

# 2022

## MINISTRY REPORT



CONCILIUM

# A Word From SCOTT BRAWNER

## Called According to Purpose!

Since 2014, Concilium has provided biblically based, Gospel centered security resources for those called according to purpose.

I want to take a moment and personally commend each member of the Concilium team for being commissioned to ministry in obedience to the Lord. The Lord has blessed us with an amazing full-time and part time staff willing to raise salary support. I especially want to

thank them for raising their personal salary support in order to serve the Lord through Concilium; especially given that a secular security industry is willing to pay them quite handsomely for a job they are currently raising support to complete—I truly am humbled.

Now more than ever, gospel workers and their organizations are turning to Concilium for help and support with their security, risk, and crisis management

needs. And it is my intention to continue to provide Concilium's training and resources below market cost for our partners around the world. Concilium desires to meet those needs with excellence and a faith that holds the Gospel as the highest value and the safety of God's people as the highest priority. Please pray that this would be so that the ministry of Concilium can empower the Gospel in the nations!

In Christ,  
Scott Brawner



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### COVER PHOTO

Concilium's ministry has both impact and reach literally around the world; even into the souks of Cairo, Egypt.

### LEFT:

In February, 2022, Rezeszow, Poland. Scott Brawner and the Concilium START (Security Triage Assessment and Response Team) met Brigadier General Brandon R. Tegtmeier, Deputy Commanding General, 82nd Airborne Division, at the very beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

### TOP RIGHT:

Concilium teaches a principle-based security program with application around the world. Concilium regularly runs CAST, RACE, and HEAT training programs Nairobi, Kenya.

### BOTTOM RIGHT:

Concilium's Latin America Director and Training Director at the first Field Security Course of 2022 in Kansas City. Rip roaring and ready to go!



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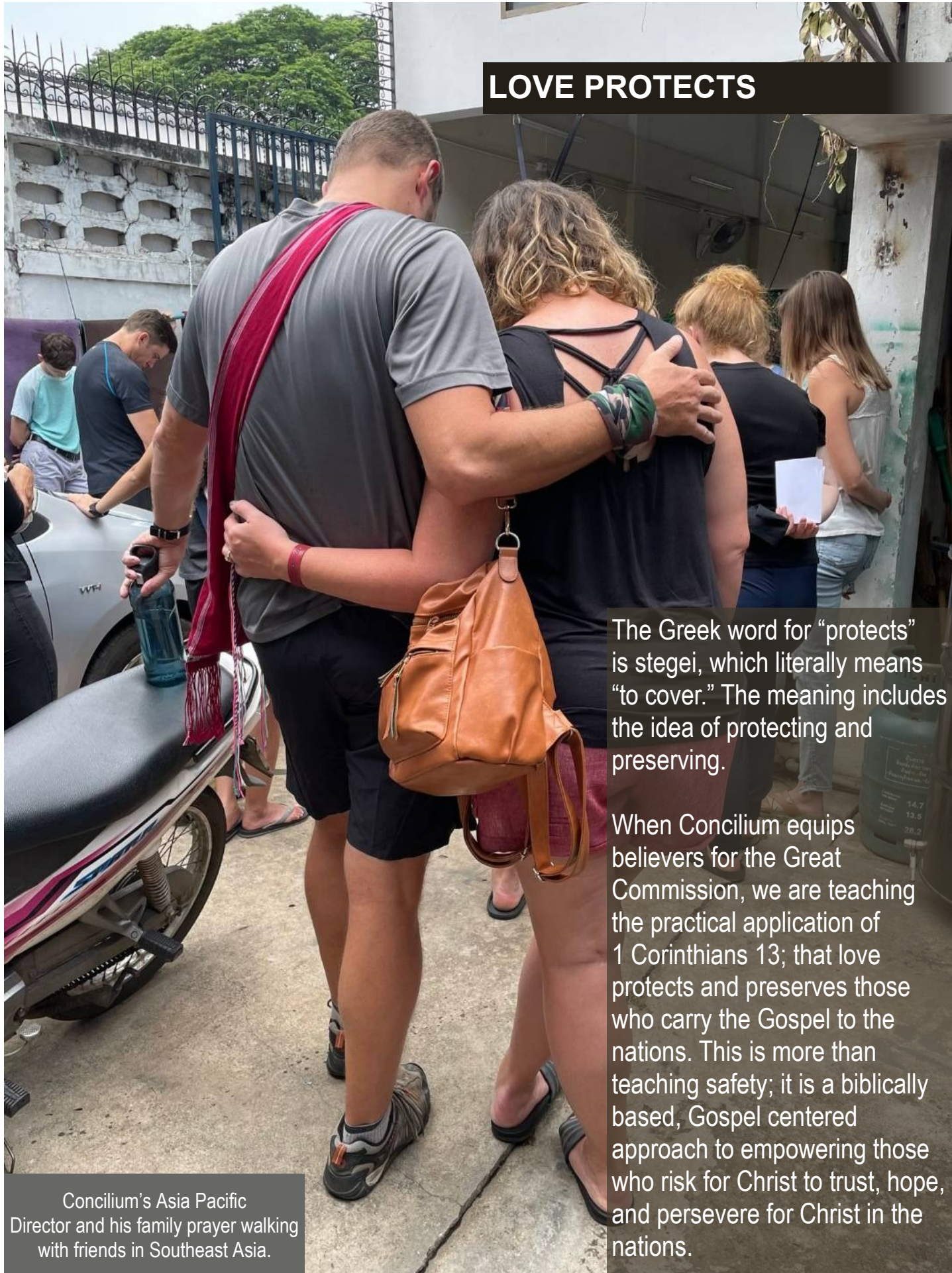
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# WELCOME 2022 HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY YEAR!

