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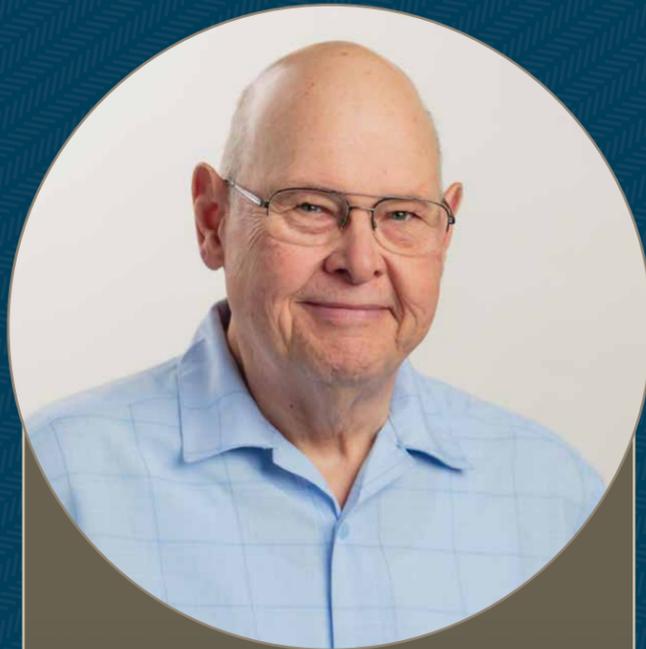
2022 ANNUAL REPORT



MISHA AND VITALY—Our ministry leaders in Ukraine

GRATITUDE FOR GOSPEL
PARTNERSHIP

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ten years ago, the Lord prompted me to found Reach A Village. After being in Christian ministry for more than 40 years, I had seen an overwhelming need to focus on reaching major unreached population groups with the Gospel. These countries have massive rural areas where less than 5 percent of the population had ever heard the Gospel, even once.

What God has done in these 10 years is amazing! Through Reach A Village's ministry partners, more than 72 million people have heard the Gospel for the first time, and over 1.4 million are new believers. Our ministry partners have a long history of ministry service and are witnessing unprecedented impact in their countries.

All of this is possible because our faithful partners donated time and funds to see the Gospel expand among the unreached. More people gave to Reach A Village in 2022 than ever before! Thank you so much!

Ministries around the world are feeling the pain of the pandemic and the devastating impact of the war in Ukraine. Ongoing regional conflicts, natural disasters and global economics have put a strain on ministry resources. Reach A Village ministry partners (both donors and those doing field ministry) answer the call with sacrificial giving and strategic action to meet the ever-changing needs of the people we serve.

In this report, you will meet some of those who serve on the frontlines of compassionate ministry, as well as the wonderful people who serve on the team here in the United States. May you be encouraged and inspired as you see what the Lord has done in 2022. To God be the glory!

—Robert Craft

“ I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU! I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY, WHENEVER I PRAY FOR YOU ALL, BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW.”

—PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5

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.



Philippines Baptism



Thailand Evangelism



Ukraine



Thailand Baptism



Summer Camp in Armenia

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VISION FOR VILLAGES

"Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction" (Proverbs 29:18).

Bob Craft, founder and president of Reach A Village, did — and does — faithfully heed wisdom's instruction. When he was 20 years old, God spoke to Bob and his wife through His Word, telling them to go and serve Him in Southeast Asia. "I felt I had to go and do something," Bob says. "How could I possibly ignore the vision and call God's Spirit had given me?"

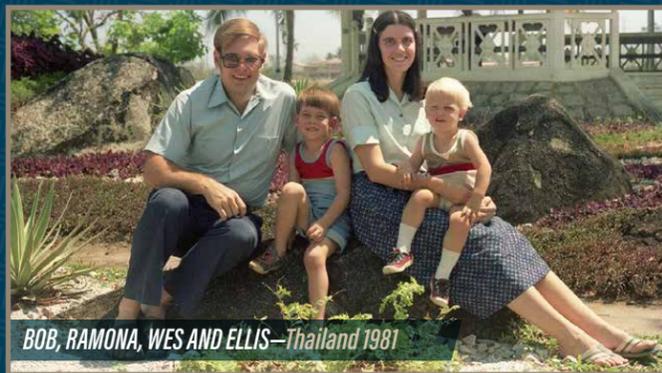
During his years as a missionary to Southeast Asia, Bob noticed that missionaries and mission organizations often focus on people who live in cities. People who live in small, rural villages are often neglected. He saw a pressing need to share the Gospel beyond urban areas. His desire, then and now, is to reach those in unreached villages.

God showed Bob the most efficient and effective way to reach people with the Gospel. That was the beginning of Reach A Village.

Mobilizing local believers is the best way to reach unreached people. The key to sharing the Gospel in unreached villages is to equip and energize the ministry of Christ-followers who live in nearby villages. In 2012, Reach A Village began empowering local Christian leaders to share the Gospel with those who have never heard, to nurture new believers and to start churches.

Today, Bob leads the Reach A Village team and local ministry partners around the world in reaching unreached villages with the truth of God's Word. Together, they want to finish the mission Jesus gave His disciples: to take the Good News to the ends of the earth so that every person in every village has the opportunity to have a relationship with Him.

The Lord has called many people to serve as part of this global ministry — our board members, team, and thousands of international partners. As you read this report, pray for the people featured on these pages.



