

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



Reach A Village



“FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR WORD AND  
ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL, YOU HAVE  
DONE THIS GREAT THING AND MADE IT  
KNOWN TO YOUR SERVANT.”

## II SAMUEL 7:21 (NIV)

Dear Partners in Christ,

God has blessed His Word and revealed His will to people in thousands of villages around the world this past year. It is indeed a “great thing” He is doing among people, many of whom have waited two thousand years for the Good News to finally reach them.

At Reach A Village, we are committed to see His Word reach the most distant and desperate people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We help train and equip sacrificial local Christian workers who feel God’s call to go to the unreached areas and people around them.

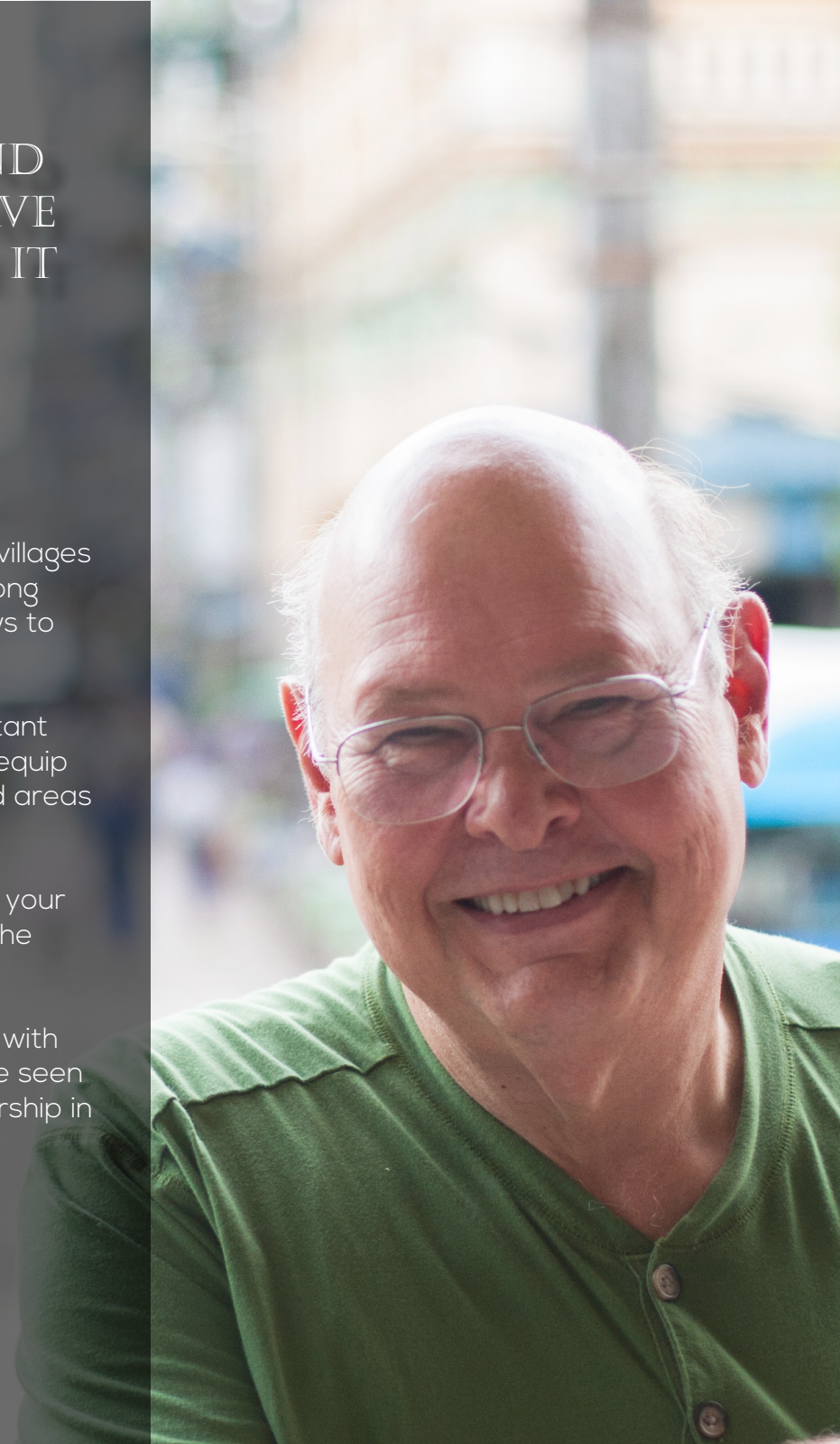
As you read this report of the great things God has done in 2014, we trust your heart will be encouraged and your faith strengthened by the evidence of the transforming power of God at work in our world today.

