

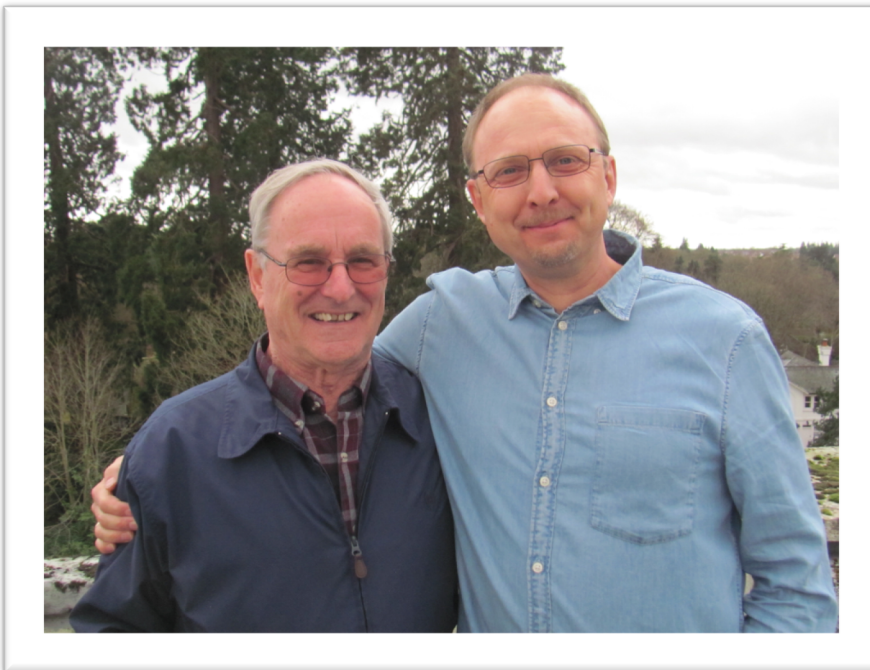


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## SEAN International Conference in Lima, Peru: November 2018 & a greeting from Dr Markus Völker



***Rev Terrick Barratt & Dr Markus Völker***

Dear SPREAD reader, SEAN International has been working in Latin America for many decades. We are so grateful for our many faithful and trustworthy Latin American partners who have worked with us to start, develop and implement TEE during this time. As incoming new International director of SEAN, I would like to extend this thankfulness to the Rev. Terry Barratt and the SEAN team for the years of service and ministry they have given to the TEE community not only in L-America, but also all over the world.

Realising that SEAN International started in L-America I'm very excited to inform you that SEAN and its partners will host a conference in Lima, Peru – from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2018. We will look to the past and see what God has done. We will talk about the things SEAN is working on today. Moreover, we will look to the future with open eyes and a prayerful heart to see what God wants to do through TEE in L-America. Coming together from different countries we hope to hear from each other, learn from each other and encourage one another in our ministries.

SEAN International is grateful that "ETE Peru" and their leadership have taken on the responsibility to help organise this conference. Together with ETE Peru, the SEAN team would like to invite YOU to be part of this event as well. Please pray for the preparation, the travel and the conference. Also, please pray for the financial support, because TEE programs in countries like Venezuela have very limited resources to be able to participate, and we really want to see them at the conference as well.

We trust and pray that our sovereign Lord will provide for the needs of SEAN International and our partners in L-America. I look forward to writing to you again after the conference to let you know what "exciting" things God has done.

Your brother in Christ

Dr Markus Völker (SEAN International organizer for the Lima conference)

## Meeting the Need: PTEE's *Certificate of Ministry*

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PTEE Director Rev. Dr. Jiriesh Habash shares:

PTEE is an indigenous program that is uniquely poised to take theological education and leadership training to Arabic-speaking Christians and church leaders in North Africa. We have been doing this since 1980 at Bachelor level, but we have an urgent need:

- Many new believers are coming to Christ from the majority religion but do not have the background and experience to take our *Bachelor of Theology* degree.
- Many in the Arab World do not have the opportunity to complete high school.
- Many small church leaders do not have the time to commit to B.A. studies.

So, to meet the needs of this unique audience who desire to be better equipped for Christian service, PTEE is working on a

*Certificate of Ministry* programme comprised of 15 non-degree courses aimed to disciple and equip students to serve in a range of ministries so that they may witness effectively as Christians in their homes, workplaces, churches, society and nation. The *Certificate of Ministry* courses are translated from S.E.A.N International (Study by Extension for All Nations).

## Testimony from South Korea... “Hello. My name is Jake Lim...”



"I am working in a Christian school as an English and Bible teacher. I would like to use your courses in English in my school.

I used to be in a bible study group using your Abundant Life Course when I was doing my military service in the South Korean Army. I finished Abundant Life and Abundant Light at that time. Doing the courses I saw and heard many testimonies of how God worked throughout the army camp.

I appreciate your Bible Courses so much, as they gave the chance to young soldiers, like me, to hear the good news. I can never forget the first time I confessed that I was a child of God through your book. I'm third from the left and I was offering my service to God in the Army Base Camp Church."

## Togo



In the photo see the first ever SEAN 'Life of Christ' Course group in Togo, West Africa! This group has recently completed Book 1 and is about to embark on Book 2. In the centre is Cleber Belaniuc, a missionary who serves with the *Junta de Missões Mundiais da CBB* – a Brazilian Baptist Church Mission which has its base in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Togo is a French-speaking country so the course books being held up have the title '*Vie du Christ*'. These particular books are a revised and corrected version of a much older French 'Life of Christ' course. Major players in this work of revision are: the *Eglise Chinoise Evangélique (Chinese Evangelical Church) de Saint-Paul*, SEAN's partners in the African island of La Réunion and; our own tiny editorial team in the UK. So this photo, taken in an instant, is a beautiful example of co-operation in mission across the nations – in this case Togo, Brazil, Hong Kong (China) and the United Kingdom at the very least.

Praise the Lord!

## Swahili Version 'Abundant Life' Course

Revd Peterson Muchiri, an Assemblies of God pastor in Kenya, is working hard on the production of a new Swahili version of the SEAN 'Abundant Life' Course.

This task has involved checking and correcting (where necessary) the 18 lessons of the Student Manual and translating the Group Leader's Manual into Swahili. All this is a massive task. We are most grateful to our brother in Christ for all that he is doing. We pray that this will benefit many in East Africa.

## Data Protection

We are grateful for the prayers and support of all our friends and partners around the world. Our regular newsletter, SPREAD, is the main way that we can keep you up-to-date with all that God is doing in and through our partners. However, the data protection laws in the UK and EU are changing at the end of May this year. So we are in the process of reviewing and updating how we store and process the personal data of all our friends and supporters to ensure that your records are up to date and that we only use the information that you supply to us in a way that you are happy with and conforms to the latest legislation. To check the information that we have about you, including ways that you would like us to contact you, please click on the 'update subscription preferences' at the bottom of this newsletter and make sure that you are happy with the information given there.

We would love to continue to share our news with you via our newsletter and we believe that most people on our mailing list are happy to receive our newsletter. If you no longer want to receive SPREAD or other news from SEAN International, please unsubscribe before the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

After that time, we will assume that anyone who has not unsubscribed from the newsletter is happy to continue to hear from us. (You can also unsubscribe at any time in the future by clicking the 'unsubscribe' button at the bottom of the newsletter). If you have any concerns about how your personal data is used by SEAN, please contact [dataprotection@seaninternational.org](mailto:dataprotection@seaninternational.org)

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**Thank you so much for your support for SEAN International**