

# Heritage

A Commemorative Publication  
Celebrating 90 Years of World Outreach



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# Welcome.

Welcome to this special publication commemorating and celebrating the 90th anniversary of World Outreach.

It was on 31st March, 1932, that our founder, Dr Len Jones, registered the name, 'Russian and Eastern European Mission' (now World Outreach) in New Zealand.

Our theme this anniversary year (2022) is 'Heritage', which is honouring and celebrating the faithful, dedicated and sacrificial people who laid the foundation for what is being accomplished across 70 countries today.

In this booklet, we'll look back at the birth of World Outreach, provide an updated profile on Len Jones, and look at a timeline contrasting major world events over the decades with the development of World Outreach. One of the reasons we're doing this is to highlight that, despite significant global upheavals, the Lord continues to providentially work fulfilling his mission through his church by the Spirit's power to bring people to himself.

Later in this publication, we'll explore how World Outreach began in some of our key fields, such as: Thailand, Egypt, South Africa, Indonesia and India. In addition, we have some charts and graphs to help display some key places and events in World Outreach's history, and to illustrate the growth of the mission. We also have three of the former International Directors providing congratulatory messages and reflections.

Looking back at our **heritage** shows us our **navigation**, but our **vision** gives us our **destination**.

**We honour the past, we embrace the present and we excitedly anticipate the future.** In different words, we celebrate what God has done, we engage with what God is doing, and we prepare for all that God will do.

We enthusiastically invite you to read every word as we take you on a journey from our humble, faith-filled beginnings to be poised at one of the most pivotal moments in modern day missions.

We give glory to God for all he has done and live in expectancy for all he will do in the years ahead.

*Bruce Hills*

International Director



# Our History.

Our founder, Len Jones, was born in Fremantle, Western Australia, on 10th August, 1900, the youngest son of a Welsh coalminer, John Jones, and his wife, Jane, who'd emigrated to Australia to work in the gold mines. Not much is known of his early life, but as a young adult Len worked as an Accountant in Melbourne



Back row: Will, Jane Elizabeth (Mother) and Alec  
Front row: Warrigal (dog), Edna (sitting on lap) John Jones (Father – seated) Len John Jones

In 1923 he was converted at a Methodist Church in South Melbourne. About a year later, in response to a call of God to ministry, Len attended the Melbourne Bible Institute and trained under prominent Anglican minister – Rev C.H. Nash.

Len preached regularly in Melbourne and Tasmania before ministering overseas in the USA, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand. On one of his trips to New Zealand, he met his future wife, Sheila Biggin.

However, Len had made plans to travel to Canada to complete his studies. Sheila followed later and married Len in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1928. They ended up having four children: Bedford (11.07.1929), Phebe (17.08.1930), Seth (26.4.1932) and John (11.4.1936).



Len and Sheila Jones with two of their children

In the late 1920s, Len pastored a relatively large church (for its day) in London. On 30th September, 1931, he was invited to lecture at the Danzig Bible College, subsequently relocating there in due course. While lecturing, he was asked to visit White Russia (now Belarus), where he received a distinct and life-changing call to missions.

While visiting White Russia, through the work of a North American organisation named the 'Russian and Eastern European Mission' (REEM), Len witnessed large numbers of Russians being baptised, and great crowds of people packing into meeting halls to hear God's word, where services would last four to five hours. Len later wrote, 'I knew I would never be the same again...I came face-to-face with how my life could best count for God, and my decision was missions, and I have never once questioned that decision.'

Tragically, Len and Sheila's eldest son, Bedford, died at age 2½ of meningitis in late 1931. On his way home from Danzig to comfort his grieving wife in New Zealand, Len received an invitation from REEM asking him to be their representative in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. He responded affirmatively. Not long afterward, on 31st March, 1932, Len registered the 'REEM' (which is now known as 'World Outreach').

Len's focus for the next few years was deputation for REEM across Australia and NZ. REEM's post-communist focus was the displaced Slavs in nations where they had emigrated. In March 1952, it changed its name to the Eastern European Mission (EEM). Len heavily promoted their work in South America. In addition, he developed an itinerate ministry, alternating every six months between Australia and New Zealand, and, in 1938, co-founded the Evidence magazine (now called the Nations magazine).



