



REACHAVILLAGE

2020
ANNUAL
REPORT



EVERYDAY MIRACLES

FROM THE PRESIDENT

■ Vivid memories of 2020 will hold historical importance for years to come. Many people will define this year by the pandemic which had life-altering social and economic impact. Others will mark 2020 as the year of spiritual breakthroughs. A clear testimony of God's grace, mercy and love to our broken world.

For me, 2020 also marks 50 years in Christian ministry and 40 years of focusing on the Kingdom of God in Southeast Asia. I have served alongside some of the most sacrificial and spiritual Christian workers on this side of heaven. They are the men and women from many tribes and nations who have faithfully followed Jesus by taking up their cross. Through His servants, as they are walking in His Spirit, He has accomplished what seemed impossible! Invite you to celebrate these miracles with us as you read this report. Rejoice with us in the impact of the Gospel reaching villages around the world for the first time in history.

Although the pandemic did create obstacles to travel, gathering, preaching and even singing, our ministry partners persevered. They reached new people with the Gospel in the middle of the pandemic.

-In Thailand, our partners saw the greatest number of people baptized in a single day in the history of the Thai Church.

-In Cambodia, we said good-bye to Rev. Vibol Uong, a servant of the Lord who radiated the light of Jesus in every aspect of his life. Under his leadership, Cambodian believers began approximately 5,000 house churches in less than 25 years.

-In Bulgaria, impoverished children like Rebecca found God's love in new, life-changing ways at Christian children's camps.

-In Myanmar, terminally ill people like U Nay Tan now know the truth of God's Word because believers studied and prayed with them.

-In Russia, people with disabilities like Vladimir learned to praise and serve God in new ways because of encouragement they received from meeting regularly with other believers.

This year had the potential for defeat like we've never seen before. But thanks to your faithful gifts and prayers, Reach A Village was able to raise more funds than in any previous year. Your support has truly blessed and encouraged our ministry partners. Now that's a miracle from God, and we are grateful for your generosity.

As you read this report, you will have no trouble seeing more of God's miracles in the midst of the world's impossibilities. Let's praise our faithful, gracious God together!

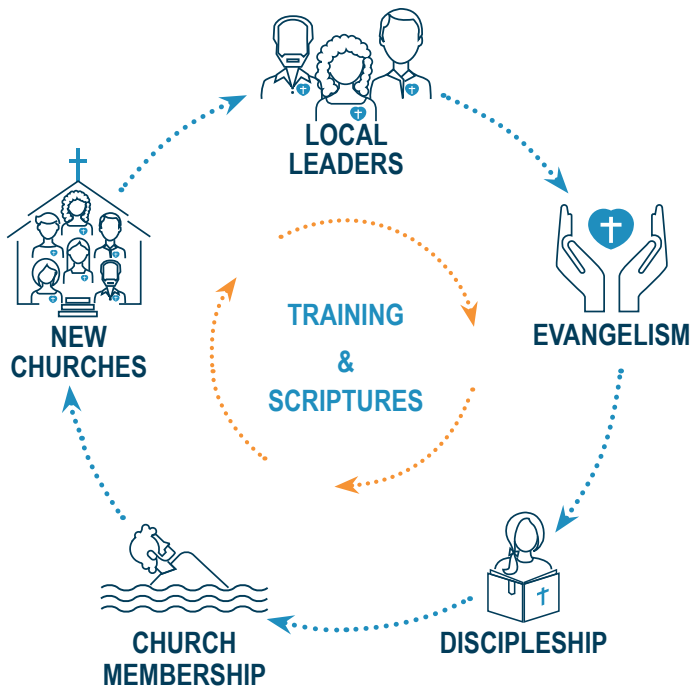


OUR MISSION

WE ARE CALLED BY GOD TO TRAIN AND EQUIP LOCAL BELIEVERS, ENABLING THEM TO REACH THE UNREACHED AND BRING THEM INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.



Serving Christ Together,
ROBERT CRAFT
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT



“JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, ‘WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.’”

—MATTHEW 19:26

HOW GOD IS WORKING

■ Partnering with local believers is our approach to reaching unreached villages with the Gospel. Local believers know the culture, language and understand the people. We come alongside them to provide needed training and Scripture materials. The results are more transformed lives and communities, more people who understand God’s Word, and more believers who want to serve God and worship Him together.

Your gifts support the work of our ministry partners in five important ways.

- 1) **Local Leaders:** Providing local leaders with Scripture materials and quality training to establish new church fellowships.
- 2) **Evangelism:** Sharing the Gospel with those who have not yet heard and strengthening the faith of those who have.
- 3) **Discipleship:** Encouraging new believers and those who want to go deeper in living out their faith.
- 4) **Church Membership:** Helping new believers take the formal steps of joining a church and being baptized.
- 5) **New Churches:** Gathering house churches together to worship, study God’s Word and create a strong Christian presence in their community.

