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- Please read the main article in this update and celebrate with us! I was so blessed as I sat down to reflect and look back on a year of ministry in Spain and around the globe. God has been good and we have much to celebrate and be thankful for!
- Prayers for this time of year. Almost any cross-cultural worker will tell you that the holidays are the hardest time to be away from family and friends. We are no different. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring with them a heartache that cannot be explained. We miss our families, our friends, holiday traditions, fun events, etc. Social media makes it worse as we see everyone doing all of the things that we long to be a part of. Pray for our hearts as we step into this season. Pray for our adult children as they spend another holiday season without being together as a family. Pray for us to all feel the love that we have for each other, even though we are far apart.
- Prayers for health. Billy is doing great as he continues on this learning journey of living with diabetes. Laurie is continuing to recover from her knee injury—doing so much better, but still not 100%. Pray that we continue to learn and find ways to be healthy. Thankful that we live in a place with amazing health care!



So much to be Thankful for! 2024 A Year of Ministry and Milestones

As the year draws to a close, we're reflecting on God's faithfulness and the incredible support we've received from partners like you. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts have made 2024 a year of impact and growth in ministry, despite personal and professional challenges. Thank you for standing with us—you are a vital part of this journey!

A Year of Ministry and Milestones

This year brought opportunities to connect deeply with people across the globe, strengthen cross-cultural ministry efforts, and equip others for kingdom work. Some of the highlights include:

Recovery and Resilience: Laurie began the year in a wheelchair recovering from knee surgery, yet we found ways to continue ministry and work, host community meals, and hold meetings in our home during her recovery.

Training and Equipping: We led cross-cultural training events in Georgia, Kentucky, Kenya, Hungary, Spain and more, training hundreds of global workers, pastors, and ministry leaders. A recent trainee had this to say, "The way I see the world has totally shifted since I learned about worldview. Now, instead of judging people, I try to understand and accept them for who they are. My worldview should not hinder the message from God for His people. I loved the practically demonstrated lessons and how each was relatable to our different cultures."

Spiritual Formation and Care: Billy led multiple Camino retreats, offering a space for healing and renewal. He also had articles published in professional journals on the topics of burnout, sabbatical, and walking retreats for spiritual formation.

Global Impact: We connected with international teams in Europe, Africa, and beyond, attending conferences and leading workshops on critical topics like cross-cultural communication, theology of risk and suffering, worldview and a multifaceted Gospel perspective, burnout, scripture engagement methods, and more. Our training and care has a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the immediate recipients. We also

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continued our partnership with aid workers who are working with war refugees. Because of this partnership and your quick and generous donations, we were able to help evacuate several orphaned children from Ukraine to a safe house in Romania.

These moments were made possible because of your faithfulness in walking alongside us.

2025: A Year of Opportunity

As we look ahead to 2025, we see a calendar full of opportunities for deeper impact:

Increased requests for Spiritual Formation Retreats: We'll continue using the Camino de Santiago as a space for leading people in spiritual formation and healing. We have three Camino retreats currently scheduled, two are completely full almost a full year ahead of time!

Cross-Cultural Training: From Maclin trainings in Panama to a possible Train-the Trainer program in Kenya to GreenLight training for university-age people discerning a call to serve, we'll continue to equip even more workers to serve effectively in cross-cultural settings. We'll also be helping to host the Refugee Highway Partnership conference in Spain this year, equipping and connecting refugee ministry workers for more effective service.

New Ventures: We will host a group from the USA who will spend a week learning about Spain's history and culture and how it relates to the church and faith today. Laurie is developing online training courses and building more content for cross-cultural training, while Billy is writing a book on burnout to serve the global missions community. Of course, we will continue to pour into our local community and our neighbors, coach pastors, and mentor the next generation of cross-cultural workers.

Each of these projects is a step of faith, and we can't do it without your partnership.

Your prayers and support have been the lifeline of this ministry. As we prepare for 2025, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Your giving helps train global workers, mentor leaders, and provide care for those on the frontlines. Together, we are equipping the global church to share God's love in the hardest places.