## LOVE PROTECTS



Concilium's Asia Pacific Director and his family prayer walking with friends in Southeast Asia.

The Greek word for “protects” is *stegai*, which literally means “to cover.” The meaning includes the idea of protecting and preserving.

When Concilium equips believers for the Great Commission, we are teaching the practical application of 1 Corinthians 13; that love protects and preserves those who carry the Gospel to the nations. This is more than teaching safety; it is a biblically based, Gospel centered approach to empowering those who risk for Christ to trust, hope, and persevere for Christ in the nations.

*2022 has been an exciting year of opportunity and growth for Concilium and its five-fold ministry. The Lord has been using the Concilium team around the world to minister to both missionaries and persecuted Christians in Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America.*

*Read on to learn more about Concilium's ministry and celebrate how God is using our ministry to bless His people who suffer so much for His name. It really is amazing the impact Concilium is having around the world!*



### What is Concilium?

Legally, Concilium is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3), religious organization that provides a five-fold ministry of security training, threat analysis, crisis management, member care services, and

public and private sector engagement. Concilium is, at its core, a Great Commission ministry supported by the sacrificial giving of our generous giving partners. That giving empowers Concilium to fulfill the Great Commission by equipping the saints for ministry in hard places. Since 2014, Concilium has helped countless faith-based workers and persecuted Christians apply biblical principles of safety and security to their ministries, thus helping them succeed and prosper where God has planted them.

Concilium is a global ministry. With personnel around the world, the ministry supports Christians living and serving in a multitude of locations amongst a multitude of threats. Concilium's heart is helping Christians thrive and remain steadfast in their faith, from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.



Concilium's Canada Director and Child Safety Consultant posing for the camera at a CAST training.

# CONCILIUM SECURE THE TRAINING MINISTRY OF CONCILIUM

## COUNT THE COST



Captivity Training for a Restricted Access/Complex Engagement (RACE) Field Security Course.

Concilium provides training for Christian missionaries serving in open countries, restricted access workers serving in locations where being a traditional missionary is not allowed, humanitarian workers who often find themselves serving in dangerous and complex environments, and persecuted Christians around the world.

Thanks to your donations, Concilium trained 195 missionaries and gospel workers in 11 open training courses in addition to hundreds trained through in-house events hosted by their mission agency using Concilium trainers. Concilium also saw 1026 trained separately with Concilium's curriculum.

Our students attended multiple courses including our Travel Safety Orientation (TSO), Comprehensive Awareness Security Training (CAST), Restricted Access/Complex Engagement (RACE), and Hostile environment Awareness Training (HEAT) programs. These course were held across the USA, as well as in Canada, Haiti, Colombia, Kenya, Thailand, Malaysia, and other locations.



Realism is a critical component for all Concilium training.



