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Into the THIRD MILLENNIUM

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WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

Tim and Annette Gulick are missionaries based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. They currently use Third Millennium's Spanish curriculum to teach and train Christian youth leaders at the Instituto Especialidades Juveniles. We recently received a letter telling us how grateful they are to Third Millennium, and to you, for our contribution to their work. We've reprinted a portion of what they had to say so you can see how necessary Third Millennium is to the growing Christian community around the world.



"Third Millennium is ... very easy to access. Many times when you want to get educational instruction it can be very expensive.



If we tell our students to read something they will have to order it and then wait for it to come in on the boat. This can be detrimental because it can frustrate the student and slow the learning process. Third Millennium is free and can be accessed quickly. So it is a great fix to this problem.

The other thing that makes Third Millennium so effective is its ability to go across denominational lines. South America is between 75 and 85 percent ... Pentecostal, and so when it comes to emotions and trusting in God, they do that great, but when it comes to kind of the more rational

side of exegesis, and really deep study of Scripture in a systematic way, that's not one of their strengths... All we say is, 'Here's some great theological, Biblical teaching' and they study it and they go 'Wow, Wow, Wow!' They

learn, and it fills a void in their experience with God and their experience with Scripture.

Third Millennium is so flexible and helpful to us. Thank you Third Millennium and thank your donors for us for making this curriculum a reality. It is needed."

If you would like to learn more about the Gulick's work in Argentina, please visit www.sepal.org/gulick. We are very grateful to be able to partner with this important ministry.

YOUR DONATION — DOUBLED!

Do you know your BACO? It stands for Best Available Charitable Option. Just as investors seek strong returns on their assets, philanthropists like to know their donations are making a difference, even being multiplied. From now until December 31, 2010 any new funds that Third Millennium receives will be matched – up to half a million dollars!



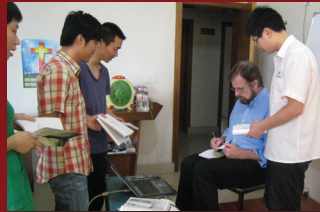
that Third Millennium Ministries provides, and the Lord continues to open new doors and partnerships with multiple churches and ministries. We are excited to meet this "matching gift challenge," but we can't do it without your help.

If you have never donated to our ministry, this is a wonderful opportunity to "double" your initial gift. To learn more, please visit www.thirdmill.org. Join us today and make a difference.

The demand is certain: Millions of pastors and church leaders worldwide need the materials

IIIM ON THE GROUND

Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr. was in China recently with Third Millennium's Chinese Coordinator, Dr. Biao Chen. Pastors from the Chinese House Church Seminary



who have been using Third Millennium materials invited our team to China to teach and distribute our curriculum to other house church leaders.

Conducting classes in China can be very difficult because the government is generally hostile to Christianity. Our team was in a part of the country where most Americans do not travel, and local leaders had to smuggle our team into the city in the middle of the night to avoid alerting the authorities to their presence. For the duration of their stay, Richard was confined to a single building in order to avoid being seen.



Yet, underground church leaders came from all over China to hear Richard's teaching on the Pentateuch and Biao's Introduction to Theological Studies. In addition to video curriculum, each student received Mandarin Chinese translations of the *Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible* and Richard's *Designed for Dignity*.



Chinese House Church Seminary's goal is for the leaders of the house church network all over China to take Third Millennium materials back to other pastors and congregations. These believers desperately need theological training but have no other opportunity to receive it.

Despite the difficulties, both the students and our team left the training sessions edified and excited about what God is doing in China. Our team has already been asked to return next year.

You may never need us...

but we need you. And countless pastors and other church leaders around the world do as well. Your gift to Third Millennium Ministries allows pastors around the world to receive seminary level education in their own countries so they don't have to leave their families or churches. Won't you partner with us today? Every dollar makes a difference and we are grateful for your gift, no matter its size.



SPOTLIGHTING OUR TEAM

You may know that Third Millennium has a talented team of designers, writers, producers and editors, but did you know we also have a gifted illustrator? Sean Lou has been



a welcome addition to our team since 2008. Previously, Sean worked for Walt Disney Feature Animation Studios, FL where he helped animate such Disney films as *Mulan*, *Brother Bear*, *Lilo & Stitch*, *Tarzan*, and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Sean's job at Third Millennium is to create original artwork for our lessons, both through digital and traditional mediums.

If you have ever watched our videos, you will agree that the visual aspect of our curriculum is vital to what we

NEW SERIES RELEASED

We have just released the series *Building Systematic Theology* in Russian. This series marks another milestone for our tireless Russian department. Last year alone they produced more than 33 hours of lessons!

For many years, Russian Christians were not allowed to study the Bible, but with the explosion of Christianity in Russia in recent years, leaders are hungry for a solid biblical education. We must make up for lost time!



Building Systematic Theology is foundational to our *Introduction to Theological Studies* course and provides Russian Christian leaders with a reliable method for understanding and teaching biblical truth.

We are pleased to be able to add this valuable resource to our growing list of Russian curriculum, and we are very proud of our Russian department as they continue to work diligently to produce quality curriculum as quickly as possible.

FRIENDS OF THIRD MILL

Third Millennium is having an impact in places we never anticipated. In a conversation with artist, radio host and award winning author Joni Eareckson Tada and her husband Ken, we learned how grateful the Tada's are for Third Mill's sound teaching. The Tadas told us they have personally seen the effects of bad biblical teaching around the world in their work with families with disabilities, especially in places like Africa where the "health and wealth gospel" essentially says to someone in a wheelchair, "You are defective, because if God loved you he would heal you." Disabled people begin to believe they are disabled because God does not love them, and if he did—or if they only had more faith—they would get better.



KEN & JONI

"[We] appreciate the Third Millennium curriculum because of the scholastic, measured, and biblical approach that corrects these false teachings that hurt real people. Thank you Third Millennium for all that you are doing to advance the gospel around the world!"

— Ken Tada & Joni Eareckson Tada.
Joni and Friends

do, but the task of finding the right image or illustration can often be a real obstacle to the production process. Images depicting specific moments in biblical history are often unavailable to us for many reasons and Sean provides our video designers with the right illustrations to complete our lessons. Whether it's a portrait of a first century church father or Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane, Sean's work allows us to produce beautiful illustrations quickly that display our message clearly and effectively.

