

2019
ANNUAL
REPORT



REACH A VILLAGE



CALLED TO BE **FREE**

REACHING VILLAGES. MAKING DISCIPLES. CHANGING LIVES.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



■ As 2019 comes to a close, we celebrate the many fresh reminders of God's incredible goodness! This has been a wonderful year of ministry, and we thank you for your faithful gifts and prayers in partnership with us.

I have the joy of seeing and hearing firsthand of how believers are serving God and others humbly in love. The transforming power of the Gospel is obvious in village after village.

Unreached people are often sad, downtrodden and deeply burdened. But once the Gospel arrives, they hear the Good News calling them to freedom like they have never known before! When I visit their villages, I see happy faces and restored hearts. Only Jesus can bring freedom like this!

This has truly been a special year.

- In Thailand, our ministry partners experienced the largest baptism celebration on a single day in the country's history.
- In Cambodia, our ministry partners continue to move forward with their plan of reaching every one of the more than 13,000 villages within the next five years.
- In Poland, Derek experienced a remarkable transformation when he met Jesus after three failed suicide attempts. He now shares the Gospel as one of our ministry partners in the largest prison ministry in his nation.

Through all of our ministry efforts, thousands more are hearing the Gospel and finding true freedom and salvation in Jesus Christ.

As you read this report, I hope you will be encouraged by the many ways our amazing God is at work, calling people throughout the world to find spiritual freedom! Thank you for your partnership in serving those who need Jesus. □

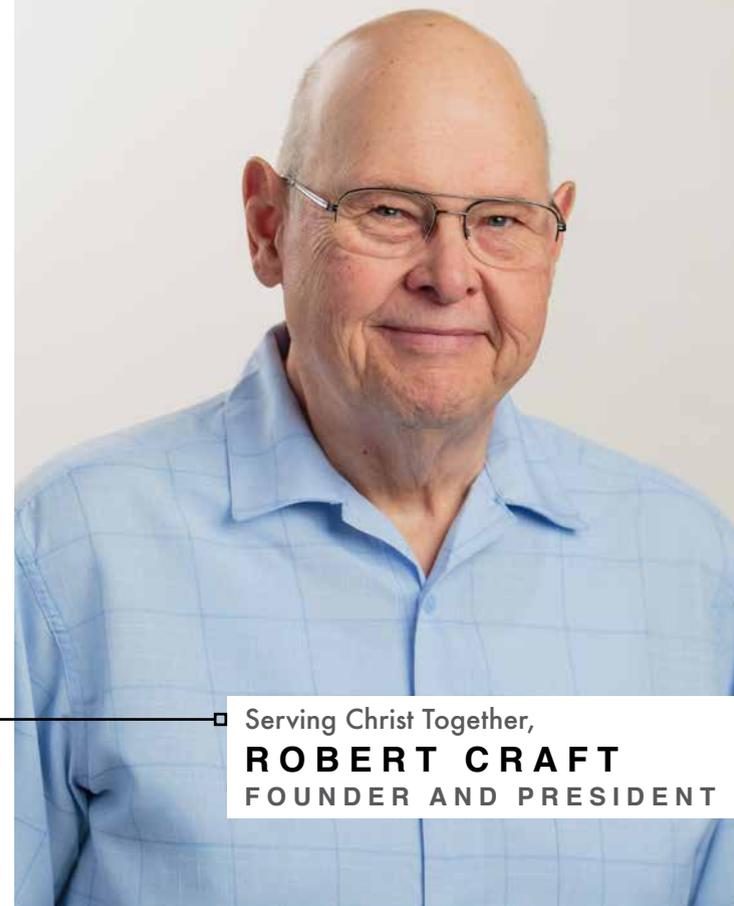


OUR MISSION

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.

YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WERE CALLED TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE FLESH; RATHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER HUMBLY IN LOVE.

