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# Coming Full Circle

Dear friend of Reach Beyond,

Thirty-three years ago, my wife, Evangeline, and I began our missionary careers with Reach Beyond (then HCJB World Radio) in Ecuador – me serving as a broadcast engineer, and Evangeline serving as a nurse. A lot has changed in those thirty-three years, both for our family, and for the ministry. It is amazing to look back to see how God has prepared me over the years and brought me back full circle to now serve as the President of Reach Beyond.

Back when we were serving in Ecuador, we were raising three daughters. Now we have three grandsons! After leaving Ecuador in 1995, I joined the for-profit sector, working for 20 years in business and marketing for tech companies. I returned to Reach Beyond as a board member in 2014, before going to Spain with IMB to reach out to urban professionals. In 2018, I joined the Reach Beyond staff to mobilize bi-vocational missionaries among Latin American churches. It's incredible to see how God works ... in 1987, we went to Ecuador to evangelize the country, and just 30 years later, we returned to mobilize the Church!

Now serving as President of Reach Beyond, I am humbled by what God has done through this ministry, and how He continues to use us to reach the unreached. There have been a lot of changes in our history, but as things change, much remains the same.

We have changed our name, and the wording around our mission statement, but the heart of the ministry remains the same. As Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Thirty years ago, we were broadcasting shortwave out of Ecuador to reach the world. We still believe in shortwave, but today we broadcast out of Kununurra in Australia. We also have vibrant media ministries using FM radio, satellite, television, internet and mobile devices.

**MATTHEW 28:19 (NLT)**

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Voice + Hands Magazine is produced quarterly by Reach Beyond.

Reach Beyond may not be running hospitals in Ecuador now, but we have medical ministries in countries that are vehemently opposed to the Gospel of Christ. We are still able to follow the example of Jesus, healing the sick, to demonstrate His love to an unreached people.

We go where the need is, teaching and training rather than waiting for the world to come to us. This includes sending teams to live and serve among unreached people groups, as well as serving unreached people living in refugee camps.

We have built on the heritage of innovation that HCJB was known for, and we are developing new ways of using technology to tell the message

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of Christ. From “sheep station” technology that allows people to access Christian content in closed countries through WiFi hotspots, to online English conversation clubs that are helping the world learn about Jesus while practicing their English virtually, to recycling programs that help turn “trash to treasure” and demonstrate the Gospel in refugee camps, our teams are still innovating how we do ministry.

As my friend, Reach Beyond New Zealand CEO Russell Grainger, has said, “The old HCJB has not gone, it has been rebirthed into a new thing, an organization that God has guided to become what He wants for a time such as this.” As someone who has been a part of the old, and is now leading the new, I have hope for where God will take us next. Thank you for the role you play in praying, in giving, in sending and in going. May God bless you so you can be a blessing to others.

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# GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE MINISTRY

### REACH BEYOND USA

In May, Reach Beyond USA welcomed Daniel Enns as its ninth president in 88 years of international ministry. Daniel steps into this position during a time of change and uncertainty for the world, but with a rock-solid confidence that God hasn't changed His directive of reaching the unreached for His Kingdom.

"We are privileged to announce Daniel Enns as our next president," says Jack Harrison, Reach Beyond's Trustee Board Chairman. "This is a complex time in the mission's history, and Daniel is uniquely gifted to lead us into this new chapter. His experience and aptitude in missional, financial, legal, and logistical considerations is remarkable, while being impassioned to the cause of Christ and the work of our missionaries and partners around the globe."

It is no secret that international missions work has become more complicated through the years. In 1931, when Clarence Jones set off for Ecuador to begin the radio ministry that would become Reach Beyond, he couldn't have fathomed how complicated country jurisdiction, licensing, visas, security and taxes would become. But it is this level of complication through which Daniel is well-suited to lead.

