### **Impacting Kids and a Community**

#### CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY MOLDOVA



Through the witness and teaching of Ivan, one of Reach A Village's ministry partners, Andrei (left) met Jesus. The light of the Gospel immediately ignited his enthusiasm for serving the Lord.

Andrei

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group for young people in his village. Soon, he became the youth ministry leader for the local church. "When I found out that there was no church in the nearby village of Bumbata, I wanted to share the Gospel there," he says. "One of Reach A Village's ministry leaders and I came up with a plan."

First, Andrei and his wife started a Bible study group. They visited the village once a week to lead that group. As they learned about more needs in the village, they began visiting more often. Now, they are visiting two or three times each week. "On Saturdays, we visit many families in their homes," he says. "We are teaching them to read the Bible and helping them understand God's Word."

In summer 2023, Reach A Village's ministry partners helped Andrei and his wife organize the first Summer Bible School in Bumbata. During the six-day outreach, 25 children attended! "What a blessing this has been for Bumbata!" Andrei says. "Seven children are now attending a Bible study group. Believers from nearby villages are now joining us for Bible study, prayer, and worship."

### **During 2023:**

54,254 children and youth committed their lives to Christ!

## Experiencing His Love STARTING NEW CHURCHES | THAILAND

For people who are facing disappointment and are mired in depression, suicide often seems like the only answer. Somchai was lost in a maze of dead ends and mental walls too high to scale. "I tried to find happiness on my



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own, doing everything I could," he says, "but I couldn't escape from the trap I had put myself in."

With no joy in his life, Somchai spiraled down in his unhappiness and believed that the only way out was to take his own life. Then, a follower of Jesus, trained by Reach A Village, entered his life and told him the Good News about Jesus. Soon, he saw a clear path before him and began to follow Jesus, too.

"When I met Jesus, I opened my heart to Him and prayed," Somchai says. "I experienced His love, and I discovered the genuine community of Christians who are sincere in their care for one another. I had never encountered that before. I regained hope and happiness, and I found the best way to live: in the love of Jesus Christ."

"... encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11).

> 2,925 new churches were started!

### From Critical to Appreciative

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS

"When we first met Wang Li\*, she was Photo withheld focused on what was due to security not good," says one of Reach A Village's concerns ministry leaders. "Although she said she followed Jesus, she was very negative. She spent a lot of time talking about the bad things in others and criticizing their speech and actions. She believed that everything she did was right."

Through the power of God's Word and positive interactions with Bible-believing Christians, Wang Li learned about God's love for all people. In the Bible, she found the guide for how to love and encourage others, and how to live humbly. "After about a year, we started to see a change in her," says the leader of her Bible study group. "She began to praise others when speaking to them and started using words of encouragement and appreciation. Praise God that, through His Word, He is able to change people's hearts! We are so blessed to have access to God's Word, thanks to your support!"

"Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:3–5).

\*Due to security concerns, we have changed the name in this testimony.

# 1,591,513 Scriptures\* were provided!

\*this includes Study Bibles, Bibles, New Testaments, Children's Bibles and materials, and Scripture portions.

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