NEW BELIEVERS WILL THEN RE-START THE CYCLE TO REACH THEIR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

2020 MINISTRY RESULTS



1,276,815
scriptures
PROVIDED



294,589
new
BELIEVERS



240,193
new people
in bible
STUDIES



69,455
people who
attended
TRAINING EVENTS



504,673
people who
heard the
GOSPEL



1,737
churches
started

ARMENIA • BELARUS • BULGARIA • CAMBODIA • CHINA • ETHIOPIA
GEORGIA • INDONESIA • LAOS • LATVIA • LITHUANIA • MOLDOVA
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ROMANIA • RUSSIA • SERBIA • THAILAND • UKRAINE • VIETNAM

FINANCIAL

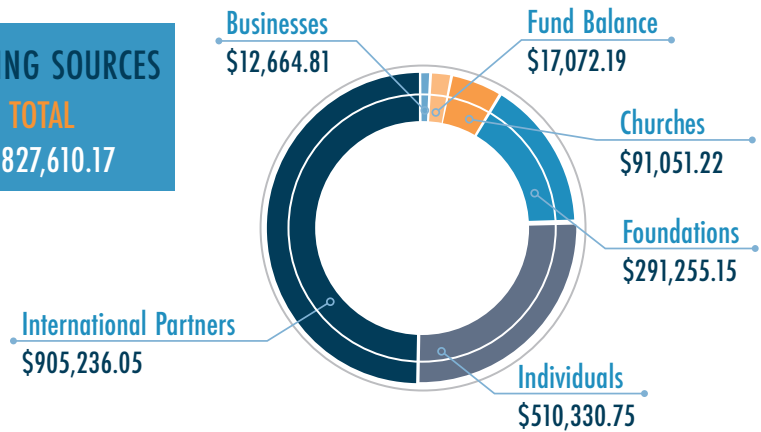
■ Even in a year of unexpected economic crises and life-altering events, our ministry partners are blessed by the generosity of those who give to Reach A Village. Thanks to your gifts and prayers, Reach A Village raised more funds than in any previous year. Your faithfulness has been a great help to our courageous ministry partners.

Partnering with Bible League Canada has helped us extend our ministry reach to more people in more villages. We share a vision to transform lives with God's Word. Because of the work of local believers, this vision is now a reality.

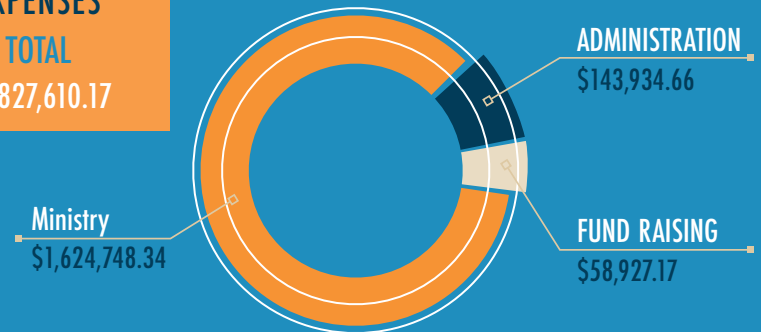
Join us in celebrating the miracles God is doing with what we offer to Him. We trust God to provide more than enough resources so we can help local believers bring more people to faith in Jesus.

As we continue to reach the unreached villages of our world, be assured that we value God's Word and His gifts to us. We promise to continue our commitment to using our financial resources wisely and keeping you informed about how God is working.

FUNDING SOURCES
TOTAL
\$1,827,610.17



EXPENSES
TOTAL
\$1,827,610.17



HOW FAR DOES A DOLLAR GO?



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HELPS ONE PERSON MAKE A COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.

Every person who has committed to Christ has completed a Bible study based on the teachings of Jesus and is part of a house church.

[Please note that this is the 2020 average, and some ministry areas vary in terms of their response to the Gospel and ministry cost.]



THE POWER OF A LOCAL LEADER (1964—2020) +

■ A man with a God-given vision: to reach every one of the more than 14,000 villages in Cambodia with the Gospel. Before his passing in February 2020, Rev. Vibol Uong led a team that began approximately 5,000 churches as he was actively working to achieve this goal.

Vibol radiated the light of Jesus in every aspect of his difficult life. After the death of his mother, he was abandoned in a forest to die. Miraculously, he survived and was taken in by relatives. He grew up in the days of the Khmer Rouge terror and civil war. “We often had no food to eat,” he boldly shared in his testimony. “Anyone who complained would be killed instantly.”

