



REACH A VILLAGE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Cambodia

Making Disciples
OF ALL **NATIONS**

Greetings from the *President*



Fifty years ago, my wife, Ramona, and I began our Great Commission journey by leaving rural Alabama and heading to a missionary training school in Alberta, Canada. We knew we were called into missions, but we had no idea what that looked like or where that might take us.

Prayer was an important part of our journey. Ramona and I prayed about Bible translation work and even attended Wycliffe prayer meetings to learn as much as we could.

In chapel services at the Bible college where we attended, we were with students from more than 60 denominations who would be serving the Lord in almost as many nations and ministries after they graduated. This was indeed a great setting for biblical and practical studies that prepared us for missionary service.

There was a world to be reached, and we knew we had to do our part to help.

Ramona and I served as missionaries in Thailand, then later in the Philippines. That became the foundation on which the Lord would eventually lead us to begin and build Reach A Village. We knew there are hundreds of thousands of villages in our world with millions of people who remain unreached. Our assignment from the Lord was to reach the unreached with the Good News about Jesus.

As founder and president of Reach A Village, my driving force became the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 15:20, "It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known." But how could my meager efforts possibly make even a small difference in the face of such overwhelming need?"

"How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15). These words hold the keys to what Jesus himself modeled and what the Apostle Paul practiced.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.”
Matthew 28:18-19a



The Craft family served as missionaries in Thailand from 1979-1981.



Both Jesus and Paul trained and sent local disciples to make more disciples. Jesus started with Jewish disciples who were sent to Jewish people. Then he sent them to the Samaritans, and then to the Gentiles. Paul traveled with Barnabas, then trained Timothy and sent Titus, a pure Gentile, to reach deeper into the Gentile world.

That is our model. Train local disciples to reach and train more local disciples. Reach A Village helps train and send local disciples to go into unreached villages, proclaim the Gospel and make more local disciples!

Thank you for coming alongside us and joining in this life-changing ministry. In this 2025 Annual Report, you will see more evidence of what God is doing through the worldwide ministry of Reach A Village.

Robert Craft

Rev. Bob Craft
Reach A Village Founder and President

WHY *Villages*

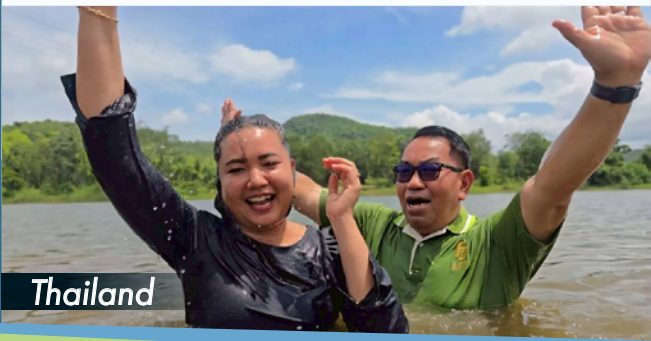
In our world today, there are still 3 billion people and approximately 1.7 million villages that have not heard the Gospel.

During his time as a missionary, Rev. Bob Craft saw that ministry efforts are often concentrated in cities, while small villages in remote, rural areas are neglected. These communities have no church or Christian presence.

In 2012, Bob founded Reach A Village to address this need. If nothing changes, it will take centuries to reach every village. They have already waited for 2,000 years. How much longer must they wait?

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Thailand

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.



4,949
Churches started



991,497
People who heard
the Gospel



1,647,638
Scriptures* provided

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



480,246
New people
in Bible studies



151,779
New believers



86,468
People who attended
training events

How do we help fulfill the *Great Commission?*

Then Jesus came to them and said,

18 All *Authority* in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus confirms His divine position of authority to authorize the Great Commission. Worldwide, our ministry partners feel a call from Jesus to share the Gospel in the unreached villages of their nations.



19 *Therefore Go*

About one-third of our yearly budget goes toward ministry mobilization costs so workers can go to rural, unreached villages.

and *Make Disciples*

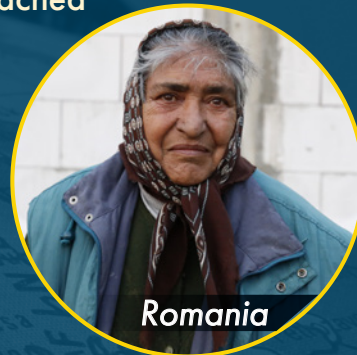
Our ministry leaders and local believers are trained, equipped and mentored to help take an unreached person through both an evangelism and discipleship process, while they study God's Word together. Another one-third of our annual budget is typically spent on training local Christian workers.

of all Nations

We currently serve 23 nations. See pages 14 and 15 for a list of every country. And we know that new believers often take the Gospel to friends and family members beyond a country's borders.

Baptizing them in the name of the *Father* and of the *Son* and of the *Holy Spirit*

"Baptism and Church Membership" is one specific training module for our church planting partners. They learn how they can help new believers take next steps to grow and mature in their faith.