Len Jones during his service in WW2

Len continued his ministry until the outbreak of World War Two. During the war, Len served in charge of the Australian YMCA forces in the Middle East and the Pacific, holding a rank equivalent to a Lieutenant Colonel.

After the War, Len assisted the EEM work with people of Slavic background in Australia, but as the Slavic people become assimilated into their adopted nation, this work began to wind down. However, new opportunities began to open in the Asia/Pacific region, so in June, 1952, the name was changed from EEM to the Slavic and Oriental Mission (SOM).



# Locations

of World Outreach's International Office.



**1932 - 1974**  
Wanganui / Wellington, New Zealand

**1975 - 1983**  
Wellington, NZ, and Dallas, USA

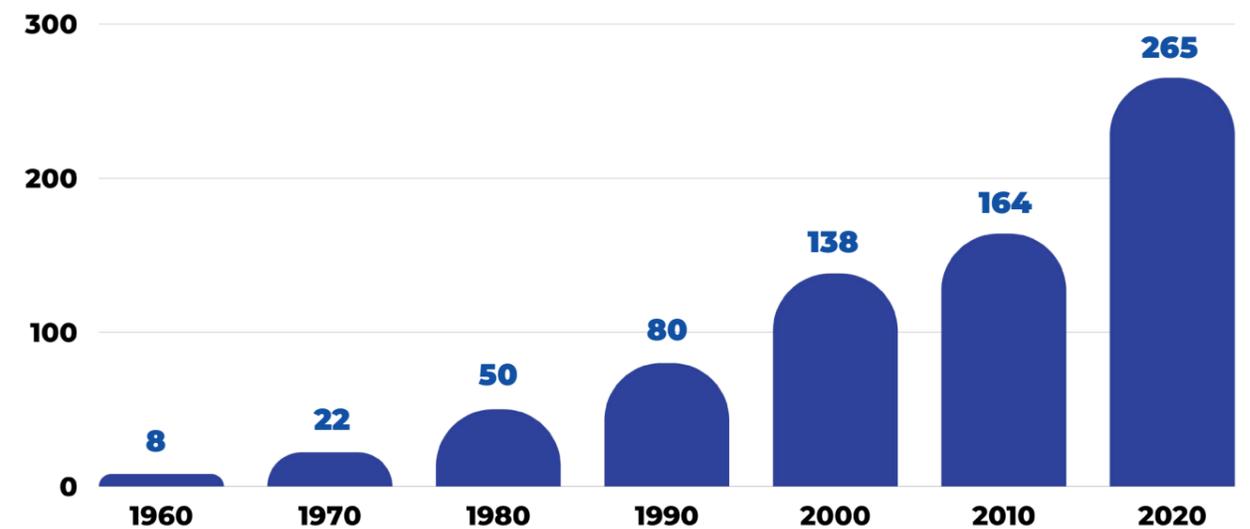
**1983 - 1995**  
Hong Kong

**1995 - 2017**  
Singapore

**2017 - present**  
New Zealand (registered office)

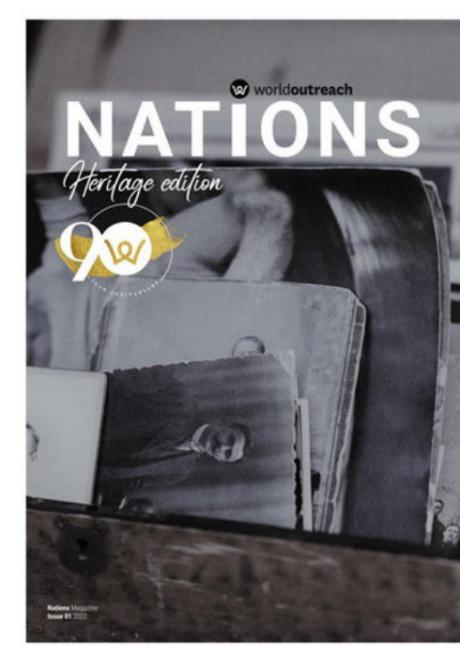
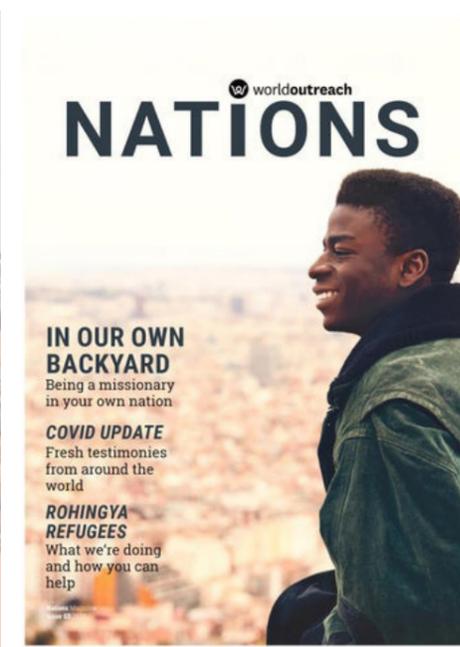
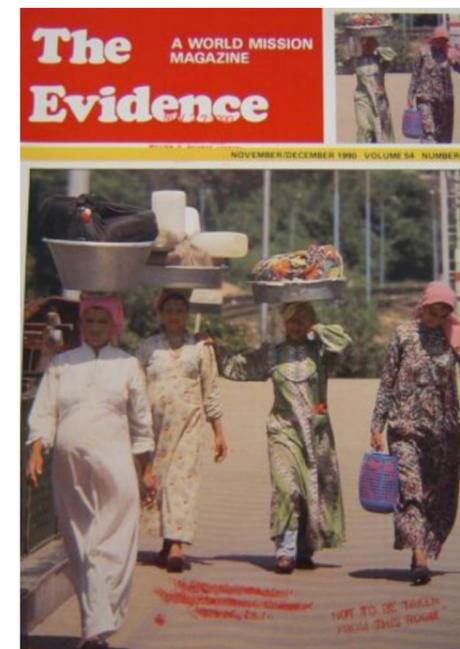
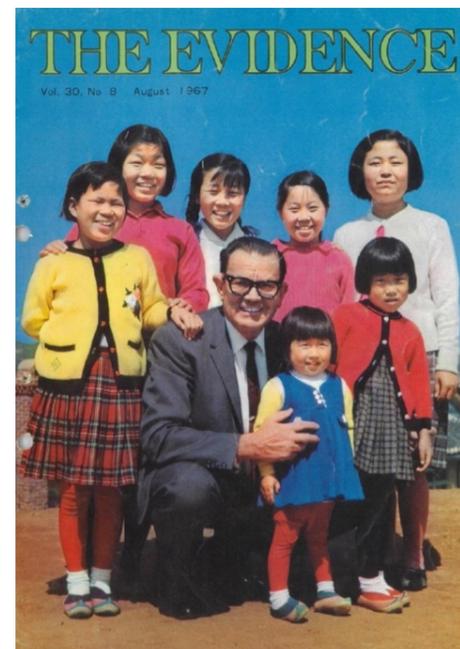
# Missionaries

on the field since 1960.



# Nations Magazine.

The Nations magazine was first published in 1938 under the name of Evidence. In 1995, the name was changed to the New Evidence. Then in 2004 it was changed again to the Nations Magazine. Today, it is not only in printed form but comes digitally. There are three editions created a year, which are distributed to thousands of people across the world through the post or electronically.

