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1. Inform your church of this ministry and have your church regularly pray for Ekklesia.
2. Contact Dr. White so he can share details, needs, and opportunities for involvement with Ekklesia. Dr. White is available to speak to you, your church or pastor's fellowships.
3. Explore ways your church can help with financial needs through regular support, contributions to cover course development, and scholarships to cover the costs for students.
4. Tell others about Ekklesia so we can minister to those needing theological training and build partnerships.

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## Providing Accessible Theological Education for the Glory of God

*The following is a testimony from one of our students:*

We first heard of Chapel Library almost 10 years ago and have been extremely blessed by the ministry. I began taking classes with Ekklesia in September 2012. I began with the "Spiritual Growth" course, feeling that in the years of preparing to serve as global missionaries in the Andes Mountains, I had "forgotten my first love" and hoped this course would help strengthen my walk with God. About a month into the course I visited two villages high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. At this point in my studies, I was reading through "The Pilgrim's Progress" for the first time in my Christian walk. I have never been a fan of fiction but, this being a requirement, I started "laboring" through it.

So here I was, high and deep in the Andes village, reading "The Pilgrim's Progress" feeling at times it was a waste of time. I thought, "This book is confusing to me, so how in the world will I ever be able to use this 'fiction' to help others or teach others anything about God."

That Sunday, as we prepared the small building for a time of worship with the only Christian lady in the village, our team (including our translator, Ana) began getting things in order. I noticed one of our team, Lynn, sweeping the "dirt floor." I thought, "What a waste of time." Then I watched as Ana began sprinkling water on the ground while Lynn swept. It wasn't until a week after this, back in the States, driving to work at 3am, that I realized what I had seen. The following is from Pilgrim's Progress where Christian comes to Interpreter's House:

Christian: "What does this mean?" (Just as I did while witnessing a similar scene.) Interpreter: "This parlor is the heart of a man that was never sanctified by the sweet grace of the Gospel. The dust is his original sin, and inward corruptions that have defiled the whole man. He that began to sweep at first is the law; but she that brought water, and did sprinkle it, is the Gospel. Now, whereas thou sawest that, as soon as the first began to sweep, the dust did so fly about that the room could not by him be cleansed, but that thou wast almost choked therewith; this is to show thee, that the law, instead of cleansing the heart (by its working) from sin, doth revive, put strength into, and increase it in the soul, even as it doth discover and forbid it, for it doth not give power to subdue. Again, as thou sawest the damsel sprinkle the room with water, upon which it was cleansed with pleasure; this is to show thee, that when the Gospel comes, in the sweet and gracious influences thereof, to the heart, then, I say, even as thou sawest the damsel lay the dust by sprinkling the floor with water, so is sin vanquished and subdued, and the soul made clean through the faith of it, and, consequently, fit for the King of Glory to inhabit."

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I pulled my car over and meditated on what God had shown me the week before through John Bunyan. I realized how extremely prideful I had become in “my” studies. I saw some of the depths of my own idolatry and vain pursuits in trying to impress God with my preparation to serve in missions. I realized that the “Mission” itself became my god and that I had taken my eyes off of Jesus and had put them on my own “works.” I spent all of these years (even as His redeemed son) clinging to my own self-righteousness demonstrated in my own “sweeping of my floor” without the waters of grace. God crushed me with His unceasing love and reminded me that I had been preparing for missions without love, grace, and in many ways, without trusting Him.

Since then, I have read “The Pilgrim’s Progress” many times. My love for the Bible has increased and, my prayer life has benefitted. That one course, “Spiritual Growth,” has challenged me in many, many ways. I cannot say enough how God has used my studies with Ekklesia to transform me and prepare me to disciple others. It is my hope that God will use us in the Andes of Peru to make disciples of the Quechua men, so that they will be able to disciple their own families, reach their neighbors, and take the Gospel to the Nations. As a missionary family, we are extremely thankful to God for the staff at Ekklesia and those serving at Chapel Library. We are praying for your ministry to the Nations to continue to grow until “the whole world hears.”

Thank you for giving me a new love for the great books, for challenging me to return to the Best Book, the Holy Scriptures, for reminding me how to pray, and for teaching me how to make disciples faithfully. I plan to use much of what I have learned through Ekklesia to reproduce this training in face to face, one on one, long term discipleship.

-Michael Boyer (and Natalie, Missionaries to the Andean Peoples).

Website: <http://michaelandnatalie.wordpress.com/>

#### Number of Eligible Students and Geographical Locations:

Approximately seventy students are approved to take courses, along with over forty mentors. Students are in twenty-one states and thirteen countries:

Australia	Malaysia
Canada	Nicaragua
Ethiopia	Nigeria
Ghana	Tanzania
India	Trinidad and Tobago
Kenya	Zambia
Malawi	

*Mission Emphasis: Ekklesia desires for the Gospel to spread to the ends of the earth. There are at least 70 English-speaking nations in the world that Ekklesia could impact immediately, not to mention the future possibility of course translation in order to reach many more.*

#### In light of this mission:

*Ekklesia combines a church-based philosophy with doctrinal distinctives and technological resources in order to provide quality training for those lacking such access. Individuals, churches, mission agencies, and schools are able to partner with Ekklesia to provide maximum impact in the strengthening of churches with quality theological training.*

*Ekklesia is theologically founded on the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith and strives to ministerially function in the context of the local church, being focused on the local church. Ekklesia is methodologically delivered by means of the internet, thus accomplishing its goal of being globally influential. All of this is accomplished while being practically affordable.*

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