



Equipping biblical communicators
so that every culture can hear God's voice



Helping People Hear God's Voice

This Sunday, millions of people will attend a local church. Some will be dedicated followers of Jesus Christ, while others will simply be curious. All of them will come to hear God's voice.

When the local pastor opens the Bible, everyone in attendance will look up with anticipation. They have come to hear God's word. They want their pastor to open the Bible and say what God has said. They are hungry for a clear, powerful, applicable message that has been carefully constructed to address their life situation.

But in far too many churches, people will leave disappointed. Not because the local pastor is not godly, loving or prayerful, but because their pastor is untrained. Without an understanding of how to interpret and communicate God's word, they can't help those who have come to hear God's voice.

With thousands of churches being planted every week, there is a growing urgency to equip effective biblical communicators around the world. Traditional Bible schools and seminaries cannot meet this growing critical need.

Crosstalk can help.



"Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?"

Acts 8:30-31 NIV

A Clear Purpose

CrossTalk Global provides locally delivered, easily accessible, world-class education to gifted communicators in cultures all across the globe. We multiply our efforts by asking our graduates to 'pay it forward' and pass on this training to their peers.

We believe that when God's word is accurately and effectively communicated to a culture, lives will be changed and nations transformed.

Our goal is straightforward: We develop competent ministry practitioners, not academic scholars. Our students are equipped to be ministry "medics" rather than theological "neurosurgeons".

CrossTalk Global is transforming the world by equipping God's people to communicate His word.



"If you have listened to sermons that have put you to sleep and know the vitality of sermons that bring the Bible to bear on your life, CrossTalk will get your eager support. It has mine."

Haddon W. Robinson, PhD





Breaking Down Barriers

Our strategy is simple: By using the model that Jesus used to train His disciples, we remove the barriers that prevent many people from obtaining the training that they need.

We travel to meet the need.

Geographic distance is not a barrier. As Jesus left heaven to come to us, CrossTalk equips students where they live and minister. Their lives and ministries are enriched, not disrupted.

We work with ordinary people.

Lack of previous education is not a barrier. As Jesus trained ordinary fishermen, so we work with anyone who is godly, gifted, bright and dedicated. We look at the person, not their academic transcripts.

We are affordable.

Money is not a barrier. Jesus asked his disciples for full commitment, not full tuition. While every student contributes, the cost of the training is determined by the local economy. Rich and poor have equal access to quality education.

We disciple.

Academic roles are not a barrier. Our faculty don't just lecture people, they mentor them. Jesus poured his life into the same small group for three years. So do we. Our CrossTalk faculty mentors work with the same group of 15-20 students for two weeks per year for three full years. Our faculty mentors and students often become lifelong friends.

We empower.

Elitism is not a barrier. We equip our students to equip others. Our exceptional graduates are invited to become faculty mentors of new cohorts of 15-20 local students within their own culture. While we continue to equip and encourage our graduates we, like Jesus, entrust our ministry to those whom we have disciplined.



Daniel,
Romanian
student

This program has proved efficient already in my own life, and I think it is deeply needed in Romania, for such a time as this.



Andy,
Romanian
student

Brother Kent: I want to thank you for your desire to teach us how to improve our preaching skills. After the class I said to myself: 'If only I knew these things before I preached James!'



Our students attest to the difference that CrossTalk Global has made in their preaching and teaching.

So do their listeners.

Commitment to Excellence

CrossTalk training is easily accessible, but not easy. Our program has value because it has academic integrity and produces results.

- The CrossTalk model of education is adapted from one of the most effective adult educational models of the past decade.
- We mentor our faculty mentors to ensure that they instruct at the highest level.
- CrossTalk students must pass a series of objective examinations to prove that they know the principles of biblical communication.
- CrossTalk students must show what they know. Beyond the pen and paper, our graduates must be able to orally communicate the Bible accurately, relevantly and effectively.
- Our curriculum is continually refined based on feedback solicited from our students.
- The content we teach is culturally contextualized. We equip people to communicate to their culture, not ours.
- Our North American mentors are all highly gifted, experienced practitioners. Most have earned doctoral degrees.

“As someone who has lived in distant lands for nearly two decades, I know the importance of communicating God’s truth in both the language and the cultural idioms of the listeners. CrossTalk Global makes that possible.”

Alice Matthews, PhD



Current & Potential Ministry Sites



Current ministry sites include:

Oradea, Romania
La Havana, Cuba
Hanoi, Vietnam



Potential ministry sites include:

Chernivtsi, Ukraine
Nairobi, Kenya
Guntar, India
Kuwait City, Kuwait
Panama City, Panama
New England, USA
Los Angeles, USA



Expansion to New Cultures

CrossTalk Global believes that God's word should be heard in every culture. Our ambition is to equip gifted, godly biblical communicators wherever they are needed.

At the same time, however, we desire to be good stewards of our resources. CrossTalk carefully evaluates the invitations we receive and always conducts an on-site investigation to examine factors such as:

- the size of the target culture
- the receptiveness of the local culture
- the openness of the local government
- the percentage of in-country costs that will be covered in-country

- opportunities to partner with established in-culture evangelical organizations that will provide:
 - an invitation to work in their region
 - help with understanding the local culture
 - cooperation with other evangelical organizations
 - assistance with identifying and recruiting the best students

CrossTalk Global is currently working in or having serious conversations with cultures on five continents. We are committed to carefully stewarding the resources God entrusts to us and using them to transform the world with God's powerful word!

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV



Our Team

Many Talents. One Purpose.

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These men and women have made a commitment to the ministry of CrossTalk Global.

Will you join them?





Join the Movement

God's word is the most powerful force in the universe. His word created the world, healed the sick, and saved the lost. God's word is able to change lives and transform nations.

To experience the life that God intends, people need to hear God's word through a clear, powerful, applicable message that addresses their life situation. This can only happen if local pastors and teachers are trained to interpret and communicate the Bible effectively.

The need for effective biblical communicators has never been more urgent, and your partnership has never been more important. Join us!

There are plenty of opportunities for you to be involved in the ministry of CrossTalk Global:

Pray

- Pray that God would continue to open up new opportunities for ministry.
- Pray that God would give us wisdom to know how to best equip each culture.
- Pray for the faculty mentors as they travel and work with students.
- Pray for CrossTalk students ministering across the globe.

Spread the word

- Spread the word about CrossTalk Global in your church, community or workplace.
- Get inspiration: Sign up to receive our newsletter to learn how God is using CrossTalk around the world: www.CrossTalkGlobal.org
- Invite a CrossTalk Global representative to speak to your church or missions committee.
- Host a CrossTalk Global fundraising event within your circle of influence.
- Invite Dr. Edwards to hold a 1-day seminar for interested Bible teachers and potential supporters in your area.
- "Like us" on Facebook.

Support financially

- Provide scholarships for international CrossTalk students - \$3,000 / student.
- Sponsor an exploratory trip to evaluate a potential international ministry opportunity - \$5,000.
- Give financially to support the work of CrossTalk Global and help us reach hundreds more.

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