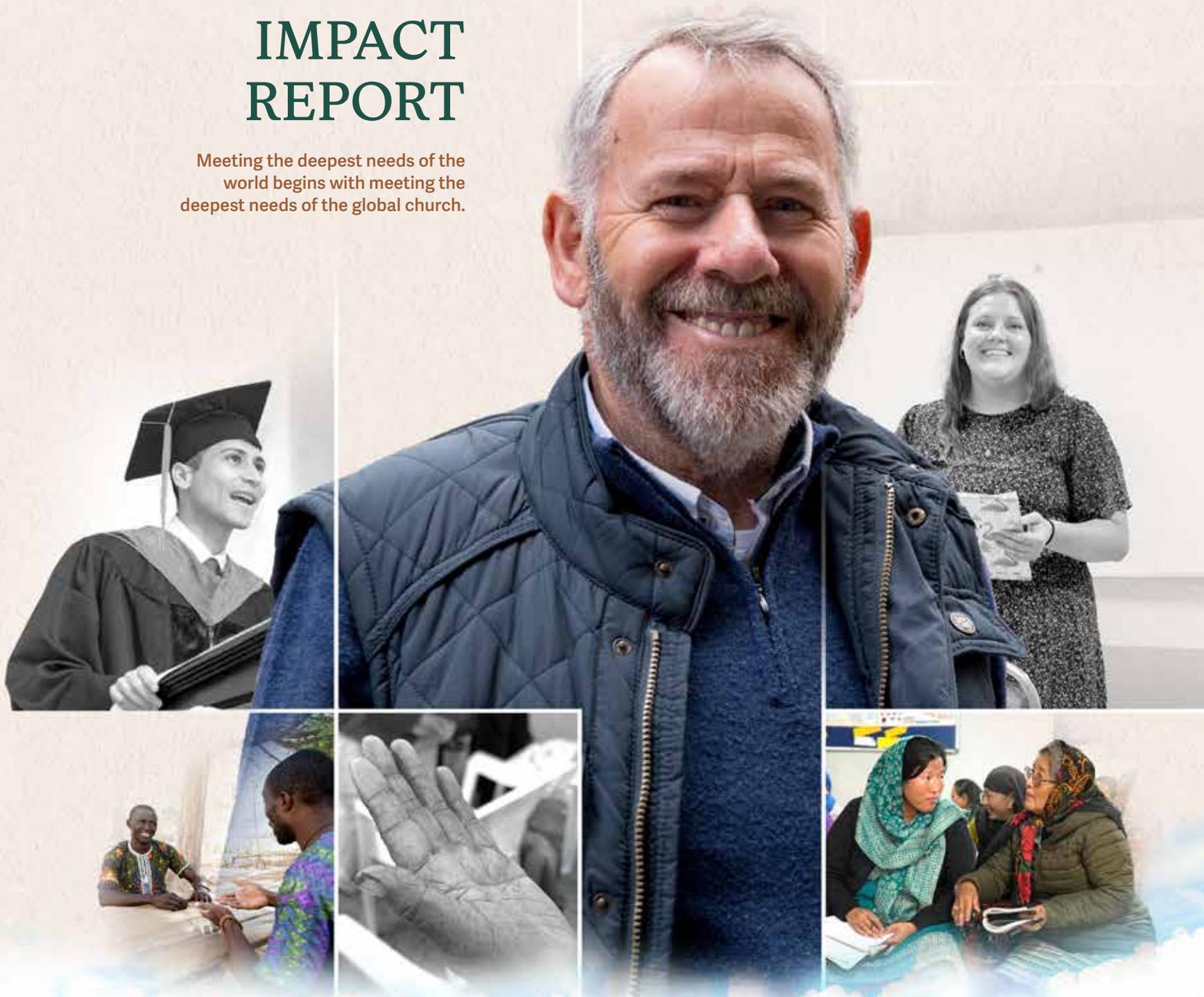


2025 GLOBAL TRAINING IMPACT REPORT

Meeting the deepest needs of the world begins with meeting the deepest needs of the global church.

 Mesa Global



Mesa Global focuses on equipping the church and its leaders worldwide. We believe investing in healthy and thriving leaders is the path to healthy and thriving churches. We do this “around the table,” through long-term partnerships and relationships with churches and ministries around the world. By fostering leaders who serve like Jesus, we are shaping churches that surprise the world with Jesus’ love. We believe in the local church. We believe in its leaders. And we believe in the good that happens when we all come around the table.





THANK YOU...

Thank you for partnering with Mesa Global throughout the past year. You recently received our Annual Report, which provides an overview of all our ministries. This Impact Report is different—it's written especially for you who support our global training work. We want to share the specific impact of your investment in multiplying trainers and equipping leaders around the world.

In 1996, I saw this need clearly at an amazing house church in Cuba. The congregation overflowed into the street. After the service, I met with the pastor and 35 young believers who were planting house churches nearby. They were full of zeal for evangelism, yet they had no Bible School or even Sunday School background. They had passion for worship, but little preparation for teaching Scripture or forming healthy churches. When I offered to send teachers for training workshops, they responded immediately: "Por favor!"

Nearly three decades later, the need hasn't diminished—it's only grown more urgent. Wherever the church is growing, leaders are being raised up who need formation, support, and community. The global church needs thoughtful, contextual leadership development, and because of your partnership that work is moving forward.

I believe God has uniquely called Mesa Global for this moment. Our merger with Overseas Council is bearing fruit through our Regional Training Hub strategy, opening new pathways for collaboration and innovation. We don't seek to meet this need alone. We are grateful to be part of a global movement for leader formation—and deeply grateful for partners like you.

Thank you for making this work possible. As you read through this report, you'll see your investment at work—multiplying leaders who are equipping churches for God's mission in their communities around the world.