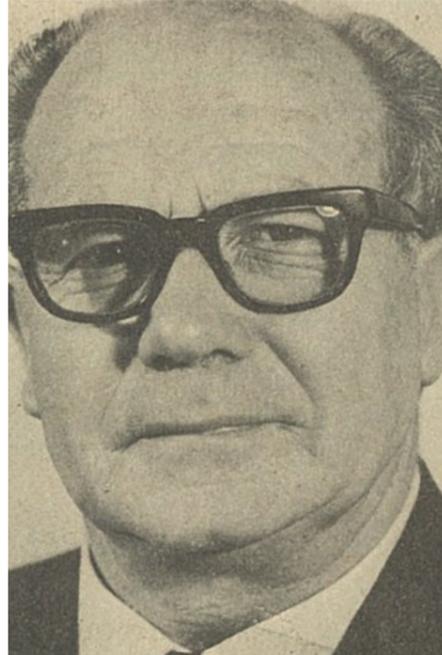


# International Directors.



**Dr Len J Jones (Founder)**

- Australian
- 1932-1974
- 42 years served



**Charles Bilby**

- New Zealander
- 1974-1975
- 1 year served



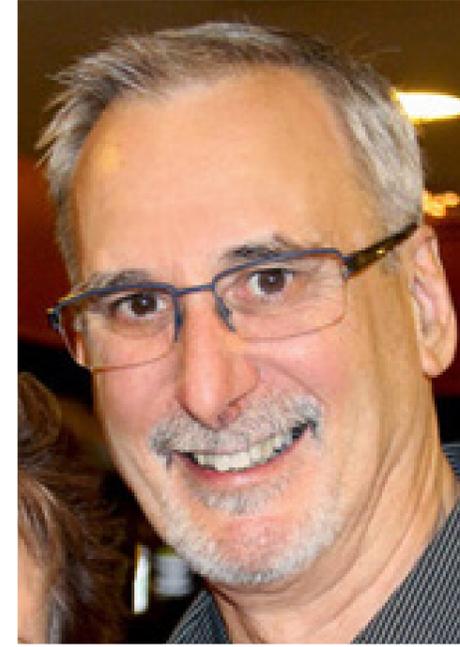
**Donald Crosbie**

- New Zealander
- 1975 - 1983
- 8 years served



**Bill Molenkamp**

- Dutch
- 1984 - 1995
- 12 years served



**John Elliott**

- New Zealander
- 1995-2016
- 22 years served



**Brue Hills**

- Australian
- 2017 - present
- 5+ years served

# A letter from Don Crosbie.

**Don served as International Director from 1975 - 1983.**

*(Pictured: from left Bill Molemkamp, Don Crosbie and John Pasterkamp)*

Congratulations to World Outreach on its 90th anniversary. My personal connection goes back a long way to when Len Jones was director and Chas Bilby was New Zealand director. This is the late 50's and early 60's. I still recall Len Jones visiting our church, showing slides and presenting the challenge of the missionary call.

In addition, Dal and Dorothy Walker (WO's first missionaries in Indonesia), became my parents-in-law when I married their daughter, Valmae, in 1965. Valmae and I left for the mission field in 1966, spending one year in the Philippines and, following that, 7 years in Indonesia. It was there that we formally linked up with World Outreach (WO) as we ministered in Indonesia through radio, literature, evangelistic crusades and a Bible correspondence course.

In the mid-1970s, I was pastor of a church in Wellington, New Zealand (NZ), when the call came from Chas Bilby (then International Director of WO), asking me to consider becoming International Director in his place. I agreed and served 7 years in that capacity, first based out of Wellington, NZ, then for 3 years out of Dallas, Texas.

During my tenure, among other duties, we initiated a ministry in Egypt through pastor's seminars and leadership training. I believe this was the first time that WO opened a ministry in the Middle East.

In 1983 I resigned to pursue a political run for the NZ Parliament and passed the baton to Bill Molenkamp, a long-time ministry associate and WO missionary.

World Outreach continued to grow over the years and now has reached its 90th anniversary. Our prayer is that it will continue to fulfil its mission worldwide, maintain its purpose of reaching all people with the gospel, and equipping pastors and other leaders as they grow in the Lord.

*Don Crosbie - Dallas, Texas, USA*



# A letter from Bill Molenkamp.

**Bill served as International Director from 1984 – 1995.**

First of all, my wife, Fanny, and I want to congratulate the leadership and all members of the World Outreach family on its 90th Anniversary!

Ninety years of total commitment to the cause of Christ and his Kingdom is something to celebrate and give thanks for! Thanks be to God for his faithfulness, and also, of course, a big 'thank you' to the many faithful missionaries and national workers in many countries of the world. And not forgetting, the thousands of faithful supporters from churches all over the world. God and his people have been faithful. For that we give thanks!

