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GROWING AT THE ORCHARD

*"For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."
Isaiah 61:11*

In the fall of 2014, the pastoral leadership at The Orchard initiated a 16-week discipleship training course known as Leverage. The intention for this training was to grow lay leaders who are committed to deepening roots in the Gospel while becoming more effective disciples of Christ.

For the past seven years, Pastor Colin Smith, alongside other pastors of The Orchard, have faithfully invested their time and teaching in a selective group of leaders who desire to learn practical applications in a ministry setting.

Every individual invited to Leverage has been encouraged to purposefully cultivate a vibrant and healthy spiritual life, learn how to strengthen their grasp of biblical doctrine and sharpen critical ministry skills.

For nearly a decade, the Leverage training model has resulted in growing fruitful, healthy church leaders who are equipped to effectively share the Gospel with people in their midst.

Now, as a church, we want to help all people grow in Christ. We want to offer a historically rich discipleship training curriculum, accessible to all people of The Orchard!

This is why we have developed a new series of classes called, Growing at The Orchard.

This fall, we will be launching new courses incorporating much of the Leverage curriculum and new content.



COURSE 1 | THE TRELLIS

By definition, a trellis is a simple framework of vertical supports and horizontal crosspieces built as a sturdy support for new vegetation that cannot stand on its own.

In the same fashion, The Trellis is a 20-week course that explains what the church provides to support each member's growth in Christ.

Sample Classes Include:

Growing at the Orchard

Scripture Reading

Intercession for One Another

Serving with Our Time & Talents

Unity, Liberty, & Charity

COURSE 2 | THE TREES

A tree's root system is a complex underground network of tentacles. It is the very source of health (or illness) for a tree and serves as an anchor when heavy winds buffet.

The Trees is a course intended for everyone who has first completed, The Trellis. This course explains the responsibility of the Christian as they learn skills to develop and flourish as a Christian.

Sample Classes Include (Coming in 2022):

The Redeeming Work of Christ

The Gospel as Christian Nourishment

Feeding Yourself from the Word

Battling Temptation

Working as Unto the Lord





COURSE 3 | THE ARBORISTS

People, like trees, are complicated organisms, prone to a wide variety of issues depending upon their environment. Sooner or later, specialized care is required. Diligent pruning frees up essential resources to help foster greater health and a stronger root system for the tree.

The Arborists course is intended for everyone who has completed 20-weeks of The Trees. This advanced curriculum focuses primarily on the responsibility of the Christian desiring greater leadership skills to facilitate others in developing a lasting faith in Christ.

Sample Classes Include (Coming in 2023):

Clarifying and Applying the Gospel to Life
Leading in the Home
Civics and Culture
Resolving Conflict
Cultivating Contentment and Joy

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 4/5

Profile of a
Faithful Disciple
Psalm 40
Next Generation
Preachers

SEPTEMBER 11/12

The Works of God
John 9:1-7
Pastor Colin Smith

SEPTEMBER 18/19

First Steps in Faith
John 9: 8-17
Pastor Colin Smith

SEPTEMBER 26/27

The Power of Unbelief
John 9:18-34
Pastor Colin Smith

OCTOBER 2/3

Believing in the
Lord Jesus Christ
John 9: 35-41
Pastor Colin Smith

These courses are intended to roll out one year at a time and attended in sequential order.

If you're interested in attending Growing at The Orchard, please email [Tom Olson](#) for further details.

Classes are on Thursdays, at The Orchard Barrington, beginning September 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. and will be taught and hosted by Tom Olson and other members of The Orchard's pastoral staff.

STEPHEN & YOUNG-LY CHANDRA | ReachGlobal | South Asia | stephen.chandra@efca.org

Stephen develops partnerships to train church planters who reach millions of Muslims and Buddhists for Christ. **Pray** for the ability to work virtually while mentoring national leaders in Nepal, Bhutan, Vietnam, and India. **Pray** borders are opened for their return to Malaysia in January 2022. **Pray** for Young-Ly as she develops a ministry in art, worship, and renewal. **Pray** for opportunities to share her creative ministry at churches in the US this year and internationally next year.

BETAWI TEAM | SE Asia Ministry | Indonesia

The focus of this team of seven pastors is to plant house churches. They also train believers in establishing micro businesses and reaching people with the Gospel through social media. They have created Cinta Baca programs which are Bible-based story telling sessions for children. **Pray** for the team members to disciple new believers during strict COVID lockdown, which makes it difficult to travel. **Pray** for house church leaders to continue training believers in evangelism and how to run a house church.

**ALEXANDER & KENDRA MACRIS** | Hellenic Ministries | Greece | alexander.macris@hellenicministries.org

Serving from Kypseli Church in Athens, they seek to bring the Gospel to Greece and the whole Balkan region by developing leaders who evangelize and plant churches. **Praise** that 55,000 New Testaments were delivered to homes around Trikala during Operation Joshua this summer. **Praise** God for several young adults from Kypseli Church who shared their faith with strangers who received their own copy of the Bible. **Pray** for the Ministerium 2021 retreat to be fruitful as it's developed for training young ministry leaders.

**FERENC & JUDIT OLAH** | CHE | Hungary | zsegy-olah@freemail.hu

Feri and his wife are from Roma. They are evangelist/church planters in Zsambok, Hungary, who recently joined Community Health Evangelism and are seeing much fruit among the Roma population of Hungary. **Praise** that despite the stress caused by COVID, doors have been opened to serve hurting people. **Praise** that Roma and non-Roma people are worshipping the Lord together as the disparity between people groups disappears during worship. **Pray** for fruitfulness in ministry to reach more than 4,000 people living in three nearby Roma communities.

**JOE VALENTINO** | CM Network | Philippines | joevalentino@yahoo.com

Joe ministers to Filipinos living in urban-poor conditions of Manila, mostly following Catholic tradition or combining various religious beliefs and practices. **Pray** as he seeks to understand the trauma in the lives of those God is calling him to serve. **Pray** for fruitful interactions as Joe travels to meet, evangelize and **pray** for people on a regular circuit in Manila. **Praise** for time in the US to reconnect with supporters.

IVOR POOBALAN | Colombo Theological Seminary | Sri Lanka | ivor@cts.lk

The seminary has been called to produce quality Christian resources and to serve the Church by training men and women to be rooted in the Scriptures, filled with the Holy Spirit, mature in Christian character, and competent in ministry according to the highest academic standards. **Praise** for CTS faculty presenting online webinars to reach a larger audience. **Pray** for continuation of good outcomes from webinars that train students in translation work in the Tamil language. **Praise** for release of a CTS publication of resources that help churches face the challenges of contemporary times.