Results since our founding in **2012**



**30,430
NEW
CHURCHES**



**31,472,067
SCRIPTURES***
PROVIDED



**10,563,183
PEOPLE WHO
HEARD THE
GOSPEL**



**1,972,837
NEW
BELIEVERS**

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

20 *Teaching them to obey everything*
I have commanded you

The last one-third of our annual budget is typically spent on Scripture materials, such as Bibles, New Testaments, specific portions of God's Word and children's Scriptures.

and surely
I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

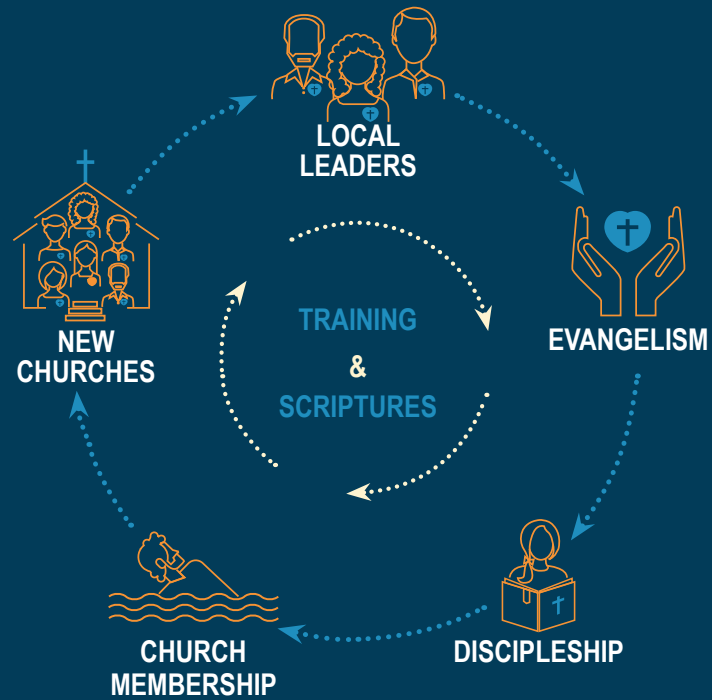
After Jesus completes this statement, He offers a word of encouragement and strength for the rest of the disciples' earthly ministry. We have that same assurance from Him.



Our Approach

We help provide quality training to local leaders in evangelism and discipleship to start new churches.

As more people come to know Jesus, churches are established and new believers are sharing the Gospel themselves!



Our Ministries

STARTING NEW CHURCHES

Local Christian leaders receive in-depth training and Scripture materials to minister to unreached villages. They build relationships, introduce people to Jesus and God's Word, start Bible studies and establish a new church.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY

Children are introduced to Jesus and study the Word of God through school outreach, summer camps, Vacation Bible Schools and children's Bible study groups right in their village.

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS

We help train and equip local church leaders to engage people in Bible studies for ongoing evangelistic outreach and discipleship. Our goal is for every new believer to receive a personal Bible in his or her heart language.

MAPPING AND RESEARCH

We are actively working to map unreached villages in parts of Southeast Asia and Eurasia. This research helps the global Church strategize and build partnerships to fulfill the Great Commission.

(These events took place during our 24-25 Fiscal Year (September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025))

SEPT 2024



▲ **The Philippines:** Leaders from the Philippines Values Education Program (PVEP) and Erin Menke-Assam attended a workshop at New Life Ministries in Tokyo, Japan, to launch a new Scripture project called the "Mango Messiah" in schools. *"Read more on pages 12-13."*



Serbia: Ministry partners launched a new church planting training group. For the first time, this training included ministry leaders from neighboring countries—Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro. Despite ongoing political tensions, believers are working together to serve the Lord. ▼

North Macedonia: Ministry partners began a new partnership with the Congregational Church, which led to the launch of a new training group for church planters.

Poland: Following severe flooding, destruction was immense. Reconstruction is expected to take 6–10 years. To help those affected, ministry partners quickly reprinted a booklet written specifically for flood victims. They are distributing the booklet along with humanitarian aid.

OCT 2024



◀ **Thailand:** 1,556 people were baptized at Khon Kaen on October 11th!

The Philippines: Bibles are going into school libraries because of Values Education ministry! Glory to God! Trained volunteer teachers are sharing God's Word in public schools, where principals are requesting them to come. ▶



▲ **U.S.:** RAV conducted our first Bible fundraiser on Life Changing Radio, a network in New England. Many thanks to the generous first-time givers who helped us exceed our goal and provide over 3,600 Bibles!



▲ **Poland:** Two men completed a Bible study program and received Bibles. They were baptized, by a long-term ministry partner, in the prison at the Rzeszow facility.

Bulgaria: Ministry partners conducted the fifth and final module of their church planter training. 30 participants successfully graduated! ▼



NOV 2024



▲ **Thailand:** 2,117 people were baptized at Phetchabun on November 29th!

Bulgaria: A new group of 30 people began church planting training. One participant shared that although he had attended numerous seminars, training sessions and conferences, this training was the most practical and directly relevant to his needs.