John Bernard, President

Responding to the Global Leadership Challenge

The rapid growth of the global church has far outpaced access to biblical and theological training, leaving millions of believers without well-equipped pastors and leaders. **Today, only one in twenty church leaders receives any formal theological education,** and when training is available, it is often costly, difficult to access, built on Western, one-size-fits-all materials, or disconnected from today's ministry realities.



Without well-equipped leaders, churches risk isolation, weakened discipleship, and limited missional impact—threatening the long-term health of the church's witness and growth.



To address this challenge, Mesa Global's Regional Training Hubs serve a dual purpose. First, they convene seminaries, training organizations, and local churches to build collaboration and alignment across fragmented training efforts. Second—and most critically—they provide specialized training and support for trainers, equipping them to multiply other trainers, increase training effectiveness, and sustain leadership development at scale within their own cultural and spiritual contexts.

Across eight regions, Mesa Global connects more than 130 seminary and training partners with local churches and serves as a catalyst for collaboration, research, and educator training. Their shared goal is to strengthen local trainers who can equip others, multiplying leaders and supporting healthier churches in their communities.

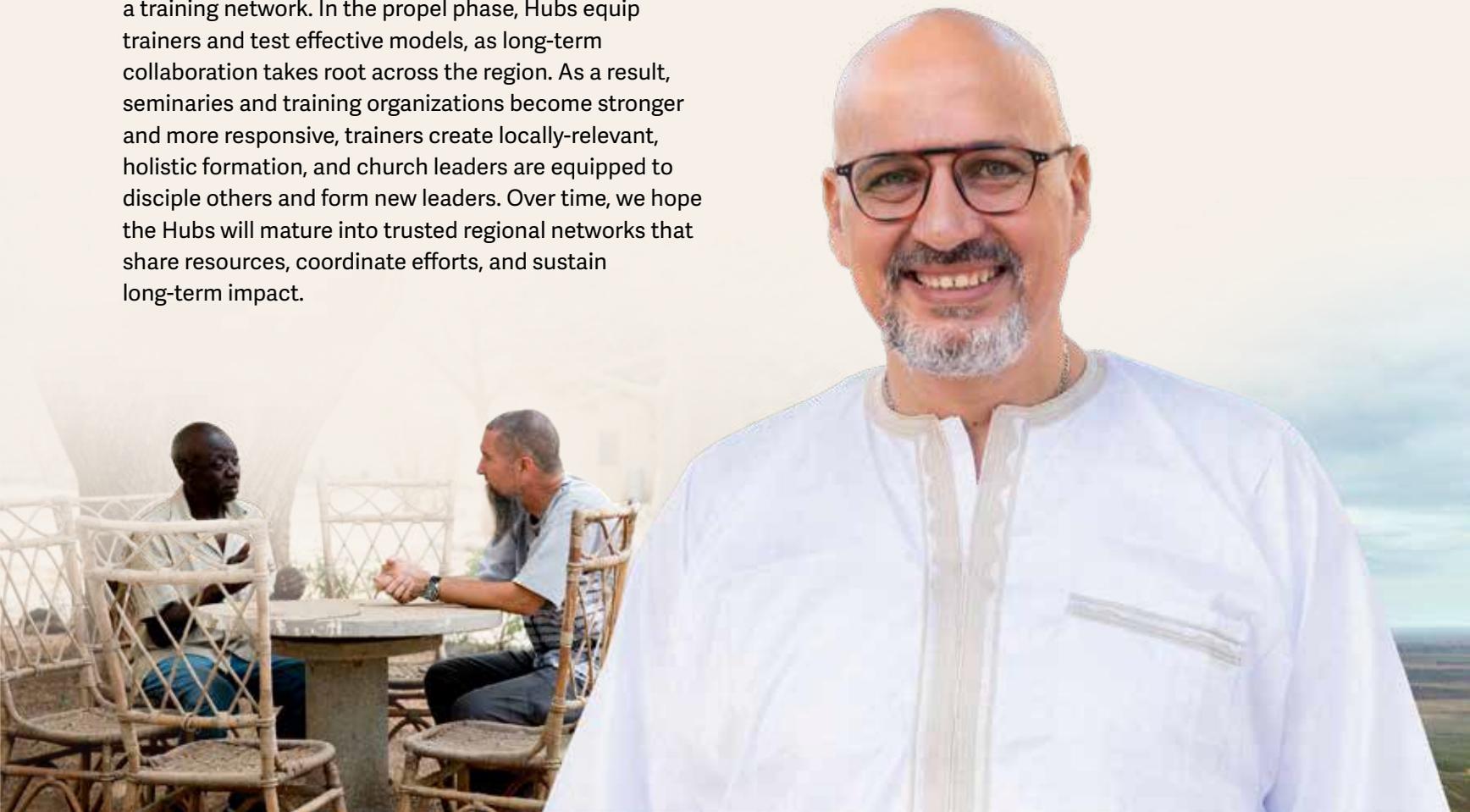
How Mesa Global's Regional Training Hubs Work

Mesa's Regional Training Hubs provide accessible biblical training for men and women already serving in ministry who are often unreached by traditional programs. Five Hubs are currently established, with three additional Hubs planned over the next three years. A Hub is not a building, but a structured collaboration. It brings together seminaries, churches, and ministry leaders to share resources and learn from one another as they shape leadership formation in their region. Each Hub is locally-led by experienced theological education leaders who study local church needs, test and refine contextual training models, develop educators and trainers, and foster collaboration that reduces duplication and builds meaningful partnerships.

Hubs develop in phases. They start with deep listening and planning, and then move into launching and building a training network. In the propel phase, Hubs equip trainers and test effective models, as long-term collaboration takes root across the region. As a result, seminaries and training organizations become stronger and more responsive, trainers create locally-relevant, holistic formation, and church leaders are equipped to disciple others and form new leaders. Over time, we hope the Hubs will mature into trusted regional networks that share resources, coordinate efforts, and sustain long-term impact.



