




Overseas Council

Called  
Trained  
Multiplied



A diverse group of young adults, including men and women of various ethnicities, are smiling and posing for a photo outdoors. The background is a bright, sunlit area with green foliage. The text 'GLOBAL IMPACT' is in a bold, brown, serif font, and 'With Indigenous Footprints' is in a blue, stylized, cursive font with a white outline.

# GLOBAL IMPACT

## With Indigenous Footprints

### Cultivating Pastors Who Spread His Word Around the World

Overseas Council provides a unique and focused effort to ensure a legacy of strong Christian leaders around the globe.

Without an intense focus on the development of Christian leaders, thousands of emerging disciples would be asked to navigate for their congregation without a working compass.

Millions of Christians, in places where the Church is growing fastest, would be left alone to unpack the entirety of God's Word without encouragement, achieving minimal results.

The promise of unprecedented spiritual awakening in our generation and the next would fade away.







# Blazing a Trail for Christian Leaders

In the face of relentless persecution the global Church continues to grow rapidly. Through it all, faithful believers, tempered by trial and hardship, are hearing the call of Jesus Christ to step forward in leadership.

The path for these courageous men and women to pursue their calling is not an easy one and requires guidance that accompanies the spiritual flame that has been lit. This is why the work of Overseas Council is so important.

Your gift to the ministry of Overseas Council helps provide opportunities that open doors for leaders around the world who are **called** by the Lord.

The indigenous character of our ministry is reinforced when students are **trained** in God's Word within the context of their local community and culture.

As emerging Christian leaders thrive in a moment of great challenge and opportunity, God's Kingdom is **multiplied** in the Majority World and beyond, for generations to come.

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# OVERSEAS COUNCIL IMPACT

130

Seminary and Bible College Partnerships

70

Countries Engaged

58,000

Students Enrolled Annually

19,000

Graduates Equipped as Pastors and Leaders

ANGOLA BENIN CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
CHAD CONGO COTE D'IVOIRE ETHIOPIA GHANA  
KENYA MOZAMBIQUE NAMIBIA NIGERIA RWANDA  
SENEGAL SOUTH AFRICA TOGO UGANDA ZAMBIA  
ZIMBABWE BANGLADESH CAMBODIA CHINA  
HONG KONG INDIA INDONESIA JAPAN MALAYSIA  
MYANMAR NEPAL PHILIPPINES SINGAPORE  
SOUTH KOREA SRI LANKA TAIWAN THAILAND  
VIETNAM ALGERIA EGYPT IRAN JORDAN LEBANON  
MOROCCO PAKISTAN SUDAN TUNISIA TURKEY  
WEST BANK BELARUS BULGARIA CROATIA  
CZECH REPUBLIC MOLDOVA POLAND RUSSIA  
SERBIA UKRAINE UNITED KINGDOM  
ARGENTINA BOLIVIA BRAZIL COLOMBIA CUBA  
GUATEMALA HAITI JAMAICA MEXICO

\*In order to preserve covenant and sanctuary all partner countries may not be represented.





# The Institute for Excellence In Christian Leadership Development



Overseas Council partners with seminaries, Bible institutes and other strategic ministries by coming alongside people, sharing our expertise, and utilizing our resources to advance quality Christian leadership training. Through this collaborative spirit, churches around the world are empowered to fulfill the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Most leaders of Majority World theological education programs were trained in their academic disciplines as faculty members. Few leaders begin with a strong foundation in matters which contribute to organizational effectiveness or have opportunity to engage with peers regarding challenges in Christian leadership development.

For these leaders, the Institutes are a regular, regional, and vital resource. Since 1999, OC has provided annual week-long consultations in each of its global regions that are known as the Institute for Excellence in Christian Leadership Development.

This ministry serves as a platform of education and engagement for presidents, deans, board members and other senior leaders of centers for theological education. The Institute strengthens leadership skills and organizational expertise, encourages strategic thinking, and provides multi-faceted resources.

Theological education programs in the Majority World face a number of critical challenges. Overseas Council not only recognizes these challenges, but, through the Institute and our Regional Directors, assists Majority World leaders to address them contextually, appropriately, and effectively.

*The OC Institutes became a marvelous source of training, encouragement and cutting-edge management skills development. It helped us shape our seminary to prepare for the challenges of the 21st century. I can say with confidence that we owe our rapid growth and development to the knowledge, training and exposure that we have gained through this innovative initiative of OC.*

~Ivor Poobalan,  
Colombo Theological Seminary, Sri Lanka

## Regional Directors Provide Leadership On 'The Ground'

### What makes OC's ministry uniquely effective?

#### **A Combination of Local Knowledge and Global Perspective**

OC Regional Directors (or RDs) are indigenous to regions of the world in which our partners exist and serve. They are intimately knowledgeable of the varied contexts in which OC operates and they know the language, the culture, the people and the players involved. RDs have personal relationships with school leaders, engendering trust and mutuality. They are able to navigate cultural nuances and determine critical factors at play. Our RDs are frequently sought after by other organizations which value the combination of local knowledge with global perspective.

#### **Contextual Experience with Relevant Expertise**

The Regional Directors are in a unique position to know where OC's ministry can make a difference. They initiate and grow the relationships with each school partner. OC's focus is on higher levels of education, where leaders are multiplied by the training of trainers and the discipling of disciplers. Our RDs bring expertise and experience in theological education which allows them to contribute to greater effectiveness of our partners. Each of our RDs has long experience in leadership positions in theological education in their regions.

RDs are the face of OC to our partners around the world, who perceive us not as a Western organization, but one whose heart and soul resonate with their own regions. RDs are OC's eyes and ears, assisting the organization in gaining a global perspective on theological education while at the same time providing a deep, authentic understanding of local contexts.