2-day Day CAST in Nairobi, Kenya.



3-day HEAT training in Port au Prince, Haiti.

Concilium is well known for its security training, but for us, its more than just training; it's a discipleship experience. It's an opportunity to help Christians develop the mind of Christ as it applies in challenging and dangerous situations.

Concilium has worked hard to develop a security training program that is biblically based and gospel-centered; a training that holds the Gospel, not safety, as the highest value. Great Commission obedience demands risk. But risk for risk's sake is not obedience to God's call; it is recklessness and potentially sinful behavior.

Security is what we do, but followers of Jesus is who we are. And we desire to use our training to equip Christians to thrive where the Lord has planted them; for God's glory and their good.



# CONCILIUM INSIGHT

## CONCILIUM'S THREAT ANALYSIS MINISTRY

### PURSUE WISDOM



Members of Concilium's threat analysis team leading a Global overview for nearly 100 security directors at the Risk Management Network meeting.

Concilium Insight produces reports and forecasts that assist mission agencies, churches, and humanitarian organizations in understanding how security incidents and trends impact their presence and posture abroad and at home.

Insight's team of one full-time analyst, two part-time analysts, two volunteer analysts, and one intern published 112 reports, including the weekly "Thursday Briefing," for our global subscribers while also producing the monthly "Insight Digest" covering more than 100 criminal

incidents at U.S. churches.

Insight placed special emphasis in 2022 covering the civil war and other ethnic-based conflicts in Ethiopia, as well as the multi-faceted crisis in Haiti, a variety of conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and jihadist activities in the Sahel.

In July, Insight released the special report entitled, "Violence at U.S. Churches from 2019 to 2022." In June, the team published a special brief for crisis pregnancy centers

entitled, "Pro-Abortion Vandalism, Arson, and Violence in the U.S."

Insight also participated in Concilium task forces covering Ukraine and analyzing the targeted killing of an American Christian in the Middle East.

Analysts conducted scheduled monthly conference calls with subscribers and provided many additional hours of customized research and verbal briefings.



Concilium's threat analysis team provides written resources as well as consulting for more than 70 subscribing organizations.

**RIGHTLY APPLY THE WORD**



Photo taken during a physical security assessment for a Concilium partner at the international airport in Part au Prince, Haiti.

# CONCILIUM RESPOND SECURITY/CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Since its founding, Concilium has been a leader in the practice of security risk management (SRM) among faith-based organizations. Concilium is also a trusted crisis management resource in the faith based community. Concilium helps Christian organizations steward well their response to crisis, including the management of time, resources, and the lives of their people.

In 2022, Concilium was the primary crisis management provider for 18 mission organizations. One highlight was being able to offer security consultation for a multicultural group running a safe house for Muslims who came to Christ in a dangerous part of the world.

This year been an exciting year of opportunity and growth for Concilium Respond. 2022 saw us active on projects around the world, as the team:

- Provided crisis consulting toward the successful resolution of four kidnapping events.
- Provided on the ground physical safety and security assessments for Concilium partners in Haiti and Kenya.
- Provided critical consulting for partners facing threats from state actors, including the direct targeting of gospel workers for murder by one foreign government and the illegal detainment of missionaries by another.
- Engaged the United States Army’s Task Force 82 for the sharing of critical information in Ukraine with US faith-based sector partners.
- In support of the Ukraine evacuation, Concilium provided on the ground needs assessment of vehicle border crossings in Poland, Slovakia, and Romania.
- Provided critical consulting and resources to successfully evacuate personnel from Afghanistan, Ecuador, Haiti, Nigeria, and Ukraine.
- Provided security support, assessment, and critical incident debriefing services to Concilium partners and beneficiaries directly impacted by the invasion of Ukraine.
- Provided 30+ written security/crisis management consulting products for our partners.
- Provided 500+ hours of security and crisis management consulting to Concilium partners.
- Facilitated crisis management seminars in the USA, Europe, and East and West Africa.
- Moderated multiple WhatsApp and Signal groups providing information sharing and collaboration around the world.



Concilium Canada director collecting critical information at a Ukraine border crossing in eastern Hungary.