Over the years, Daniel has seen God bring him and his family full circle. Daniel and his wife, Evangeline, both TCK's (third culture kids), began their ministry career with Reach Beyond (then HCJB) more than 30 years ago, serving in Ecuador from 1987-1995 as an engineer and nurse.



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Coming off the mission field, Daniel gained additional experience in the for-profit world, as General Manager/ Founder of Crown Satellite and ultimately serving as the Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Comtech EF Data in Phoenix, AZ.

In 2015, Daniel retired from business and returned to missions, first serving as an IMB missionary reaching out to urban professionals in Madrid, Spain, and then returning to Reach Beyond. A member of Reach Beyond's Board of Trustees since 2014, Daniel officially joined the Reach Beyond staff in 2018. He has served as an assistant to the president, mobilizing bi-vocational missionaries among Latin America churches to reach unreached people groups, and later as CFO and Vice President of Finance and Business, before now serving as President.

Daniel takes over as President from Steve Harling, who served faithfully as President for the past four years. "Since 2016, Steve worked tirelessly to bring new energy to Reach Beyond. Under his leadership, he focused each of us on disciple-making, engaged with churches, built a pipeline of new missionaries and candidates to minister to unreached people groups, and reaffirmed our commitment to our valued partners and projects," says Jack Harrison. "Steve's unrelenting passion has always been to see unreached people come to Christ, and he has left an indelible mark, challenging us in the pursuit of new opportunities to do Great Commission work."





## CENTRAL ASIA

In a closed Central Asian country, a group of taxi drivers became believers a few years ago as a result of listening to our partner's Christian radio programs on their mobile phones. During the COVID-19 lockdown, there was a prohibition for the use of private cars, so these taxi drivers faced the loss of their income.

They asked our media partners for advice, and the team suggested that they offer their services as delivery drivers to local supermarkets! The supermarkets thought this was a great idea and gave the drivers permission to transport and deliver food and supplies to people in their region.

Thanks to the advice of our mission partners, these taxi drivers have a new source of income and are helping families who have no money. They also help local believers who are in need, delivering essential food and medicines to them.

## INDIA

Reach Beyond is broadcasting two new programs into India. From Reach Beyond Australia's transmitters in Kununurra, a new set of radio spots offering COVID-19 health advice has been receiving a great response from listeners. Also, a new devotional called FRESH is proving very popular.

A member of our team in Bangalore related how he is receiving so many messages from listeners to these new programs. He said, "People keep asking me, 'how did you know we would be in this terrible situation? We never expected this. The word of God has been a relief.' I say to them, 'Yes, but remember, God cares for you totally, whether it's COVID-19 or something else!'"

The programs are produced in 5 languages: Marathi, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada and English.

## MIDDLE EAST

Our media partners in the Middle East are seeing a massive response to their broadcasts. During the COVID-19 lockdown, people have been searching for answers about God, about their own mortality, about hope and the future. In lockdown, people are consuming

more TV, radio and social media than ever. For example, in February and March, Gospel videos from our Arabic media partner were viewed almost 900,000 times, compared with 96,000 for the same period last year. They are also discipling twice as many Muslim background believers than they did during the Spring of 2019.

One woman from Tunisia wrote to the team: "I wanted to commit suicide to escape my life. I had problems with my family, nobody cared about me. I reached out to your station when I was completely lost. I learned that I am loved and cherished by God and I accepted Jesus' work for me. It is now impossible for me to feel weak in any situation because I trust the Lord and His work in my life. My purpose with this new life is to help others, even if it is small things."

## GLOBAL

Our English Conversation Project has reached an important milestone: we have passed 100,000 subscribers on YouTube! In fact, at the time of writing, there are now 115,000 individuals who regularly practice their English using our online video resources. Many are aged between 18 and 34 and live in countries where it is not easy to be a Christian, such as Egypt, Indonesia, Lebanon, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey and Vietnam. Please pray that God will open many doors for our workers and volunteers to tell them about Jesus. ■







# BUILDING BRIDGES AND FEEDING THE POOR

## HOW GOD IS USING US DURING COVID-19

As an international ministry of regional teams, travel is a big part of what we do. But what happens when a global pandemic causes all travel to halt? When COVID-19 hit, we had questions about how it would affect the work we do. Would we be able to do the 60+ projects we had in the works? Would our missionaries be able to stay and serve in their communities, or would they have to return to the United States? Would isolated unreached people groups feel more isolated?