BOB, RAMONA, WES AND ELLIS—Thailand 1981

When the Gospel arrives in a village, hope and transformation spread through lives, families and the entire community. As people immerse themselves in the Bible and come to know Christ on a deeper level, lives and lifestyles change. The moral fiber of the village transforms. The local church provides continuing discipleship and outreach in the community and beyond for generations to come.

As Reach A Village helps train local believers, provide Bible study resources and facilitate connections with those who need to hear the Gospel, the truth of God's Word takes hold. God is working through Reach A Village's ministry partners to change individual lives, countries and our world.

When unreached people hear for the first time about a loving Savior who sacrificed Himself for them, their lives change forever. Every day — even though you don't hear these stories in the news — hundreds of people are responding and beginning a new life with Jesus Christ.

"I am now 70 years old," Bob says. "The vision and call are still as fresh as ever. At times, the journey has been extremely difficult. But I must confess that Reach A Village's 10 years of ministry have been the most rewarding for me!"

Many thanks to our faithful donors, team and ministry partners for 10 wonderful years!

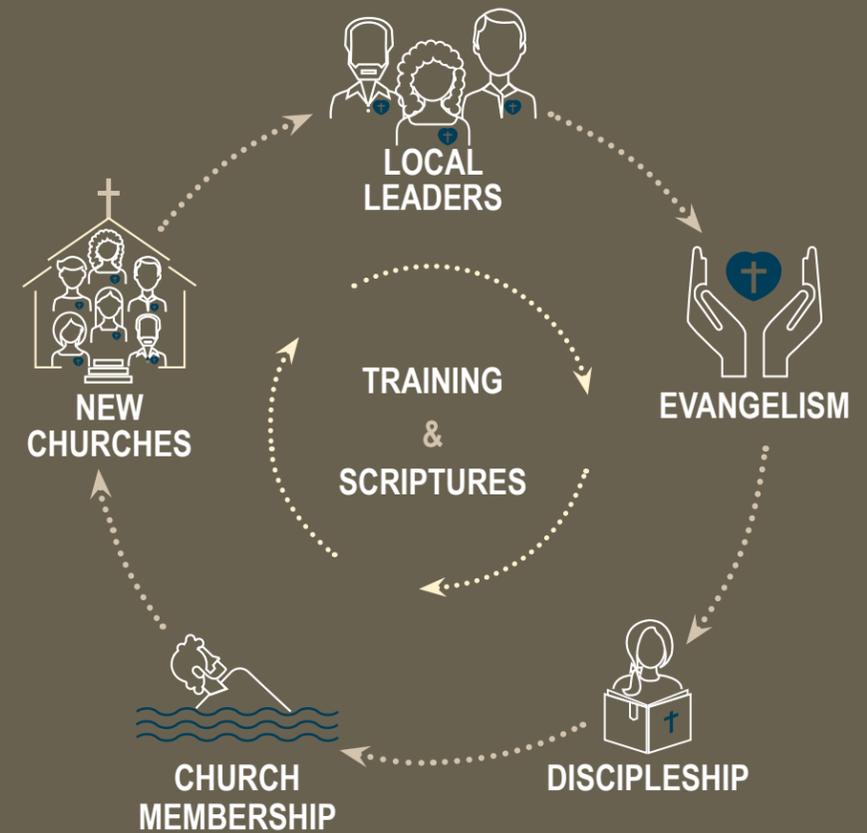
GENERATIONS OF IMPACT

As our ministry partners serve throughout the years, we witness long-term impact as people are reached. New believers share the Gospel with others, making generations of impact!



MICKEY—Philippines

A great example of this is Mickey in the Philippines. Years ago, our Values Education coordinator encouraged the volunteer teacher to go to Mickey's school, where she learned about the Gospel and accepted Christ. Several years later, Mickey herself became a volunteer teacher. She helped lead three girls to faith in Jesus, and they were recently baptized. Now, the three girls are telling others about Jesus and inviting them to learn more. The multiplication grows!



10 YEAR CUMULATIVE RESULTS 2012—2022



19,900+
Churches Started



1.4+ million
New Believers



24.6+ million
Scriptures* Provided

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



7.2+ million
People Who Heard
the Gospel

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2022 MINISTRY RESULTS

Despite war, displacement and the global pandemic, people are learning about the hope, healing and salvation of the Gospel! In the map, you will see selected ministry results by country. Full worldwide results are along the bottom of these two pages. Remember that these are real people who are responding to the Gospel. To God be the glory!