As a young man after the war ended, he studied Cambodian literature in Phnom Penh. There, he lived in a Buddhist temple and made deliveries on his bicycle to support himself. At one time, he was worshipping 11 different gods.

During his studies, Vibol encountered a book about Jesus. He met a Cambodian pastor and attended a Christian worship service for the first time. God used those events to reach Vibol with the Gospel.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Sept 2019

National ministry leaders from 12 countries met in Bulgaria to discuss regional and local ministry plans, receive training and enjoy fellowship together.



Oct 2019

Ellis Craft (Southeast Asia Director) and Bob Beasley (board member) visited Values Education classes for children in the Philippines. They gave Scriptures to the children and school staff. One school principal pleaded with them to send more volunteer teachers to the schools.



Dec 2019

Christianity Today published “Cambodian Christians’ Government Endorsement Represents a ‘Modern-Day Miracle’” — an article written by Bob Craft.



Scan the QR code to read the article





—VIBOL UONG, CAMBODIA

“THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CAMBODIANS IN HEAVEN BECAUSE OF VIBOL’S SERVICE TO JESUS CHRIST.”

—BOB CRAFT

Troubles followed Vibol and threatened to ruin his life. His bicycle (his only means for transportation and work) was stolen. He spent all his money and became very sick. Jesus appeared to him while he desperately prayed to other gods. During the vision, he asked Jesus to heal him. He told Jesus that he would commit his life to Him if healed. Vibol was healed and gave his life to Jesus. Soon after that, he was baptized by the pastor who first led him to Jesus.

Renewed and healed, Vibol continued his life as a servant of the Lord. He lived to see many family members follow Jesus, including his father who had abandoned him. Vibol reconnected with and cared for his father in his own home before his father passed away. During his years of ministry, he and numerous teams of local believers helped to lead tens of thousands of people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in every province around the nation.

Robert Craft shares this affirmation of Vibol’s unwavering dedication to serving our Lord: “Vibol has finally come face to face with the Jesus who healed and called him. There are thousands of Cambodians in heaven because of Vibol’s service to Jesus Christ.”

Dec 2019

In Vietnam, 12 local believers completed their initial training in how to start churches. They are already helping to reach more people for Christ in this nation.



Jan 2020

As 2019 came to a close in North Macedonia, a church invited people to a special celebration. More than 90% of the 50 people who attended the event asked our ministry partners to visit them and help them join a Bible study group.



Jan 2020

With God’s help, several ministry partners started five new Bible study groups for three different ethnic groups in Bulgaria.



Please note that these events took place during our 2020 Fiscal Year which started on September 1, 2019 and ended on August 31, 2020.

OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS AT WORK

CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY

■ Rebecca grew up malnourished and poor in Bulgaria. She is 13 years old now but looks much younger. Her mother — who has a mental illness — disappeared from home several times during Rebecca's childhood, leaving Rebecca and her brother alone. Recently, her mother left and has not returned. Rebecca's father was in prison for a long time and was recently released.

What a blessing for Rebecca to be able to attend a Christian children's camp where Daniel, one of our ministry partners, serves. When Daniel heard her story, he wanted to give her a special gift to brighten her life. But all he could find was a children's Bible study booklet that had fallen between the seats in his car. He gave it to her anyway.

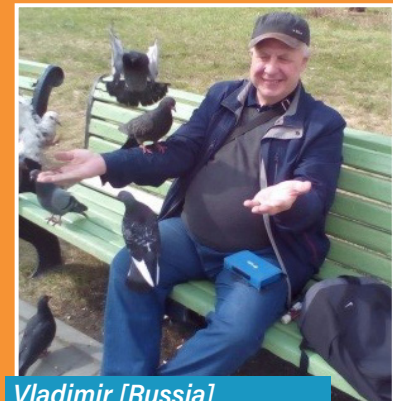
Rebecca loved the book Daniel gave her. She found him the next day and showed him all the activities she had already completed. This simple gift helped Rebecca feel special, accepted by God and filled with hope. Daniel thanked God for using him to encourage her.



Rebecca [Bulgaria]



U Nay Tan [Myanmar]



Vladimir [Russia]



YEAR IN REVIEW

Feb 2020

Bob Craft was interviewed by Craig Roberts on KFAQ Radio-San Francisco during "The Influence of Western Missionaries in Parts of Asia" program.



Feb 2020

Bob Craft and Ellis Craft attended and taught at a meeting of 72 strongly committed ministry leaders in Myanmar.

Mar 2020

As the school year in the Philippines concluded, over 144,000 students had committed their lives to Jesus! This is the largest number since the Values Education ministry was established in 2007.