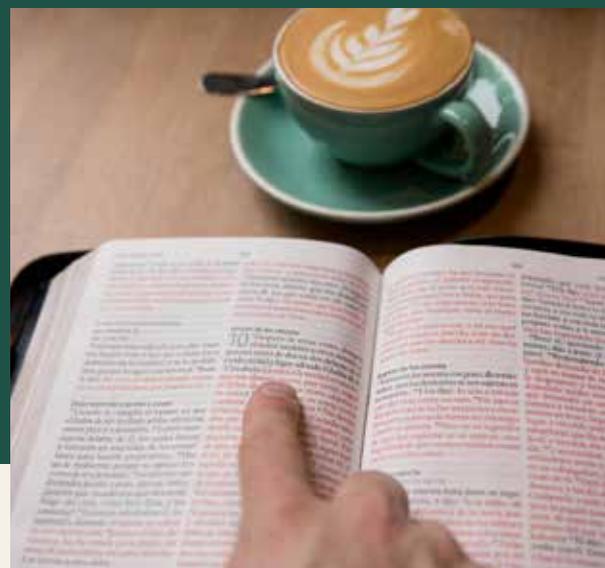
In short, the Regional Training Hubs cultivate locally-led movements—in which leaders strengthen leaders, institutions grow from within, and training becomes accessible, contextual, and transformative. This is how systems change—and what your partnership makes possible.



Is Mesa Global’s approach working? The data says yes—resoundingly.

In 2025, Mesa Global partnered with Radiant Global Insights (RGI) to conduct an outcome evaluation across our Regional Training Hubs. This study asked a simple but essential question: Are we seeing the change we hope to see?

To answer this, RGI gathered data from 42 partner organizations — seminaries, churches, training ministries, and other theological institutions — across 19 countries. Their responses provide the clearest picture yet of how Mesa’s investment in people, institutions, and ecosystems is transforming theological education globally.



What We Learned: A Global Training Ecosystem Is Taking Root

1

Leaders are actively adapting training to local needs.

Much of the training materials available come from other parts of the world and aren’t designed for local realities.

The new reality:

99% | of training ministries reported being responsive and adaptive in their methods.

67% | adapted their training materials multiple times over the past year to better serve their churches.

73% | prioritized using local or Hub-sourced resources over external ones.

This is transformational: partners are no longer simply using what is available — they are creating and shaping their own training for their own churches.

2

Innovation is accelerating—even in challenging contexts.

As institutions have interacted with each other through Mesa's Hubs, 90% of partner organizations feel confident applying new methods.

78% | of ministries tried at least one new training model this year.

51% | tried three or more.

This highlights growing capacity among leaders who influence training in their regions. Donor investment is strengthening those who prepare the next generation of leaders.

3

Collaboration and trust are increasing within Hub networks.

In many countries, theological institutions operate in silos. Mesa's approach aims to bring leaders together to listen, learn, and co-create where shared goals emerge.

63% | collaborated with other Hub members at least twice this year. More than half co-hosted trainings, shared resources, or engaged in joint planning.

81% | reported increased trust and confidence in their regional Hub network.

Trust takes time, relationship, and shared vision. Together we are helping create a culture where leaders are cooperating—not competing—to strengthen the church.

This evaluation indicates that Mesa Global is playing a meaningful role in reshaping how the global church and its partners form the next generation of pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders.



A movement of leaders is emerging—local, resilient, and contextually equipped.

While many theological schools worldwide face challenges preparing graduates for ministry, our partners are strengthening locally-rooted training that keeps theological education relevant and transformative. Mesa Global's Hubs are adaptive, locally-empowered learning ecosystems that strengthen collaboration and spiritual formation, contributing to positive trends like increased seminary enrollment in Ukraine and expanded online training across Asia.

Together with you, Mesa Global is investing alongside local leaders and institutions that are shaping the future of theological education and the global church.



Why Your Partnership Matters

Your support does more than fund programs—it fuels a movement of locally-led innovation. Across regions, leaders are strengthening other leaders, institutions are becoming more relevant to their contexts, and collaboration is emerging in ways that were once uncommon or even impossible. Because of your partnership, Mesa Global is measuring impact with clarity and rigor. Your investment is driving real change in how leaders are formed and churches are strengthened. As momentum builds, your continued support ensures that more communities experience the gospel through equipped, Spirit-formed leaders.

In a world where only one in twenty church leaders has access to training, your partnership invites a different future—one marked by equipped leaders, deeper discipleship, and greater missional impact.

Together, we are building a relevant, locally-led future for global theological education.

— Thank you for helping create a movement where leaders strengthen leaders, institutions thrive, and the church grows through wisdom, collaboration, and Spirit-led innovation.

AT A GLANCE

2025 Global Training Highlights

Thanks to your support and prayer, we can celebrate what God has done:

8

World regions served by 11 Theological Education Consultants implementing Mesa Global's Regional Training Hub strategy.



12,663

Leaders Equipped Through Education & Training Ministries.

35,246

Leaders Equipped Through Partner Ministries.



\$352,000

Awarded to 500 scholarship recipients (226 women, 274 men) across 28 institutions worldwide.



Enhanced Mesa Global's training tools—integrating proven GATE and Dialogue Education programs—which nurture learning that transforms leaders.

361

Seminary leaders and faculty from 120 seminaries in 55 countries strengthened through 9 Institutes for Excellence in 7 regions.



42

Partner organizations in 19 countries participated in Mesa Global's 2025 outcome evaluation.

- 99% adapted training to local contexts.
- 81% reported increased trust and collaboration within their regional Hub networks.
- 78% piloted at least one new training model in 2025.



Ernest Clark, PhD,
Chief Training Officer

“As we assess the fruit the Spirit has borne through Mesa Global's service this year, I give God thanks: for the momentum of Overseas Council's half century of investment in global theological education, for the privilege of stewarding—with our partners—a vision to empower church-centered leader formation in eight regions, and for the joy of serving with a team of such faithful, gifted leaders.”