Ukraine: Ministry partners in Kyiv started organizing training for believers who are working with children. Those attending responded positively to the materials and the training. ▼

Board of Directors



Felipe Hernandez
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RAV Executive Team



Bob Craft
President and Founder
Founded RAV in 2012



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Serving since 2017



Tim Trout
Chief Finance Officer
Serving since 2018



Erin Menke-Assam
Vice President of Development
and Communications
Serving since 2014

2025 Ministry Results

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

People Who Attended Youth Training Events	11,737
Youth Who Heard The Gospel	448,129
New Youth In Groups/Classes	303,165
New Believers	69,120
Youth Baptized	3,948
Churches Started Through Children's Outreach	713



Armenia

CHURCH PLANTING AND ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

People Who Attended Adult Training Events	74,731
Adults Who Heard the Gospel	543,368
New Adults in Groups/Classes	177,081
New Believers	82,659
Adults Baptized	29,532
Churches Started	4,236



Myanmar

SCRIPTURES PROVIDED

Bibles	51,808
Study Bibles	4,538
New Testaments	214,175
Portions/Selections/Booklets	1,071,953
Children's Portions/Selections/Booklets	240,178
Children Story Bibles	64,986



Thailand

Financial Update

God continues to bless countless lives worldwide through the ministry of Reach A Village. And every blessing and miracle is made possible by your prayers and financial support.

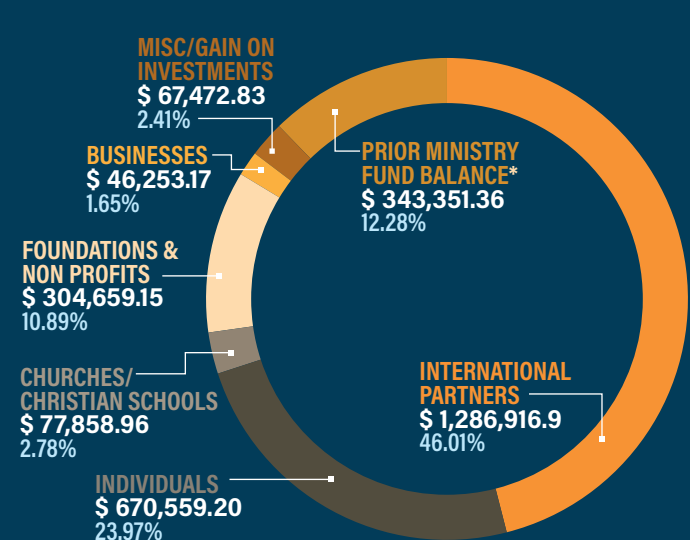
Since the ministry of Reach A Village began in 2012, we have looked in awe and wonder on God's provision—through you—to accomplish the ministry He has given us to do. In 2025, we witnessed the ministry impact of having the largest number of donors in the history of our ministry. Our ministry partners and U.S. team are deeply encouraged by this support.

Be assured that your gifts are used for sharing the Gospel and building God's Kingdom. Bible League Canada and Reach A Village continue a long-standing partnership of faithful service. Reach A Village has a 4 out of 4-star rating on Charity Navigator and continues to be accredited by ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability). As an even greater means of accountability, our most recent IRS Form 990s are available at ReachAVillage/990s

In 2025, approximately 80 percent of funds received went directly to supporting international ministry programs. Continue to give with confidence, knowing that Reach A Village is fully committed to ministry integrity, transparency and proper financial oversight.

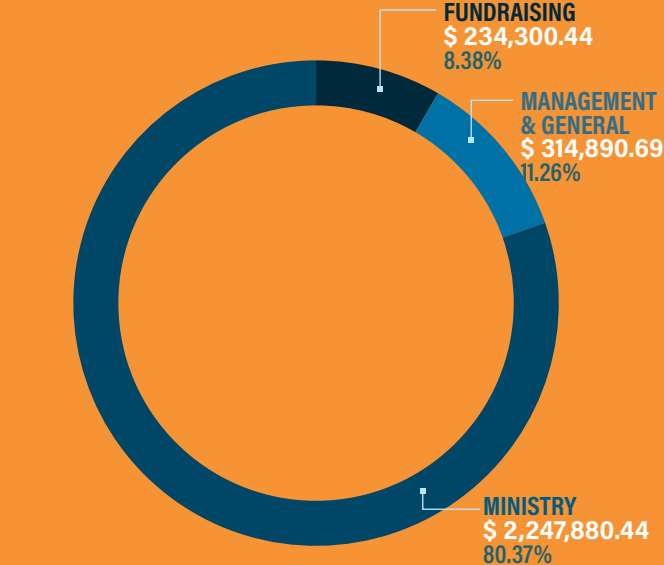
Total Funding Sources

\$2,797,072
100%



Total Expenses

\$2,797,072
100%



*Reflects ministry funds carried over from the prior fiscal year.

Year in Review

DEC 2024



▲ Albania: Opening day and evangelism event at a new church in Përrenjas on Christmas Day.



▲ Lithuania: A 10-day Missionary Bible School for teenagers—organized by ministry partner, Nikolay—included 17 participants and a team of 6 staff members. Training consisted of four sessions, prayer time and small group discussions.