ARMENIA • BELARUS • BULGARIA

CAMBODIA • CHINA • GEORGIA

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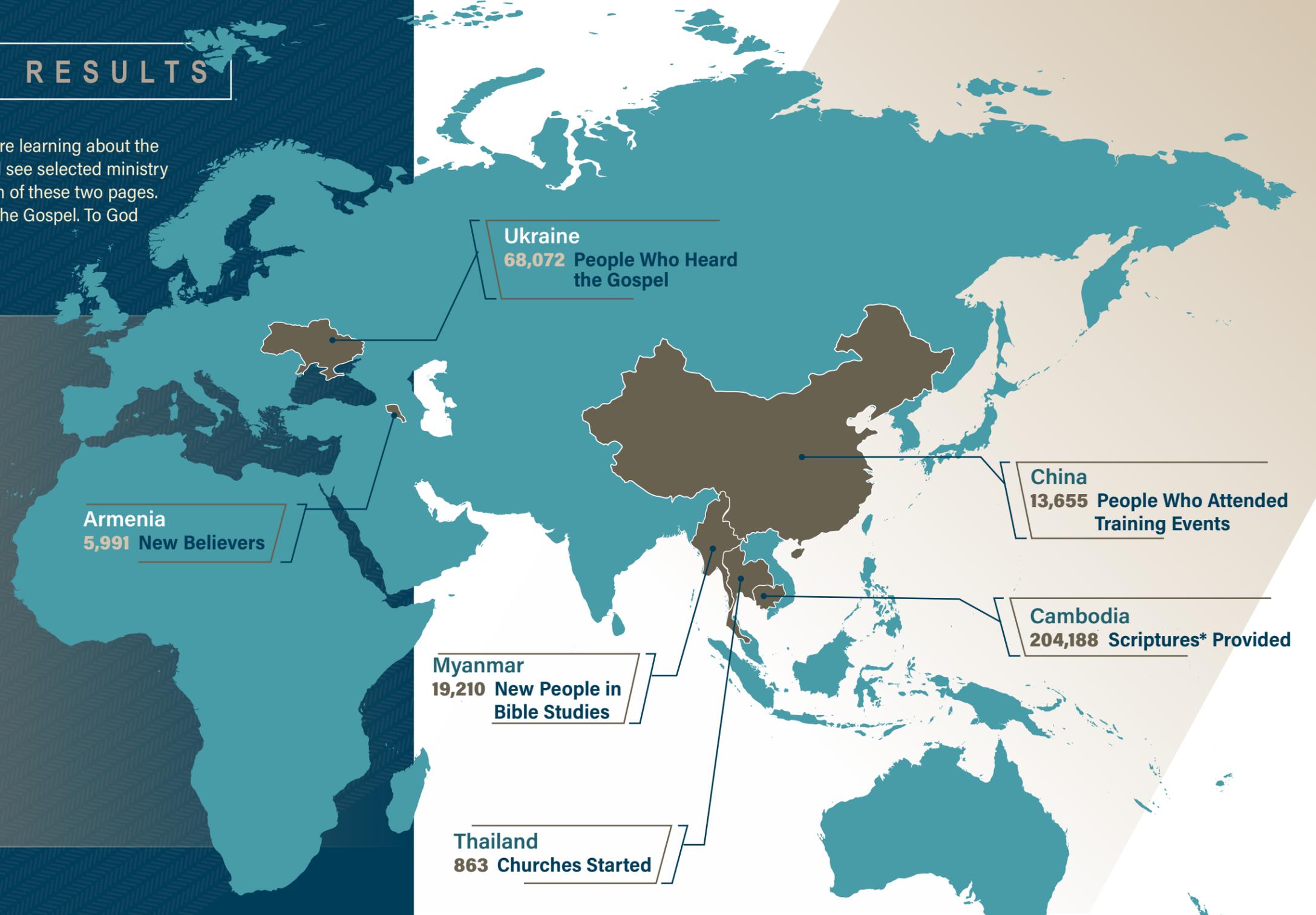
LITHUANIA • MOLDOVA • MONGOLIA

MYANMAR • NORTH MACEDONIA

PHILIPPINES • POLAND • ROMANIA

RUSSIA • SERBIA • THAILAND

UKRAINE • VIETNAM



1,695
Churches started



582,583
People who heard the gospel



1,825,238
Scriptures* provided



190,748
New people in Bible studies



91,299
New believers



41,991
People who attended training events

FROM KYIV TO BULGARIA

NIKI AND DENI'S 2022 JOURNEY



What if you were trying to leave a country when a military invasion began? That is what happened to Niki and Deni (left), Reach A Village's International Ministry Directors for Eurasia, on February 23, 2022. They were booked on a flight leaving Kyiv when the invasion of Ukraine started. Here is a glimpse of the terror they experienced as they returned home to Bulgaria.

—Wednesday, February 23

We arrived in Kyiv around noon, and local believers took us to the ministry office, a large house with a big warehouse. There we met Tanya, a refugee from Crimea, who takes care of the building and lives in the house.

After we had lunch, we spent hours talking with Misha, who leads the Ukrainian ministry. As you would expect, the topic of the current situation was repeatedly creeping into our conversation. "The pain of the local people is enormous," Misha said. "They do not show fear, but they have great anxiety about the unknown and feel intense resentment toward Russia. They will not surrender without a fight because of their solid national feeling and desire to defend themselves."

—Thursday, February 24

We were awakened by loud conversations at 5 a.m. At some point during this commotion, we heard two consecutive loud bangs.

At 6:30 a.m., Misha woke us up with the news that the war had begun. Bombings were happening in Kyiv, Odesa and other



NIKI AND MISHA—Kyiv



TANYA AND BOGDAN—Bomb Shelter

cities in Ukraine. He asked us to get up, gather our luggage quickly, and go to the office.

Misha, Tanya, and her son, Bogdan, were waiting for us there. It was Bogdan's birthday. After breakfast, we read Psalms 91 and 17, encouraged each other, and prayed for God's guidance and protection. Later, we realized that martial law had already been declared and that the airspace over Kyiv was closed.

Getting around the country was extremely difficult. There were huge lines at the gas stations, grocery stores and pharmacies. We managed to contact the Bulgarian Embassy, but they were not yet ready with an evacuation plan. The day passed calmly for us, without any news from the Embassy.