Mar 2020

Reach A Village was featured in "They Made CT's Cover. Now They're Using Their Voices to Redefine Global Missions," a *Christianity Today* web article.



DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS

■ U Nay Tan battled cancer for many years, receiving that life-threatening diagnosis several times. While he was trying to cope with such a difficult life in his native country of Myanmar, he met a follower of Jesus. U Nay Tan recalls, "That encounter changed my life forever."

Michael was not like any of the people U Nay Tan knew. He took time to share God's Word and pray with U Nay Tan. During their conversations, U Nay Tan learned that his sins are forgiven. This life-changing news erased what he had learned as a child. He no longer needed to do many good things in order to be free from bad karma. Through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection, he is forgiven and set free from the condemnation and bondage of sin.

"What good news for a dying patient like myself!" U Nay Tan says. "I am 62 years old, and these truths are an enormous blessing to my heart, body and soul. I've put my faith in Jesus Christ."

Today, U Nay Tan studies and meditates on God's Word. He no longer feels condemned or ashamed and has stopped living in fear of death. Now, he understands God's love for him and sees how God has greatly improved his life. And U Nay Tan is now cancer free!

STARTING NEW CHURCHES

■ Born in Russia to deaf and blind parents, Vladimir was often in situations when he could have died. Twice he almost drowned, but someone rescued him. Once he was standing in front of a car that was pulling away, but someone pushed him aside.

When two tragedies happened in his adult life, his world collapsed. His mother passed away, and he lost his vision. "I had many questions, hurts, disappointments and much anger," Vladimir says. "I wanted to die."

God had other plans. A friend invited Vladimir to visit a house church with him. "There, for the first time in my life, I heard about God," he says. "That's when I recognized the One who is always with me and protecting my life."

When he heard that Jesus died for his sins, Vladimir believed and accepted Him as Savior. Soon, he was baptized and began gathering regularly with other believers. "My life was transformed," he says. "Now I want to live and praise God!"

A few months later, Vladimir lost his hearing. In the midst of this crisis, he found lasting peace with God and also his purpose on earth. Now, he shares the Gospel with others who are deaf and blind.

Apr 2020

Special humanitarian outreach took place during the COVID-19 pandemic in Thailand, Myanmar and Cambodia. Our ministry partners helped to care for physical needs while sharing the Gospel.



Jul 2020

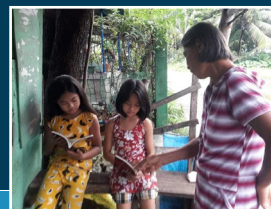
Bob Craft had the opportunity to share about the work of Reach A Village when he was interviewed by Abigale Otchere on her podcast "Unshakeable Stories Unshakeable Truths."

Scan the QR code to hear their conversation.



Aug 2020

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our ministry partners in the Philippines have been unable to conduct Values Education classes at schools. Families are now inviting them to bring these classes to their homes. Many children and adults are accepting Christ as a result!



RESEARCH AND MAPPING

■ Reach A Village remains on the cutting edge of making sure everyone has an opportunity to hear the Good News and find freedom in Jesus. Knowing where the unreached villages are located is crucial to our mission. We have continued to be part of the development of the Harvest database, a project of Dwight Martin and his IT team. These dynamic nationwide maps show church locations and vast areas that still do not have churches. This information allows us to focus on places where the Gospel has not yet gone.

Our ministry partners are deeply engaged in the mobilization and training of those being sent out to establish new churches. They are actively using the maps to help them reach villages with the Gospel. A database called "First-fruits" is being further developed to help local workers increase their effectiveness by tracking their activities, events and interactions with the people reached as they share the Gospel in each village. For the first time, our ministry partners are able to keep up with the people and places they reach with the Good News.



ANOTHER HISTORIC DAY!

■ The Lord continues to move powerfully in Thailand. In October 2019, our ministry partners, the Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA), held a baptism for 640 Thai people! This broke the previous record set by the FJCCA in January 2019. Everyone who was baptized has been a follower of Jesus for less than two years.

On the day of the baptism, these new believers stepped out and declared their faith publicly. They decided to let go of their former way of life. No longer seeking help from spirits and rituals, they openly confessed Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

We estimate that over 800 people would have been baptized, but the opposition of some local religious leaders prevented people from several villages from participating. In one instance, a temple leader used a car to block a bus from leaving. Despite this, we continue to see great response and openness to the Gospel.

Every day, the Good News is being preached through the faithful ministry of the FJCCA.



This year, 9,057 Thai people committed their lives to Jesus,
and 272 new house churches were established.





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GOD'S
MIRACULOUS WORK THROUGH OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS IN 2020!

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