



## Christian Leaders Complete Their Leadership Training



*Vankhama, Cung, Isidro, Sanuk and Angela*

### Vankhama Maulchin

Pastor Vankhama Maulchin was born in Chinland, Myanmar, but lived many years in India. He studied and received his Bachelors of Theology degree in 1999 from St. Thomas Jubilee Bible College in India. After being ordained in the Baptist church in 2001, he worked as a free evangelist for several years and then in churches in India. In June 2010, he came to the United States on a religious worker's visa to be the pastor for the Chin Christian Church.

### Cung Thawng Lian

Currently Pastor Cung Thawng Lian balances his full time sushi business with his responsibilities as Assistant Pastor for Emmanuel Church that cares for the Hakha Chin tribe from Myanmar. Before coming

to the US, he graduated with a Master of Divinity in India. He considers those studies as more theological while *The Vine Institute* course work has helped him develop his leadership skills. His humility and teachable attitude assist him in all he does to serve.

### Sanuk Takluem

Sanuk Takluem has come among us as a radiant soul with passion to serve Christ among the Matu people at Salt Lake City Matu Christian Church. He migrated here from Myanmar and in addition to leading his people in church work, Sanuk touches people with the heart of God through his generosity, joy and humility. We anticipate by the grace of God that he will lead his people and let his light shine to the glory of our Lord.

The Vine Institute's mission is to connect and equip Christian leaders from among God's diverse people, strengthening churches in the Intermountain West, and celebrating God's glory.

### Certificate in Christian Leadership

*The Vine Institute* trains diverse ethnic leaders in a multicultural setting which incorporates inductive Bible studies with practical action plans. This peer-to-peer learning style allows us to be informed from different cultures. Join us for graduation on June 9, 2018.

### Isidro and Angela Munar

Loving all people and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is the heart beat of Isidro Munar. Isidro migrated from Colombia in South America to the United States in search of freedom and the fulfillment of his destiny. Due to his heart for the work of God, he decided to be trained to become a Christian leader not only in his local church but also in his native country. Isidro is one of the prayer directors in his church praying for the harvest of souls.

Angela Munar was born in Texas in the United States to Mexican parents and started working with her dad at an early age. She became a very industrious woman, willing to be a servant leader in her local church. As a student of *The Vine Institute*, she has been learning about caring and stewardship for God's people, which has opened the door for her to run a Food Bank to feed the hungry. Angela serves as Director of Hospitality in her local church in Salt Lake City, Utah. Serving and meeting needs of people in the community is her great passion.



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## A Map Really Helps! by Sarah Rudd

When calling out to Jesus for healing, the blind man shouted, “Son of David!” And at his entrance into Jerusalem the multitudes cried out “Hosanna to the Son of David!” But Jesus when referring to himself, consistently called himself the “Son of Man.” In Hebrew *ben Adam*, literally means “son of Adam” or “son of humankind.”

Jesus was passionate about identifying with all the children of humanity—not just those from his own people or social group. He connected with the Samaritan woman at the well, with a Roman centurion, and with the Pharisee Nicodemus. I love this about Jesus. No matter what our background is, Jesus relates to us!

Of course, we want to be like Jesus. But how can we receive from and serve those around us despite language barriers, cultural differences and diverse life experiences?

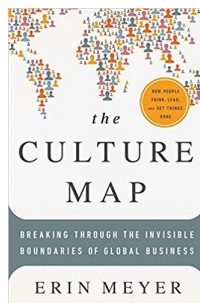
My favorite new resource for understanding how I relate to those of other cultures comes from *The Culture Map: Breaking Through the Invisible Boundaries of Global Business* by Erin

*Meyer*. This may have been written as a resource for business, but its application easily extends into church life.

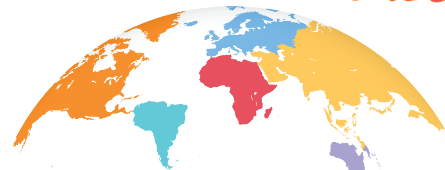
Meyer uses different scales to outline cultural differences in communication, leadership styles, types of trust and accountability structures. Ultimately, she provides super practical tools to help you navigate your cross-cultural relationships (be sure to visit the “tools” section of her website at [erinmeyer.com](http://erinmeyer.com)).

Whether I’m at work representing Australian or Burmese clients or at church worshiping with Congolese and Brazilians, having a few tools is helpful. In addition, reading *The Culture Map* fills me with wonder and affection for the beauty in humankind. We’re pretty amazing in our diversity of gifts and colors and histories.

It’s no surprise that Jesus titles himself, “the Son of Man.”



## THE GLOBAL DAY of PRAYER 2018 *in Utah*



Christians all over the world gather on Pentecost Sunday for a day of repentance and prayer. Join us to pray “A Prayer for the World” with the diverse Body of Christ in Utah.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 6 PM**

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Calvary Baptist Church**

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