



## FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD DOING MISSIONS DIFFERENTLY



# GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT

God had new plans for Paul, Silas and Timothy. In Paul's dream one night, a man was begging Paul to come to the region where he lived. So the next morning, they went there and preached the gospel. - Acts 16:6-10

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Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us, whether in the U.S. or around the world. One passage of Scripture strikes me as being especially true of our ministry partners: Paul's vision of the Macedonian man.

Though these verses in Acts 16 are often guoted in missions work, the pandemic gives us the opportunity to view them with fresh eyes. Paul and his companions were kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching in one area. Paul then had a vision of a man who begged him to come to Macedonia to preach. They knew God had called them there, and they left immediately.

Our ministry partners faced extraordinary challenges this year. Civil unrest in Belarus, a military coup in Myanmar and a war in Armenia, to name a few. Every ministry nation has been impacted by the pandemic. Some already difficult situations turned into crises.

Yet, our ministry partners have responded with courage and persistence while pivoting their outreach in different ways. The Spirit is guiding them, just like the Spirit guided Paul. Our partners in Cambodia and Myanmar are providing food relief to those in need. Several partners in Eurasia shifted training and outreach to include remote Bible study opportunities using internet technology.

May the testimonies in this report encourage your heart anew. Sister Jocelyn, whose testimony is featured on pages 8-9, is an extraordinary woman fulfilling an extraordinary call. Values Education in the Philippines typically occurs in schools, but they have been closed. Jocelyn and the team have shifted their ministry to visiting people at home, starting community Bible studies, and even ministering to police officers and other groups. The Lord has opened new doors for the Gospel to penetrate hearts.

Despite the challenges, we have much to celebrate. We thank the Lord for the commitment of our ministry partners. We also thank Him for your faithful commitment to this ministry. Through ups and downs, we continue to see the healing, peace and transformational power in those who live for Christ.

Serving Christ Together, Robert Cuft







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In Bulgaria (top), our partners shifted to online training and outreach. Partners in Cambodia (middle) provided relief in hard-hit areas. In the Philippines (bottom), a partner began a Bible study with police officers.

# **HOW DOES** MINISTRY **OUTREACH** WORK?

"You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard." Acts 22:15

That was Paul's call to share the Gospel as the Church began. That continues to be our call today: to reach our world with the Good News about Jesus.

As Paul moved from place to place, he empowered new believers to continue what he started while he was with them. He then went on to more unreached areas and shared the Gospel with people who had not yet heard.

Today, our ministry partners continue what Paul modeled. Being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Praying. Training. Evangelizing. Discipling. Starting and strengthening churches. Reaching more unreached villages with the truth of God's Word. Because of Paul's leadership and guidance, the Gospel spread to more and more people.

Equipped with the training and Scripture materials they need, our ministry partners carry on what Paul began. They will not rest until every unreached village hears about Jesus and has a thriving local church!





219,507 **NEW PEOPLE IN BIBLE STUDIES** 



12,633 **PEOPLE WHO** ATTENDED TRAINING **EVENTS** 



1,866 **CHURCHES STARTED** 

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

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.

# MINISTRY **RESULTS**



663,430 **PEOPLE WHO HEARD THE** GOSPEL



1,362,333 **SCRIPTURES\*** PROVIDED



## **OUR MISSION**



# **RESEARCH & MAPPING**

Reach A Village has a single focus: reaching unreached people with the Good News about Jesus. Locating the unreached villages is crucial for this mission.

Ministry partners worldwide use everything from hand-drawn maps to digital images for locating existing villages that have no believers and no churches. They continue to be deeply engaged in training and mobilizing more local believers to go out and establish new churches.

Now, data and GPS specialists are working to create dynamic maps for each country. These maps show church locations and vast areas still without churches. This information helps Reach A Village focus people and resources on places where the Gospel has not yet gone.

A new database – "First-fruits" – will help local believers increase their effectiveness. We have an early version of this tool to track their activities, events and interactions with the people they reach as they share the Gospel in each village. Upon completion, our ministry partners will be better able to keep up with the people and places reached with the Good News.

UKRAINE

New People in Bible

Studies 6,464

Pray that the Lord will provide the resources needed to complete this project.

POLAND **People Who Attended Training Events** 130

> MYANMAR People Who Heard the Gospel 81,292

**CHINA Churches Started** 402

ARMENIA • BELARUS • BULGARIA • CAMBODIA • CHINA GEORGIA\* • INDONESIA • LAOS • LATVIA • LITHUANIA • MOLDOVA **MONGOLIA • MYANMAR • NORTH MACEDONIA** PHILIPPINES • POLAND • ROMANIA • RUSSIA • SERBIA **THAILAND • UKRAINE • VIETNAM\*** \*Countries planning to re-open in 2022

Areas in dark orange represent countries where we currently minister.