On the contrary, God is able to use even a pandemic to create more connection and more opportunities for sharing the Gospel. “Taking away the option to travel makes us focus on the other things we can do—the other strengths we have that sometimes get neglected,” said Alex, Regional Director of the Sub-Saharan Africa region.

One of the benefits of being a missionary-sending agency is that we have teams on the ground living and serving among unreached people groups. We don’t have to travel to find opportunities. Because our teams chose to stay on the ground during the pandemic when they had the option to leave, the unreached people in their community were able to see the love of Jesus demonstrated for them.

### ECUADOR

COVID-19 arrived first on the coast of Ecuador and then spread throughout the country. Public transportation was suspended, so people could not get to work. The economic impact has been devastating.

Providing support to the community during a crisis isn’t new for Reach Beyond, or HCJB, in Ecuador. However, over the years, there has been a shift in how we provide that support. As the Ecuadorian Church has grown, we have focused on empowering the Church so as not to create an unhealthy dependency. This is one of the goals of the newly formed Voz y Manos (Voice and Hands) entity.

“For years, Ecuadorians just saw the mission (HCJB/Reach Beyond) doing everything,” says Vinicio Salazar, a Reach Beyond missionary from Ecuador, whose parents were long-time employees at Hospital Vozandes del Oriente in Shell. “We are trying to empower the Church in Ecuador so that

people see the Church as the source of help. I know we can help, but it is important that Ecuadorians see themselves as the helpers – brown faces, not just white faces.”

With that in mind, the response to COVID-19 in Ecuador has been from the posture of supporting the Church in reaching out to the community. In Shell, Vinicio reached out to his pastor and got a list of people who really needed food. Between the church and Voz y Manos, they bought and delivered supplies, under the church’s name. They organized the purchase of food bags, fresh eggs and live chickens to distribute to those most affected by the loss of work. After the first two deliveries, others in the church, who had a bit more to give, began asking if they could also help. The project has grown to include nine churches in Shell and the surrounding communities.

“It’s been inspiring to see the community stepping up, and for the local church to be the Hands of Jesus during a hard time,” says Vinicio.

### ASIA PACIFIC

On the other side of the world, the COVID-19 lockdown in an undisclosed Southeast Asian country has been especially hard on migrant workers from one unreached people group. Thousands were working in construction and various labor jobs in the informal sector, but with lockdown, they were the first to be laid off. They have no safety net for times like this, and without work, they are unable to feed their families. Even government support has left them out. There has been an increase in hate and discrimination against them, as the country tries to place blame for how the pandemic was brought in.

A couple of our missionaries joined together with other like-minded organizations to think up ways to serve these people and in their community even before the pandemic. The team had started weekly English classes and we were beginning home visits to reach out to women.

When COVID-19 lockdowns began, the inter-agency team wanted to do more. They were able to identify 70 families initially from those they had already begun working with, who were out of work and in need of help.





*The economic impact of COVID-19 in Ecuador has been devastating, but Reach Beyond missionaries have come alongside the local Church to provide food and support.*



**“With the food distribution, we've built relationships with the whole family. We've gained trust.”**

They began giving each family unit (4-5 people) food staple packages, hygiene items, such as facemasks and sanitizer, and a small cash amount to help with expenses, once a week. Through donations from several individuals and organizations, including Reach Beyond, the team was able to expand the distribution to 188 families over a 12-week period. They also did two mass distributions at construction sites. In total, the team was able to reach 2,772 unique units (singles or families) at least once, delivering 3,059 bags of food.

