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CT Partners Impact Report



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Dear Friend:

The past few years at Christianity Today have been energetic, entrepreneurial, and exceedingly difficult. Through it all, the grace of God is clear and abundant.

We understand the world seems to have become unmoored. The general climate of fear and hostility, misinformation and disorientation, only makes CT's work—and your partnership—more urgent than ever.

People need biblical wisdom to navigate our times. They need a trusted source of information about the church and about what God is doing around the world. And the world needs the stories and ideas of the global church.

Thankfully, your partnership helped our team respond quickly and thoughtfully to meet the needs

of each moment. You've helped CT speak biblical wisdom into the global pandemic, racial tensions, political turmoil, conflicts and wars, supply chain and economic disruptions, abuse in the church, and the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*.

You've also helped CT remind people of our eternal and loving God, draw people deeper into his Word and church, and model what it looks like to follow him faithfully.

Time and again the Lord gave us resiliency, perspective, creativity, and a clear call to be who God has called us to be in the midst of a critical and historic chapter in the life of the church.

You motivate us. Your partnership in the last year sustains our work of serving the church with love and

wisdom. Your generosity gives us the room to dream, innovate, and reach new audiences with gospel hope.

As you read this Impact Report, thank the Lord with us for his long faithfulness to this nonprofit ministry.

Notice the incredible kingdom difference you make possible in the lives of millions of people. And pray with us and for us—for God's glory to be illuminated by what we can only do together.



Gratefully,

TIMOTHY DALRYMPLE
PRESIDENT AND CEO

A Central Nervous System for the Global Church

Your support made it possible for CT to dramatically increase outreach across the continents. CT has begun to hire a team to cover different parts of the world and create a central nervous system for the global body of Christ, allowing the entire body to communicate and coordinate.



Meet the 2022 CT Global Team

“It’s exciting to see the expansive and increased growth of God’s kingdom in foreign countries. This is an opportunity for us to learn more about what’s happening in other countries, and then learn from the thought leaders there who can truly help us.”

MAX LUCADO

CT SUSTAINING PARTNER,
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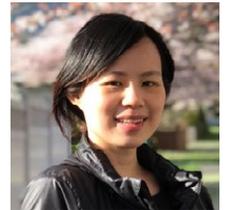
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"My hope for the *Globe Issue* is that it will share stories across the world, where the work of missionaries, organizations, and individuals is seen in their small examples of the grandeur of God, where they are the opposite of trite or cliché. They are beautiful. We should train ourselves to be drawn to them. We can easily dumb things down and make them into sound bites, but God is working dramatically across the world, and he is so much bigger than what we see around us."

CONOR SWEETMAN
CT CREATIVE LEAD
FOR THE *GLOBE ISSUE*





Ashley Hales
Author, Boulder, Colorado

From a Reader

CT Helps Me Have Better Public Conversations

Ashley Hales long wanted to write intellectually about the intersection of faith and culture. CT gave her that chance, and a piece she wrote in 2019 about how the places people live form and shape them inspired her latest book, *A Spacious Life: Trading Hustle and Hurry for the Goodness of Limits*.

“It’s fun to look back and see the thread in the article that inspired this,” said Ashley. “CT has been a good place to try out ideas and create conversation.”

“I love that CT editors make my words sound better. They also push me to think more deeply. They really do a great job of not only affirming the good work or the good thinking, but then also pushing us writers to be our best.”

Ashley believes CT is an important outlet for the church that creates space for Christians to graciously wrestle with today’s complicated issues.

“When ‘culture wars’ pit Christians against one another into opposing camps, we need places like CT to help bridge the gap. We need places of public conversation that are willing to ask the hard questions, to own up to their own mistakes, and move forward with grace.

“There aren’t many Christians or denominations or even organizations that are trying to hold a faithful, robust Christian orthodoxy as well as pay attention to the culture in ways that are kind and generous and push back where needed. That stance of generosity is really where I see CT playing an important role.”

Read more of Ashley’s story at ChristianityToday.org/Ashley

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And casually invoking God's name for emphasis indeed trivializes what the Bible reveals to be holy. But there's more than one way to misuse the name of God, more than one way to take his name in vain, and some of those ways are far more dangerous than just "swearing."

"To speak the Lord's name, unless instructed to do so, is to wrap yourself in the divine mantle, to summon God in support of your own purposes," Leon Kass writes in his commentary on Exodus. "In the guise of beseeching the Lord in His majesty and grace, one behaves as if one were His lord and master. One behaves, in other words, like Pharaoh."