One training participant recently shared: One training participant recently shared: "They care for humanity to the last details.... Everyone plays a beautiful part... They want to know how they can serve you better. They are dedicated to the work of the Lord and passionate about sharing God's Word to the nations. You consistently meet and exceed expectations." With your help, we'll continue to meet those high expectations and more.

We're so grateful for your partnership this year. Whether you've prayed, sent a note of encouragement, or given financially, your support means the world to us. You are part of every life touched through this ministry, and we thank God for you daily.

As we enter this season of thanksgiving and anticipation, we ask that you continue to lift up the ministry in prayer and consider a year-end gift to help propel us into 2024 with strength and purpose.

May God bless you and your family abundantly in the coming year.

~Laurie & Billy





















Empowering Cross-Cultural Ministry Workers in Kenya











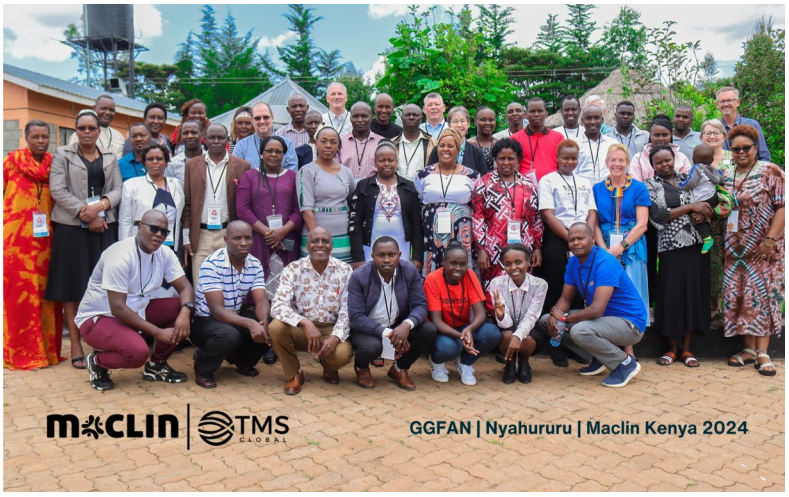
At the beginning of the month, we had the privilege of leading a cross-cultural training event in Kenya. We partnered with a long-time friend of TMS Global, Simon Mwaura, to help train people who are working with his ministry initiative, God's Grace for All Nations (GGFAN). With 45 participants gathered, including 40 Kenyan pastors and cross-cultural workers, the room reflected the beautiful diversity of God's kingdom. These men and women are actively serving among some of the most unreached people groups and remote areas in Kenya.

The training focused on equipping participants with tools for effective cross-cultural ministry,. Through interactive sessions, small group discussions, and practical exercises, participants gained valuable insights into overcoming cultural barriers, building relationships, and communicating the gospel in culturally appropriate ways. Favorite topics included the sessions on Worldview, Discovery Bible Study, Incarnational Ministry, Cross-Cultural Communication, and Self-Care for Effective Ministry. In total, trainees received 25 hours of curriculum to enhance their effectiveness in spreading the Gospel in Africa.

The diversity in the room enriched the experience as participants shared stories, challenges, and victories from their unique ministry contexts. One attendee shared, "This training was exactly what I needed at this time in my life and ministry. This changes everything. This helped me see how to approach ministry and serve others in a way that honors God."

Laurie was thrilled with the results. "This was definitely one of my favorite training experiences ever! The Kenyan CCWs were in a place where they were ready to receive the training and eager to learn. They were deeply aware of the cultural differences in their ministry contexts. We have never had a group that was this engaged and ready to interact, ask questions, and wrestle with tough concepts… and we had so much fun doing it!"

We are deeply encouraged by the passion and dedication of these leaders. Their work is vital in reaching tribes who have never heard the name of Jesus. Please join us as we pray about a Train-the Trainer event in Kenya next year. We would love to train several of these pastors and workers to enable them to train others in the Joining Jesus Cross-Culturally sessions. Also, please join us in praying for these courageous workers as they carry the light of Christ into hard-to-reach, sometimes dangerous places.





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- Nurturing and developing people to be healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally, and relationally - because "care" is not just an emotional feeling word, "care" is a verb - an action. That's what we're about - developing and caring for people so they can live into their unique design and God-given purpose.



Become a Partner! We would love to have you on our team!

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