

2022-23

ANNUAL REPORT

SEMINARY FOR THE THIRD MILLENNIUM



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Supporters and Prayer Partners of Thirdmill Seminary,

One of our faculty, Scott Simmons, runs marathons. He trains consistently and watches his diet carefully. He's also an avid bird-watcher, studying the migratory patterns of various species that live in and visit Florida. These activities create a good balance in Scott's life between the hard work of training to finish a marathon and the enjoyment and recreation of engaging the beauty of God's creation.

In many ways, theological education is a marathon that requires consistent training in the Word of God and history of the ways the global church, at various places and times, has applied that Word fruitfully in God's mission. **This year, Thirdmill Seminary finished a marathon race by achieving accreditation.** Through the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), we are now recognized as an accredited institution by the US Department of Education and Council of Higher Education. Rejoice with us and give thanks to God for His blessing!

In this annual report, we also want to feature our first graduates from both our **Graduate Certificate** and **Master of Arts in Christian Studies** programs. Their achievement and the support and sacrifices of their families are noteworthy. Time given to studying over the course of two to four years was also time given by family and church members, an investment in training for the marathon of ministry.

Our graduation ceremony and conference in Miami in August was a way of pausing to give thanks and celebrate the beauty of those sacrifices. Please join us in praying for our graduates by name.

With you in Christ's care and service,



Dr. Greg Perry
President

Congratulations to Our Graduates

MAESTRÍA DE ARTES EN ESTUDIOS CRISTIANOS



Leopoldo Orellana



Nilton Pardo



Alex Foxx



Justin Hawarah



Christafer Sobbing

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES



Ben Hooper



Darius Kerkulah



Ben McCormick



Thomas Nie



Martin Yarkay

THIRDMILL SEMINARY ANNUAL REPORT

Mission

Thirdmill Seminary provides affordable access to a quality multilingual theological education by distance learning, so Christian leaders can study Scripture deeply and communicate its teachings clearly where they serve Christ and His Church.

Vision

Thirdmill Seminary cultivates a worldwide network of learning communities, spanning barriers of language, cost, and technology to interpret and apply Christian Scripture in the Church's mission to glorify the Triune God and disciple the nations.



This year we introduced our students to the **Logos** software from Faithlife. This Bible study and research tool exists *“to empower believers everywhere to go deeper in the Bible through a fusion of Bible study resources and powerful technology.”*

Thanks to the generosity of donors, we are able to provide students with access to a Logos license that includes a Thirdmill Seminary digital library. This library includes many, but not all of the textbooks required to complete the Master's program. **Logos** helps a student with research tools as well as sermon prep and personal Bible Study. Upon graduation from the Master's program, students will be given the gift of permanent access to the license.

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With thanksgiving to God and with great joy, Thirdmill Seminary announces its formal accreditation through the **Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)**.

Join us in celebrating this significant achievement by our staff and faculty. We are committed to providing Thirdmill Seminary students with a rich theological education that meets the highest standards of distance learning, so they can study Scripture deeply where they serve Christ and His Church.

Our Board

MARK HILL

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FINANCIALS 2022-23

Total Revenue \$193,588

Total Expenses \$210,825

Total Reserves \$30,441

Year in Review



ENROLLMENT 2022-23

Master of Arts in Christian Studies

English - 27 students
Spanish - 16 students

Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies

English - 5 students

Partnerships

City Vision University - 19

Continuing Education in Spanish - 36

TOTAL 103 Students

COURSE COMPLETION RATE 2022-23

MA English	MA Spanish	GradCertificate
91.9%	94.6%	100%

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE 2022-23

MA English	MA Spanish	GradCertificate
3.61%	3.69%	3.87%

MASTERY ASSESSMENTS 2021-2023 AVERAGE FINAL GRADE

English	Spanish
91.89%	89.7%



Australia
Burundi
Chile
Colombia
Dominican Republic

Liberia
Malaysia
Haiti
Italy
Japan

Mexico
Russia
South Africa
Spain
Zimbabwe

United States
Mississippi
Alabama
Ohio
Florida
Oklahoma
Georgia
Tennessee

Study Scripture where you Serve



“ STUDENT TESTIMONY

...even though we are in different parts of the world there is someone else who is going through the same process of learning as we are.

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Student Testimonies

“ Thirdmill Seminary has helped shape my understanding of the gospel from simply a personal invitation to be with God in heaven, to a gospel of the kingdom which encompasses every domain of life.

Alex Foxx

Director, Christian Medical Ministry of South Alabama

Completed Graduate Certificate, now continuing in the Master's program

“ The result from these recent months of study has not only been ministerial growth but, most importantly, the knowledge of the work of God where previously I did not see it.

