



GLOBAL TRAINING NETWORK

Softened Through Suffering

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Speaking at Wycliffe Hall at the University of Oxford

Recently, I had the privilege of being invited to speak to a group of students and faculty at Wycliffe Hall at the University of Oxford.

Along with this speaking engagement, I also had a week full of significant meetings with various Christian business and ministry leaders.

If you would like to see more photos and stories of this trip, visit paulmadson.com.

“O God, let me make a difference for You that is utterly disproportionate to who I am.”

- David Brainerd
Missionary to Native Americans
(1718-1747)

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

2 Corinthians 4:7

As we begin another year of global ministry in 2025, I'm excited about what lies ahead! Our staff team – now numbering over 200 – are some of the most highly experienced, well-educated, entrepreneurial people I have ever worked with. And yet... they continue to model *genuine humility and kindness*.

I recently spoke to a group in the U.K., and during the course of my talk, I began to share about GTN's staff. Two words that describe them well are “gracious” and “humble.”

The reason for this, I believe, is that they have been in ministry long enough to be humbled by it. *That's what ministry does to us. It humbles us! And if it doesn't humble us, something is deeply wrong.*

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These men and women have had many of the hard, sharp edges they started with *softened through suffering*. A beautiful Christlike fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) comes from those who have endured trials and humbly chosen to learn from them.

This next year, our 200+ staff will provide quality biblical and theological training throughout the Majority World, where 85% of all pastors have no formal - and very little informal - biblical and theological education.

GTN is now involved in 87 countries around the world, with more invitations to train than our staff can keep up with. By God's grace, He is using all of us in a way that is *'utterly disproportionate to who we are.'*

We are simply *'jars of clay'* (2 Corinthians 4:7). Nothing special. Just imperfect 'clay pots', desiring to be more like Jesus every day - sometimes going three steps forward, two steps back. But we, as a ministry family, say together, *"Lord, use us when, where, and how you want. May we steward our gifts, talents, education, experience, and resources for Your glory and the expansion of Your Kingdom."*

This past year, God once again grew GTN in both staff and income. By His grace and providence, He has caused GTN to grow every year in staff and income for 21 years straight. We simply respond to the Lord, *"Lord, if you will, use us for Your glory to our final breath."*

Again, thank you for your incredible generosity this past year. *Because of your prayers and investment in GTN*, we were able to train over 10,000 indigenous pastors and leaders around the world.

The *'ripple effect'* of 10,000 pastors trained directly impacts over 1 million people who are a part of these congregations...

- » **1 million people** equipped in evangelism and discipleship to take the gospel to their families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

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I'm pictured here with Hannie Riley, Librarian at Wycliffe Hall, who also operates a nonprofit that sends quality biblical and theological books to the neediest parts of the world.



Here we are, enjoying teaching at Yarnton Manor from Dr. George Guthrie, Professor and New Testament Scholar at Regent University in Vancouver, BC. Dr. Guthrie's specialty is the book of Hebrews.

This felt like having a Bible Study at 'Downton Abbey.' Dr. Guthrie taught, and we discussed and prayed together. It was a truly beautiful, enriching experience.

Introducing Dr. Dennis and Patricia Cahill

Dennis and Patricia began serving with Global Training Network in 2024, after being involved in pastoral ministry for over 40 years. They met at Florida Bible College in 1972 and were married in 1976. Dennis studied at Biblical Theological Seminary (now known as Missio Seminary) outside Philadelphia and graduated with an M.Div. degree in 1982. He served as an Assistant Pastor at a Bible church for four years in Pennsylvania, and while serving at that church, he attended Westminster Theological Seminary and graduated with a Th.M. degree in 1988.



Patricia has served in the accounting department of the Vanguard Group, as receptionist for a medical office, and as a mother and pastor's wife.

They moved to central New Jersey with their two children in 1986 to help begin a new Bible Fellowship Church and served there for the next 35 years. During that time, Dennis studied with Dr. Haddon Robinson at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and graduated with a D.Min. degree in 1998.

In 2017, Dennis experienced a spiritual awakening that transformed his life and ministry. Since then, his passion has been to be a catalyst for spiritual awakening in the church. He wants to see God's people live in Christ, by the Spirit, and for the glory of the Father every moment and every day. Dennis and Patricia call their ministry *Life As It Ought to Be: Experiencing the supernatural joy, love, and freedom that God intends—every day!*

The Cahill's now live in North Augusta, SC, a few blocks from the beautiful Savannah River. They are members of the historic First Presbyterian Church of Augusta, GA. Dennis teaches Sunday School and at City View Seminary in Augusta, and Patricia helps in the church library.

Among other things, Dennis enjoys scuba diving with his daughter Megan. He and Patricia both enjoy spending time with their three children (two married) and their two grandchildren.

Join us in welcoming Dennis and Patricia to the GTN family!

Stewardship Corner

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Did you know that giving from your IRA can fulfill part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year?

This benefits individuals over age 73 who need only a portion of their IRA income and want to satisfy their RMD obligation.

The IRS will tax your heirs who inherit your IRA. They must exhaust the IRA within ten years, which could be a significant tax burden. Consider gifting your IRA to GTN and help loved ones in more tax-friendly ways.

You can also make an enormous difference during your lifetime without impacting your assets or cash flow by giving from your will, trust or retirement plan.

If you include GTN in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, your legacy will live on in the multiplication of GTN's training around the world.