We are thankful for the servants of God who have supported this ministry with faithful prayers and financial support. We know the breakthroughs we have seen this past year would not have happened without your support and partnership in this Great Commission effort.

Sincerely in His Service,

Robert Craft

President and Founder



# OUR CHALLENGE

Jesus is the only hope of the world. Yet, in over one million villages, the name 'Jesus' has never been heard.

Starting with Jesus lays the foundation for change. When the Gospel enters a village, the hands and feet of Christ arrive. Christ causes change - spiritual, emotional, physical - and needs are met.

We endeavor to reach all these villages, and the way we do it is unique.

Our mission:

We provide training and Biblical resources to local Christians who spread the Gospel, disciple believers, and establish churches in unreached areas.

"Jesus replied, 'Let us go somewhere else - to the nearby villages - so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.'" Mark 1:38



# 2014 WORLDWIDE RESULTS

Church planting leaders trained: 327

Bible study workers trained: 88,998

Evangelistic contacts: 767,674

New believers: 126,319

Scriptures, New Testaments and  
Bibles provided: 2,670,775

Churches planted: 3,375

Reach A Village helps prepare and equip local believers to do evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

They go into surrounding villages and communities that their congregation would like to reach with the Gospel.

In this way, we help existing churches grow their congregations and plant new churches.

We also provide specialized training modules for workers who will be sent into groups of unreached villages to plant churches.

All of these workers are provided with training, Bible study materials, and a supply of Scriptures to be used in reaching people and strengthening new believers.

We can clearly see the impact of God's grace and power in the numbers of people coming to know Christ and in the numbers of new churches established.

*\*Darkened areas of map above denote countries in Asia and Europe where Reach A Village currently serves.*

# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Attempting to reach unreached villages with the Gospel requires great vision, passion, and personal sacrifice on the part of our local partners.

The difficulty of going where the Gospel has not been preached is not only hindered by the remote locations, but also by the cultural resistance and sometimes, hostility.

The special training and resources necessary for such a mission comes with a personal and financial cost.

Reach A Village comes alongside our national partners with Scripture

resources and training that is designed to help accomplish sharing Christ with the world.

Reaching these villages is truly an international effort. The contributions provided by the donors of Reach A Village here in the United States along with additional funds from the Bible League of Canada, allowed us to see over 3,300 villages reached in 2014!

Our local partners on the field were able to have the training and Scripture resources they needed to fulfill the command of Christ to 'Go!' into the villages around them.



# ASIA UPDATE

## MYANMAR

Tua Chi was called by God to reach a Burmese village untouched by the Gospel. She faithfully became a church planter and asked God's blessing to reach people for Christ.

She boldly entered the village, and met a man. He invited Tua Chi to pray for his wife.

The woman was close to death, but after the church planter's prayers, was healed. The family was amazed at this miracle and chose to follow Christ.

## CAMBODIA

Being Buddhist, a young Cambodian man's family forced him to enter a seminary to become a priest. He stepped away from his family's religion and soon after, met two church planters.

*"When the evangelist gave the invitation to trust Christ as Savior and Lord, I got down on my knees in prayer. Tears of remorse and joy mingled as my heart was opened and Christ came in. Now I feel like my life has true meaning as I serve a Living God."*

## PHILIPPINES

Many public schools in the Philippines have opened their doors for volunteers who teach Bible classes to children and youth.

The impact has extended beyond children to families and entire communities.

*"We have had to add another department to our Sunday school to accommodate the large numbers of children and families coming to our church now!"* shares a local volunteer teacher.

Ernielyn returned to her village in the Philippines, a lone Christian in the whole area. Hungry for more Bible teaching and fellowship, she asked a Bible teacher to come share Christ with her friends and family.

The pastor came right away and continued to come weekly to lead a Bible study.

Slowly, some of Ernielyn's friends and family came to the meetings and more of them began to trust in Jesus.