“We delivered so much food, one team leader actually blew the suspension out of their van trying to carry too much,” shared Rachel, a new Reach Beyond missionary and nurse who joined our Asia Pacific team earlier this year. She was one of five units who received permission from the government to make these deliveries each week. On June 14, the deliveries ended, just as the strict lockdown lifted and families could return to work. But that doesn't mean the relationships will end.

“Before COVID-19, we were providing education, mostly just to young guys coming to the center to learn English. But with the food distribution, we've built relationships with the whole family. We've gained trust. We are now invited into their homes,” said Rachel.

Instead of slowing down the work among this people group, the pandemic actually accelerated the work and opened new doors. Rachel was only meeting with one woman before the pandemic. Without having met the husbands, she wasn't invited into homes to be able to build relationships. But, when the husbands were laid off and food deliveries began, Rachel was able to meet them and gain their trust.

“When we showed up with food every week, they'd ask us why. We could say we are Christians, and that we didn't pay for the food, but Christians from all over the world who love them provided the money,” Rachel said.

“They saw the difference between how we supported them, versus how the Muslim country was treating them. As a display of God's love in their time of need, the food distribution has built trust and opened doors for future ministry.”

### CENTRAL ASIA

Our medical team serving in Central Asia is not only seeing patients, but also helping the local Church feed their neighbors. Lockdowns in the country started towards the end of March, and within weeks, the team began receiving requests to help those who had run out of food. Like other regions, many families live paycheck-to-paycheck buying food as they need it, rather than storing it up. The government reported that there were over 339,000 families in need of food.

As with any community development project, the team started by working alongside community partners. They reached out to seven churches and one non-governmental organization, located in areas where we had previously



*In Southeast Asia, Reach Beyond missionaries have worked in partnership to provide more than 3,000 bags of food to unreached refugees. This food has built trust and opened doors.*



# “Radio is just words. Put those words into action, and they have far more meaning,”

One of our doctors shared, “We love these types of projects—the opportunity to work with local believers to reach their own people. I have been told many times that to be successful as a missionary worker, you must be flexible. Living and working in a closed country, you must be creative in making an impact.” Whether it is through medicine, or through food distribution, God can use whatever we have to give to impact His kingdom.

## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

In some parts of the world, we are coming alongside the local Church to be a blessing to unreached people. In other parts, we come alongside our partner radio stations to be a blessing to the local Church.

“COVID-19 came with lots of challenges. Global lockdown and social distancing meant churches are no longer meeting,” says Joseph Kebbie, a Reach Beyond missionary and Liberian national who works alongside radio stations throughout the Sub-Saharan Africa region. “We are now seeing radio—the most powerful tool we have in this region being used by pastors to speak to their church members. God is at work even during this time.”

This new collaboration between local churches and radio stations didn’t come without challenges. “We knew pastors would be using radio for the first time,” said the regional director, Alex. “Africans love to talk. However, speaking to a listener through a radio is a completely different ballgame from preaching in a church. Radio gives pastors a much wider audience than they are used to.”

To help with this, Reach Beyond missionaries put together an 8-minute training video that highlights practical tips to help pastors engage listeners and use the medium well. It was recorded in English and translated into French and Portuguese, to give it the widest audience possible. The video was sent to 600 individuals and organizations working in media across Sub-Saharan Africa. As a result of the training, pastors are staying connected to their congregations and giving communities hope.

However, the support did not end there. Knowing that people were hurting, out of work and hungry, Reach Beyond also partnered with radio stations to provide food.

*Reach Beyond missionaries came alongside local believers to feed families in need in Central Asia.*

completed medical outreaches. Each partner provided a list of families in need of food and medical supplies. The distribution was tricky, but they ended up having five drivers with passes to travel around the city and the surrounding area. The first time they delivered over 8,300 pounds of food to a total of 90 families.

