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2024 Annual Review

A decade of empowering the Great Commission in hard places through Gospel-centered security practice.

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Kidnapping immersion experience set in the unfinished basement of a hotel on the Adriatic Sea near Shëngjin, Albania. April, 2024.

In addition to our domestic training in 2024, Concilium trained more than 150 international Gospel workers from 20+ countries across the 10/40 Window and Global South.



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Welcome!

2024 was a BUSY YEAR for Concilium! From personal and corporate training to threat analysis to security management and crisis response, Concilium supported more than 100 mission agencies with their risk, security, and crisis needs. Additionally, Concilium was a proud sponsor of Missio Nexus, the largest network of mission agencies in the world. Concilium's sponsorship provided us with a great opportunity to connect with mission leaders to promote Concilium's ministry AND reconnect with new and old friends who have benefitted from Concilium. The Lord has faithfully watched over the Concilium team as we managed the many needs of God's people. Read on to see how Christ was honored in the nations through Concilium's unique ministry and support.

2024 Impact: By the Numbers

800+

Missionaries
Trained Globally

36

Nations Served
by Concilium

100+

Analysis Reports
Published

1000+

Security/Crisis
Mgmt. Hours

5

Public & Private
Sector Engagements

3

Kidnappings/
Detainments
Resolved

6

Emergency &
Crisis Evacuations
Globally



Equip Training


Concilium provides training for Christian missionaries and Gospel workers serving in various locations and levels of risk around the world. Those Concilium trained in 2024 included traditional missionaries serving in open countries, restricted access workers serving in locations where missionaries are not allowed, Christian humanitarian workers who often find themselves serving in dangerous and complex environments, and persecuted Christians from countries across the 10/40 Window and around the world.

2024 courses included our online Travel Safety Orientation (TSO), Comprehensive Awareness Security Training (CAST), Restricted Access/Complex Engagement (RACE), and Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT) programs.

Thanks to your prayers and financial support, Concilium trained more than 800 missionaries and Gospel workers in 11 open training courses across the USA and in-house events hosted by various mission agencies. Concilium also saw 246 trained via online training.

Further, Concilium trained national missionaries and persecuted Christians from Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Myanmar, Israel, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, DRC, Uganda, and other countries and at little or no cost because of the faithful giving of our partners.

THANK YOU for making these trainings possible!!!



Main Photo: Criminal Camp of Concilium's first combined hearing and deaf field security course at God's Mountain Camp outside Kansas City, MO. October, 2024.

Right: Classroom principles prepare a team of young men for field training at the University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii. August, 2024.





Insight Analysis



Insight Director, Jonathan VerHoeven, briefing the Risk Management Network on maximizing situational awareness in a crisis. March, 2024.

"Thursday Briefing" for our global subscribers while also producing the monthly "Insight Digest" covering more than 100 criminal incidents impacting local churches across the United States.

Finally, Insight analysts conducted scheduled monthly conference calls with subscribers and beneficiaries and many additional hours of customized research and verbal briefings for missionaries around the world.

Concilium Insight is the threat analysis ministry of Concilium. Insight produces reports and forecasts that help Christian mission agencies, churches, and humanitarian organizations understand how security incidents and trends impact their presence and posture abroad and at home.

Insight's team, consisting of one full-time analyst, two part-time analysts, two volunteer analysts, and one intern published 106 reports, including the weekly

Insight also supported Concilium's various country and regional security collaboratives, providing analysis and guidance for the conflicts in Israel, the Gaza Strip, and Lebanon; the Syrian Civil War; jihadist activities in the Sahel; Russo-Ukraine War; and Sudanese Civil War. Insight also provided analysis for Concilium evacuations in Bangladesh, Concilium's kidnap for ransom responses in Haiti and Ecuador, and state-sponsored detentions of Gospel workers in the Middle East and North Africa.



Above, Concilium President with an Insight volunteer analyst at the OSAC Annual Brief in Washington DC. November, 2024.



