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## WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

On our newsletter cover, we usually show a picture of an individual or group of individuals who are currently using Third Millennium Ministries' curriculum to train Christians in their country. While we enjoy sharing pictures of the people actively involved in training tomorrow's church leaders, the reality is that many of the people using our curriculum cannot do so publicly for fear of persecution. Mr. B. is one of those individuals. Mr. B., whose real name must be withheld for security reasons, recently visited the Third Millennium offices to share how he is using our Russian curriculum to minister to people in Uzbekistan.

Located between Afghanistan and Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan is a dry and landlocked country in Central Asia. Islam is by far the dominant religion among Uzbeks, as Muslims constitute over 95% of the country's 31 million people. While the Constitution of Uzbekistan provides for freedom of religion, the small number of Christians in the region are heavily persecuted. Christians are strictly forbidden from proselytizing, printing and distributing religious materials, and offering private religious instruction.

Despite the threat of imprisonment, Mr. B. oversees an underground seminary to provide his fellow Uzbeks with a better understanding of the Bible and the tenants of Christianity. "I think that the need for theological education is great not only in our country, but in the whole world," he explains. "Theological education helps people to better understand the principles by which God builds His Kingdom on Earth. Our mission is not just to give people an education, but to help them understand why they need it."

Because of his desire to educate Christians in Uzbekistan and the surrounding countries, Third Mill's commitment to saturating the world with free theological education

perfectly aligns with Mr. B.'s mission. "The approach of Third Mill is a biblical approach, because the idea of spreading the Gospel all over the world is straight from the Bible," he told us. "We can only spread the Gospel if we translate the lessons to different languages, and do everything possible in order to have biblical materials available for other countries, languages, and peoples."

Since it is against the law to print or import Christian materials, Mr. B. provides his students with password-protected tablets that have Third Mill's curriculum downloaded on it. Before meeting in a classroom setting, the students watch the video lectures on their own and meet with other students to discuss the material. By the time they meet in the classroom, the students already have a strong understanding of concepts presented in the lesson. Time in the classroom can then be spent discussing topics that are more complicated and contextualizing the lessons.

The Third Mill curriculum has also been a great source of encouragement for Mr B.'s students. "These (materials) helped me to make the students realize that their life on earth is not over yet, that we have to do a lot of work together." From the teachers and students using Third Mill's curriculum to the designers and donors who make it possible, we certainly have a lot more work to do together to saturate the world with theological education. We are thankful for Mr. B. for the sacrifices he has made to extend God's kingdom here on earth.

If you are interested in learning more about Mr. B. and his work in Uzbekistan, visit [thirdmill.org/MrB](http://thirdmill.org/MrB) to watch a video interview recorded and edited by our Russian team. If you would like to invest in our Russian curriculum, please visit [thirdmill.org/donate](http://thirdmill.org/donate) and click on the Russian panel.

## WHERE'S RICHARD BEEN?

Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr., Third Millennium's co-founder and president, spends the majority of his time travelling to churches and seminaries around the world to teach and share the mission and vision of Third Mill. The following are a few of the exciting places Richard has already visited in 2015.

 **Jakarta, Indonesia** – Our network of partners is growing rapidly in Indonesia. Richard spent his time in the country visiting several of our major partners and preaching. As the largest Muslim majority nation in the world, we are thrilled to have a growing presence in the country.

 **Chengdu, China** – Immediately after his trip to Indonesia, Richard flew to Chengdu to teach a course on the prophets at a local seminary.

 **Medellin, Colombia** – In conjunction with Gospel Through Colombia, Richard visited Universidad Seminario Reformado Latinoamericano to teach a course on biblical interpretation and show the current staff how to implement Third Mill's courses into their curriculum.