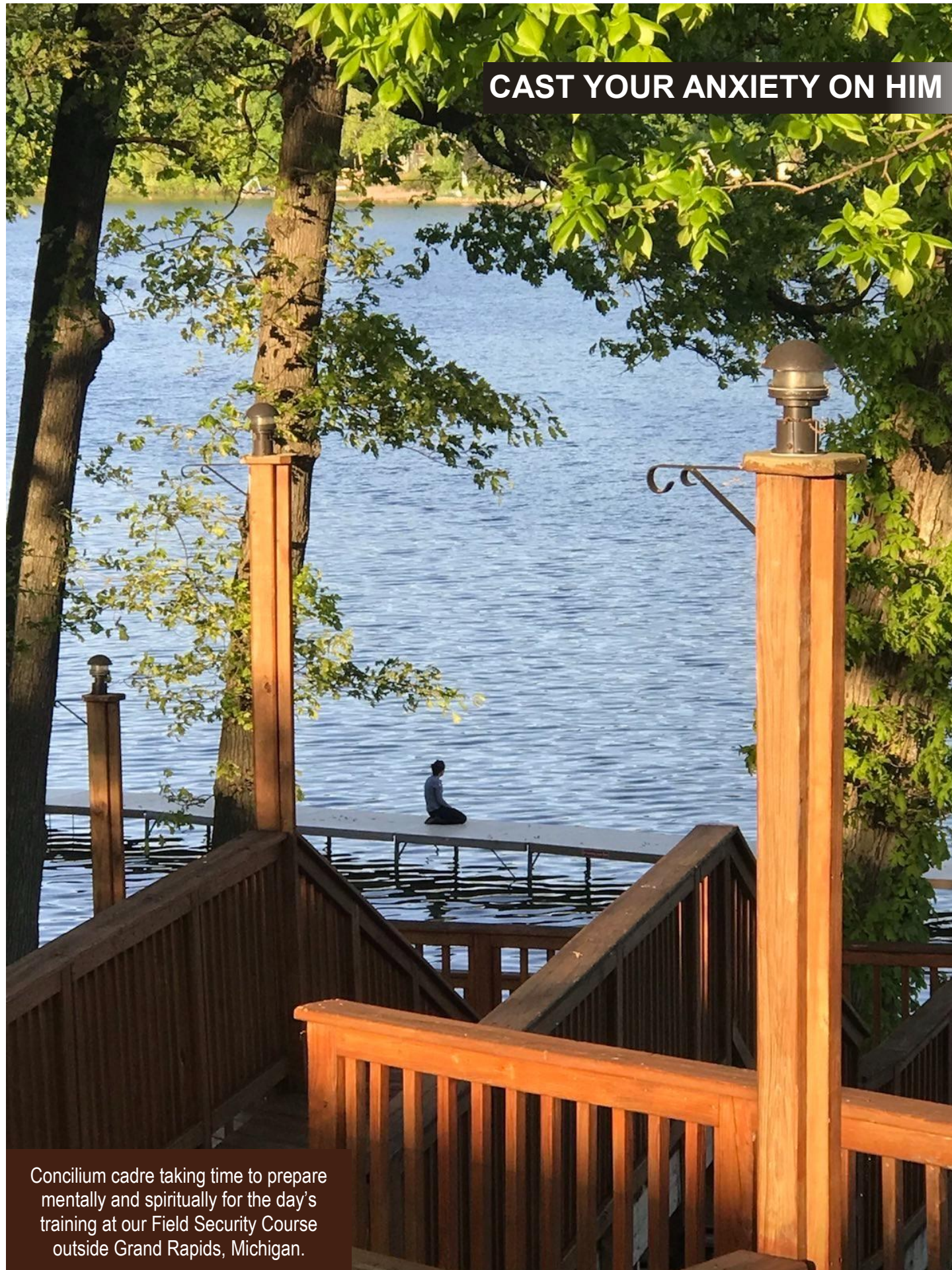
Concilium President pointing out “tangle foot” (razor wire used to ensnare trespassers) during an assessment in Kenya.

**It’s Because of you!**

Concilium collected \$14,321 for Ukraine relief and used \$22,368 of additional donor funds for a total of \$36,689 invested towards Ukraine.

Because of the faithful giving of our supporters, Concilium’s resources are available to those who need them but cannot afford them. Thank you for your faithful support of Concilium!