Many of them began believing in Christ. Now, they have a growing church fellowship.





# EASTERN EUROPE UPDATE

## ARMENIA

Over 1,400 children participated in children's summer camps! Children had fun with sports and enjoyed meals, but also were reached with the Gospel. One parent said, "This program awoke our village and brought a fresh breath of life!"

## BULGARIA

Nikolaj, a church planter in Bulgaria, had a unique opportunity to share the Gospel. He was driving to pick up his wife from an out-of-town visit and saw three prostitutes soliciting people in passing cars. They climbed into his car, but when he started to share the Gospel, they realized this wasn't an ordinary pick up.

Two of the girls got out of the car, but the third stayed and listened. She was deeply touched by the Gospel message, and that Jesus would die for her to repent for her sins. After thirteen years of prostitution, she repented and decided to change her life.

The church planter promised to return the next day. When he saw the prostitute, one of the other two was with her. He shared with her about the Gospel, and her eyes filled with tears.

*"My new friend prayed with me. I knew I was loved and could no longer live like this. The unborn child I thought I needed to destroy was suddenly a gift I knew I had to allow to live."*

## UKRAINE

This year was challenging for our Ukrainian partners, but their hope and optimism is exceptional. Despite the warfare, internal displacement of people, and difficult economic times, our partners persevere and continue to proclaim Christ.

Life in Ukraine is still difficult, but we thank God that He's strengthened and cared for the faithful serving there.

## MOLDOVA

The Lord is using the only evangelical family in a remote village in Moldova to start a church.

The family held the first-ever Bible camp in the area, and many Bible study groups were formed as a result. They are now starting the first evangelical church in the village.

# FROM SLAVE TO SAVED

Hunger was something Lwin was all too accustomed to. The pangs in her stomach never went away.

Her parents died when she was a toddler, leaving her and a baby brother orphaned and thrust into the arms of a widowed grandmother who could barely feed herself.

"We would boil rice and let my brother drink the water, and sometimes we would be able to scrape enough together to have one meal a day, usually a boiled potato."

Lwin washed dishes for others and did small jobs for people who could afford to pay. But things were falling apart. They were in danger of starving when things spiraled more out of control.

"As a young girl, I depended on my grandmother, but because she was old and sick, she also died. I did not know what I was going to do. She was the only relative we had left able to care for us."

Vulnerable and scared, there wasn't much Lwin could do when a man in her village sold her off to a family in a neighboring town.

"I became a household slave, and felt completely alone. I had a miserable life."

One day, while at the market, she began to weep. The tears of deep sadness broke out. She did not know anyone was watching. She did not know anyone cared about her.

A local church planter and his wife saw Lwin with her owner, in the market, crying. They asked what was wrong and upon hearing she was a slave, offered to buy her.

"The pastor and his wife had very little, and could not afford what the man was asking," she shares.

The church planter went home and prayed to God, asking to provide for a way to redeem Lwin. Not long after, a special monetary gift was given to the couple.

They were able to use the money to rescue the enslaved girl. They brought her to safety, they shared Jesus with her; they gave her all she needed.

*"I am so thankful God provided a way out for me. The greatest thing I have received is the love of God and His salvation. He has been faithful, He has answered my prayer. I know this God is real."*







“IF THE SON SETS YOU  
FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE  
INDEED!”

JOHN 8:36

## PRISONER NO MORE

Jakub found hope and a Savior in one of the least likely places: a prison.

He confesses honestly:

“I was living in sin, and it was not me who found the Lord, but the Lord who found me.

“In the prison, I slowly started to realize there is a God I can pray to and have a relationship with.

“I started to attend church meetings, and could see the influence of the Holy Spirit on the other prisoners.

“I began to study Scripture, and I could feel the Holy Spirit on me. The Word of God is alive and it changed my life in every area. The other believers and I could see the

changes in ourselves, and other prisoners wanted to experience it too. It was amazing.”

Soon afterward, Jakub was transferred to another prison and he continued his study. His new faith developed further and the great influence of God’s Word touched him deeply.

“The truths I was discovering were penetrating me deeply, till the separation of the soul and spirit. I realized the incredible power of the Gospel, and that if it changed me, it could change others.”

Reach A Village would not have these miraculous stories of hope and salvation without partners around the world praying and supporting us financially.

Thank you!

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