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## **THE POWER OF A LOCAL LEADER**

"Values Education in the Philippines started in the elementary school where my brother and I attended," says Jocelyn Limangan-Rosario. Today, Jocelyn leads the Values Education ministry in her home country. Learning how to bring others to the Lord was not an easy journey for her.

She was born into a desperately poor family of 10 children – 5 of whom died in childhood. "My father was a kind and responsible man with few words," she says. "I always respected and admired him. He helped me accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior."

Jocelyn's greatest desire was to help her family. She left home and worked as a maid. Soon, she had lost touch with them. "I cried out to God day and night," she says. "Then I heard that my brother, Conrado, was a pastor in the city where I worked."

With help from a friend, she found her brother and stayed with him and his family. During those months, Jocelyn prayed and asked God to direct her life. "God told me to go to a Bible school, but I did not want that idea," she says. "I tried to ignore God and never told anyone about it."

When Jocelyn finally said yes to God, He sent her to a seminary. Ruth Peever, a teacher there, provided her with a place to live.

"Ruth became my spiritual mom," Jocelyn says.



"One Sunday morning, I saw her standing on the porch of her house, stretching out her hands and praying over the mountains. At breakfast, I asked about her prayer. She shared a vision God had given her."

## **YEAR IN** REVIEW

Jocelyn (right) with her daughter,

Faith, and Ruth Peever.



### - SEPT 2020

Bob Craft celebrates 50 years in ministry. Scan here to read his reflections and lessons from 5 decades of service.



#### **OCT 2020**

Please note that these events took place during our 2021 Fiscal Year (September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021)



L OCT 2020

Reach A Village is officially accredited by the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA)

#### Aid is given to the hardest hit provinces in Cambodia. Floods and lockdowns devastate crops, damage the economy and make travel extremely difficult.



#### - OCT 2020



In Thailand, the annual FJCCA Leadership Training takes place in Phetchabun. Over 400 people participate in this event!





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God had told Ruth to reach the "Igorot" (the mountain people) with the Gospel, but she didn't know how to do it. "Then I told her that I am an Igorot from a village in the mountains," Jocelyn says. "That day, we began to pray together for direction from God."

A year later, Jocelyn and Ruth shared their calling from God with Conrado. Together, they began Values Education in 2007 at the elementary school where Jocelyn and Conrado had attended. This ministry has now reached beyond their village to hundreds of villages and cities in the Philippines. Even though schools in the Philippines have been closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, ministry partners continue to find ways to reach children and their families with the Good News about Jesus.

Jocelyn remains determined. "Many have heard the Gospel," Jocelyn says. "Thousands have been saved by the truth of God's Word. This gives me more joy than anything the world can offer."

• OCT 2020 Reach A Village begins a ministry partnership with BOTT Radio Network.

#### **–** DEC 2020

The Christian Church in Bulgaria celebrates 1 year since its founding. Three years ago in a Turkishspeaking area, one ministry partner, Angel, settled there and built relationships with a group of young people. Through them, he reached their younger siblings, relatives and parents. Despite of centuries-old Islamic roots, but through



Angel's ministry, Christ is working in their hearts. To date, this community consists of about 30 children and young people and about 20 parents.











## **OUR MINISTRIES**

#### **Children's Bible Ministry - The Philippines**

As a child, Joylyn participated in Values Education ministry at her school. Local believers introduced her to the Lord, discipled her and encouraged her faith.

Joylyn's life changed dramatically when what she had learned through Values Education became real to her. She accepted Jesus as her Savior. When she gave up friends who were distracting her from God, He gave her friends she could lean on and learn from.

Changes in Joylyn's life didn't stop there. "I began telling my family about Jesus," she says. "I encouraged them to study God's Word and get to know other believers. God gave me strength and patience. Now, we are serving God together."

Today, Joylyn is helping more people in her village learn about God and His unconditional love. She is also part of a music ministry team. "When I began to use my talents to serve God, I was truly born again," she says. "I am a new person because of God's love for me. I use my life for His glory."

### **Discipling New Believers – Moldova**

Ana and Jacob were happy. They had children and started building a house. When hard times came, Jacob went to another country. Instead, he found much trouble. When he was arrested, the family lost their financial support.

That's when Ana chose Jesus. "A group of believers visited me and helped me read God's Word," she says. She met regularly with them to study the Bible. She repented of her sins and was baptized. "I promised God I would be faithful to Him," she says. When Jacob returned, he disagreed with Ana's choices and divorced her.

Ana began praying for Jacob. One Sunday evening, as she was walking home from her Bible study, she saw a man who needed help. When she offered to help him, he said, "Ana, why didn't you recognize me? I was your husband. I am Jacob." She cried for joy and thanked God!

They began studying the Bible together. Soon, after that, Jacob became ill and died. "God healed my wounded heart," she says. "Now, I lead our women's Bible study. I want to share Jesus with everyone I meet."