International Scope, Singular Focus on Theological Education, Evangelical & Non-Denominational Convictions



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## Global Strategic Initiatives

### Vital SustainAbility Initiative

Primarily funded by a cluster of visionary foundations, the Vital SustainAbility Initiative pairs OC with ScholarLeaders International (SLI) in order to place our common perspective and diverse skill sets at the service of nineteen leading theological schools.

Together, OC and SLI accompany partner seminaries through a rigorous assessment process which asks impactful questions, shapes a measureable and achievable strategic plan, and pursues a future of Vital SustainAbility for institutions whose passion is to nourish emerging leaders of the Christian church in the regions they serve.



Take a look at how your generosity continues to help shape and sustain the lives of Christian leaders around the world through Overseas Council.

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

~Acts 1:8



### Cuba Master of Arts & Doctoral Program

Taught sacrificially by a largely volunteer faculty from other Latin American seminaries, teachers enter Cuba three times a year to teach intensive modules. Each program equips teachers with "training the trainer" skills which emphasize principles of developing Christian leaders. They learn how to empower their students to train and disciple others. The program also emphasizes developing the competencies that a Christian leader will need for lifelong ministry in the Cuban context. Through an innovative collaboration, these programs are also accredited by the respected Caribbean Graduate School of Theology in Jamaica.



### Ukraine Doctoral Program

Today, there are less than 10 professors of theology with accredited doctoral degrees in Ukraine. This is an extremely limited number of professors for their more than 30 theological seminaries. Through the first-ever partnership established through the Euro-Asia Accrediting Association and Dragomanova National Pedagogical University, 14 faculty from 10 Ukrainian theological seminaries will be able to earn their doctorate in theological education.

### North Africa Project

In North Africa OC has partnered with the emerging evangelical church to establish the very first formal program for training pastors. The successful implementation of this project has produced twelve pastors who have become the first graduates from a one-year diploma program.



### China Book Program

In partnership with Christian Chinese scholars, we have created a first-ever catalog of 2,000 priority study resources, all in Mandarin, that will strengthen the libraries of many strategic seminaries. With your help we will provide 400 books for each of the participating seminaries.



### Theological Education for Arab Christians at Home (TEACH)

In the Middle East and North Africa region of the world there is little to no access to theological training for Arab Christians from Muslim Backgrounds. It is also difficult or impossible for many Christian leaders to leave home to complete several years of focused study as residential students. Through TEACH, thousands of Arab Christians and seekers in the Middle East and North Africa can receive biblical training through Christian satellite television and online courses.



# TRANSFORMATION ROOTED IN YOUR GENEROSITY

## Scholarships Bearing Fruit in the Global Community

In the tropical Makabar Coast of Kerala, India the fire and thirst for Jesus Christ has cultivated a new generation of Christian leaders who see not only the need for a deeper personal relationship with the Lord, but are wanting to attain a more in-depth training of the Bible and its teachings.

The desire to spread the Word for a newly saved Christian is natural, but how do you spread the Word to those in your community after you have converted from a different religion?

This was a reality for Risen Kumar Pakhrin.

"I was born and raised as a Buddhist. When I was 17, I received a Bible for the first time," said Pakhrin. Upon receiving his Bible, Pakhrin came to know Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

"That was the turning point in my life. The word of God changed my life and at 19, I accepted Jesus."

Pakhrin began attending church and digging deeper into the Word of God. Through prayer and growth in his Christian walk, he chose to work for the Lord full-time. "The Word of God persuaded me to surrender my whole life for Jesus and motivated me to make a decision to serve the Lord," said Pakhrin.

Early in Pakhrin's quest to serve God, he saw the need to become more knowledgeable of God's Word in order to better serve his community as a pastor.

While his heart yearned for a deeper understanding, he was challenged by not having the financial resources to pursue formal theological education. In addition, his family and friends were not supportive of his new found way of life as a Christian because of their Buddhist backgrounds.

As our Lord often does miraculously in His own way, He eliminated that barrier by providing a scholarship for Pakhrin to pursue a theological degree at IPC Theological Seminary Kottayam.

"Coming from a Buddhist background and having no support from my family, the scholarship assistance from Overseas Council helped so much with tuition and relieving stress associated with college expenses. Without it, I would not have been able to complete my studies."

Pakhrin continued, "We are so grateful for this financial blessing. I assure you that it will not go in vain, but will be fruitful for the glory of God."



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MY WHOLE LIFE  
FOR JESUS"

~ Risen Kumar Pakhrin

\*To preserve covenant and sanctuary, the names and photos of Risen Kumar Paquin have been replaced.





You Can Help Overseas Council  
Change the World for the Better

### Pray

Lift up this ministry, our partners, and especially our global student leaders.

### Give

Empower Christian leaders around the world with a gift that has lasting impact.

### Share

Spread the news with others! OC is training and equipping church leaders around the world.

Your gift to the Multiply Fund will provide the seed money that enables the ministry of Overseas Council to take root around the world, helping thousands of emerging Christian leaders become well-equipped and prepared as effective pastors in the Lord's Kingdom. Your investment ultimately has an impact on millions of Christians, in places around the world where the Church is growing fastest.



Overseas Council relies solely upon the generosity of donors to fund our ministry.

Your gift to the Multiply Fund provides the ministry flexibility to apply your investment to meet our greatest needs.

Thank you for your consideration to join us in partnership to help cultivate pastors who are spreading His Word around the world.



The seeds of hope that your gifts provide have allowed the ministry of Overseas Council to foster the growth of Christian leaders all over the globe.







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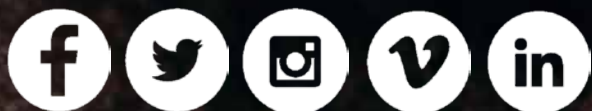
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