Armenia: Ministry partners celebrated the opening of a Kurdish church in the Ararat region. This church began as a home church years ago. The pastor, Tengiz, is now part of a church planter training group. ▶



JAN 2025



◀ Cambodia: Ellis Craft attended the Annual Meeting for the Cambodian Christian Churches Network in Phnom Penh.

Philippines: First implementation ever of "Manga Messiah" in General Santos City. ▼



FEB 2025



▲ Serbia: Local believers from several churches brought 200 people together for a Christmas celebration. They rented a restaurant to accommodate the crowd. During this event, some people started their walk with Christ and expressed interest in baptism as well.



▲ Thailand 1,011 people were baptized in Khon Kaen!



▲ Bulgaria: On February 8th, ministry partners hosted a training session for local kindergarten teachers and directors. The mayor also came. Training focused on integrating Christian values into the education process. From this training, 7 new kindergartens—200 children—will begin using the materials.

◀ North Macedonia: On February 2nd, ministry partners joined other Christian groups to host "Night to Shine" prom night for those with special needs. Each attendee received Gospel booklets and a personal gift.



▲ North Macedonia: New church planting classes began in partnership with the Congregational Church.

Light in the Darkness

Myanmar UPDATE



Civil war. Displaced people. Buddhism. Islam. Persecution.
And if life wasn't challenging enough
in Myanmar, an **earthquake**
devastated this country on March 28, 2025.

This was the most powerful earthquake there since 1912 and the second deadliest in modern history. The population of Myanmar is nearly 58 million. More than 5,000 people died; more than 11,000 were injured; and hundreds were reported missing.

More than 120,000 homes and more than 1,000 government buildings were damaged. According to a May 2025 report from the World Bank, structural damage from the earthquake was estimated at approximately \$11 billion, or 14% of Myanmar's GDP (Gross Domestic Product).

Shine God's light

"By God's grace, some Burmese Buddhists have come to Christ, and we have trained them as disciples and now pastors," says Michael, ministry director for Myanmar. "Since they know the culture and context so well, they are sharing the Gospel with their own people, with wisdom and sensitivity."

Reach A Village is connected with a network of 3,000 churches in Myanmar to make sure the Gospel continues to go forth. If you're looking for a modern-day miracle, this fact will surely qualify.

Bob Craft, founder and president of Reach A Village, began his relationship with Michael over 23 years ago. Weekly, Michael provides updates about the situation in his country and the people's needs with the RAV ministry team.



Amid all these difficulties,
God's light continues to shine
in this predominantly Buddhist country!



Let God's light shine brighter

Ministry partners, ministry leaders and local believers in Myanmar are assisting earthquake survivors in many ways. Improving living conditions is their primary focus. Supported by your prayers and financial gifts, they have already helped more than 500 households and more than 1,500 adults and children with:

- **Pure drinking water:** Teams have successfully dug five wells in the most critically affected areas where the cost and scarcity of water are very high. These wells now provide clean water for 275 families. In other areas, they have provided water purifier machines and pure bottled water to ensure safe drinking water while community wells stabilize. Access to clean water has reduced the incidence of waterborne illnesses.
- **Housing:** In the most devastated areas, teams have constructed low cost, temporary houses using bamboo, available materials and palm leaves. These shelters provide immediate protection from the elements for more than 400 families who previously had inadequate or no housing.
- **Food and basic needs:** Teams have distributed essential non-food items, including clothing, hygiene kits and household necessities. They are also providing nutrition support packages and medicine biscuit packages to assist with basic nutritional needs.

All this is done in the name of Jesus and for the glory of God. In addition to this support, our Burmese partners reported 223,215 people who heard the Gospel, 14,223 new believers in Christ and 193 new churches were established this year!

"Many Buddhist temples and pagodas collapsed in the earthquake," Michael says. "We believe God is shaking not just physical buildings, but also the spiritual foundations our people have long trusted. Out of the sorrow and chaos, many have begun to 'taste and see that the Lord is good.' Now, the door is wide open for the Gospel. Communities that once seemed hard and unreached are becoming soft to the Gospel. We are pouring ourselves into preaching, baptizing, discipling and planting more churches. It is not by our strength but by 'the Spirit of the Living God.' Thank you for walking with us."



FEB
2025



◀ **Thailand:** A new district church opened in Chaiyaphum province.

North Macedonia: Church planting program graduates in Kavadarci with trainer Goran. ▶



MAR
2025



◀ **U.S.:** RAV team has in-person meetings in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in conjunction with a ministry/informational event at Grace House Church in Florence, Alabama.

U.S.: On March 25-27, RAV partnered with WORD.FM to raise funds for Bibles for new believers. Enough funds were raised to provide over 2,800 Bibles! ▼

WORD 101.5 FM
Sharing the Word that Changes the World



◀ **The Philippines:** Students and other new believers receive Bibles at Lapasan National High School on March 20th.

APR
2025



◀ **Cambodia:** 140 people baptized in Kampot Province!



▶ **Armenia:** Churches celebrated Easter Sunday with outreach events, including a theater production of Bartimaeus' healing and willingness to follow Christ. Children participated in the celebrations.

MAY
2025



▶ **Cambodia:** Graduation for church planting students of the Cambodia Christian Church Network Council and Our Village Gospel International.