French-Speaking Africa



Leaders:

Matt Boyd & Dr. Bosela Eale

In 2025, the French-Speaking Africa Training Hub expanded access to practical theological training and strengthened mentoring across seminaries, Bible schools, and churches. The Hub equipped church planters and underserved leaders in challenging contexts with training that deepens biblical understanding, spiritual maturity, and ministry skills for service in their communities. The team strengthened existing partnerships and expanded its regional training network.



How you can pray for French- Speaking Africa

- Pray that underserved pastors and leaders gain access to solid training to better serve the church.
- Pray that we continue to serve our partners and the local church well.
- Pray as we seek to grow our regional network.



Throughout the year, the Hub led training across the region, including a mentoring-focused program in Brazzaville; an Institute for Excellence that gathered nearly 50 participants from 14 countries and 20+ institutions; and ongoing programs reaching at least 145 church leaders. Additional efforts included hermeneutics training in 2 countries, rural pastor training in Senegal, school revitalization in the DRC, and leadership training for women serving in highly resistant contexts.

Throughout the year, evidence showed growing impact, as church planters continued to deepen in formation and effectiveness, and seminaries increasingly embraced mentoring-based learning.





Latin America & the Caribbean



Leaders:

Robert Bruneau & Dr. Jhohan Centeno

In 2025, the Latin America & Caribbean Regional Training Hub focused on strengthening leadership formation through deeper collaboration, contextualized training, and strategic partnerships. The Hub invested in relationships across key networks such as COMIBAM and church planting movements, while strengthening theological schools through personal visits and Institutes for Excellence. Partnerships with organizations including Freedom to Lead, Mentor Link, and Timothy Two supported leader development.



These priorities led to impactful activity across the region. Three Freedom to Lead cohorts trained 90 pastors and leaders in Colombia, Panama, and Chile, many of whom are now reproducing the training within their own leadership teams. The Hub advanced collaborative research, trained new facilitators, and represented Mesa Global at the COMIBAM Congress, which engaged nearly 2,000 leaders in cross-cultural mission conversations. Additional gatherings launched a scalable, multi-country mentoring strategy and strengthened the Hub's effectiveness.

In order to launch a movement of mentoring, the Hub partnered with 30 seasoned mentors to study their best practices and test ways to train trainers of mentors. Pastors testified to healthier leadership practices and a renewed joy in ministry. Seminaries and training organizations adopted accessible and flexible approaches—expanding virtual learning and improving access for previously unreached students. By the end of 2025, the Latin America & Caribbean Hub emerged as a more connected, collaborative, and adaptive network.

How you can pray

for Latin America & the Caribbean

- Pray that in 2026 the Regional Training Hub would effectively equip and serve more than 300 pastors and seminary leaders across Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Pray for unity, clarity, and God's direction for the team.
- Pray for renewed leadership in theological education to faithfully form the next generation of pastors and leaders.





Pastor Darío



Pastor Darío grew up in Medellín, Colombia with limited formal education, completing only elementary school. Yet from an early age, he carried a deep conviction: to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully within his community. When he first attended one of Mesa Global’s church planting seminars, he had no prior theological or ministry training—only a calling and a willingness to learn.



With Mesa Global’s local partners, Darío began a steady journey of formation. He participated in training for mentoring, expository preaching, church planting strategies, leadership for healthy churches, and systematic theology, along with additional offerings designed to strengthen pastors serving in places beyond the reach of formal education.

Over time, these trainings helped Darío grow in confidence, clarity, and capacity. Today, he serves not only as a local pastor, but also as a regional leader—pastoring another congregation and leading the Ministry of Missions for his denomination in Medellín.

His story reflects Mesa Global’s commitment to walk alongside leaders over time equipping them in their context, honoring their calling, and supporting ministry that multiplies across communities.





English-Speaking Africa



Leader:

Dr. John Jusu

In 2025, the English-Speaking Africa Regional Training Hub focused on laying the groundwork for sustainable leadership development by organizing country-based Hubs and identifying key training needs. Much of the year was spent strengthening systems, partnerships, and coordination to support pastoral training and theological education at scale.



How you can **pray** for English- Speaking Africa

- The harvest is ripe; Pray that the Lord would send more laborers.
- As we seek new partnerships, pray for discernment and God's guidance.
- Pray for God's provision to build strong Regional Training Hubs across Africa despite travel and distance challenges.



Since its launch in April 2024, the English-Speaking Africa Hub, in partnership with Africa International University (AIU) and others, has equipped nearly 300 pastors to serve as trainers of trainers. Additional work has strengthened biblical literacy through the Africa Study Bible, pilot-tested a seminary-church initiative for rural leader training, and advanced region-wide research with the Association of Evangelicals in Africa.

Throughout the year, consistent progress was evident as leaders were formed effectively and early patterns of multiplication strengthened church leadership. Seminaries and training organizations are adapting, with AIU leading a major pastoral initiative, The Evangelical College of Theology (TECT), expanding decentralized training in Sierra Leone, and networks now connecting across more than 40 African countries. By the end of 2025, the Hub had helped catalyze a collaborative ecosystem that continues to strengthen theological education across English-speaking Africa.





Middle East & North Africa (MENA)

Leader:
Dr. Magdi Gendi

In 2025, amid war, persecution, and economic strain, Mesa Global strengthened theological education and discipleship across MENA by supporting seminaries, training initiatives, and church leaders in fragile contexts. A key focus was collaboration with Word of Life and the Paths of Life network to develop discipleship pathways for Muslim Background Believers (MBBs), advancing Marriage and Parenting courses through testing and publication and moving additional courses forward in multiple languages. These efforts met urgent needs by equipping leaders to mentor others through complex challenges while strengthening emerging schools in Cairo and supporting training and consulting in Algeria and Tunisia.





How you can pray for Middle East & North Africa

- Pray for God's guidance and provision as Mesa Global prepares to launch the MENA Hub.
- Pray for mature leaders to walk alongside believers from Muslim backgrounds.
- Pray for churches to have wisdom and courage to fully welcome and affirm MBB leaders.