— GALATIANS 5:13



Serving Christ Together,
ROBERT CRAFT
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

HOW GOD IS WORKING

■ The purpose of our ministries is to help transform lives so new churches are started in unreached areas. Your gifts help spread the Gospel in three ways:

1. Starting New Churches

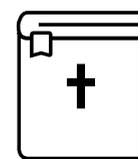
Local Christian leaders receive in-depth modular training and are equipped with Scripture materials to take the Gospel into unreached areas. They build relationships, introduce people to God's Word, conduct Bible studies, and start a new church.

2. Children's Bible Ministry

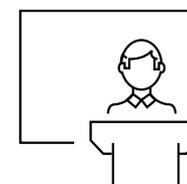
Children are introduced to Jesus and study God's Word through school outreach, Vacation Bible Schools, summer camp programs and children's Bible study groups.

3. Discipling New Believers

We come alongside established local churches to provide training and Scripture materials to begin Bible studies for evangelism and discipleship outreach. Three interconnected components are key to transforming the lives of adults and children with the Gospel: Scriptures, Training and Local Leaders.



SCRIPTURES



TRAINING



LOCAL LEADERS



TRANSFORMED LIVES

2019 MINISTRY RESULTS



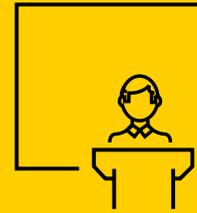
4,386,175
scriptures
PROVIDED



222,612
new
BELIEVERS



393,484
new people
in bible
STUDIES



124,887
people who
attended
TRAINING EVENTS



1,158,944
people who
heard the
GOSPEL



2,230
churches
started

ARMENIA • BELARUS • BULGARIA • CAMBODIA • CHINA • ETHIOPIA • GEORGIA • INDONESIA
LAOS • LATVIA • LITHUANIA • NORTH MACEDONIA • MOLDOVA • MYANMAR • PHILIPPINES
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FINANCIAL

FUNDING SOURCES

TOTAL
\$2,346,787

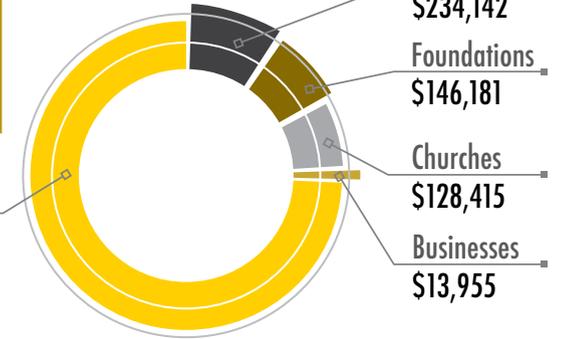
International Partners
\$1,824,094

Individuals
\$234,142

Foundations
\$146,181

Churches
\$128,415

Businesses
\$13,955



■ The Lord has greatly blessed Reach A Village this year, both in ministry results and funding. By God's grace, we received the most financial support that we ever have before! We are grateful and overwhelmed by the generosity of our donor partners who support this ministry with prayer and financial gifts. We are also thankful for our ongoing relationship with the Bible League of Canada as we stand together in our commitment to fulfill the Great Commission.

Our goal is to reach each and every village with the transformational power of the Gospel. We believe that proper stewardship not only honors the Lord and our donor partners, but ensures that as much as possible goes toward reaching more villages.

Thank you for coming alongside us in this mission so that more people can find true freedom in Jesus Christ!

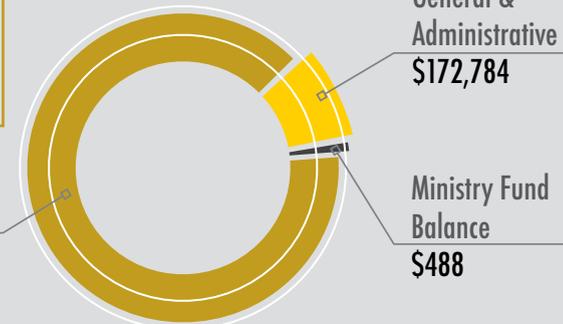
EXPENSES

TOTAL
\$2,346,787

Ministry & Programs
\$2,173,515

General & Administrative
\$172,784

Ministry Fund Balance
\$488



■ HOW FAR DOES A DOLLAR GO? 