#### - DEC 2020

Cambodia's Christmas outreach happens despite the pandemic.





JAN 2021 In the Philippines,

In the Philippines, a baptism ceremony takes place at the Karayan River with 14 people baptized that day.



### L MAR 2021

Despite the coup that took place in Myanmar in February, ministry continues! People are still learning God's Word through Bible study and are being baptized.





### **Starting New Churches – Bulgaria**

Soldiers often lose sight of God when they see all the destruction and death around them. Hristo knows how to serve in two armies at the same time: God's army and his country's army.

Hristo is an officer in the army. As he was finishing his church planter training in March 2020 – just when the COVID-19 pandemic began – he and his unit left for a six-month mission in Afghanistan. They were assigned to protect the military airport in Kandahar.

Soldiers were not allowed to leave the base or communicate with locals. Hristo used this time to develop closer friendships with his troops. "I took the risk of sharing my faith with them," he says. "Four of the soldiers wanted to learn more about God, so we began studying the Bible together. Almost every evening, we gathered to read God's Word and discuss questions they had."

When Hristo returned from the military mission in Afghanistan, he met his newborn son for the first time and hugged his family. Then he began to share his faith like he never had before. He started a Bible study group and helped people in his village learn about Jesus. "I'll be returning to Afghanistan soon," he says. "No matter where I go, I will help others meet and follow Jesus."



#### L APR 2021

In the Philippines, a local believer opens his house for Bible study every Wednesday for students & parents; 12 students and 4 mothers receive Jesus as their Savior.

#### L JUN 2021

In Belarus, 12 people take a step of faith in group baptism!



## THAILAND CELEBRATES ANOTHER MILESTONE

As the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, Thailand had the first recorded case outside of China. But more powerful than the spread of COVID-19 is the spread of the Gospel.

Three record-breaking days of baptisms in Thailand provide the evidence. In 2019, 520 new believers were baptized on one day in January, followed by 640 more people baptized on one day in October.

In 2020, that number grew to 1,435 people in a single day – setting a new record for the largest baptism event ever held among the Thai people. A video of this amazing day went viral on Facebook and currently has nearly 250,000 views on YouTube. Christianity Today, Charisma Magazine and Decision Magazine covered this story.

After the baptisms, local believers follow up with each new baptized believer. They provide Bible

study, discipleship and worship opportunities to help these new followers of Christ grow in faith.

Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA) – a ministry partner of Reach A Village – is training, equipping and sending thousands of local believers to share the Good News about Jesus in Thailand's unreached villages. In the past 192 years, only six percent of the villages in Thailand have been reached with the Gospel. More than 75,000 villages in Thailand are still without Jesus. Thousands of people are walking in the darkness of Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and folk religions.

Reach A Village and FJCCA will continue their outreach efforts. We believe this entire country village by village and province by province – is within reach!









#### **JUN 2021**

On June 1, our ministry partners in Moldova and some Christian doctors conduct church services for sick children on "Children's Day."

### **JUN 2021**

In Armenia, summer camps take place in Ararat with a great response. Parents are asking for additional camps.



#### - JUL 2021

A Filipino village is reached because one of Reach A Village's ministry partners mobilizes her volunteer teachers to follow up with their students in an unreached village, despite the pandemic. The , people in the village are part of the Aqta tribe.























#### - AUG 2021

Summer camps in Armenia came to a close. In total, 24 camps were held in eight regional centers. Over the summer, 1,650 children and teenagers participated!







# FINANCIAL

In a time of unprecedented isolation and unexpected economic challenges, we are even more grateful for your gifts and prayers. This year, we received the largest ever amount of financial support from our donors. Praise God for your faithfulness!

Bible League Canada and Reach A Village continue our long-standing partnership of faithful service. The impact on lives and communities is great. More of our ministry partners are doing more and reaching more people worldwide with the Gospel.

This past year, Reach A Village gained accreditation by the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability). Be assured that your gifts will continue to be used for sharing the Gospel and building God's Kingdom. We hope you will feel confident in your partnership with us, knowing that we are fully committed to transparency, reporting and proper financial oversight.

Your faithfulness in this year of upheaval is very evident. Thank you!



**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$2.283.890 MINISTRY \$1,575,112 **FUNDRAISING** MINISTRY **FUND BALANCE** \$65,052 (RESTRICTED) \$456,831 **ADMINISTRATION** \$186,895



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# **BIBLES 4 NEW BELIEVERS** program. Scan the QR code to learn more!

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This new initiative is a great way to involve others -- like your family, Bible study group or church--in providing Bibles for new brothers and sisters in faith. We are happy to provide complimentary display materials and Bible bank boxes to promote the





Your gifts are helping to send more local believers to unreached villages. Thank you for walking alongside them on their journeys in 2021!



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