## **Bold and Blessed**

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CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY LAOS

When a believer has the courage to enter into a situation where evil spirits are at work, God is ready Photo withheld to do great things. Pasdue to security tor Keo\* is one of Reach A Village's ministry leaders in Laos. He boldly shares the Word of God wherever he goes. When he met Thao — a young man living in his village — on the street

"Thao told me that he had tried many ways to get rid of his sickness," Pastor Keo says. "He was worshiping evil spirits and praying to many different gods. But nothing helped the situation. He asked me if there was a god he could pray to and be healed."

one day, he saw that Thao was not well.

That was the opening God prepared for Pastor Keo. He told Thao about the one and only God who loves and cares for His children. Thao was hungry to learn more about this God and His Son, Jesus. Through Bible study, worship and prayer with other believers, Thao accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

"I am thankful to God for his grace and mercy," Thao says. "He is healing my sickness little by little. I am walking with other believers in God's way now."

\*Due to security concerns, the names in this testimony have been changed.

## **During 2021:**

26,228 children and youth committed their lives to Jesus!

## **Darkest Before the Dawn**

STARTING NEW CHURCHES | ARMENIA

Arev grew up as an atheist. Her father forbade his children to say the name of God in their home.

During her school years, she became close friends with a boy. When they finished school, he left to serve in the army. The war broke out, and he never returned.

"When I heard about his death, I did not want to live," Arev says. "I lost interest in everything." During that time, Arev's sister began attending a Bible study group led by one of Reach A Village's ministry leaders in their village.

One day, Arev was ready to end her life. "I put a whole bottle of pills in my hand and was about to swallow all of them," Arev says. "My sister found me and hit my hand so hard that the pills scattered throughout the room. She started praying, constantly saying the name of Jesus. I fell asleep in my sister's arms. When I woke, we talked for a long time about God and His salvation."

Now, Arev is studying God's Word, worshiping, and praying with her sister and other believers. "I'm attending university and preparing to work with children," she says. "I want to pass on the hope of God to them."



## Trust God for the Growth

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS | N. MACEDONIA

Anita has a heart for sharing the Gospel with children and teens. As a new believer in North Macedonia, she led a Youth Club. Using resources and materials provided by Reach A Village, she helped teens and young adults learn about Jesus. Then, the Lord called Anita to a

new location.

"After I moved, I had a lot of guestions about the future," Anita says. "But I knew that if I kept trusting God to lead me, my ministry would grow."

God brought into Anita's life several women who have children with special needs. Anita told them about Jesus, and they invited her to visit their center. Soon, she began leading Bible study lessons with games and crafts for the children.

Some of the parents began asking questions about God and the Bible. So Anita started a Bible study group for the mothers. Every week, they meet in Anita's apartment.

She also organized a Bible study group for young people. Together, they discuss topics like how to serve God and how to discover their gifts. They also help her with the Bible studies for the children with special needs.

"I know that the Word of God changes people's lives," she says. "I see this every day."

1,362,333 Scriptures\* were provided!

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