Romania: Church planter training in Buzau, including students from Ukraine, Moldova and northeastern Romania. ▶



wfrn
▶ **U.S.:** RAV partnered with WFRN radio for a one-day campaign to raise funds for Myanmar ministry and earthquake relief. Over \$37,000 was raised in total!



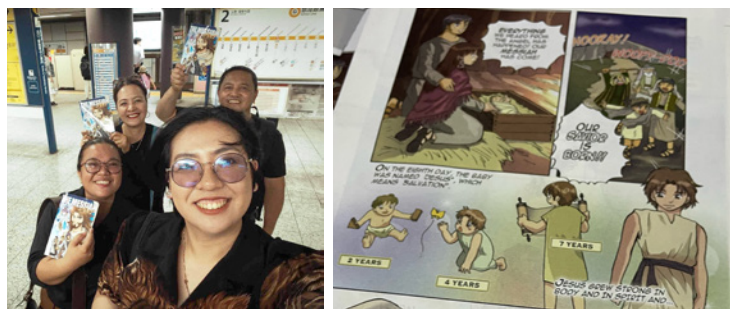
THE PHILIPPINES

Update THE MANGA MESSIAH PROJECT IS IMPACTING 57,000 FILIPINO SCHOOLCHILDREN FOR CHRIST!

What if there was an **exciting, attractive, contemporary** way to tell children about Jesus while preserving the truth of God's Word?

The Manga Messiah Project has found a way! Specifically, this project focuses on sharing Bible stories about Jesus from the Gospels in the manga (comic book, graphic) style to reach children with the Good News in a way they can easily understand.

In 2024, Reach A Village entered into The Manga Messiah Project partnership with New Life Ministries in Tokyo, Japan. In September 2024, Erin Menke-Assam of Reach A Village's U.S. team joined the Philippines Values Education Program (PVEP) staff for training in Tokyo to learn how to begin using this special children's Bible study resource.



Currently, The Manga Messiah Project is a collaborative educational initiative spearheaded by four key organizations: PVEP, New Life Ministries Japan, Reach A Village, and NEXT Manga. The project aims to engage Filipino children and youth by introducing them to foundational Christian values through culturally adapted, illustrated literature inspired by the life of Yeshua (Jesus Christ).

Through this partnership, PVEP Values Advocates (program leaders and teachers who go into the schools) are implementing a structured six-lesson program for elementary and high school students using three primary materials: Manga Messiah Booklet, Manga Messiah Study Guide and Manga Messiah Big Book. Through the generosity of donors, Reach A Village was initially able to provide 57,000 copies of each of these resources plus 3,002 copies of the "How to Teach" manuals for the Advocates. Due to shipping delays, 24,000 copies were distributed in the 2024-2025 school year and the rest to be placed in the next year.

These resources combine visual storytelling with interactive lessons to help improve students' biblical literacy, moral reasoning, and deeper engagement with the Values Education lessons. PVEP is already conducting workshops to train Values Advocates to use the materials effectively. Advocates are equipped with practical strategies for literacy integration and values-based instruction. These workshops are led by trained instructors who attended the original training workshop in Japan.

Despite some challenges with shipping and distribution, the Manga Messiah Project positively contributed to reaching

52,062 students in 2025. Many of the students report increased interest and comprehension of Jesus' life and teachings because of these resources. Teachers and school leaders report improved literacy, attention span, and classroom behavior among their students. The distribution of materials to each student actually empowers students, especially in under-resourced classrooms and schools.

PVEP Advocates report that students demonstrate initiative, often reading ahead, sharing materials with peers and family, and leading informal peer discussions. As one Advocate said, "The visual format makes complex biblical teachings more relatable and digestible for students, especially for those who are struggling with reading activities."

The Manga Messiah Project is impacting **57,000 Filipino** schoolchildren for Christ!

Elvira is one of the PVEP Advocates, teaching grade 8 and grade 9 students. "I'm always amazed when I discover that many of our students don't know the story of our Messiah, Jesus," she says. "With The Manga Messiah Project resources, every PVEP session is a day of excitement and joy. Most of the students are excited as they read through the pages. They spend most of their time reading and doing their Messiah learning activities. This is a great strategy for winning souls for Christ. Your investment in this project is already bearing fruit."

Year in Review



▲ U.S.: Jerry Bimber represented RAV at the Florida Homeschool Convention and displayed "The World's Greatest Rescue" Mission curriculum.



▲ Thailand: 2,016 new believers took the step of baptism! RAV was able to provide 1,200 Bibles for those baptized on June 12th.



◀ Ukraine: A camp held for orphaned children and those from troubled families (stemming from alcohol, drugs, etc) was held in the mountains of Transcarpathia. Thanks to funding from RAV, 80 children were able to attend and experience a wonderful retreat free from anxiety and the stress of war, all the while hearing God's Word and learning about faith.



▲ Philippines: PVEP orientation conducted at The Word For Everyone Church, the church of professional boxer Manny Pacquiao, in General Santos City.



▲ Cambodia: Violent skirmishes along the Thai-Cambodian border caused over 100,000 people to flee their homes. Our partners shared the Good News to displaced people in one refugee camp, and 80 people have trusted in Jesus!