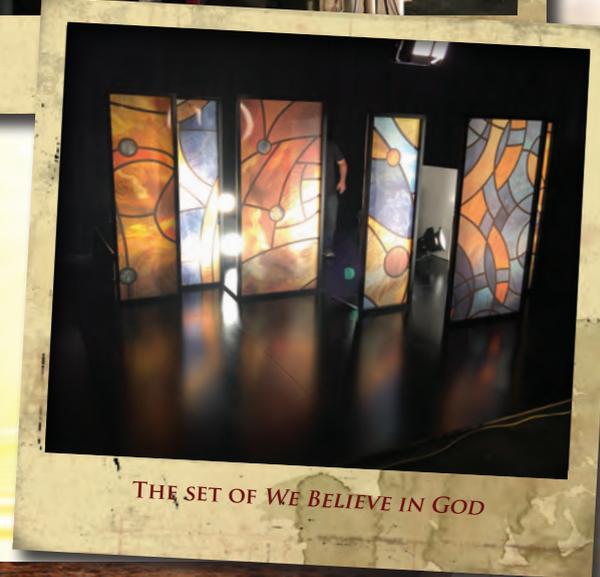
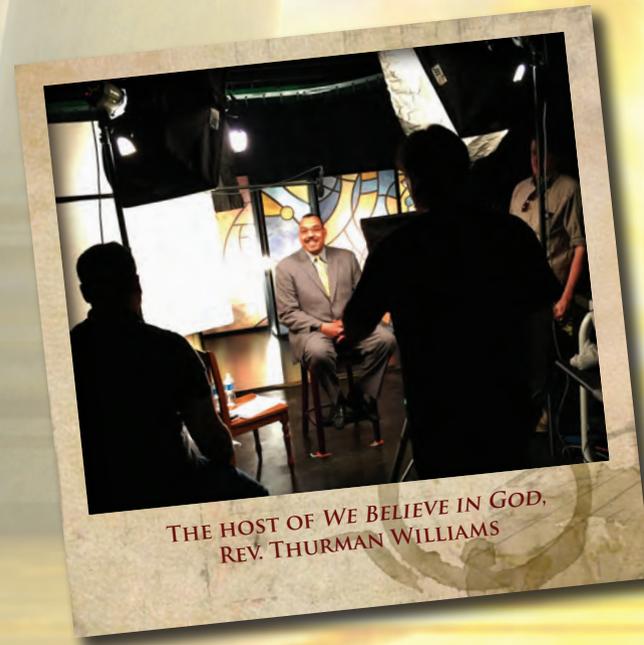
 **Eastbourne, England** – Richard was one of the keynote speakers at Bible by the Beach, a conference that offers Christian refreshment and building up through excellent Bible teaching, lively worship, informative seminars and helpful workshops.



RICHARD IN COLOMBIA

## COMING SOON: WE BELIEVE IN GOD

Our production team is nearing the completion of our series, *We Believe in God*. This series will focus on explaining God's creative and providential works and drawing out the implications that His existence and attributes have for Christians today. Last month, Concrete Lion Pictures visited our on-site studio to record the series' host, Rev. Thurman Williams of Grace and Peace Fellowship in St Louis, Missouri. We hope that you enjoy this new series.



## FROM THE FIELD

“Thank you for sending the flash drive! I received it today with so much joy. As I write now, I am watching lesson one in *The Apostles' Creed* and it's quite awesome!”

~ Rev. Emeka Ogbuju, Nigeria



## LIKE, TWEET, AND FOLLOW US

We have more encouraging news to share with you, but we cannot fit it all in our newsletter. If you are not already, be sure to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all the exciting things happening around the ministry.



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## HELP US FINISH OUR CURRICULUM

To help catalyze the completion of our curriculum, a foundation, that wishes to remain anonymous, has issued us a challenge grant. If we can raise \$238,000 toward the Annual Fund and English production from new donors, reactivated donors, and current donors who increase their giving, the foundation will award us an additional \$238,000. That means your donation will be doubled! In order for your gift to be doubled, we must receive it by October 31, 2015.

With limited time to raise \$238,000, we need your help. Will you please prayerfully consider partnering with us to finish our two-year English curriculum? Your gift today will bring us one step closer to saturating the world with free seminary education. You can either return your donation in the enclosed envelope or visit [thirdmill.org](https://thirdmill.org) and click the “Donate” button to donate online. Thank you!