I first contacted World Outreach at a very decisive and formative year in my life, in the late 1950's when studying in England. World Outreach was at that time known as the 'Slavic and Oriental Mission.' After several talks in the mission's office in Dorchester, England, and correspondence with David Greening, the British Director, and with Len Jones from Wanganui, New Zealand, I was accepted as a World Outreach missionary to Japan, working with Literature, Radio and Bible Correspondence

Courses. I had the privilege for some years to meet, talk, and work with Len Jones in his dynamic leadership-visits to Japan. What an inspirational man he was, always thinking big and visionary, but, at the same time, humble enough to accept a young man's advice on doing things differently in Japan. I grew under Len Jones in capacity and in daring faith.

I also vividly remember the period that Chas Bilby directed World Outreach (1974-75) – what a sweet man was he, at least to me! In that period, I spent weeks on and off in Japan and Hong Kong, managing the Mission's publications. It was from Chas that Donald Crosbie took over the leadership of World Outreach (1975-83).

With Donald's invitation to accompany him on travels in Egypt, it became possible to give substance and form to what I had tried to challenge the Mission for some time – to engage the Muslim-world. Out of that grew successful and effective ministries, first with the colourful, Magdy Bassaly, and later with the solid, Nathan Bassaly.

I accepted the Directorship of World Outreach from Donald and the International Board in 1983. Above all, I felt the privilege to work and fellowship closely with the many dedicated missionaries in the various fields. Wonderful people who all have affected and enlarged my life and work.

The most closely that I worked with any of the previous Directors was with John & Mary Elliott. John and Mary came to live in Hong Kong, rather near us, where we already lived for a number of years. At that point in time, I again challenged the Mission to another emphasis - 'reaching unreached peoples'.

I immensely enjoyed the 'Mission-Seminars' John and I did together in many churches in New Zealand and Singapore. When the appropriate time came (1995), it was with a sense of confidence that I insisted, with some who felt otherwise, that John Elliott should be the one to step into my shoes as the next International Director. Together with Mary, he did a wonderful job leading World Outreach into a new dimension and new era.

Looking at the future, leaving 90-years, and reaching out for World Outreach's 100-year anniversary – I do so with great confidence. First of all, confidence in God, but also confidence in the next generation where Bruce Hills has taken up the torch of leadership.

*Bill Molenkamp*

*Pictured: Len Jones (left) visiting our first church in Japan with a group of New Zealand visitors in the 1970s.*



On Friday 24th April, 2020, Bill Molenkamp, was bestowed with a Knighthood by the King of the Netherlands. The Mayor of Haarlem – the city in which Bill and Fanny live – rang them and conveyed the following message: 'It has pleased His Majesty, the King of the Netherlands, to bestow on Rev Bill Molenkamp, the Knighthood of the Order of the House of Orange, for his 60 years of International and National unselfish service to humanity.' All of the World Outreach family are incredibly proud of this honour to 'Sir William'.

# A letter from John Elliott.

**John served as International Director from 1995-2016.**

Congratulations World Outreach (WO) on this 90th anniversary year! A fantastic achievement and wonderful milestone for all to celebrate!

When Mary & I first joined back in 1985 we were impressed with many amazing WO personnel we had met around that time. They were wholeheartedly sold out to taking the Good News globally, far and wide – whatever the cost!

They had chosen to serve with WO, a mission organisation that recognised God's call on people's lives. WO would in turn partner with such people, i.e. become a stake holder in their calling, lending its infrastructure to assist missionaries in achieving the ministry vision the Lord had put in their hearts. This is one of the many strengths we have loved about WO. In its 90-year history, this ethos has not changed.

Some previous International Directors spent an average 6-9 months a year travelling! Much of their time was spent visiting WO personnel on the different mission fields, and taking every opportunity to promote the work of the Mission and its personnel along the way.

By the late-1990's, WO was expanding its ministries on different continents. At the same time, it was obvious that the organisation needed to strengthen its infrastructure if its missionaries were to be given the necessary on-field support, upskilling and oversight, to succeed.

By early 2000's, WO began a 'journey of change!' Every aspect of the organisation was up for review, starting with the question - why does WO exist? A think-tank of around 30 WO people from different nations met together in Cape Town, South Africa, along with a change agent, who led us in a 4-day exercise on the topic. The end outcome that everyone unanimously endorsed was - WO existed to evangelise and disciple unreached people groups (UPG), equipping them to disciple their own and other peoples.

Out of this very significant WO event, the following year the Mission's values, distinctives, vision and ministry strategies were also re-visited so that they all reflect the UPG Mission Statement.