Regional collaboration deepened through the MENA Institute for Excellence in Amman, Jordan—the region's largest Mesa Global gathering to date—which brought together nearly 40 participants from seminaries and training institutes across 8 countries. New partnerships formed, along with increased cooperation among North African schools. Expanded online programs and locally-tailored training made theological education more accessible across the region, sustaining leader formation in fragile contexts and laying groundwork for the future launch of the MENA Regional Training Hub.





Mariam



Mariam grew up in a Muslim family and earned a university degree with hopes of a stable future. When she chose to follow Jesus Christ, everything changed. Her family threatened her life, and she lost her family ties, inheritance, job, savings, and home. With no safe place to remain, she fled to another country and began studying theology.



During her studies, Mariam met and married an Egyptian Christian man. Together they served for many years among believers from Muslim backgrounds, welcoming a child with special needs. Yet legal barriers remain heavy: because she is legally registered as Muslim, their marriage is not recognized, and their child still cannot receive a birth certificate.

Despite relentless obstacles, Mariam has persevered. Today, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in Christian Leadership and continues to boldly share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone she meets. Her story reflects the quiet courage of leaders across the Middle East and North Africa—and the long, costly faithfulness required to lead amid persecution. Through Mesa Global's training and accompaniment, leaders like Mariam are strengthened to endure, to lead, and to serve with hope.

Note: Mariam is a common name across the Middle East and North Africa, used here to preserve anonymity while honoring the regional and faith context.





Eastern Europe & Central Asia

Leaders:

Helga Marchak and Taras Dyatlik

In 2025, amid war and displacement, Mesa Global's Eastern Europe and Central Asia Hub strengthened theological education across Ukraine and the region through collaboration with the Eastern European Institute of Theology, International Evangelical Theological Alliance (IETA), and global partners. In a year shaped by crisis and reconstruction, the Hub focused on making theological formation responsive to urgent realities.





A major priority was expanding online theological education. Building on 2024 faculty training, 29 faculty from 20 institutions developed 26+ online courses, reaching about 500 students, including refugees, rural leaders, and working adults. A November 2025 survey of 18 institutions confirmed that all participating Ukrainian seminaries now operate online, with contextualized pedagogy and faculty development as next priorities.

Trauma-informed ministry became a key focus, with 30 married couples trained as trauma counselors and 65 participants equipped across 4 cohorts to support war-affected communities. These initiatives expanded churches' capacity to respond to widespread trauma with pastoral skill and spiritual depth.

Regional collaboration deepened through the Institute for Excellence, Summer School of Theology, and multi-institutional initiatives. In total, 46 IETA member institutions engaged in shared research and training, advancing a decentralized, mission-centered approach to theological education across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

How you can pray for Eastern Europe & Central Asia

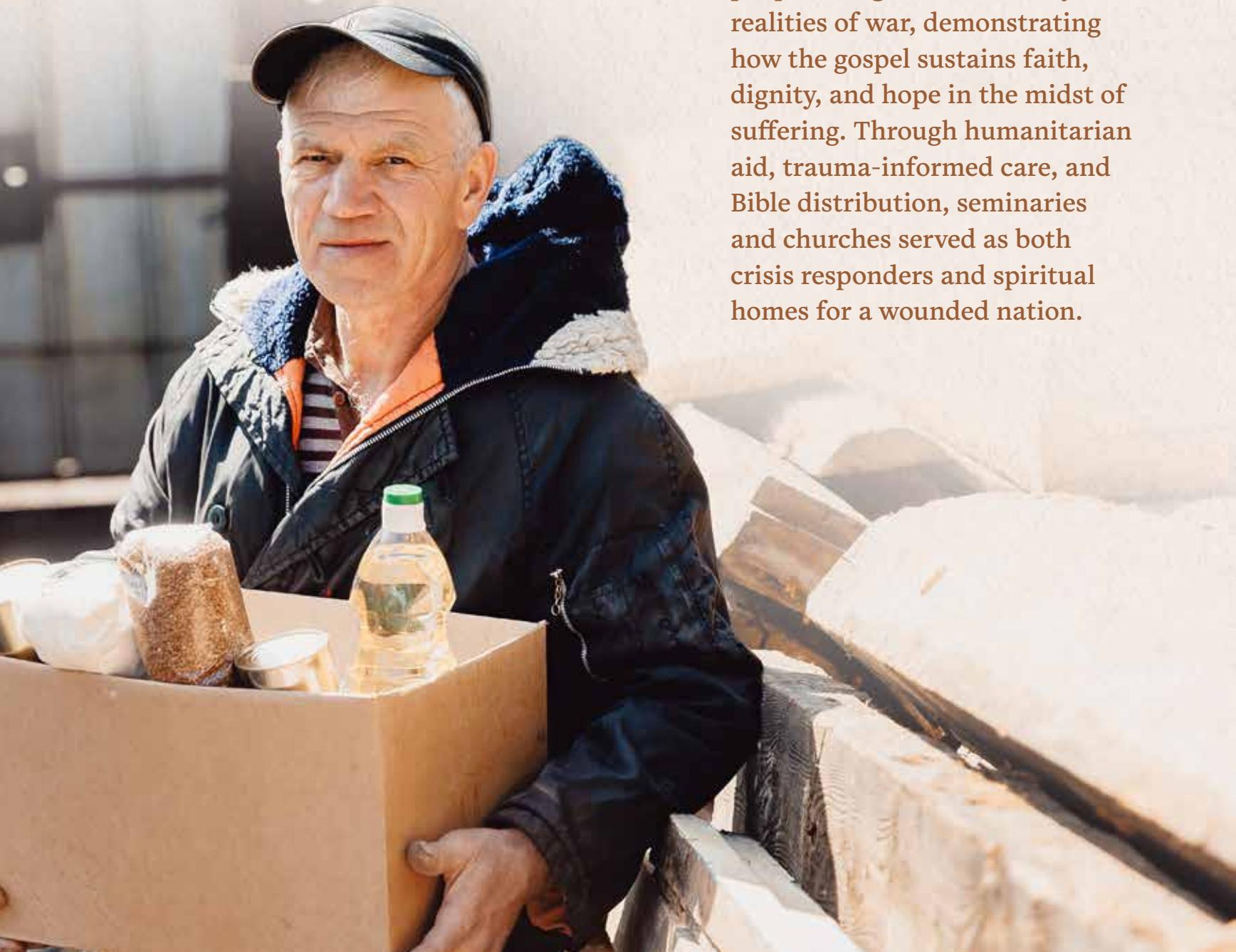
- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for a just peace that allows institutions to rebuild.
- Pray for wisdom, courage, and endurance for church leaders and faculty.
- Pray that the 46 IETA member institutions sustain hope and theological depth through trauma-informed ministry.
- Pray for God's provision as new collaborations launch and for displaced and new believers to grow as resilient disciples.