When the quarantine was extended, they decided to partner again with the local Church. This time, however, the lockdown had relaxed enough that they were able to fully involve local churches. The local missions pastors and churches decided they wanted to help needy families who were not believers. Again, they made a list of 150 needy families they knew within their sphere. Our team received a lot of help from local believers who were free to leave their home and help sort, buy and deliver the food products. The food was then delivered to the local churches who then delivered the food to the needy families. Not only did they deliver over 10,500 pounds of food, but they also gave families a New Testament and other Christian literature.

One family shared with us that they had to leave the main city when the pandemic hit—they could no longer afford the apartment they were renting for their family of nine. The father of the family couldn’t work during the quarantine, but he had skills, so he offered to help an elderly grandmother make repairs on her home. The grandmother didn’t have money to pay him, and he said that was ok—he just wanted to give from his heart. Impressed, the grandmother told him his blessing wouldn’t go unnoticed and that God would surely bless him. His family was out of food, but the next day, our food delivery arrived and blessed this special family.





“Radio is just words. Put those words into action, and they have far more meaning,” says Joseph. “We need to get up and go into the community and showcase what Jesus did. He didn’t only talk. He fed the poor and healed the sick.”

In communities throughout the region, radio stations identified people that were desperate, and they helped those people. We provided support, but the stations determined how aid was to be used.

Joseph grew up in Africa as a PK (pastor kid), and he saw how his family gave and gave to the community, but nobody was there to take care of them. It made him ask the question, “Who takes care of the shepherd?”

Three of the radio stations Joseph works with in West Africa decided to take this on. They jumped in to provide food and support for the pastors in the area, many of whom were struggling. “This was something that never happened before,” Joseph said. “Pastors see that support and are now saying moving forward, this is their station and they will support it in return. This is vital. God gave the community this station, and now they can come together as one body to support it, to evangelize, love and support their community.”

Through these efforts, new bridges are being built between radio stations and churches that will ultimately result in more unreached people hearing about Christ. Alex says, “Being in lockdown is restrictive, but we are grateful that the situation we are in causes us to think outside the box, and causes our partners to think outside the box, as well.” ■



*Our team in Sub-Saharan Africa came alongside radio stations to support local pastors and feed those in need. Instead of causing more isolation, COVID-19 has actually led to more connection.*

## GIVE:

Come alongside our missionaries and partners and be a blessing to communities that are struggling during the pandemic. By making a gift to the Core Mission Fund, your donation will be used where it is most needed.

**Donate at [reachbeyond.org/coremission](https://reachbeyond.org/coremission)**

## GO:

While COVID-19 travel restrictions make "going" more difficult, there are still ways to be a blessing through your local church and community. Let's talk about how we can work together. **Email [tgerborg@reachbeyond.org](mailto:tgerborg@reachbeyond.org)** to start a conversation.

## PRAY:

Pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for our missionaries around the globe who are serving through difficult lock-downs. Pray for Ecuador, who has been hit particular hard, with one of the highest cases per capita in the world. Pray for those who are out of work during this time, that God would provide and sustain them. Pray that through our relief efforts, unreached people would come to know Jesus.





# DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS

## WHAT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOOKS LIKE IN 2020

Relief work is helping people when they can't help themselves. Community development (CD) is helping people help themselves. We believe there is a need to respond to both.

At times, we demonstrate the love of Jesus by providing services that are absolutely needed now. Providing food, water and medical help after a natural disaster, or serving in a refugee camp are examples.

However, we want to ask ourselves, how can we do relief work in such a way that it helps pave the way for development work to come afterwards, in a way that builds relationships rather than dependency? For example, instead of handing out food in a pandemic-stricken country, we come alongside the local church and help them build bridges to people in need.

When we go into a refugee camp, we don't just hand out food and blankets, but we talk to the refugees to understand what their real needs are. At the Moria refugee camp in Greece, our team heard the felt-needs expressed by women. They didn't feel safe going to the bathrooms at night, and they didn't have a hygienic alternative. There was a desire to do something about it, a discussion of possible solutions, one option was tested and picked by the women, and then they shared it with other women.