▲ Cambodia: The team gathered from across the nation for a fiscal year end meeting.

Research and Mapping

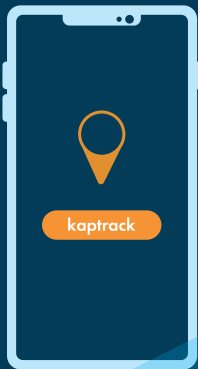
KapTrack is an app originally created to meet the needs of the growing network of local churches in Thailand. In 2025, this effective and useful app became globally available.

Reach A Village is working to adapt this app as a tool for use by our ministry partners in Eurasia and Southeast Asia. Development efforts have already begun in Bulgaria and Cambodia. Ministry partners in both countries are working on the translation aspects of the project and hope to begin testing the app during the 2026 fiscal year.

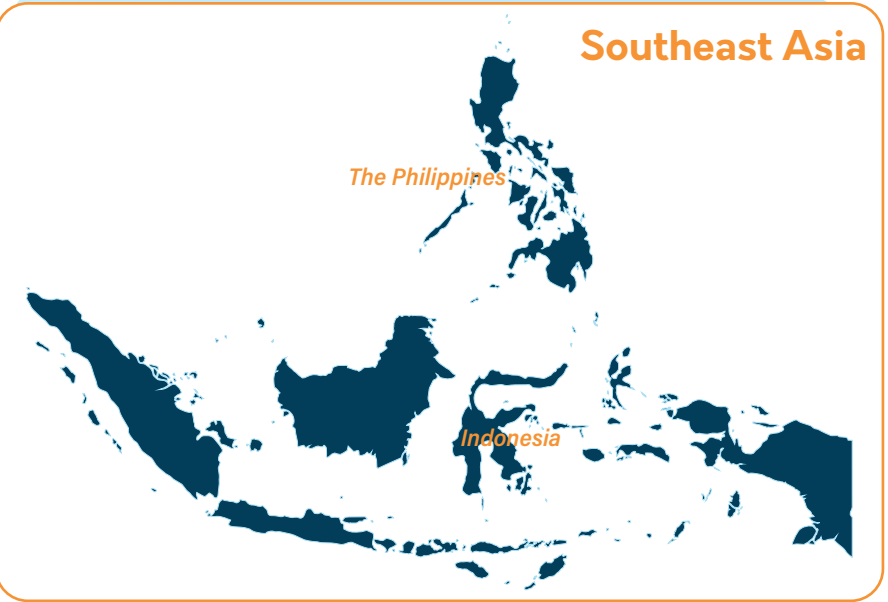
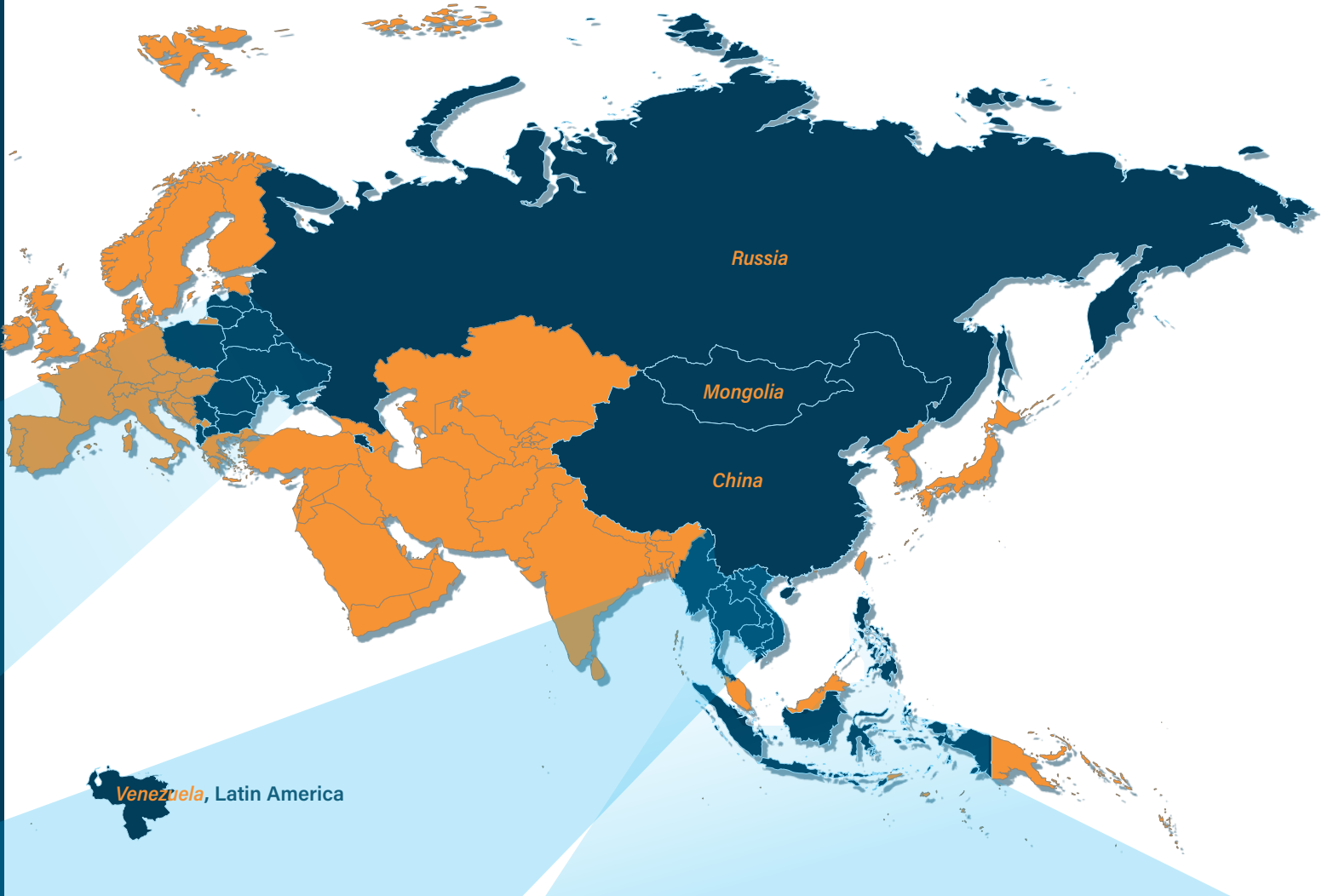
KapTrack provides tools for data collection in the areas where our ministry leaders and local believers are working, as well as for the tracking and quick analysis of ministry efforts in real time. These dynamic features help our partners to make quicker decisions in the field. This app also monitors more closely the areas in which ministry teams are working, as well as successes and challenges they are experiencing.