\$10.54

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 2019 average, and some ministry areas vary in terms of their response to the Gospel and ministry cost.]



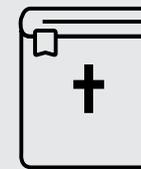
A HISTORIC DAY

■ The movement of God in Thailand continues to grow phenomenally. This year, 6,019 Thai people chose to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. These photos were taken in January 2019, when our ministry partners the Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA) and Dwight Martin from Reach A Village baptized 520 new believers. To our knowledge, nothing of this magnitude had ever taken place in Thailand before!

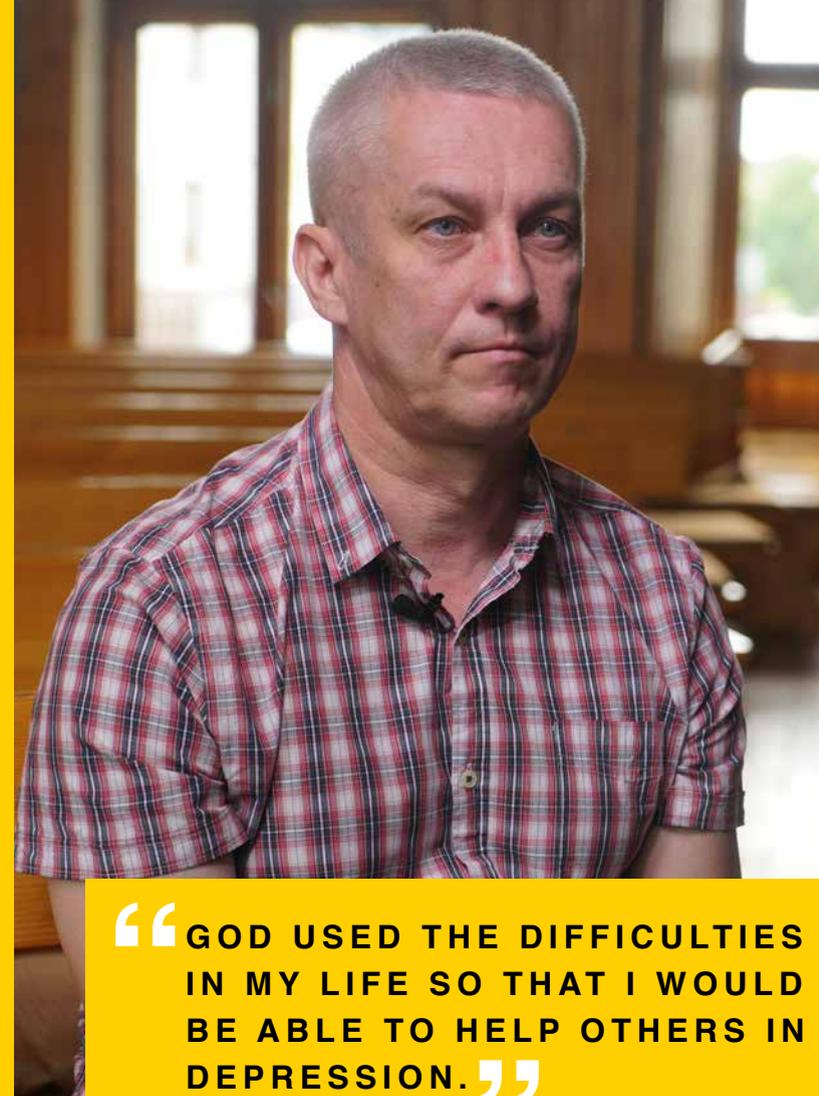
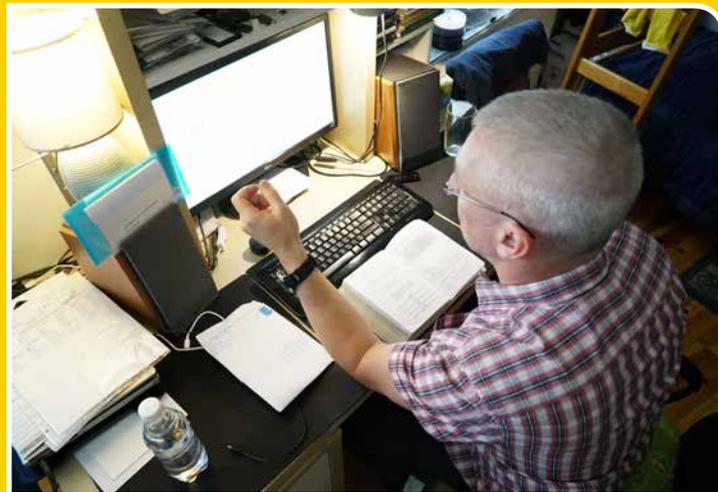
Local Thai Christians took the Gospel to 192 villages that had not heard about Jesus and started house churches. The number of new believers is multiplying as those who have found freedom in Christ can't keep it to themselves; they just have to go and tell others. The Holy Spirit's fire is starting to spread throughout this country!