Armando Gonzalez

Mexico

“ The opportunity we have to share with other classmates who come from different cultural and ecclesiastical contexts is very enriching due to exchange of thoughts and the friendships that develop there.

Nelson Rivera

Puerto Rico/USA

First Graduation



Jeff David, Will Savell, Greg Perry

On August 26, 2023, Thirdmill Seminary held our inaugural graduation at Lifted Church in Miami, Florida. The ceremony led by President **Dr. Greg Perry** was held online for 10 graduates in English and Spanish from Chile, Colombia, Italy, Liberia and the United States.

Seven students received their *Master of Arts in Christian Studies* degree. Three students received their *Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies*. Board Chairman **Will Savell** conferred the degrees. **Dr. Jason Hood** gave the keynote address and Deans **Dr. Jeff David** and **Dr. Bob Brumley** gave the charge to the graduates.



Nilton Pardo and Thomas Nie are two Thirdmill Seminary graduates who shared their graduation photos.



In August, Thirdmill Seminary was pleased to offer a bilingual conference called "**Focus on Discipleship**" online and in-person at **Lifted Church** in Miami, a great host for Thirdmill Seminary and partner in our ministry.

Dr. Jason Hood addressed discipleship through two themes: "Becoming Sons and Daughters who Imitate the Father" and "Apprentices of the Master, Ambassadors of the King." **Dr. Greg Perry** explored discipleship as the Spirit's process of making us renewed image-bearers through "The Heartwork of Discipleship" and "The Fieldwork of Discipleship."



It took a team of people to make this a successful conference! We are grateful to all who made it possible. We look forward to additional virtual and in-person conferences as we reach more ministry leaders who are seeking to grow deep in their understanding of Scripture where they serve Christ and His Church.



HONOR ROLL 2022-23

Recognition of students who have achieved
a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Spanish Program

Edwin Benjumea - Term 5
Félix Cahuao - Term 2, 4
Gabriela Cerna - Term 1, 2, 3, 5
Felípe Galvez - Term 4
Armando González - Term 1, 2, 4, 5
Leopoldo Orellana - Term 4, 5
Guillermo Ossandón - Term 3
Nilton Pardo - Term 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Kary Pinzón - Term 1
Santo Quiroz - Term 1, 2, 3, 4
Boris Ramírez - Term 1, 3, 4
Luz María Ramírez - Term 4
Nelson Rivera - Term 1, 2, 3, 4
Miguel Suárez - Term 1

English Program

Amédée Bagirakandi - Term 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Geoffrey Brooks - Term 5
Matthew Bolger - Term 1, 3, 4
Mike Cain - Term 3, 4
Canaan Chaw - Term 1, 4, 5
Hank Currin - Term 1, 4
Alex Foxx - Term 4
Nathaniel Gbah - Term 5
Justin Hawarah - Term 5
Ben Hooper - Term 4, 5
Pacifique Ibonavyose - Term 1, 5
Darius Kerkulah - Term 5
Keat Lee - Term 5
Ben McCormick - Term 3, 5
Moses Muli - Term 5
Xolani Ndlovu - Term 5
Léon Ngendangenzwa - Term 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Yixi Nie - Term 2, 4, 5
Fabrice Niyonizigiye - Term 2, 3, 5
Nkosana Nyoni - Term 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Christafer Sobbing - Term 2, 3
Jelte van der Veer - Term 5
Andrew Voss - Term 2
Martin Yarkay - Term 1, 5

Academic Calendar 2023-24

Term 1 August 14–October 8, 2023

The Gospels
Kingdom, Canon & Covenant of the Old Testament
Discipleship Practicum: Worship

Term 2 October 16–December 10, 2023

He Gave Us Scripture, Part 1
The Apostles' Creed

Term 3 January 8–March 3, 2024

He Gave Us Scripture, Part 2
We Believe in God
Discipleship Practicum: Outreach

Term 4 March 18 – May 12, 2024

Kingdom and Covenant in the New Testament
We Believe in the Holy Spirit
Discipleship Practicum: Nurture

Term 5 June 3 – July 30, 2024

He Gave us Prophets
Capstone Project & Portfolio

Staff Update

This year we added a **Communications Director** to handle all our inquiries and implement our social media strategy in English and Spanish. Our warm welcome to **Diana Sequeira**.



Diana joins us with prior ministry experience. Since 2018, she has been part of the Haggai Institute Board of Directors in Nicaragua as a facilitator, mentor, and organizer of virtual experiences. She is also a founding member of the National Board of Aglow Nicaragua and served for 18 years as a national event speaker and organizer. She is a consultant and speaker for ministries in Latin America that work with women who have experienced domestic violence.



*Inaugural Graduating Class
August 2023*



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