

# REDEEMER CITY TO CITY

## A GLOBAL MISSION TO REACH CITIES *organizational summary*

By 2050, 75% of the human race will work, play, raise families, and live in a city — making cities the world's fastest growing mission field.

Redeemer City to City (CTC) is a non-profit organization that exists to start new churches in global cities, develop leaders to serve them, and create gospel-centered resources for believers and skeptics alike. This is done in hopes of sparking revival in the world's leading urban centers and through them, everywhere. Just as in the time of the Apostles, when they went preaching from city to city, we believe cities will once again lead the world to Christ.

Dr. Timothy Keller founded CTC in 2008 and serves as Chairman of the Board. Since its founding, CTC has helped start 387 new churches, trained over 10,000 leaders, and published almost 150 pieces of original content for gospel ministry. Much of CTC's content is now being translated all over the world.



## THE NEED

For the first time in history, 50% of humanity lives in a city. At today's rate of urban growth, it's estimated that 5 million people move to a city every month. For the sake of perspective, that's like starting two new "Chicagos" *every month*.

As the world adjusts to this global population shift, it's estimated that the top 600 cities of the world will all require an additional \$10 trillion a year to keep up.\* So we ask this: If \$10 trillion every year is required to build the future's *physical* infrastructure, what will it cost — and what efforts must be made — to build the *spiritual* infrastructure?

The young, the elites, the poor and the elderly, and every people group are migrating to cities, and strategically-placed, new churches can reach them all at once. CTC exists to help ensure that these gospel-centered churches are ready for our 21st century, urbanized world.

## THE OPPORTUNITY

**We Start New Churches.** If people are thirsty you can bring them water, or you can help them build a well. A healthy, new, gospel-centered church is like a spiritual well in an urban neighborhood. And a new church is the best place to win new converts, make disciples, multiply resources and fulfill the Great Commission.



\* McKinsey

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Of the churches we've helped to start, 93% are successful. This means they launch, grow, and become self-sustaining. For each church we help to start, we find that 2-3 other new churches also start. This is because when just one new church gets off the ground, it creates a ripple effect of evangelism and ministry within that city.

**We Find Gospel Leaders.** Our main role is to find, train and coach entrepreneurial pastors in the unique skills needed to start self-sustaining, biblically faithful, urban churches. We also train pastoral, cultural, and marketplace leaders to bring the power of the gospel to every part of life and ministry.

**We Create Content.** We work with Tim Keller and others to develop books, studies, and online campaigns that address the questions of the city with the gospel. These resources reach tens of thousands of leaders who seek to live faithfully and minister effectively in the 21st century.

## RECENT MINISTRY OUTCOMES

CTC joins God in reaching global cities with the gospel. The organizational vision remains the same: to help leaders start gospel movements in cities. This is done through training entrepreneurial leaders, starting new churches, and creating and distributing content around the world. Here are some key ways that CTC furthered these ministry outcomes in the last 18 months.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Developing leaders for urban ministry is at the core of CTC's mission. To our knowledge CTC is the only organization of its kind: recruiting, assessing, and training leaders to equip them for gospel-centered ministry and church planting in cities.

- + In total, 3,457 leaders were trained through CTC's field programs in 2015. These programs were delivered on five continents.
- + To keep up with the training needs in the field, full time team members were secured to serve the regions of India, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa (part time). CTC also hired a director of US strategy who will run strategy for US development of church planting networks, training programs, and new churches.
- + 51 leaders were developed for critical networking roles in 2015. This number of leaders greatly exceeded our goals. Network leaders are mostly church planters who successfully launched one or more churches with CTC and are now recognized in their regions as prominent ministry leaders and gatherers.
- + The Apprentice Program was launched in New York City with 28 leaders from 12 different churches.
- + CTC launched The Seminary (in partnership with Reformed Theological Seminary), which offers a MABS. It is an urban-centered, reformed, post-graduate theological training program offered in Manhattan.



