keeping our curriculum free of errors and ensuring it is accessible to people from different backgrounds and cultures is vital to our mission. Thank you for allowing me to do this. I am so grateful for your support of this ministry!

Cindy