We were accommodated in one of the office rooms, and Misha continued with his endless phone calls. There was still an internet connection and telephone connection. The office was prepared well for wartime like this. It was heated by wood, and they were well supplied, it had a generator for electricity and a separate water source. Misha had an electric car and had no worries about finding gas.



ANDRAY, BOGDAN AND MISHA—Bomb Shelter

"We were grateful that our hosts remained so calm and mindful of us," Niki says. "The panic around was huge. Chaotic actions were taken, which complicated the situation, but Misha gave us confidence and peace. At noon, we even had a small party for Bogdan's birthday."

As evening came, we felt dreadful anticipation of new and heavier bombings on Kyiv. Before going to bed, we read Psalm 62 and prayed.

The night was calmer than expected. We went to sleep, fully dressed, on a couch.

—Saturday, February 25

We heard two consecutive explosions at 4:30 a.m. We jumped off the couch and went to our makeshift bomb shelter. No more explosions followed.

Tanya hadn't been able to sleep all night, and Bogdan was shaking with terror. We came out of the basement, had a cup of tea, and went back to bed.

As morning dawned, we learned that Russian troops were surrounding Kyiv, intending to capture the city. It became more and more urgent for us to find a way to leave. We decided to go to the Bulgarian Embassy in person.

Our team gathered again to pray. We were torn by the desire to get out of Kyiv as quickly as possible and the grief of leaving behind so many people dear to us.

"I don't even remember how it happened," Deni says. "But I spontaneously said that we wanted Tanya and Bogdan to go with us to Bulgaria so we could take care of them. Our hearts

were torn with the desire to get out of Kyiv as quickly as possible and the grief of leaving behind so many people dear to us."

If we had not seen it with our own eyes, we would not have believed that a mother with a small child could decide to leave her country, pack her belongings, and go with strangers to an unknown land in less than two minutes. Everyone present encouraged her, and in another five minutes, they were ready to go with us.

We took Tanya and Bogdan with us and got on the subway to the Embassy. "Subway stations were full of people sitting on the floor on blankets, wrapped in warm clothes, asleep or staring at their phones," Niki says. "As we rode, I watched the other people around me. Many traveled with large bags and suitcases. From time to time, I saw tears in their eyes or their foreheads furrowed."

At the Embassy, we learned that evacuation buses were traveling but had not even entered Ukraine yet. They were expected at 9 p.m., and the plan was to leave for Bulgaria the next day.

Because we were not allowed inside the Embassy, we decided to return to the ministry office. Two guards from the Embassy accompanied us to the metro station. When we arrived at the office, Misha's youngest daughter and his wife were already there.

Together, we made a plan to go to Moldova in Tanya's car. "We loaded the car with luggage and two cans of gasoline, ate quickly, and prayed again," Niki says. "While reading a psalm, Misha, who had kept his composure until then, burst into tears for the first time."



FILLING WITH GAS—Escaping Kyiv

RUSSIA LAUNCHES INVASION ON UKRAINE

BREAKING NEWS ALERT



encountered endless traffic jams. These were due to checkpoints with many soldiers and barricades. After 10 hours of driving on bad roads with heavy traffic and countless checkpoints, we reached the border town of Mohyliv-Podylskyy. We spent the night in the car as we waited in line. That night of waiting turned into more than 24 hours.

Evgeni, a ministry leader from Moldova, let us know that there were significantly fewer cars at a nearby border checkpoint. We reached that checkpoint in an hour. Very young soldiers, fully armed, checked our documents and let us cross the bridge.

"We had just crossed the bridge when the soldiers started shouting, running and chasing a car in front of us," Niki says. "We were terrified. Several military vehicles sped past us. We waited like that without knowing what was going on for about half an hour."

Finally, the military let us continue on our way. After waiting for about four more hours, we finally crossed the Ukrainian border and entered Moldova.

"We witnessed young families with small children separating at the border," Deni says. "Mothers with their children crossed the border on foot while their husbands stayed in Ukraine because they were forbidden to leave the country. Full mobilization had already been announced for all men between the ages of 16 and 60."

Exhausted but also very happy, we went to Chisinau, where Evgeni was waiting for us at the ministry office.

Sunday, February 26

Our group had lunch together at a restaurant in the center of Chisinau. Refugees from Kyiv were sitting at the table next to us. Two of the refugees were Bulgarians.

After lunch, the four of us immediately set off for Romania. By the grace of God, there were very few cars at the border. After about two hours of waiting, we crossed into Romania.

"Although we really wanted to drive all night and return to Sofia as soon as possible, we felt tired and realized the risk would be too great," Niki says. "At 10 p.m., we found and booked two hotel rooms. The hotel was very nice, and it turned out that the price was half for Ukrainian refugees. We slept, had breakfast and set off again, hoping to get home that day."

Monday, February 27

At 3 p.m., we managed to cross the Romanian-Bulgarian border without any problems.

"On the way to Sofia, we sang and prayed to God with grateful hearts," Deni says. "He not only saved our lives and helped us escape unscathed, but also gave us the opportunity to take care of Tanya and Bogdan. She does not have a lot of money, all her relatives are in Russia, and she has never left Ukraine in her life."