A BIBLE-CENTERED MINISTRY



EVERY PERSON WHO WAS BAPTIZED COMPLETED A BIBLE STUDY AND RECEIVED THEIR OWN BIBLE IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGE.



THE POWER OF A LOCAL LEADER

Reach A Village partners with ministries around the world to train and equip local Christian leaders to help grow God's Kingdom. Through these partnerships, thousands of local workers are reaching the unreached people of their countries.

In Poland, one of those local leaders is Derek. Coming to faith in Christ was a long journey for him. He attempted to end his life three times.

Determined to succeed on his third attempt, Derek traveled into the woods with a noose in his backpack. He climbed a tree and put the noose around his neck. Just as he was about to jump, he heard a voice in his head say, "Why do you not ask me for help?" He didn't realize at the time that it was Jesus.

He started reading the Bible and saw the effect Jesus had on the lives of people He encountered. Derek recalls, "I fell down on my knees crying because I understood my sinfulness and what Jesus has done for me." As a new Christian, he began meeting with other believers and felt a passion to share the Gospel.

As Derek's faith grew, he answered God's call to serve in Poland's prisons.

With the training that our partners in Poland provide, he learned how to teach them God's Word through evangelistic Bible studies. Inmates are coming to Jesus and inviting others to join them. Derek and our Polish ministry partners have reached hundreds of inmates!

"God used the difficulties in my life so that I would be able to help others in depression," Derek states.

"Now with sharing the Gospel, I have stopped worrying. I learn how to sow and water the seeds, and then I leave the rest to God."

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— DEREK, POLAND

YEAR IN REVIEW

Oct 2019

We announced the Cambodia national plan to reach every unreached village in the next five years.



Nov 2019

Serbia had a group baptism for 13 people who were reached through ministry at a refugee camp.



Dec 2019

Our ministry partner, Michael, spoke in Yangon, Myanmar, at the second ever official government authorized meeting for Christians during Christmastime. He was able to preach the Gospel without fear or filter to a crowd of thousands gathered.



Dec 2019

Bulgaria Christmas outreach.



Mar 2019

Reach A Village was featured in an AFA Journal article titled **"Better Than a Million Missionaries."**

Mar 2019

Values Education coordinators training in the Philippines.



OUR MINISTRIES

STARTING NEW CHURCHES



Teodora is working to start a new church in Serbia. One day, while traveling by taxi, she met Katarina. As they talked, Teodora realized that Katarina hungered to know more about the Gospel.

Before that taxi ride ended, Katarina invited Teodora to her home to talk further. As they prayed and read the Bible together, Teodora's faith touched Katarina deeply. She wished that her faith had been as strong during her life.

Born into a traditional Serbian family, Katarina married when she was young. The couple suffered many disappointments as their relationship deteriorated. They had one child together, but Katarina could not find a way to fill the emptiness in her heart.

When Katarina learned that she had breast cancer, she finally turned to God in desperation. She bought a Bible and was baptized. But still she had no peace.

Now, Katarina is learning a lot from Teodora. She understands the Bible more than she ever has. She feels at peace because of her confident hope in Christ.