As KapTrack continues to be implemented, the technology teams will have to make adjustments for differences in the various countries where ministry is already taking place. Security concerns are also being addressed in order to keep our partners and their church networks safe.

Please keep the implementation and use of KapTrack in your prayers. We are believing and trusting that God is providing this tool to help bring the Kingdom of God to more of the last, the least and the lost.



Blue areas denote nations where RAV currently serves.



Testimonials

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS // Armenia

Lukas, a ministry leader in Armenia, began ministering to a family that, though financially stable, was spiritually distant from God. Their son, Gor, was dealing with drug addiction and heading down a destructive path.

Desperate for help, the family turned to a neighbor. She suggested that Lukas, a follower of Jesus, come and pray with them. They welcomed Lukas into their home. Together, they cried out to the Lord in prayer.

God answered in many ways! Eventually, even Gor joined the prayer group. Soon, he shared that, by God's grace, he was completely free from addiction. Gor's mother hosted a celebration to honor the miracle of her son's transformation. Overjoyed by her son's healing and freedom, she gave her life to Christ.

Now, Gor's family generously provides space for believers to gather for worship, prayer and Bible study in their village. Many non-believers are visiting the group and bringing their struggles, prayers and praises to God.

God continues to answer prayers. More people have accepted Christ and joined this group of believers. "My family's testimony has become a source of light and hope for the entire village," Gor says. "This group of believers is continuing to grow, and we are praying for a larger meeting space."



Gor (right)

STARTING NEW CHURCHES // Thailand

Thanida met Jesus at a time in her life when she thought she didn't even need Him. "I had everything that people typically call happiness—a loving family, good friends, a stable social status," she says. "But I still felt like there was something that could fill the longing inside me."

One day, a group of Christ followers in her village invited her to join them for a Bible study. As she sat with the group and listened, one teaching touched her heart: "Jesus loves you, even when you cannot love yourself."

"I started to experience a powerful sense of healing," Thanida says. "I quietly began to pray. I asked Jesus to come into my life and make me a new person."

As Thanida continues to study the Bible, pray and worship God with this group of believers, she is gaining a new understanding of unconditional love. "Jesus teaches me to love myself and others sincerely," she says. "Not because of perfection or success, but because everyone has value in His eyes. This is the beginning of a new life for me."

Welcoming new people into their church family and sharing her faith with others make every day exciting. She wants everyone to know that Jesus is there for them, no matter what they are experiencing in life.

"Sometimes I wonder why I didn't find Jesus sooner," Thanida says. "Every day of my life is a gift from Jesus. And every second with Him is a new opportunity to love deeper and walk closer with Him."



Thanida

PERSECUTED // China

China—with 1.4 billion people, which is one-fifth of the world's population—accounts for one-third of the world's reported fish production. It is also a major importer of seafood. The country's seafood market is estimated to be near \$50 billion. A growing number of people are employed in this industry to keep it functioning and growing. Zimo* is one of them. He also knows what being a fisher of men means.



In the winter of 2024, Zimo lost everything in seafood trading at his local market. His gambling debts were piling up, his alcohol consumption was increasing, and his life looked hopeless.

"I remember the day I squatted on a reef near Yantai Mountain," he says. "I was holding an empty wine bottle in my hand, and the waves of the Yellow Sea were soaking my trouser legs."

When his phone rang, Zimo didn't answer it. But he did listen to the voicemail message from his daughter: "Dad, Mom said that if you don't come home, I will really become a fatherless child."