MOLDOVA MINISTRY PARTNERS — Evgeni and Lena, in Chisinau



BACK AT HOME — Bulgaria



Update

Tanya has become a temporary resident of Bulgaria and is working with Niki and Deni. Bogdan is attending school in Sofia. "We hope that this horrible war will end soon," Niki says. "And we pray that Tanya and Bogdan will be able to return home."

MYANMAR UPDATE

A DESPERATE SITUATION

Since February 1, 2021, Myanmar — also known as Burma — has faced tragedies that most of us will never experience. The military junta assumed full control of the country. A shadow unity government formed in exile, and they encouraged citizens in every village to rise up with arms against the military. This action enraged the military. Bombings and bloodshed took place throughout the country.

Myanmar escaped the first waves of COVID-19, but people were caught off guard by more transmissible variants. The military hoarded vaccines and PPE. The remaining few hospitals had limited supplies and inadequate staffing. The military limited access to healthcare by welding shut hospital gates.

"Thousands have died, and we may never know the true number of deaths that occurred this past year," says one of Reach A Village's ministry partners. "The economy is in shambles, and war rages on in all parts of the country. Local believers have taken in thousands of villagers who are seeking shelter. They have also provided countless bags of rice, cooking oil and dried noodles and fish in unreachable villages as they shared the Gospel."

These local believers have endured their own suffering and persecution. Their vehicles were confiscated at checkpoints. Their families were interrogated as the military went from house to house. Their homes were destroyed when they refused to give their young adult males to military service.



Be encouraged. There is also positive news from Myanmar. Ministry leaders are meeting weekly with local believers by video conferencing, even with limited internet access. Believers were able to get 10,000 Bibles into the country. Through the work of the Holy Spirit during the past year, more than 200 house churches started; more than 100,000 people heard the Gospel; more than 10,000 people accepted Christ; and more than 6,000 new believers were baptized.



OUR MINISTRIES

STARTING NEW CHURCHES



ARTHUR—Armenia

"Fire was falling down on our heads from everywhere," says Arthur. "I was driving to the frontline of the war in my own car. Azerbaijan had attacked us again. My homeland was in danger, and my 19-year-old son was serving in the army. All the way, I was praying."

"Mines were blowing up in the roads, but we stayed safe." Later, Arthur visited some of the men he had taken to the hospital. One of them said that he was an atheist until the day he was wounded. "He told me that while he was lying in the dirt, almost unconscious, with shots being fired all around him, he saw a hand reaching out to him," Arthur says. "He heard a voice telling him that he would be saved. Now, this man is studying God's Word with us."

Arthur's son also miraculously survived this battle. "He told me that he and his friend were riding in a car on the frontline," Arthur says. "They heard a loud whistle that was coming toward the car. As soon as they jumped out, the car exploded. They survived, but they saw many of their friends killed."

Today, Arthur and other local believers are leading Bible studies in several villages. Some days, they travel 25 to 30 miles to meet with those who want to know more about Jesus. Arthur will be the first to tell you that they are serving with love to glorify God.

Arthur, a ministry partner, leads a group of Christ followers. The area where he lives is torn apart by military struggles for land. Lives are often lost in these battles, but he remains confident in the power of God to come against all the forces of evil.

That September 2020 battle lasted for 44 days. During that time, Arthur provided first aid to the wounded and drove the most seriously injured from different outposts to the hospital. "As I drove, I heard God tell me, 'All those with you will be saved,'" he

CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY



MADONNA—The Philippines

"I love teaching children about Jesus," says Madonna, one of Reach A Village's ministry partners and a Values Education teacher in the Philippines. "I want to help them live a different way than I did. I still remember how I used to live before I came to know the Lord."

Madonna married at a young age. She and her husband engaged in many vices and unhealthy activities. "Our lives were totally a mess," she says. "We fought a lot. The least little things would easily start a big fight between us."

Living a miserable and hopeless life, Madonna and her husband began to look for answers to their problems. But they looked in all the wrong places. Madonna started to gamble, and her husband

drank too much. Their problems grew larger than any resources they had.

Then, they met Paulita, one of Reach A Village's ministry partners. She invited them to join a Bible study group and search for answers in God's Word. "We came to know the Lord because Paulita ministered to us and cared for us," Madonna says. "God's mercy and grace totally changed our lives. We gave up drinking and gambling. We started living for Jesus."

Today, Madonna and her husband have a child of their own. They have more opportunities to make sure the next generation knows about Jesus and His love and care for them. "We are so grateful to God for this blessing and all the blessings He has given us," she says. "We serve Him with all our hearts. He continues to bless us with the good things that money can't buy."

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS

Sharif* grew up in a Muslim household in a Muslim country. At age 10, however, he heard about Jesus from a group of Christians who came to his village. "I listened to them for a while, but I didn't understand anything," he says. "At age 19, I left my family and my country behind to work in Russia."

He recalls the feeling of freedom he had then. But that freedom soon resulted in bad decisions, and he served three years in prison. "I had no one else to blame for this trouble," he says. "So I blamed God and believed He had allowed all this to happen."

After his release, Sharif had to serve two more years in a prison camp. The Muslim influence was strong there, and he knew he had to make a choice about how he was going to live. He began to ask God to show him whether he should follow Jesus or Muhammad.

"About a month later, I went with Muslim friends to see a movie," Sharif says. "But that day, instead of a movie, there was a Christian gathering. I didn't understand anything I heard. But when they started singing a song I learned as a child, I felt like I was waking up from a dream. At that moment, God brought me back to Him."