## CAST YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM



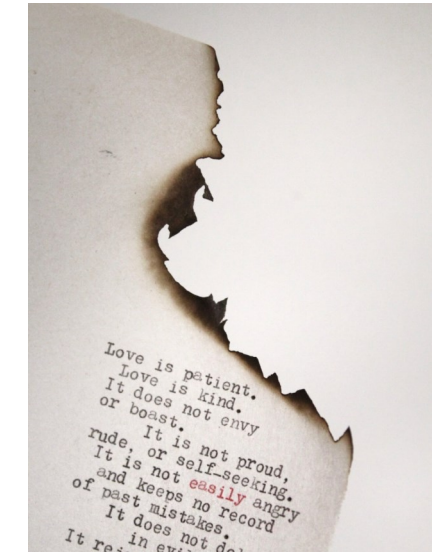
Concilium cadre taking time to prepare mentally and spiritually for the day's training at our Field Security Course outside Grand Rapids, Michigan.

# CONCILIUM CARE MEMBER CARE MINISTRY

Concilium Care was established to provide emotional and spiritual support for Concilium's team members, Care also provide vital services and resources for gospel workers both domestically and overseas. Concilium is dedicated to helping Christian missionaries, humanitarians, and restricted access gospel workers thrive. Care does this by helping them build healthy self-care and resilience into Great Commission obedience. Concilium understands that far too many security incidents begin as member care issues. As such, the healthier gospel workers are on the mission field, the more effectively they serve!

In 2022, Concilium provided Care services at Concilium's Field Security Courses. The reality is many students attending our courses around the world bring their past traumas and critical experiences with them. The Lord

in His sovereignty and loving kindness uses Concilium's member care focus to help those brothers and sisters "count the cost" of obedience in light of their past experiences. In 2022

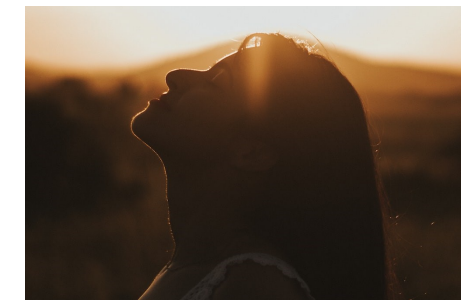


Concilium also provided incident debriefing services to Concilium partners in Somalia as well as those directly impacted by the invasion of Ukraine.

From spiritual conversations to practical training and resources, Concilium is committed to helping our brothers and sisters in the nations build resilience and THRIVE where God calling them, planting them, and preserving them in the nations!

Thanks to the faithful giving of our donors. Their investment in Concilium is paying dividends in the lives of Christians around the world.

**Please Help!** Concilium's member care program is searching for a full time director to manage Concilium's growing member care needs. Please pass the word!



Concilium's member care leadership teaching on resilience and psychological first aid at a Field Security Course near Tyler, Texas.

# ALL AUTHORITY COMES FROM GOD



Concilium's engagement in with the US Government is broad ranging. From the State Department to the Department of Justice, and other key agencies, Concilium provides engagement on behalf of faith based workers and persecuted Christians around the world.

# CONCILIUM ENGAGE PUBLIC/PRIVATE ENGAGEMENT

Concilium seeks to build influence and capacity by managing our strategic communications program and promoting public and private sector engagement on behalf of faith-based workers. Concilium accomplishes this through public and private sector engagement, partnerships, and fundraising strategies.

Concilium understands how important it is to maintain relationships with the US Government around the world. When American missionaries and Gospel workers are in need of help, having a first-person relationship with decision makers can greatly shape -and even change outcomes- for those serving the Lord at the ends of the Earth. This is why Concilium is committed to public sector engagement on behalf of Gospel workers around the world. From Washington DC engagement to our regional leaders engaging US Embassies, Concilium



Concilium Canada director chatting with the Task Force 82 Commander in Rezeszow, Poland.

understands how important relationships are *before* a crisis begins.