Hope for Ukraine

In 2025, Hope for Ukraine continued to walk alongside people living under the daily realities of war, demonstrating how the gospel sustains faith, dignity, and hope in the midst of suffering. Through humanitarian aid, trauma-informed care, and Bible distribution, seminaries and churches served as both crisis responders and spiritual homes for a wounded nation.



Through 11 seminary-based “People of the Bridge” Hubs, institutions opened dormitories and chapels to displaced families seeking food, shelter, prayer, and safety. Since 2022, this network has supported 12,349 evacuations from active combat zones, provided short-term shelter to 11,987 people, and hosted 55,596 long-term with meals, medical care, legal assistance, and community support—made possible by more than 200 volunteers.

As grief and exhaustion deepened, churches and seminaries offered trauma-informed pastoral care. Since 2022, 109,358 people have received faith-based psychological and spiritual support, including 12,970 people with disabilities wounded by war.

God’s word also remained central. Through wide Bible distribution, 1,481,066 Scriptures reached refugees, soldiers, chaplains, and civilians, leading to more than 4,000 baptisms and new life in local churches.

Together, these efforts show that amid destruction, the gospel continues to sustain Ukraine with resilient hope.



Launched in February 2022, the People of the Bridge network shows how collaboration can multiply ministry impact beyond what any single institution could accomplish alone. Eleven theological seminaries (including 1 in Moldova) and 5 Christian organizations transformed their campuses into integrated humanitarian and ministry Hubs, serving communities devastated by war while continuing to train students and support local churches.

These seminaries became places where theological education and frontline ministry met in real time.

In the first half of 2025 alone, the network mobilized 224 volunteers who served 30,370 people with food assistance, evacuated 241 individuals from high-risk areas, provided 12,915 trauma counseling sessions, supported 2,539 people with disabilities, and distributed 249,090 Bibles—results made possible only through shared facilities, volunteer networks, and expertise across cities under active bombardment.

Beyond these figures lies a deeper story. Since 2022, more than 4,000 internally displaced Ukrainians have come to Christ through these seminary-based refugee Hubs. Many arrived fleeing collapsing buildings and drone fire, not seeking faith, and encountered Jesus through sacrificial Christian community. They were evacuated, sheltered, fed, counseled through severe trauma, supported as war amputees learned to live with loss, and given Scripture not as propaganda but as hope for broken lives.

This is theology in action. Through the Mesa Regional Training Hub’s collaboration with Scholar Leaders and Langham Literature, faculty development, online education, trauma-informed curriculum, academic writing, and institutional sustainability have equipped these institutions to sustain their educational mission while becoming incarnational ministry centers. Seminary students learn pastoral care by practicing it—serving refugees, counseling widows, evacuating families, and witnessing baptisms amid war. This is not a departure from theological education, but its highest expression: forming ministers who embody the gospel in the darkest valleys.



South Asia

Leaders:

Drs. Jessy Jaison & Jaison Thomas

In 2025, Mesa Global's South Asia Regional Training Hub focused on connecting and equipping leaders through shared networks that support sustainable growth and faithful formation in diverse and challenging contexts. These priorities advanced as churches and seminaries worked together in training, strengthening their partnerships and expanding accessible, context-appropriate formation for pastors and emerging leaders.

Several shared initiatives illustrate this progress. In Nepal, the Apollos Center for Pastoral Studies developed 10 courses that equipped 30 pastors and leaders and increased openness to collaboration among Bible colleges. In North India, Mesa Global partnered with New Theological College, Dehradun, to train 22 church-based leaders in Dialogue Education, generating strong demand for expanded regional training. With Filadelfia Bible College in Udaipur, groundwork was laid for a church-health study engaging 25 local churches in a challenging ministry context.

Throughout the year, leaders were formed effectively, with renewed cooperation among local leaders, greater openness to innovation in seminaries, and women educators advancing transformative teaching in India and Nepal. Together, these efforts strengthened churches and theological education across South Asia.





Nepal

In Nepal, a quiet but powerful shift is underway—led not by one individual, but by a growing community of leaders. At a recent Nepal Women Theological Educators' Hub gathering, 12 women came together who already held theological degrees, yet lacked confidence and support to teach and train others. Mesa Global South Asia initiated 3 targeted training events to address this gap, helping these women see themselves not only as learners, but as multipliers.

Today, these women are actively developing leaders within their own communities—evangelizing villages, planting churches, and guiding others into fellowship and theological training. They are also strengthening the next generation of women leaders by preserving and sharing the stories of early missionaries who sacrificially laid the church's foundation in Nepal.

At the same time, a church-seminary collaborative initiative has expanded access to training nationwide. What began with 4 local Bible study cohorts now spans all 7 provinces, with over 40 cohorts gathering pastors and emerging leaders. In partnership with Nepal Ebenezer Theological Seminary and Nepal Theological College, Mesa Global is helping equip leaders while Nepal's window of freedom for gospel ministry remains open.