"The community had to have buy in," said Martin Harrison, a Reach Beyond missionary from the UK with a global emphasis on community development. Martin led the team that provided she-wee urination devices to the women in the camp. "We weren't just giving something out, but we were improving sanitation."

Over the years, Reach Beyond has sought out ways to not only proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, but also demonstrate the love of Christ.

In everything we do, we want to include both proclamation (Voice) and demonstration (Hands). We train our partner radio stations in both "on-air" and "off-air" ministry, encouraging them to come alongside the community to answer felt-needs. And when we do CD and medical ministry, we address both the physical and spiritual needs.

"We wouldn't install a well and leave our Bibles at home," says Wim de Groen, director of the FastTrack training program. "We have two toolboxes: the technical one, but also the spiritual. We have to be ready to bring both to the job."

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*Left More than 9,000 plastic water bottles are distributed every day in the Moria refugee camp, and many end up discarded in the ravine. Reach Beyond's Trash to Treasure program aims to transform the plastic into useful items.*



## A LEGACY OF SERVING THROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The 1949 Ambato Earthquake struck Ecuador's Tungurahua Province killing some 6,000 people and leaving another 10,000 people homeless. Reach Beyond (then HCJB) had just started its medical ministry and quickly joined relief efforts, responding to a request from Ecuador's President to help with radio communications. The mission also sent its medical staff and helped build some temporary housing. In the following decade, HCJB's medical ministries would expand to include clinics and hospitals as well as mobile medical caravans that demonstrated the love of Jesus. But it wasn't until 1978 that we officially established a community development ministry to design and help communities build clean water projects. The CD department grew to include rural health promoter training and clinical investigations into treating diseases like river blindness.

"The time spent working in CD in Ecuador led to what we do now," says Martin. "With the number of people who came through Ecuador and received training in CD, we were essentially running an apprenticeship program for years. Those people have gone out all across the world with Reach Beyond and other organizations. What started in Ecuador has served as a launch pad for community development in other parts of the world."

Because CD involves coming alongside a community to identify solutions for felt-needs, the work can look different from year-to-year. In a year with a global pandemic, for example, projects may be more focused on meeting immediate and urgent needs. But even with the pandemic, there are a number of CD projects still planned for 2020.

## THE REDEMPTION STORY AS TRASH TO TREASURE

In 2019, a door opened for Reach Beyond to help with the refugee crisis in Greece. We came alongside our local partner to help with food distribution in the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos, but we knew we wanted to do more. When engineer and Reach Beyond missionary Bill Cheung joined a short-term team, he not only went to serve, but also to identify ways we could provide CD support.

"One of the things I noticed was a creek just full of plastic bottles. As part of the food and water distribution, approximately 18 pallets of bottled water were handed out each day," said Bill. "That is more than 9,000 bottles a day, and when people were done with them, they threw them in the ravine."

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While in the camp, he met a Brazilian architect who was teaching refugees how to re-use the wooden pallets used to ship the water and build them into benches and chairs.

"He explained that the hands-on process of working with discarded wood showed a transformation of something from trash to treasure. It was such a clear example of the transformational power of God, and it was an example of redemption that could be used to share the Gospel in the future," said Bill. "It made me think, there's got to be a way to take these bottles and make something useful."

Bill researched and found a company, Precious Plastic, that provides free plans for low-cost, low-tech recycling machines. The machines start by shredding plastic into pellets, which can then be heated into moldable material. It can then go through a molding or extrusion process to create useful items, like water basins and utensils, or construction material, like post beams and tiles.

The project also has micro-finance possibilities. "Boredom and the lack of opportunities have been identified as serious



## JOHN 4:10 (ESV)

“...and He would have given you living water.”