DISCIPLINING NEW BELIEVERS



"Nothing was more important to me than money, not even my wife," says Myint. As a hardworking businessperson in Myanmar, he had much success and appeared happy. But on the inside, he was falling apart.

One night, Myint felt a sudden, intense pain in his stomach. He fell to the floor in agony. His wife and children rushed him to the hospital. "I thought my life was ending," he says. "I knew I had followed my flesh into evil. And I was afraid about what was coming next."

That night, Myint cried out to God. The pain drove him to open a Bible. When he read Matthew 6, God revealed to him the dangers of storing up treasures on earth.

The doctors soon diagnosed a problem with his gall bladder. God diagnosed a problem with his priorities.

"God used physical pain to save me from the eternal pain of judgment," Myint says. "He broke me down. I began to understand God's plan of salvation."

God sent Pastor Thida to invite Myint to Bible study and house church meetings. There, Myint heard the Gospel. He already knew what life without Christ was like. Because of faithful believers, he began to learn about life with Christ.

"BECAUSE OF JESUS, I'M BUILDING A NEW LIFE."

— KEO LEANG, CAMBODIA



CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY

Many people in his Cambodian village knew Keo Leang as a gang member. He gambled, was disobedient and began fights everywhere he went – at only the age of 13. He was suffering, and so were his parents.

One day in the village, Keo Leang met Charya, who was smiling and carrying a book in his hand. He spoke to Keo Leang: "Brother, I see your face is not happy."

"Why are you so friendly to me? I'm a desperate, bad person," Keo Leang responded.

"We are all sinful people," Charya stated. "But we can find new life in Christ Jesus."

"What is this new life you are talking about?" Keo Leang asked him.

Then Charya explained about God's love for us, salvation in Jesus Christ and abundant life as a follower of Jesus. Keo Leang was completely amazed by God's grace. That day, he accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior.

Today, Charya and Keo Leang meet often to study the Bible together. Keo Leang also attends a Sunday meeting of believers to learn more about following Jesus.

"Because of Jesus, I'm building a new life," Keo Leang says. "I want to be an example of faith for my family and the people of my village."

YEAR IN REVIEW

JUN 2019

Reach A Village President Bob Craft was interviewed by WDJC in Birmingham, Alabama.



JUL 2019

The Reach A Village team gathered together for our first staff barbecue.



JUL 2019

Three thousand Armenian children learned about God's Word at summer camps this year.



JUL 2019

Bob Craft was interviewed by Ed Stetzer for Christianity Today in an article titled: **"One-on-One with Bob Craft on Tracking Thailand's Church Planting Revival."**



AUG 2019

Free in Jesus Christ Church Association training in Ranong, Thailand.



AUG 2019

Values Education in the Philippines surpassed 300,000 children in total who have committed their lives to Jesus through the ministry!



RESEARCH AND MAPPING

Reach A Village is on the cutting edge of making sure that everyone has an opportunity to hear the Good News and find freedom in Jesus. That requires research and knowing where the unreached villages are located.

Following Jesus' example of moving from village to village led to the development of the Harvest database and dynamic nationwide maps showing church locations and places that do not have churches. During the past year, we helped develop

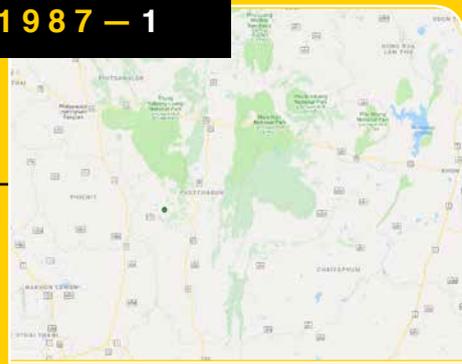
these tools for another Southeast Asian country, bringing the total to five countries.

Reach A Village is also deeply engaged in the mobilization and training of those being sent out to establish churches. The Firstfruits database and app were developed to help local workers increase their effectiveness by tracking their activities, events and their interaction with the people reached as they share the Gospel in each village.