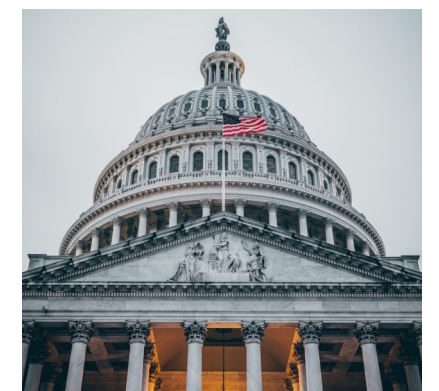
In 2022, Concilium's public sector engagement began with the Russian Invasion of Ukraine. Just days after the invasion, Concilium deployed a START (Security Triage Assessment Response Team) to Poland to begin assessment and coordination of faith-based response to the burgeoning humanitarian crisis. As part of that response, the Lord granted Concilium favor to engage the US military. That engagement led to an opportunity to join daily private sector security briefings provided by the 82nd Airborne Forward Headquarters in Rzeszow, Poland. That opportunity opened the door for other US and European faith-based organizations to receive those critical security updates that guided strategic and operational planning for Ukraine response.

In November 2022, Concilium was requested to support the

release of a missionary illegally detained in Africa. Through our network of relationships, Concilium connected the organization to key relationships in the public and private sectors for support. Concilium also supported a social media campaign started by the organization. Concilium's efforts challenged more than 20,000 people around the world to pray for those detained and petition for their release.

Finally, Concilium's management of virtual collaboration groups reached an all-time high with country and regional groups around the world. Concilium continues to find innovative ways to support God's people as they serve the Lord and overcome what the enemy throws at them.

It is because of the generous giving the of our friends and supporters this engagement is even possible. Concilium says thank you for your generosity!



Concilium's leadership travels to Washington DC to engage on behalf of missionaries and Persecuted Christians.



## EMPOWERING THE GLOBAL SOUTH



Beautiful old city of Antigua, Guatemala. Guatemala is a key ministry area for several Concilium partners.

# GLOBAL SOUTH AN INVESTMENT AND COMMITMENT

Concilium is fully committed to supporting the mobilization of our brothers and sisters in the Global South to reach the nations. In addition to our training for local believers across Africa and Asia, Concilium opened a Latin American regional office in 2021 to support Latin American missionaries and their organizations focused on equipping, training, and resourcing Latin American gospel workers.

Concilium desires to do more than merely translate security training materials and apply Western security management methodologies used by American or European mission agencies into the context of the Global South. Instead, Concilium is seeking ways to contextualize the biblical principles of Security in the Context of Ministry (SICM) into the culture and ethos of sending organizations in these regions. Your generous support is helping Concilium partner and support burgeoning mission sending agencies that God is raising up. It is both our hope and our intent to support our global partners in developing their own holistic security programs utilizing Concilium's SICM principles to empower those ministries!

Concilium is deeply honored to be able to serve our brothers and sisters of the global South as they accept the call to go. Concilium is deeply grateful for all who support this kind of ministry. Concilium is pursuing biblical security strategies with our Global South partners that holds the Gospel as the highest value while considering the sending realities of the region. Concilium is committed to intentionally pursuing this kind of engagement around the world.



An instructor from Concilium's Latin America cadre teaching the Attack Cycle to indigenous believers in Villavicencio, Colombia.

## POWERFUL MINISTRY



The unsung heroes of Concilium's Field Security Courses in Kansas City: our volunteer kitchen staff! These ladies cook an average of 400 meals over a 4-day period. This course would not be possible without them!

# VOLUNTEERS THE BACKBONE OF CONCILIUM

So much of what happens in Concilium takes place behind the scenes. Volunteers help with administration, serve on the board, volunteer as role players, and write analysis. There is so much of this ministry that is powered by volunteers and we are thankful for each one. 2022 volunteer highlights included

- Specialists writing protective analysis reports for publication.
- Serving as role players giving their time to support training exercises.
- Volunteering their time to work in the kitchen at our KC trainings.
- Supporting logistics as by helping maintain the equipment required to bring professionalism and realism to Concilium's trainings.

Every volunteer in Concilium is important, and the ministry of Concilium would not be possible without their help. In 2023 there will be even more opportunities for volunteers to serve in our ministry, literally around the world! If you would ever want to volunteer and support the ministry of Concilium in the USA or internationally, please visit our website and fill out an online application at: [www.concilium.us/join-our-team](http://www.concilium.us/join-our-team).



Our volunteers come in all ages!



Volunteers perform all sorts of duties.