How you can pray for South Asia

- Pray for committed partners to carry the Hub vision sustainably into the future.
- Pray for initiatives like The Center for Theological Educators' Training, Diaspora Research, and Spiritual Formation to take shape.
- Pray for focus and confidence in Christ amid persecution, surveillance, and local pressures.
- Pray for spiritual and physical safety in travel and ministry.





Southeast & East Asia

— Leader:

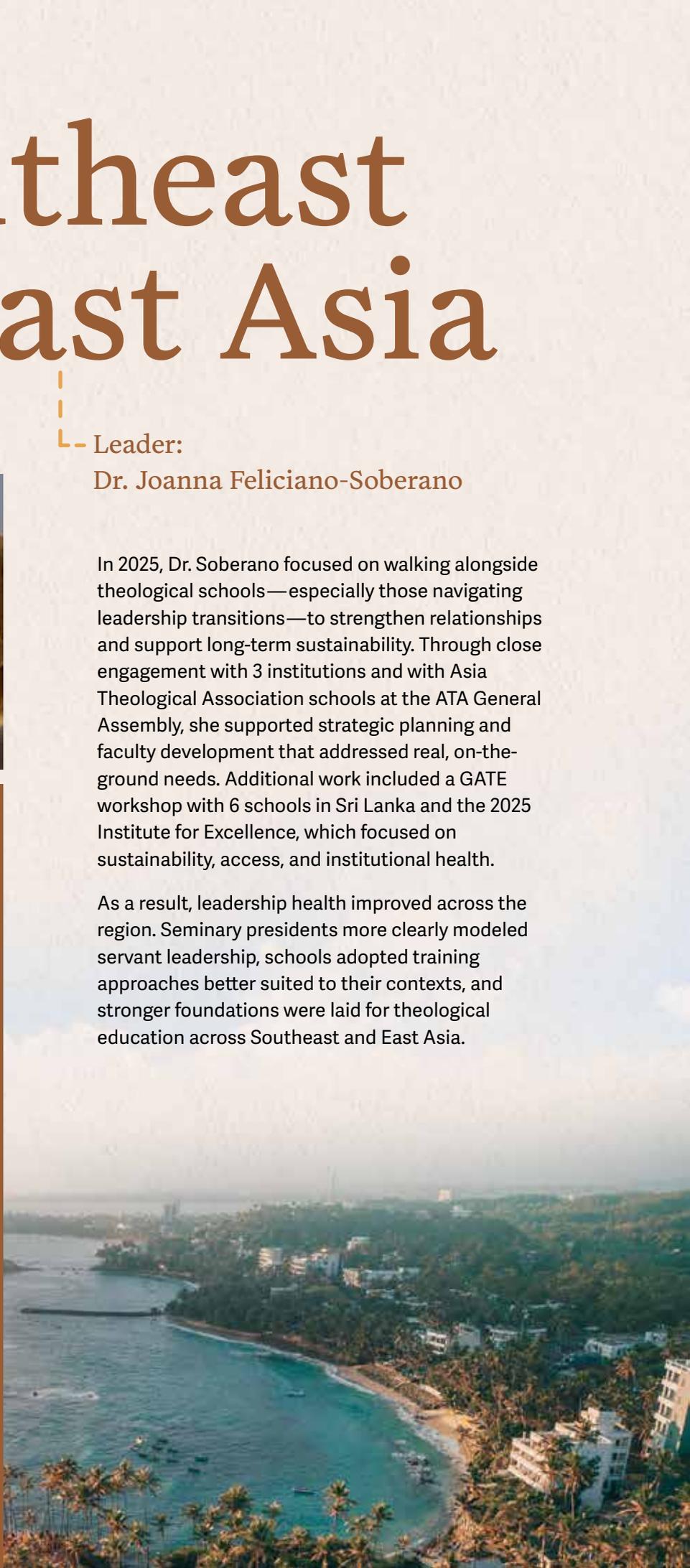
Dr. Joanna Feliciano-Soberano

In 2025, Dr. Soberano focused on walking alongside theological schools—especially those navigating leadership transitions—to strengthen relationships and support long-term sustainability. Through close engagement with 3 institutions and with Asia Theological Association schools at the ATA General Assembly, she supported strategic planning and faculty development that addressed real, on-the-ground needs. Additional work included a GATE workshop with 6 schools in Sri Lanka and the 2025 Institute for Excellence, which focused on sustainability, access, and institutional health.

As a result, leadership health improved across the region. Seminary presidents more clearly modeled servant leadership, schools adopted training approaches better suited to their contexts, and stronger foundations were laid for theological education across Southeast and East Asia.

How you can
pray
for Southeast
and East Asia

- Pray for wisdom, safety, and God's timing to resume in-person engagement in Myanmar.
- Pray for progress with 2 Mongolian schools as strategic planning leads toward a 2027 Institute.
- Pray for fruitful conversations with school leaders toward integrated formal and nonformal training pathways.





China

—Leaders: Leadership Team
(names confidential)

In 2025, Mesa Global continued pre-planning for a future China Training Hub by strengthening faculty and leadership capacity in a complex environment—both within China and across the Chinese diaspora. Working with advanced-degree programs, Mesa Global encouraged small collaborative clusters, provided pastoral support to leaders under pressure, and supported mentoring-based training suited to current realities. Partner institutions showed growing resilience, adaptability, and sharper focus on ministry needs, while expanding training for lay leaders, untrained pastors, and younger believers.

As Chinese diaspora communities rapidly expand across Asia and the West, Mesa Global is uniquely positioned to meet this moment. In 2025, seminaries increasingly looked to Mesa Global not only as a partner, but as a convener—bringing presidents, deans, faculty, and networks into conversation to strengthen Chinese theological education.



How you can pray for China

- Pray for safety, resilience, and endurance for leaders serving in challenging contexts.
- Pray for provision and encouragement for seminary teachers and stronger coordination among emerging training centers.
- Pray for more students to pursue theological training and for stronger ministry and partner collaboration.