Secure Security Risk Consulting & Crisis Response



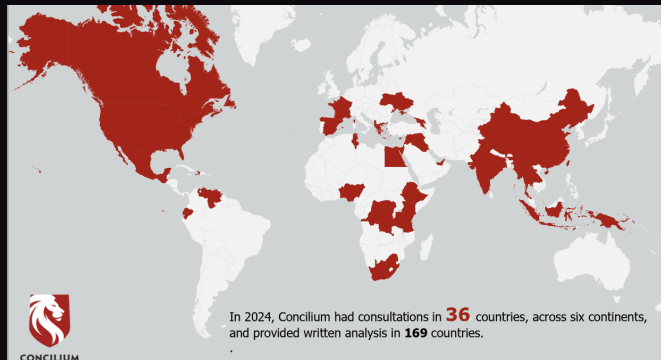
*Concilium Secure Director
flying in for a security
assessment for a
mission agency in Haiti.*

For more than a decade, Concilium has been a leader in the practice of security risk management (SRM) among missionary and faith-based organizations. Concilium is also a trusted crisis management resource and partner, providing crisis consulting and response for the global Christian community.

In 2024, Concilium had a significant number of requests for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains around the world. In one particularly tragic case, Youth With A Mission (YWAM) lost 11 of their leaders in a bus accident outside Arusha, Tanzania. In response, Concilium deployed a crisis response team to manage the repatriation of remains and support the medical evacuation of those critically injured in the crash. Tragically this was the greatest accidental loss of life involving missionaries in more than 50 years.

By God's grace, in 2024, Concilium's crisis consultants were able to support the safe release of six missionaries and persecuted Christians kidnapped in Latin America and the Caribbean, and support to resolution the illegal detainment of two Gospel workers held in the Middle East.

As of this report, around the world, Concilium's crisis team members are supporting toward resolution a double kidnapping of missionaries held by an ideological group and an illegal state detainment of a missionary held on trumped-up charges. Domestically, we are supporting a mission agency who received death threats against their leaders. Finally, Concilium is supporting Christians in Syria against Islamic persecution. Truly, NONE of these responses are possible without your prayers and financial support. THANK YOU for making this ministry unto the least of these possible!



National Hostage Policy Seminar
Excelsior Springs, Missouri.
January, 2024.



Engage Public Engagement

A key component of Concilium's ministry is public engagement on behalf of missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world. In 2024, Concilium was honored to host the National Hostage Policy Roundtable that addressed the future of US hostage policy and its impact on the return of US hostages and illegally-detained US citizens around the world. Speakers from public and private sector agencies, including the State Department and FBI, engaged with attendees addressing critical concerns for US hostage policy and the impact on American missionaries around the world.

Additionally, Concilium remained highly engaged with the US State Department Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) and the Risk Management Network, a network of more than 100 US mission agencies representing more than 100,000 missionaries and Gospel workers around the world.



Scott Brawner representing Concilium at the OSAC Faith Based Sector Committee meeting in Boston.



Concilium's VP of Operations, Hiram Jobes, with other Concilium team members at the RMN fall meeting hosted by CRU in Xenia, Ohio.



Executive Panel: FBI and State Department leaders speaking at the National Hostage Policy Roundtable.



Concilium President with the VP of Operations and Concilium Canada Director at the Areopagus in Athens, Greece, after a Field Security Course in Albania. April, 2024.

“You cannot be obedient to Jesus and His call and not face negative consequences. This is why the Lord uses the stewardship of security to protect His people in their circumstances instead of from their circumstances.”

Scott Brawner



Thank You!

A Message from the Concilium President

I can say that 2024 has been an incredible year for Concilium. Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation to Concilium’s many supporters for their prayers and financial commitment to the ministry as our team worked tirelessly to serve so many missionaries and persecuted Christians in need around the world.

Likewise, I am supremely thankful for those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make the ministry of Concilium possible. From finance to administration to technology services, Concilium’s capabilities rest on the capable shoulders of those working faithfully and sacrificially behind the scenes toward the success of this amazing ministry.

I believe in the ministry of Concilium. This ministry is not just keeping missionaries safe, Concilium is **SAVING LIVES** around the world as we honor the Lord with our Biblically-based, Gospel-centered approach to security and crisis management.

Friends, I am keenly aware of the weight of responsibility I carry as Concilium’s President. This includes my accountability to the Board and our supporters for good management of the ministry. That is why Concilium’s Form 990 is available on our website at www.concilium.us/donate.

Leading this ministry from its birth into a globally-recognized organization has been a daunting task. Thankfully, the Lord has shown us favor in the eyes of authorities and people like YOU who pray for Concilium and sacrificially GIVE to the ministry toward our success.

THANK YOU!!!

In Christ,

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