Volunteers help Concilium's cadre make equipment safety happen. We are grateful!



Volunteers come from across the law enforcement and former military and SOF communities.



Our kitchen staff hard at work!

# GLOBAL OFFICES

## CONCILIUM IN THE NATIONS



### INTO THE NATIONS



Concilium's long term growth is to the nations, and in particular toward the 10/40 Window. This is where Concilium's global offices come in. Concilium's regional offices serve to bring Concilium's fivefold ministry to the nations in three ways:

First, global regional offices in places like the USA, Canada, Latin America, and Europe serve to deliver Concilium's fivefold ministry to those being mobilized to the foreign field.

Second, global regional offices are intended to provide

Concilium's fivefold ministry to persecuted Christians. These people would not otherwise have access to biblically based, gospel-centered safety, security, and resilience resources because of the challenges of money and access.

Finally, Concilium's regional directors have their finger on the pulse of regional issues facing gospel workers and persecuted believers. Regional directors serve as the first line of response when crisis happens globally. Regional directors bring to the table subject matter expertise

from living in their regions among local peoples. This not only builds credibility, it provides a regional lifeline to those most in need of Concilium's ministry and support.

Currently Concilium is recruiting both regional directors and country directors to serve around the world. Concilium is developing its pipeline process to better prepare, train, and equip those deploying to the nations. As a sending agency, Concilium is young and has much to learn as we refine our processes. That said, we are thankful for those who are answering the call to go!



Across the 10/40 Window there are millions of Christians facing persecution from state and non-state actors.

# FINANCES **CONCILIUM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

## THE POWER OF GIVING

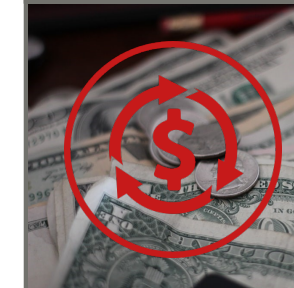
Concilium is a non-profit for a reason: the vast majority of gospel workers and persecuted Christians around the world cannot afford the world-class security services they both need and deserve. That is why Concilium exists; that is why Concilium needs your support.

To secure the quality security practitioners and critical resources needed to support the ministry of Concilium is expensive. Understandably, Concilium must be able to pay competitive wages to recruit competent and capable men and women who can meet the needs of faith-based workers and persecuted Christians around the world. Unfortunately, the revenue generated by our subscriptions and fees is not enough.

***Your generosity empowers the work of Concilium, and the ministry of Concilium it is impossible without the faithful support of people like you. Please consider becoming a Concilium ministry supporter via the options below!***



**Single Donations.** Many of Concilium’s donations come as individual donations. One-time, single donations are a thoughtful way to bless the ministry. You may even choose to utilize occasions or holidays when making donations, possibly in honor of a friend or loved one: Anniversary, Birthday, Congratulations, Encouragement, Baptism, First Communion, Christmas, Easter, Father’s/Mother’s Day, etc.



**Recurring Donations.** One of the most effective ways to empower the Gospel through Concilium’s ministry is through a monthly, recurring donation. Setting up a donation is simple: visit [www.concilium.us/DONATE](http://www.concilium.us/DONATE). By establishing a monthly, recurring gift, Concilium and those we serve benefit knowing that we can depend on you. That is because your monthly giving is felt around the world providing help and hope through Concilium’s five-fold ministry to those who need it most.



**Non-Cash Donations.** Generous giving is not limited to giving cash or checks. You can benefit our ministry in many different ways through physical assets. Turn your tangible goods, such as cars, boats, jewelry, commodities, real estate, mineral rights, and more, into ministry impact while realizing potential tax benefits. As an example, if you have an old car or truck that runs, consider giving that to Concilium to use in our security training and enhance the training experience of our students!



**Legacy Donations.** Your legacy can impact generations around the world. As you consider your legacy through your estate plan, Concilium is available to serve you. Your estate gift can take many forms, such as including Concilium in your will, establishing gifts that return income during your lifetime, and more. We are happy to work with you to help you identify the best options to suit your charitable goals.



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## OUR MISSION

*To build capacity and resilience into gospel advance  
so others may hear and live.*



## OUR VISION

*To see Christians of all ages engaged in serving the Lord  
with boldness, legitimacy, and competence.*



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