*“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.’”*

problems in the Moria camp and other locations. Refugees do not have permission to work on the island of Lesbos for an income,” said Bill. “We still have some work to do to investigate the possibilities of a micro-enterprise model, but you can make anything out of the plastic. It’s up to your imagination.”

Rather than jumping straight to the field, the “Trash to Treasure” program will first be piloted in Spain to learn the potential challenges, perfect the processes and train volunteers. The equipment has been ordered, but travel restrictions have placed a temporary hold on the process. Once restrictions lift, the goal is to complete the pilot phase this year, and then take the project to Moria and other areas where we do ministry.

“It’s not just something for refugee camps or urban areas. Even in African villages, we’ve seen bottles – Coke and water bottles – brought in for the village, but nobody ever comes to take the plastic back out. This could give the villages something to do with the plastic, which then can become a commodity.”

The project also offers mentoring and mobilization opportunities. From the collection of plastic materials, to the design, construction and operation of the recycling facilities, to the decisions as to what end products should be made at each field location, both local volunteers and short-term teams can be utilized. Involvement of local volunteers, including the unchurched, will develop relationships as people work together to solve problems. This will naturally lead to a platform for sharing faith.

### TRAINING WOMEN TO LEAD CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

Water projects are still a big part of our CD program as we continue to come alongside partner organizations, indigenous churches and radio stations to help meet the critical water needs of unreached people. According to the World Health Organization, at least 2 billion people globally use a contaminated drinking water source. In least-developed countries, 22% of health care facilities have no water or sanitation service. It is estimated that by 2025, half of the world’s population will be living in water-stressed areas.

Clean water is vital to public health. Improved water supply and sanitation can eliminate diseases, extend life expectancy, improve food supply, boost economic growth and contribute greatly to poverty reduction. And not only do we have the resources to help provide clean water, but we can also share the source of Living Water.

In a Southeast Asian country, one of our partners identified a village where people were getting sick from their water source. They believed it was due to too high salt content, and the villagers were afraid of arsenic poisoning, so Wim took a team from Ecuador to look at the situation.

They studied the problem from all angles including social, economic and physical impact. They determined salt levels weren’t the heart of the problem. It was the villager’s lack of proper training to take care of their water, especially in their water storage, which was causing a bacterial issue. They wanted a big installation, but Wim’s experience told him that wouldn’t be very safe or effective.

“Each family needed to take care of their own water source and keep it clean,” Wim said. “Instead of an expensive big installation, they just needed a filter and training.”

He suggested they take 10 families, and train one woman from each family on how to use a rain collection water tank and filter. They would get the parts to set up and run it, and then those 10 women could go and train the next class.

It’s a project that can have a big impact on the health of the community, as well as the self-worth of the women they will be training. “As soon as travel restrictions lift, we are ready to implement it,” said Wim.

### PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE WOMEN

In another Southeast Asian country, many young women from one unreached people group, ages 15-20, are teenage brides who are expecting. They do not have their moms or family members for support. They are illiterate, uneducated, and do not have access to medical care.

When Rachel joined Reach Beyond’s Asia Pacific team as a new missionary earlier this year, she brought a much-needed skill: she is a nurse. The team working with these unreached people asked Rachel to put together a program that would address the perinatal education needs of these young women.

Rachel designed a program that would include seven home visits, including six before birth, and at least one after. Topics covered would include nutrition, normal versus abnormal symptoms, childbirth, postpartum care, breastfeeding and newborn care. She would track vital signs and provide education and support that these young moms wouldn’t otherwise have. Rachel is looking at incentives that would keep a woman engaged in the program, including well baby kits, or possibly helping with hospital bills.





*Rachel, a nurse, recently joined the team in Asia Pacific to minister to the needs of unreached women. One opportunity is through home visits and a perinatal program.*

“We want to meet them where they are and allow them to ask questions that might be taboo in their culture, but that can help them have a healthy birth. We want to share life with them, provide support and build lasting relationships,” said Rachel.