Scholarship Ministry

For more than 50 years, scholarships have been central to Mesa Global’s mission of strengthening theological education worldwide. Mesa Global’s ministry today is living proof of the strategic value and long-term effectiveness of Overseas Council’s investments in scholarships: many of our closest and strongest partners (and our own staff!) received OC scholarships 10, 20, or 30 years ago.



In 2025, Mesa Global’s scholarship ministry supported nearly 500 students from 28 theological institutions across Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia. Regional Theological Education Consultants work closely with partner schools to identify strategic recipients and align scholarship support with regional leadership-development goals. While Regional Training Hubs anchor Mesa Global’s strategy, the scholarship ministry continues to open doors for students and strengthen the global church through well-formed leaders.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT TESTIMONY

— Clinsman Busaka Anyika
Nationality: Kenyan
Master of Arts in Biblical Translation
Studies, Africa International University

“ Receiving a scholarship has been transformational for my ministry. In my community, many believers struggle to engage the Bible because it is not available in a language they fully understand. Limited literacy can lead to Scripture mixed with cultural beliefs, making faithful application difficult.

Through my training, I now assist with translation reviews and lead Scripture engagement through small group discussions. I currently walk alongside 30–50 people, helping them encounter God’s Word, with many more reached as translated Scripture is shared through churches and outreach. By teaching others to value Scripture in their own language, the ministry is growing from within the community itself and no longer depends on outside voices alone.

Because partners invested in my training, I can focus fully on my calling—not only to translate words, but to see lives transformed through a deeper understanding of God’s message. ”





Institutes for Excellence

In 2025, the Institutes for Excellence (a week-long continuing education program for institutional leaders) convened seminary leaders and faculty worldwide to strengthen collaboration in theological education. Nine in-person Institutes were held across Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa, convening leaders from 120 theological schools in 55 countries and engaging 361 participants in shared learning. Each Institute helped seminaries think strategically about leadership and collaboration while building trust, peer learning, and shared priorities.

Across regions, the Institutes sparked new partnerships, advancing curriculum sharing in Asia, expanded pastoral training in Africa, and leader formation amid war in Eastern Europe. The Institutes aligned vision and prompted practical next steps, helping leaders develop more connected and resilient approaches to theological education across regions.



GATE

In 2025, GATE (Global Associates for Transformational Education) was integrated into Mesa Global. Since 2003, GATE has been training theological educators for transformational education. This approach moves beyond simply transferring information to shaping learning environments that God uses to form and transform students' lives.

GATE's approach closely aligns with Mesa Global's vision for training leaders to equip others in ways that fit their context and learning styles. The integration of GATE workshops and faculty development strengthens Mesa Global's training ecosystem. By offering GATE programs through its Regional Training Hubs, Mesa Global is expanding access to GATE for more schools and nonformal training programs worldwide.

Together, Mesa Global and GATE are helping renew theological education worldwide so it better equips churches to serve God's mission in diverse contexts.

Coordinated by Mesa Scholar Dr. Gary Griffith

Supported by Elizabeth Sendek, Dr. John Jusu, Dr. Joanna Feliciano-Soberano, and partner Dr. Theresa Lua

Women in Theological Education

In 2025, Mesa Global supported the empowerment of women leaders through more than 200 scholarships across all regions, with additional mentoring, training, and leadership development concentrated in Africa and South Asia.

In Africa, 62 women received grassroots ministry training and spiritual formation, while 14 women in theological institutions were supported through scholarships, mentoring, and teaching assistant roles. Women theologians led 3 vocational initiatives, training 62 women. Faculty workshops reached women across 5 seminaries, contributing to more effective policies and greater leadership participation.

In South Asia, 336 women received grassroots training, collectively serving 7,600 women. Bi-vocational initiatives trained 215 women, impacting over 620 people, while leadership workshops equipped 252 leaders serving nearly 3,900. Ten women completed writing projects, 4 pursued PhDs, and women-led research shaped training priorities across 4 countries. Across both regions, women leaders formed new networks, grew in confidence, and strengthened their leadership capacity in theological education.



Mesa Scholars

Mesa Scholars cultivates a global community of missional scholars who strengthen theological education through teaching, research, program design, and cross-cultural collaboration. The program forms scholars rooted in their local contexts and equipped to serve seminaries, training initiatives, and emerging Christian communities worldwide. Currently, 42 Mesa Scholars serve in 22 partner institutions.

In 2025, Mesa Scholars strengthened relationships through regular gatherings, mentoring, quarterly meetings, and more than 70 hours of one-on-one conversations focused on calling and placement. These investments produced tangible outcomes. In Costa Rica, Scholars helped stabilize faculty and expand online training at ESEPA Seminary. In Colombia, they supported a new master's program and a Spanish-language platform for biblical languages. In Ghana, Mesa Scholars contributed to the growth of Heritage Christian University, advancing accessible and relevant theological education across regions.





Looking Ahead

With God's help over the next 3 years, Mesa Global will pursue a focused strategy to strengthen and expand its Regional Training Hub network by advancing 5 existing Hubs into the propel phase, launching a new Hub in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in 2026, and listening closely to local leaders in China and Southeast Asia as preparation for future Hub launches. Establishing these 8 Hubs will require coordinated strategic planning, staff development, and ongoing program management and evaluation.

Across the 5 active Hubs, the focus will be on spiritual formation, transformative education, and leadership development. This work prioritizes learning that prepares leaders for ministry, not just the transfer of information, and strengthens institutions through Institutes for Excellence that coach senior leaders and encourage peer learning. Through the launch of a MENA Hub, Mesa Global will seek to strengthen leader formation for churches and for believers of Muslim background.

Strategic pilot initiatives—including mentor training in Latin America and French-speaking Africa and scalable church-planting training in South Asia—will expand learning and growth across all regions. Mesa Global remains steadfast in advancing women in theological education, sustaining scholarship support, strengthening the Mesa Scholars community, and standing faithfully with our partners in Ukraine.



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