

# NEWSLETTER



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## HEAD, HEART AND HANDS

Each Thirdmill Seminary course offers unique elements including **spiritual formation activities** for our students to employ in their spiritual development. We believe that theological education must address **the whole person**, including the affections of our heart.

We want to cultivate dependence on the Holy Spirit and practices which fuel the kind of faith, hope, and love that is needed for the marathon of ministry.

Our students utilize elements of the course content in disciplines like prayer, meditation, journaling, hospitality, and diaconal service. We want our courses to support habits in a leader's life that ignite a biblical imagination, a love for God, for our neighbors and for our place of service.

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12**

## Invited to Argentina

In early December, Darlene and I traveled to Buenos Aires at the invitation from City to City Latin America and the Presbytery of Buenos Aires. Marcelo Robles served as our excellent host and invited me to preach at the church he pastors in the city. I presented Thirdmill



Seminary to leaders from 9 Latin American countries. I also met **Marco Passion** (pictured, at right), a student in our Masters program, who welcomed me at the Presbytery education committee. Please pray for us as we plan next steps related to these opportunities to serve emerging leaders. - **Greg Perry**

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## Introducing New Faculty Member The Rev. Dr. J. Christopher Hatch

We are glad to welcome the Rev. Dr. **Chris Hatch** to our faculty. Chris brings both practical experience of many years in intercultural ministry, as well as academic accomplishments that demonstrate his deep study of scripture and theology.

In addition to starting a Christian Community Development organization in the US, Chris and his family planted a church in Shepherd's Bush, a culturally diverse community in West London. Last year, Chris successfully defended his Ph.D.

dissertation at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago. He researched and wrote about decisions and practices that enabled monocultural congregations to change in order to look more like the diverse communities where they are located.

Chris is married to Josephine and they have two adult children and one granddaughter.

In addition to serving our students as a regular teacher in our practicums and conferences,



Chris will assist our President, Dr. Greg Perry, in developing new partnerships with network leaders throughout the English-speaking world.

**Please join us in welcoming Chris and praying for him and for Thirdmill Seminary.**



L-R: Darlene & Greg Perry, Lily Dubach, Bob Brumley, Scott Simmons, Rosalia Sanchez, Chris Hatch, Nelson Rivera, Angelica & Rich Ramsay.  
Team members not pictured: Jeff David, Drew Parlee, Diana Sequeira,

## Retirement News

### Rich and Angelica Ramsay

As course developer and professor, Dr. Ramsay has helped Thirdmill Seminary build the master's program and achieve accreditation. Your teamwork and servant heart has blessed us beyond measure and we thank the Lord for your service.



**Christianity in Mongolia** has been growing in the last 30 years! With only a handful of believers in the 1980s, Christians now count for **2-3%** of the country's population of 3.6 million. One of them is Thirdmill Seminary student, **Zaya Tsendeekhuu**, a Regional Representative of East Central Asia for *Haggai International*.

*Operation World* states that "developing Mongolian church leaders is a strategic need ... most churches, especially rural ones, desperately need biblically astute leaders and teachers."

Pray for Zaya and the work of Haggai's evangelism training, for Thirdmill translation work into the Mongolian language, and for Zaya and Thirdmill Seminary students to persevere in the marathon of ministry while they study where they serve.