God sent Oleg, a ministry partner, to visit Sharif in the camp. They began studying the Bible and praying together.

At the end of his sentence, Sharif was deported to his home country. He found a group of Christ followers and joined them. When he met Mayram, God confirmed that she was the woman he should marry. She already knew Jesus and prayed in His name.

With the help and support of his brothers and sisters in Christ, Sharif was able to open a café and a car wash. He and Mayram got married and just welcomed their third child into their family.

"Now, our whole family worships, prays and studies God's Word with other believers," Sharif says. "We serve the Lord together. I thank God for everything!"



SHARIF, MAYRAM AND FAMILY—Russia

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

RESEARCH & MAPPING

Reach A Village collaborates with other worldwide ministries to track the global spread of the Gospel. By contributing data to proven databases, we help provide the most accurate information possible for locating and reaching every unreached village with God's Word. As the Lord provides the tools for collecting and sharing such information, our ministry partners become better stewards of their time and resources. And more people are coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

In addition, Reach A Village continues to work with national partners in developing digital tools to assist them. As the internet becomes more available and accessible in unreached areas of the world, we have more ways to track local church planting teams and their activity as they reach into new areas. These digital tools manage many tasks related to fulfilling the Great Commission, including reaching everyone possible.

YEAR IN REVIEW

SEP-21

Bibles 4 New Believers **B4NB** launches!



OCT-21

In Lithuania, ministry partners study the Word of God with refugees from 10 different countries. They help provide clothing and basic necessities.



NOV-21

In the Philippines, 16 young people and two fathers are baptized in La Union province.



Andrea Hildebrant joins the U.S. team as Partner Relations Associate. She is an answer to prayer!

DEC-21

In Cambodia, Christmas celebration in the Village of Trapeang Veng.



In Bulgaria, Mitko — a ministry partner — and his family open their home for a Christmas service and a gift exchange for the children. Five people accept the Lord!



In the Philippines, an 83-year-old grandmother faithfully accompanies her three grandchildren to Values Education class each week.

JAN-22

In Cambodia, a group baptism takes place in Battambang province.



JAN-22

In the Philippines, Pastor Paulita, a ministry partner, leads her new discipleship group in her village.



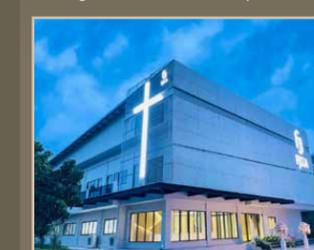
FEB-22

In Armenia, children receive the book "Bible in Pictures" after attending summer camp. Many parents and grandmothers report positive changes in their children. Families are now attending church together.



FEB-22

In Thailand, ministry partners dedicate a new training center in Phetchabun province.



EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS IN THAILAND!



Thailand has at least 77,000 villages. Reaching all these villages with the Gospel may seem like a daunting task. The enthusiasm of local believers as they travel, preach, teach and invite others to follow Jesus Christ remains strong.

In a four-year period — with Reach A Village's help — local believers have reached 2,200 of those villages with the Gospel. During the past year, they achieved their goal of reaching every village in Phichit province.

On July 12, 2022, Reach A Village's Thai ministry partners once again set a new record for the single largest baptism in the nation's history! That day 1,588 people took this step of faith. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of them had waited two years or more to be baptized.

Then, on August 1, another 585 people were baptized. Just two weeks later, 1,260 more people were baptized. Since these baptisms, our ministry partners are hearing numerous testimonies about freedom from addictions and miraculous healings.

Reach A Village team members from the U.S. — Ellis Craft, Erin Menke-Assam and Andrea Hildebrant — attended the August 1st baptisms. This was the first visit to Thailand for both Erin and Andrea. All three were given the honor of greeting these new followers of Jesus as they came out of the water.



"Seeing the ministry in action was wonderful," Andrea says. "The fellowship, team building and time of encouragement were very special for us."

While in Thailand, Ellis, Erin and Andrea also visited two house churches. They heard this inspiring testimony from a woman (inset) at one of the gatherings.



"Before I believed in Jesus, my granddaughter was sentenced to 30 years in prison," the woman said. "The pastor introduced me to Jesus and taught me how to pray for my granddaughter."

She prayed for Jesus to help her granddaughter and reduce the sentence. As she prayed, she also gathered with the local believers for worship, prayer and Bible study. Just five weeks after she began praying, her granddaughter called and told her, "I'm out of prison already." They are thanking God for this answer to her prayer. She is helping her granddaughter find a new life in Jesus.

Reach A Village's Thai ministry partners ask for our prayers. In 2023, their goal is to reach more than 1,000 villages, which would include all the villages in Phetchabun province.



MAR-22

In Romania, ministry partners print Scriptures for Ukrainian refugees.



MAY-22

In Ukraine, worship service is held in Bucha for the first time since the beginning of the war. Ministry partners provide Scripture materials. Over 1,200 people attend and ask for Bibles.



MAY-22

Jerry Bimber, ministry representative, is interviewed on the Tony and Austin Christian Worldview Show, 89.3 HIS Radio, Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina. The interview begins at 25:38.



JUN-22

In Central Thailand, village evangelism continues to grow.



JUL-22

In the Philippines, Pastor Johnny — a ministry partner — shares Jesus with 70 students at a sports complex in Apayao province.