Zimo was shivering and struggling to reply to his daughter's message. Suddenly, Yun—an old man who collected rags in the market—came up to Zimo and stuffed a crumpled note into his pocket. Zimo still remembers what he read on that note: There will be food at Gansu Road Church tonight. Come and eat.

Wanting a hot meal and a warm, safe place to rest, Zimo went to the church that night. "As soon as I opened the door, I heard women singing 'Jesus Loves You' in the Yantai

language," Zimo recalls. "The warmth of the room mixed with the aroma of millet porridge brought me such comfort."

As he sat down to eat, Zimo began to listen to the pastor who was standing on the stage at the end of the room and talking about a man named Peter. Zimo knew right away that he had a lot in common with Peter. "The pastor was talking about how Peter was sometimes desperate," Zimo says. "He was going out to sea every day and not catching any fish. Isn't Peter just like me?"

When the sermon ended, Yun grabbed Zimo and said, "Young man, the Lord Jesus can mend people's hearts that are worse than a broken ship."

That night, Zimo returned to the beach, threw all his playing cards into the sea, and shouted into the darkness: "God, if you are really alive, let me live again!"

Now every day, before dawn, Zimo goes to the seafood market and works as a laborer. He is gradually paying off his debts, and he gave up gambling and drinking. His daughter has noticed changes in her father, too. She comes closer to him and tells him that he smells good now instead of smelling like alcohol.

Zimo was recently baptized in the Yellow Sea. "The seawater was so cold," he says. "I believed the pastor when he said that in baptism, the old man sinks, and the new man floats up! I know that the days ahead will be difficult, but like the lighthouse on Yantai Mountain, there is finally a light in my dark night. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me."

**The name in this testimony has been changed due to security concerns.*

CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY // Ukraine

Khrystyna and her younger brother, Vasyl, are displaced children living in Ukraine. There are more than 4 million children believed to have been displaced because of the war that began in February 2022. That is more than half of the country's total number of children.



Their home in a small village was destroyed during an attack. Loss experienced at a young age leaves a lasting impact, making it harder for children—and adults—to open their hearts to Christ.

Miraculously, God preserved their lives, and their family found shelter with a group of local believers in a new village. One of the believers gave Khrystyna a book about Jesus, and they read the book together. Khrystyna cried as they read. "Now I have my own book," she says. "When the bad drone hit our house, we had to run away. I couldn't bring my favorite toys and books with me. But now I have a new book."

Their mother says that Khrystyna asks to hear stories from her new book every night. "My daughter smiles more and sleeps peacefully now," her mother says. "She tells us, 'God is very big, He protects us, and He loves us.'"

Encouraged by a ministry leader, the mother is now studying the Bible. Join us in praying that God will transform this family's life and bring back joy to their hearts.

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Vasyl and Khrystyna

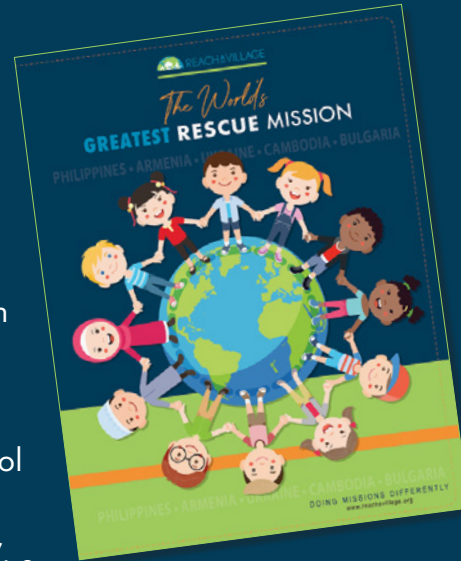
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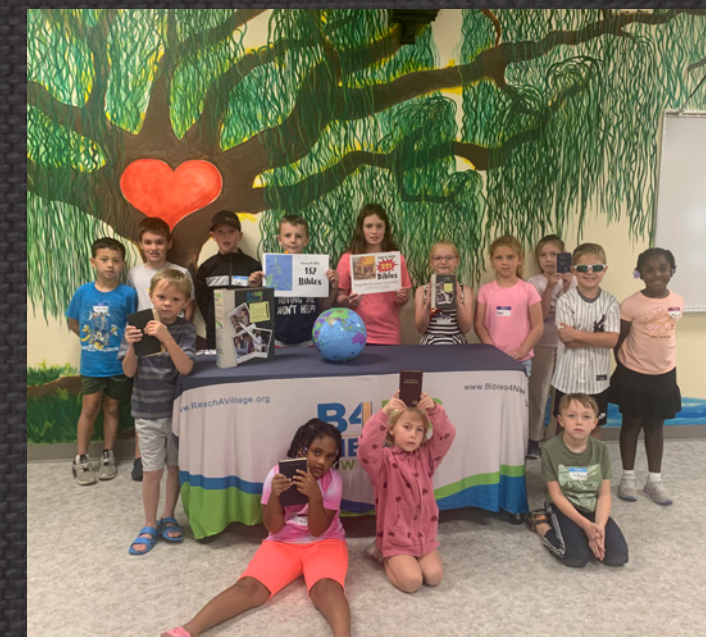
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