Rachel is currently testing the program with a young mom, whom she hopes could become a translator. “The girls are illiterate, don’t speak English and barely speak the local language here. They don’t know basic medical terms, even in their own language, so creating a curriculum that overcomes these obstacles has been a challenge.”

Another challenge is visas. There is a list of girls ready to join the program, but Rachel doesn’t know how long she will be able to stay in the region. Pray that all visa issues will be resolved and that this program would move forward this year. Pray that it would be a blessing to these young moms.

“Our goal is to help 20 women a year. The girls are there. We just need workers and funding,” says Rachel.

As it turns out, perinatal work isn’t the only program Rachel is looking to launch. Although art is just a hobby for Rachel, there is an opportunity to launch an art therapy and music therapy program with the refugee schools.

The Rohingya people have been through so much, fleeing genocide in their home country, and struggling to find a home anywhere else. Art and music therapy could go a long way in addressing the trauma that these kids have faced.

“God has used my hobbies just as much as my career,” says Rachel. “The opportunities are endless.” ■

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## GIVE:

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## PRAY:

Pray that God would open doors for community development projects to continue this year in the midst of COVID-19 restrictions. Pray for the communities where we work. Pray that the demonstration of Christ's love through medical and community development projects would open hearts to the Gospel.





# ASLEEP IN THE LIGHT

A POEM BY BRUCE GULLAND

Reach Beyond UK challenged media producer Bruce Gulland to write a poem that would inspire Christians from all walks of life to take the Gospel beyond their comfort zone. The result, shared below, inspired a video, *Asleep in the Light*, now available on our website at [REACHBEYOND.ORG/ASLEEP](https://REACHBEYOND.ORG/ASLEEP).

View it, share it, and pray about how you will respond.

When I think about the Gospel in the world, it can't be right,  
That we bask in our seeing, while some live without sight,  
We relish Gospel riches while indifferent to the plight  
Of people living in the dark, while we **sleep in the light.**

You might think after years of mission everybody knows,  
About the Gospel - **GOOD NEWS** - but that's not what the statistic shows,  
There are obstacles, for instance countries shut to workers, closed,  
Small chance there yet that **Jesus' mighty grace** and goodness flows.

A holy huddle, Jesus cuddle, buildings, churches, steeples,  
But do we spare a prayer for a world out there of unreached peoples?  
In our cities, on committees, what could start if we beseeched  
Our Papa **Father up in heaven** to help us reach the unreached?

It's said in church, of every [dollar] of money that we spend,  
The bulk of it stays in the 'reached' world - **it's true that,** it's a trend,  
But what is kind of hard to argue for or to defend,  
Is giving just a penny to mission – **to pray, to go, to send.**



Not saying reaching unreached people can be done with ease,  
**The obstacles and barriers** mean we must get on our knees,  
 Some physical, like jungles, deserts, mountains, rivers, seas,  
 Some places uncomfortably hot, in others you might freeze.

**You might think**, well if I was young and fancy-free I could,  
 If called to far-flung places, then sure, go there? **Yes, I would**,  
 But stop a moment, recognize, that where you're sat or stood,  
 Are people from the nations, yes, they're in your neighborhood.

**As you open up your Bible** at the day's end or the start,  
 Soak soul in all its wisdom, stories, teaching and its art,  
 Remember those who don't yet have the scriptures, whole or part  
 In form that's meaningful to them, **in language of the heart**.

Think the internet's everywhere? Half the world's not yet online,  
 In some parts just believing Jesus or sharing Him's a crime,  
 But ask yourself like Esther, were you called for such a time,  
 In some small way unhide your bushel, **let it burn and shine?**  
 If you're willing, **God will find for you** in harvest field a place,  
 To live your mission calling out, with gusto run your race,  
 No greater task on this green earth than sharing Jesus' grace,  
 Allowing folk who don't know Christ, **at last to see His face**.

-Bruce Gulland

## HOW WILL YOU REACH THE UNREACHED THIS YEAR?

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