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THIRD MILLENNIUM



## WHO IS THAT ON THE COVER?

Pastor Michael Maura is a Kenyan reformed Baptist preacher working under Bethesda Baptist Church based in Kiatuni, Machakos. He works closely with Injili Bible Church, Grace Baptist Church in Kisumu, and Grace Baptist Church in Eldoret, and he is currently involved in a church plant in Nairobi. Pastor Maura recently wrote to tell us how grateful he is for Third Millennium's materials. The following is an excerpt from his letter.

"I am one of the people benefiting from your free resources here in Kenya. Theological training is very expensive and you are offering the best. The teachers are thorough and Biblical. God bless you."

On Sundays I have been preaching evangelistic messages. The aim is to point those who are not saved to the Lord Jesus. My wife has been teaching children. Please pray that many will come. Every Wednesday we have a Bible study/prayer meeting and we are



currently studying Ephesians. Friday morning I go to a primary school to teach children God's word. On Saturday I normally go around witnessing and distributing gospel tracts.

I have greatly benefited from Third Mill, even in my sermon preparations. Those of us in the third world are benefiting greatly from Third Mill resources. I downloaded the video on the book of Acts over two years ago. Third Mill is giving the best theological training and I am grateful to God for His providence which led me to Third Mill. Grace to you."

Michael Maura  
Bethesda Baptist Church, Nairobi, Kenya

To learn more about Pastor Maura's work in Kenya, please visit:  
<http://michaelotieno.blogspot.com>

## SNEAK PEEK PER WEEK

How long has it been since you visited our website? We are constantly updating and adding new content.

Each week on our homepage we release preview segments of lessons currently in production. These content rich snippets are anywhere from 2-5 minutes in length, and numerous people have told us how they use these videos for a brief devotion or study. We would love for you to benefit from these as well, along with our numerous additional resources.

Take a peek at [www.thirdmill.org](http://www.thirdmill.org).



## SPOTLIGHTING OUR TEAM

Anyone who has been around Third Millennium for any length of time probably knows the name

**Ra McLaughlin.**

Ra is our VP of curriculum. He has either written or edited every script Third Mill has produced, and he conducts most of the interviews that appear in our lessons. Since the summer of 1998, Ra has worked tirelessly to plan out the content of our curriculum and to determine the series and lessons that make up Third Mill's courses. Ra is also our webmaster and writes most of the answers for the Q&A section of our website.

Ra has a Master of Divinity degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, and prior to coming to Third Millennium, he was Managing Editor of Ligonier Ministries' monthly publication, *Table Talk*. Ra was also the Associate General Editor for the *Spirit of the Reformation*

*Study Bible*, and a contributor to the award-winning *Discover God Study Bible*.

Here's what Ra said about working for Third Mill:

I would be tempted to become a missionary if it weren't for the fact that Third Millennium Ministries allows me to have so much more impact than I would have in a localized ministry. My drive to be in this type of ministry is complemented by my primary areas of giftedness, which are teaching and communication. I also have an affinity for technology. Third Millennium allows me to marry all of these things in a single ministry.

We are honored to have Ra serving with us here at Third Millennium!



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## CHINESE NEWS

On January 1, 2011, Covenant Evangelical Theological Seminary (CETSedu.org) held its first staff and board member retreat in Orlando, Florida.



Led by Dr. Hongjun Li, CETS was established as an online Chinese seminary in 2009. The idea for CETS was triggered, in part, by a conversation between Dr. Li and Third Millennium's founder, Dr. Richard Pratt during a China Partnership meeting in 2008. CETS's primary purpose is to meet the huge demand for theological training in the Chinese Christian community worldwide, especially in China.

CETS uses Third Millennium's Chinese materials as the lecture portion of their curriculum, while the CETS teachers give students additional theological reading materials and requirements such as homework, exams, writings, and practical service. This integrated curriculum is having a great impact on the Chinese students.

Currently CETS has between 20 and 30 students, primarily from China. According to these students, several learning centers, seminaries and churches in China and around the world are using Third Millennium curriculum as a vital part of their Chinese equipping tools. CETS eagerly awaits more Third Mill materials as they become available.

## FROM THE FIELD

Third Millennium Ministries is really doing an excellent job. I remember my time in Reformed Theological Seminary (actually, Richard Pratt was the one who helped me get there) — so much good, solid knowledge, so rare for an international like me, but only so little could fit into my pockets, so much lost and forgotten or misunderstood.

And now I can have an entire seminary right at my home. Moreover, I can repeat any class as many times as I need, and even sit at the table with the scholars to listen to them answering students' questions! Something unthinkable just a couple of years ago.

God is doing something very great and important, on a global scale, through your ministry. I am glad Richard Pratt had this idea.

I'm in the Czech Republic, one of the most atheistic countries in the world. Thank you for what you are doing for us.

— *Simon Konecny, Czech Republic*