Vision WO2010 soon followed! This became a timeline goal whereby, via regional summits and global gatherings, all new personnel would all become aligned to the UPG vision. Back in 2003, a goal was set to see WO ministries on different continents engage with at least 50 UPGs by 2010. By that time different WO teams were engaged with 85 UPGs. And the UPG momentum continues to this very day! Praise the Lord!

*John Elliott*



# The beginning of



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# Africa.

Joseph H. Berry met Dr Len Jones for the first time in 1968 and joined World Outreach as its first South African representative. Formerly known as the Slavic and Oriental Mission, the name was changed to World Outreach when several countries were added such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Kenya.

A house was bought in Alberton which was used as a dwelling place and an office was attached to it. It became the home and field office for World Outreach South Africa (SA). As the work grew, the office of World Outreach SA had to move to Halfway House where a bigger place was bought.

In 1969 David and Doreen joined World Outreach. In 1971, a big tent and truck were purchased (pictured) to be used for evangelism. Twenty-one churches were planted in Swaziland, as well twelve churches in South Africa. We also went to evangelise in other neighbouring countries, such as Botswana and Zimbabwe.

In 1981, the World Outreach Bible School (WOBS) was started. Over four thousand Pastors have been trained in the college to date and many of them are actively pastoring large congregations all around South Africa. Jeremiah Malaka later joined us in Evangelism. On 20th November, 2021, the WOBS celebrated 40 years of existence.

We are forever grateful to God for what he has done and continues to do. At present, we have ten lecturers teaching at the Bible School. These lecturers are unpaid volunteers who have returned to help with gratitude for what the Lord has done for them. We give all glory to God for what has been accomplished through World Outreach in Africa.

Today, WO's presence on the African continent includes the countries of South Africa (SA), Botswana, Zambia, Swaziland, Mozambique, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso and Egypt. South African missionaries now serve in Southeast Asia, Mozambique, Botswana, and Macedonia, as well as in migrant outreach programmes within SA.

*Dr David Khoza, Principal*



# The beginning of



# Egypt.

The story of World Outreach (WO) in Egypt started in 1983, when Bill Molenkamp came to establish ministry in Egypt. He met with Pastor Menis Abdelnour, the pastor of the largest evangelical church in Egypt and teacher at the Evangelical College of Theology. Pastor Bill asked him to nominate someone to start this ministry in Egypt.

After prayers and thinking, Pastor Menis nominated a young man from the College of Theology graduates – Magdy Bassaly. Magdy met with Bill Molenkamp and agreed to begin the ministry (pictured below).



In 1988, Dr. Nathan Latif Bassaly, the older brother of Magdy Bassaly, joined the ministry after spending one year in New Zealand studying and training for ministry. After that, he returned to Egypt and left his job as a veterinarian and became a full-time minister for World Outreach in Egypt.

In 1992, Dr. Nathan became responsible for the World Outreach ministry in Egypt and the ministry extended to other fields.

Pictured above: Nathan Bassaly being prayed over

Here is a list of the things we do through our ministry in Egypt.

### Bible Lessons

The ministry of World Outreach in Egypt started with sending Bible lessons by mail to pastors and church leaders (pictured below). Biblical topics were chosen, divided into lessons, and sent to pastors and church leaders for use in small groups, bible studies and churches.



### Training seminars for pastors, church and youth leaders

Every year, two conferences are held. The number of attendees exceeds 200 pastors and church leaders in each conference. Foreign pastors were invited to teach in these seminars, which have been such a blessing and encouragement to the church leaders in Egypt.

The conferences extended to include inviting Jewish believers and Arabs from Israel. It was amazing that Arabs and Jews came together in worship, prayer and hearing the word of God in such unity and harmony. We also went to Israel, especially to Nazareth, where we held training seminars for pastors and church leaders.

God used many people to present teachings in those conferences, such as: Bill Molenkamp, John Elliott, John Pasterkamp, Peter Morrow, Ken Legg, Glenn Hatcher, Stephen Parker, Peter Van W, David Dishroon, Paul Newberry, Joel Holm, Tak Bhana and Bruce Hills.