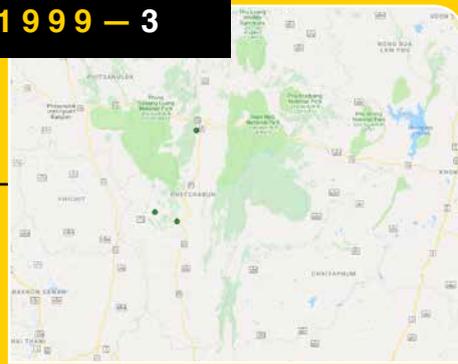


The maps below show the progression of church growth in Central Thailand. This data has been collected through the Harvest Database research compiled by Dwight Martin.

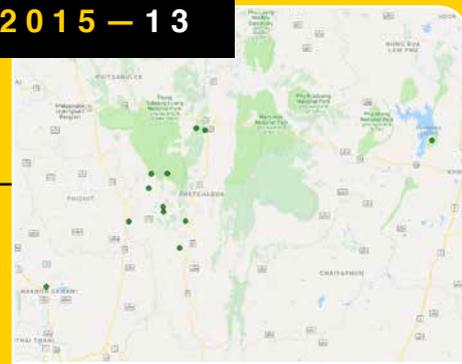
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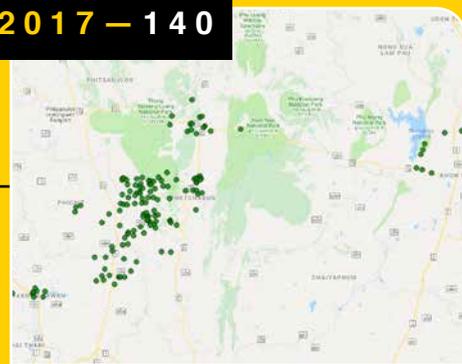
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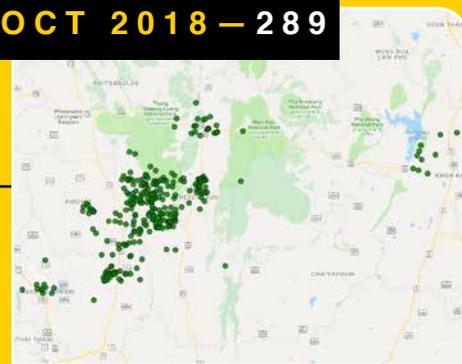
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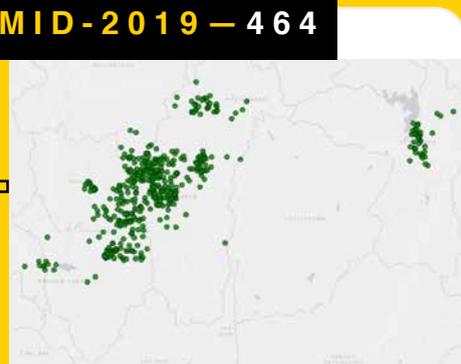
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Christianity Today Magazine Cover
Illustration by Matt Chinworth

In April, the Christianity Today cover story "Making Missions Count" featured Reach A Village ministries and the Harvest database, which was developed by team member Dwight Martin to aid the Thai Church's efforts to reach their entire country for Christ. The article explained how this real-time data has played a key role for our Thai ministry partners, the Free in Jesus Christ Church Association, in making strategic plans and tracking the explosive growth of their movement to start churches in unreached villages.

Bob Craft shared that our Cambodia team is also using the Harvest database as a tool in their national plan. He believes that they could have a church started in every village throughout the country within five years.

We want these tools to serve all ministries trying to reach villages with the Gospel for the first time. It is our desire to continue developing tools that will help national Christian leaders create biblical strategies to saturate their countries with the Gospel. We want to see a church in every village and every believer equipped with Scriptures to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

Take a look at the Christianity Today article to read more about the Harvest database and see how new technologies are helping to make efforts to finish the Great Commission more effective.





Thank you for partnering with us to spread the Gospel around the world. In 2019, you helped over 222,000 people find freedom in Christ!

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