To usurp the authority of God as a means to an end—even a good one—is, the Bible tells us, a pagan act. Much of the Old Testament is a rebuke to the "prophets" who speak where God has not spoken, especially to prop up the power of some political or religious institution. God also condemns as "vain" those who would come before him to worship while their "hands are full of blood" from acting unjustly toward vulnerable women and children (Isa. 1:12–17, ESV).

Sexual abuse, in any context and by any institution, is a grave atrocity. It's worse when this horror is committed—or covered up—by leveraging personal or institutional trust. But using the very name of Jesus to carry out such wickedness against those he loves and values is a special evil. When sexual abuse happens within a church, violence is added to violence—sexual, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Predators know this power is great, which is why they weaponize even the most beautiful concepts—*grace* or *forgiveness* or *Matthew 18* or the *life of David*.

It's also why institutions seeking to protect themselves will take on the name of Jesus to say that victims, survivors, or whistleblowers are compromising "the mission" or creating "disunity in the body" when they point out horrors.

But God will not long abide the misuse of his name for those who worship their own twisted appetites. When abominations are in the temple, hidden as they may be, the glory of God departs (Ezek. 9–10). And when Jesus sees what God called a "house of prayer for all people" turned into a den of robbers, he knows how to clear it out—so that the children can sing in safety once again (Isa. 56:7; Matt. 21:12–16, ESV).

When we see what has been done in the guise of the Jesus we love, in the name of the gospel we cherish, we must pray for him to bring justice and to end the vain use of the sweetest name we know. We must pray for him to clean our institutions built around that name, even if it means some don't survive the truth.

And maybe that prayer starts by our saying, "Oh my God." **CT**

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AT THE END OF 'ROE'

How to celebrate, how to rebuild.

BY TIMOTHY DALRYMPLE
ILLUSTRATION BY JOE ANDERSON

One of the best parts of attending Perimeter Church in north Atlanta was seeing the parking lot for young families. Industrial-sized vans pulled in each Sunday and poured forth children. These were not shuttles that gathered youngsters from local neighborhoods but single-family vans filled with children who had been adopted domestically and internationally, many with special needs.

Perimeter families have adopted over 100 children in the past 12 years, due in large measure to a ministry incubated in the church. Named for the declaration in Psalm 68:6 that God "sets the lonely in families," Promise686 has supported nearly 500 adoptions through grants and other assistance. The ministry supported the adoption of my daughter, whose

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With a mission to elevate the stories and ideas of the kingdom of God, CT continued to rapidly shift when necessary to delve into the most pressing issues and important conversations of our time:

- Ukraine and Russia
- The End of *Roe v. Wade*
- Public Theology
- Church Abuse
- Pastor Burnout
- Biblical Literacy

"I do not know of any other resource that is seeking to understand the world and the gospel in the ways that CT is."

DARRELL JOHNSON
CT SUSTAINING PARTNER,
RETIRED PASTOR AND PROFESSOR
Vancouver, British Columbia



What's Next for CT Podcasts

After 20 million listens to *The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill* podcast, with important conversations that were sparked and healing that's taking place, the question we are hearing is *what's next?*

Because of your partnership, CT continued to develop the media infrastructure and team this year to bring new, important stories to life through audio.

"It is because of such faithfulness and courage to guard the truth and righteousness in tough times regardless of the cost that I am committed to support Christianity Today. Such boldness to speak truth in love, to serve an audience of one, is rare and precious. Protecting the voice of faith that would guard the truth no matter how hard, is what I believe CT is about, for such a time as this."

JOANNA NG

CT SUSTAINING PARTNER,
AI TECHNOLOGIST

Toronto, Ontario



A preview of what is currently planned over the next year:

The Slow Work Releasing 2022

Musician and writer Sandra McCracken brings you into the long, difficult, and rewarding process required to bring ideas into the world, but shows that with patience, the process can be as rich and joyful as the result.

CT News and Issues Releasing 2022

A new podcast of roundtable conversations, interviews, and explorations of the CT archives featuring CT editors and other key voices that delve into the most important stories and ideas for the church in our time.

Andy Crouch Podcast Releasing 2023

In partnership with Praxis, we'll delve into the concept of redemptive entrepreneurship and share stories of how Christians can have a faithful and winsome presence in the marketplace.

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Mike Cospers takes a deep look at a moment in our recent history, understanding how decisions made by Christians or the church decades ago have butterfly effects and continue to shape our world even now.

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