JUL-22

Andrea, Ellis and Erin travel from the U.S. to visit central Thailand. They meet the local team, visit house churches and witness hundreds of people baptized. What a blessing!



AUG-22

Our partners in Poland continue to help Ukrainian refugees by providing them with food, clothes, and evangelistic materials.



AUG-22

In Armenia, summer camps came to a close. Over the summer, 2,180 youth participated!



AUG-22

Around Ukraine, summer camps and baptisms took place despite the ongoing war!



MEET OUR TEAM



Ellis Craft*
Vice President of International Ministry

Growing up in Thailand and the Philippines, where his parents were missionaries, was the beginning of the ministry God had for Ellis to do. Today, he interacts with Reach A Village's ministry partners worldwide and also assists with financial management and reporting.

Ellis attended Moody Bible Institute and University of Illinois Chicago, graduating with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He then did work for his master's degree in community development at North Park University and worked for two years on Chicago's South Side.

For the next 10 years, Ellis worked with the largest Illinois nonprofit provider of services for people with disabilities — eight

years in management and two years on staff development and training.

Sensing a deep call to ministry, Ellis entered Moody Theological Seminary in 2016. He completed a master's program in ministry leadership in 2018. He joined Reach A Village's staff in 2017.

Favorite verse:

—Romans 10:13-15

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"



Tim Trout*
Chief Financial Officer

With a financial and ministry background of over 35 years, Tim continues to use his gifts, talents and skills to serve our Lord. He joined Reach A Village's staff in 2019.

After college, Tim became a full-time pastor and served as a missionary to the Philippines. While on the field, he organized and managed finances to help make sure the ministry was effective and accountable to donors. When he returned to the United States, he earned an MBA in accounting and finance from

Keller Graduate School of Management and also became a CPA. His work experience includes chief financial officer and regional finance officer for two major international ministries.

Favorite verse:

—1 Chronicles 29:11-12, TLB

"Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might, and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength."



Erin Menke-Assam*
Director of Partner Development

"What a blessing to help people become part of fulfilling the Great Commission," Erin says. "We are all working together to see that the Gospel goes forth and people come into relationship with Christ."

Connecting and engaging partners in ministry is one of life's greatest joys for Erin. With Reach A Village since 2014 she oversees donor development, communications and international partnerships. She has vast experience in missions, training, research and development. Her research experience includes program evaluation, donor surveys and market research.

Erin completed a master's degree in international public service from DePaul University in 2011. This prepared her to fulfill God's call to serve with international Christian nonprofit organizations. A literacy master trainer, she has also played a key role in the planning and implementation of international literacy programs.

Today, Erin thanks God for the opportunity He has given her to be part of a ministry that is working to share the Gospel, disciple people and establish a thriving church in unreached villages.

Favorite Verse:

—Psalm 62:1

*Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.*



Andrea Hildebrant, Ph.D.
Partner Relations Associate

With nearly 20 years of youth/children's ministry and short-term missions experience, working with local churches and international partners, Andrea joined Reach A Village in 2021.

She graduated from Murray State University with Bachelor of Social Work and Master of Science in Human Development and Leadership degrees. In 2022, she completed a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies at the University of the Cumberlands.

Andrea's desire is to use her gifts and abilities to glorify Jesus and help others know and follow Him. She has experience as a social worker, college instructor and in working with vulnerable populations, such as individuals with disabilities and youth in foster care. In each job she has held, beginning with her position as director of a pregnancy center, she has developed her skills in managing staff and volunteers.

Favorite verse:

—Psalm 139 (entire chapter)



Jerry Bimber
Ministry Representative

Growing up as the son of a pastor and serving more than 30 years in pastoral ministry prepared Jerry for the work God has given him to do for Reach A Village. He joined Reach A Village's staff in 2019.

"My life purpose is to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He directs me," Jerry shares. "I first heard about Reach A Village while I was serving as a pastor in Lombard, Illinois. God placed in my heart a love for this ministry of reaching unreached villages."

Jerry attended Hobe Sound Bible College for three years, received his bachelor's degree from Malone College, and earned Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Previously a member of Reach A Village's board of directors, Jerry has also served on several other boards. He was a longtime member and past president of the Lombard Lions Club. For 12 years, he served on the school board in Villa Park, Illinois. From 2014 to 2019, he was a board member with the Carl F.H. Henry Center for Theological Understanding.

Favorite verse:

—1 John 2:17

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



Waldemar Kurz
Senior Advisor for Eurasia

Born in Kazakhstan (one of the Central Asian republics of the former Soviet Union) to German parents who were not Christians, Waldemar became a Christian at age 15. His sister, who had left home a few years earlier and found Christ, returned and shared her new faith

with him. He understands the importance of equipping believers to share the Gospel where they are.

Waldemar knows firsthand both the religious repression of Communist government and the spiritual hunger that was awakened when the Soviet empire crumbled. "As materialism creeps in, we see hearts closing to the Gospel," he says. "We are racing with time. Right now, the hearts of the people are still much more open than the hearts of those

in the West. Jesus says, 'Work while it is day, for the night is coming.' We must follow His command. We must work now."

Waldemar speaks English, German and Russian fluently. He has faithfully served this region over the past 24 years.