*pictured: L-R church planter Sasa Flek in Prague, Czech Republic; church planter Makoto Fukuda in Tokyo, Japan*

### NEW CHURCHES

In 2015 CTC helped to start 50 new churches and gave away \$1.1M in grant money to help these and others that are launching. The new churches of 2015 are listed here according to region:

#### Africa

Ambassadeur du Christ, Antananarivo, Madagascar  
Cross Culture City Church, Johannesburg  
DieKruis, Pretoria  
Rooted Fellowship, Pretoria

#### Asia

Bridge Church, Bangalore  
Brighton Community Church, Phnom Penh  
Mandarin Bible Church, Hong Kong  
New Community Church, Tokyo  
Ren Ai Reformed Fellowship, Taipei  
Star Church Bethlehem, Taipei

#### Australia

Grace City Church, Sydney  
Inner West Church at St. Jude's, Melbourne  
Petersham Presbyterian Church, Sydney  
St. Augustine's - Mont Albert, North Melbourne  
St. Catherine's Caulfield, South Melbourne

#### East Asia

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#### Europe

Agia Paraskev, Athens  
Chatelet Halles, Paris  
FokusBasel, Basel  
The Globe Church, London  
Úti Református Missziói Egyházközség, Budapest

#### Latin America

Cristo Rey Chillán, Chile  
Puerta de Salvacion, San Luis Potosi  
San Pedro Church, Monterrey

#### New York City

Casa De Refugio, New Jersey  
Church of the Living Hope, Manhattan  
City Vine Church, Manhattan  
Connection Church NYC, Queens  
Cross Church NYC, Manhattan  
Epiphany Church, Brooklyn  
Kinetic Christian Center, Brooklyn  
Marketplace Church, Brooklyn  
Mosaic City Church, Queens  
Movement Church, Staten Island  
Recovery House of Worship, Bronx  
Transformation Church, Bronx  
Trinity Grace Church Midtown, Manhattan  
Trinity Grace Church Williamsburg, Brooklyn

#### North America

Gold Line Church, Los Angeles  
Trinity Grace Church, Toronto





### RESOURCES AND CONTENT

+ Published courses online for the first time at [redeemercitytocity.com/learning](http://redeemercitytocity.com/learning). These online courses are serving and developing leaders around the world through a robust LMS developed by Pathwright, a dedicated content platform.

+ Published the following works with Penguin:  
*Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God*  
*Preaching: Communicating Faith in a Skeptical Age*  
*The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*

+ Published the following works with Zondervan:  
*Jesus the King* study guide

*The Meaning of Marriage* DVD and study guide

+ Published with The Good Book Company:

*Romans 1-7 For You*

*Romans 8-16 For You*

+ In 2015 CTC translated content into Chinese, German, French, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, and Portuguese. We continue to license and publish in partnership with publishers based outside the US and to date there are 145 editions in print, 52 in contract, in 26 languages

### CTC AND THE RISE CAMPAIGN

CTC and Redeemer Presbyterian Church recently embarked on the Rise Campaign - a vision for new churches, new leaders, and new buildings for the renewal of New York City. Although CTC is now at work on five continents, New York City will always be home. Over the next 10 years, the Rise Campaign will enable CTC's New York City efforts to continue and increase. These efforts are already underway:

- + to help start almost 277 new congregations across diverse neighborhoods and denominations,
- + to equip the next generation of pastors and leaders for New York City ministry through CTC leadership programs, i.e. the Apprenticeship and Internship Programs, the Urban Incubator, the Church Planting Fellows, and City Lab,
- + to offer seminary education in New York City through the City Ministry Program - a post-graduate initiative created in partnership with Reformed Theological Seminary.

If you would like to know more about CTC's work in New York City and elsewhere, get in touch: [hello@redeemercitytocity.com](mailto:hello@redeemercitytocity.com). Thank you in advance for your generosity, and may Christ be known in cities.