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# Compassion's Call

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## CWO on the Web

Through the generous provision of a donor, CWO is now online: ([www.compassionworldoutreach.org](http://www.compassionworldoutreach.org)).

With graphics composed by YEB-SOM (Taylor Mosbey) the website uses a wheat field motif (Matthew 9:36-39) and Olive Tree (symbolizing the Word of God) and beams of sunlight (Christ who is the light of the world).

In addition to Home, there are pages "About Us," "Staff," "Events," "Links" and "Donations." We have also included the Plan of Salvation which opens from any page. Past issues of Compassion's Call are also linked.

When you visit us online, be sure to play the video we posted on the Home page – "Go Into the World" by Travis Cottrell. This song really sums up what missions are about... making disciples.

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## My Brother's Keeper

### "Pushing Back the Darkness"

Germany, the land of the Reformation and the first printed Bible lies today in spiritual ashes. As one German pastor has put it, "The people have not only forgotten God, they have forgotten that they have forgotten." Once fertile ground for the Gospel and the beginning of the Great Missionary Movement of the 18th Century, Germany (and all of Europe) is now hardened soil in which to reap a spiritual harvest. Having systematically stripped Germany of its faith, Satan is reluctant to give up this stolen ground and he is fighting hard to hold it.

Nevertheless, there remains a remnant of God's people in this region ...our fellow Christians who desire to see the church grow there once again by "pushing back the darkness." At CWO our strategy for helping with this task is two-fold:

(1) First, we are asking Christians in the US to pray for the spiritual renewal of Germany. Remember, a safeguard for our own country is to continue praying for the lost people of other nations.

(2) Second, we are translating the 10-course curriculum of The Bible Training Centre for Pastors into the German language (for use at church planter training centers in Germany).

2008 was very difficult for many ministries, yet CWO experienced vigorous growth. Many of our supporters gave generously and sacrificially towards the end of last year and for this we are extremely grateful. The year 2009 will be filled with changes, personally and for our world. Yet, through it all, you and I must remember that God never changes and his Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) must not suffer loss. Now, all we are asking is that you continue to pray and then respond as God leads you to help "push back the darkness,"

We sometimes forget that Philippians 4:19 is actually a conditional promise! Giving to what is dear to the heart of God (missions) always brings the provision of God to the giver. In times like these you and I can defy the evil spirit of fear and darkness by giving above and beyond what we might typically give.

*"The nations can and do have their destinies.*

*Decided by God's praying people who wield a power greater than all the armed might of earth."*

– Harold Lindsell, author, *When You Pray*

Sincerely,

Clark Ivey, President



# A Model For Biblical Leadership Training

By Dennis J. Mock, Founder and President of The Bible Training Centre for Pastors

In 1988 I conducted a pastors' conference for the first time in Mombasa, Kenya. During that conference, I discovered that the crisis of untrained pastors and church leaders was acute. Of the 93 Kenyan and Ugandan pastors who attended the weeklong conference, not one held a degree from a formal Bible college or seminary. Furthermore, none were able to realize such training because of costs, logistics, lack of space, and educational levels.

As I processed the challenge, the Lord impressed on me the necessity of developing a systematic, comprehensive approach that would provide an alternate yet acceptable method of training. During this time I discovered that the missing element needed for such an informal training program was an appropriate curriculum. There were qualified teachers and students, available places to meet, and people and



Dennis Mock with Clark and Louise Ivey ministries willing to support such efforts, yet the content was lacking.

After unsuccessfully searching for a curriculum, I developed a basic, comprehensive, 10-course curriculum that became *The Bible Training Centre for Pastors and Church Leaders* ("BTCPL"). Today, the need for biblical training continues to be "a significant issue in the development of church leaders in every nation. It is estimated that in the next 10 years two million churches will be planted

around the world. Who will lead these churches and how will these leaders receive the training they need?

In our model of ministry, one of the ways we address these needs is through the ongoing translation of the BTCPL curriculum. We currently utilize 28 completed translations while 19 new translations are in development. We are excited to partner with Compassion World Outreach in developing the German translation and implementing church planter training in Germany. An investment in the spiritual development of this country is desperately needed.

As Christians, we must do all that we can in our time and place to ensure that Truth is passed on to the next generation. One of our best means of doing this is to pray for and support Bible training for future pastors and church leaders.

## Your Gift to CWO Multiplies

God's Word encourages His people to invest in the next generation of believers (2 Timothy 2:2, Psalm 78:4). A gift to CWO accomplishes this and much more. This is the one sure investment that multiplies time and time again, for the Kingdom!

Gifts may be directed to CWO, P.O. Box 6506, Athens, GA 30604, and are tax-deductible. Or if you prefer, you may make a secure online gift by visiting our new website at [www.compassionworldoutreach.org](http://www.compassionworldoutreach.org). CWO relies on the generous support and prayers of God's people!



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