Favorite verse:

—Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Nikolay Ivanov
International Ministry Director for Eurasia

Born in Bulgaria during the Cold War, Nikolay began attending church in the 1980s. He vividly remembers receiving his first precious Bible when he was seven years old. During the next three years, he read the entire Bible three times. God was preparing this man to

bring His Word to the people of Eastern Europe.

At age 17, Nikolay started preaching and serving in his local church. At age 19, he became a youth pastor. By age 25, he was part of building a vibrant, new Christian community in Sofia, Bulgaria's capital.

In 2003, Nikolay began working with Bible League-Bulgaria and in 2011

became the national director. He is now based in Sofia for his work with Reach A Village. He officially joined our team in January 2022.

Nikolay completed his theological training at the Logos Bible Academy (2000). He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology at the South-West University (2005) and his master's degree in screenwriting at New Bulgarian University (2010).

Favorite verse:

—Psalm 50:15:

*and call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me.*

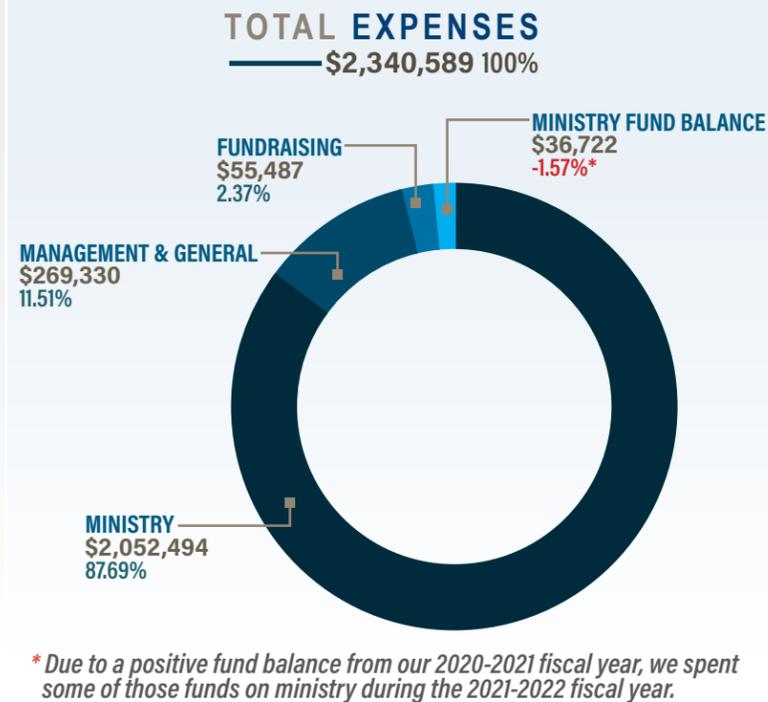
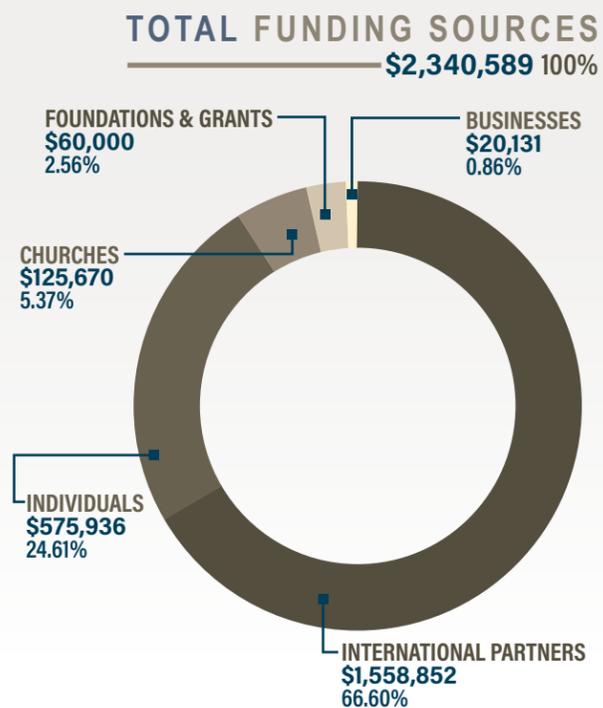
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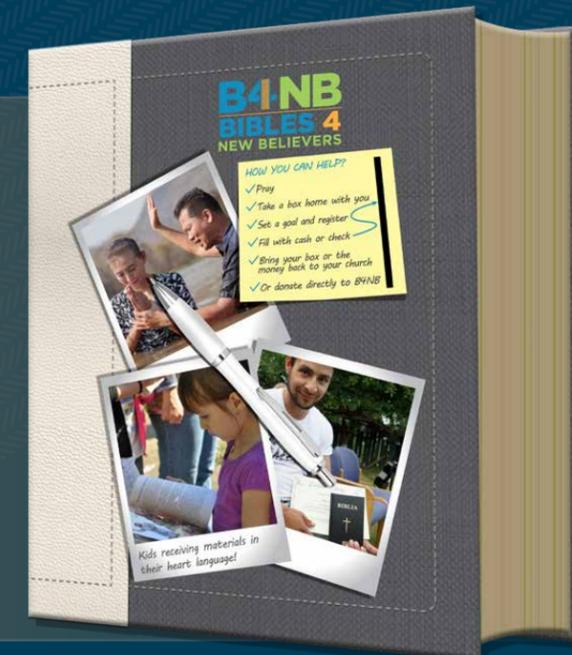
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Michigan

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