This ministry has been very successful and the

number of people we sent mail to has been more than 3,000 persons. The ministry extended to other Arabic countries also.



### Life in Christ Magazine

This teaching magazine started in 1996 and continues today (pictured below). It is considered one of the most powerful Arabic teaching magazines in Egypt and the Arab countries.

Now, many children have been taught the word of God through this curriculum. Also, we have trained hundreds of Sunday School teachers on how to use this curriculum. ADD



### Social Ministry

The World Outreach ministry continued to offer spiritual services in many fields, but after what happened in Egypt in 2011, we found that we needed to do more to help the community we live in after the spread of poverty, financial needs and unemployment.

The training centre works very efficiently. Many men, women and children, Muslim and Chris-

tians, have received training. These courses helped some of the trainees to find jobs. Others started their own projects. So, this helped many families to earn money, meet their essential needs and increase their income.

We also run a Bible school. Every year about 15 young men come to learn in the Bible school to become full-time pastors (pictured below). Many of them have graduated and became pastors in many churches.



### Poor Families

After the spread of the corona virus, many families lost their jobs. Poverty increased in our country. So, we try to support some poor families with finances and materials like food, clothes and blankets (pictured below).



### Refugees' ministry

After the Arab spring that took place in many Arabic countries, and the war in Syria, great numbers of refugees came to Egypt to escape the war. They live in a city near Cairo. They have great needs since they left everything behind in Syria and ran for their lives. Many of them are ill or have injuries that happened while escaping. So, it's hard for them to find a job. So, we support some families and follow up with them



about their situation.

In 2017, my wife, Sawsan (pictured left), joined the ministry after leaving her job as a pharmacist. She serves with dedication in the different ministry fields.

### Sunday school curriculum

Many church leaders from different denominations contacted us, asking about curriculum for children's ministry that covers all the Bible. There was no such curriculum in Arabic language at the time.

So, we issued a curriculum which covers ages from 4 - 14 years old. It includes 20 books with visual aids (pictured below). This curriculum is considered one of the most effective Sunday school curriculums in the Arabic language. Many Evangelical, Coptic and Catholic churches use this curriculum and also is used in many Arabic countries.

Now, many children have been taught the word of God through this curriculum. Also, we have trained hundreds of Sunday School teachers on how to use this curriculum.



Since Pastor Bruce Hills (pictured with Nathan right) became the International Director of World Outreach, he always encourages us. He came to visit us in Egypt many times. He preached in many conferences for pastors, church leaders and many training seminars in Egypt, Jordan and

Lebanon. He gave us the opportunity to translate his books into the Arabic language. These books are so useful and helpful specially in the topic of leadership.



This is the journey of World Outreach in Egypt since 1983.

*Dr Nathan Bassaly  
Cairo, Egypt*



### Training Centre

The training centre was founded in 2015. It aims to train people to gain skills which may help them in finding jobs or beginning their own businesses. We offer computer courses, English language courses, hairdressing courses, art courses and music courses (see pictures below).



# The beginning of



# India.



**B**orn into a family whose whole life revolved around church, it is difficult for me to remember when I had not known or heard about church. I was born in a hospital next to a church building, then brought home to a church building. I knew more of churches and buildings than my own father, who was absent when I was born, as he was posted in the Bangladeshi city of Chittagong, prior to the division of India. His company driver took my mom to hospital and hence laid claim of fatherhood to me for as long as I can remember. As a child I played in the church compound and my family's idea of fun was attending church or church meetings.

“Church planting” is not a term found in Holy Scripture but coined by a missiologist for want of a better term. The roots of the term “church planting” were found in the 19th century, but it is a term that dominated the missiological world of the 20th, and now spans into the 21st. I became aware of this term as an infant when I would only see my mother when she was home and not involved in some church work at any given point in time. It became a term I did not want to hear and abhorred in my growing-up years, though I was not free of it, as I had to be the driver for my mom, uncles, and brothers, who were all involved in it in one way or the other. For my brothers, they were planting churches even when they were studying at university.

To make a long story short, it was in the year 1978, while living in the United States (US), a still small voice inside me suggested I return home to India. I had been offered and considered settling down in the US to work as a partner in a business house and, once established, I would bring

my family across the pond to live as a family. It was a challenge to give up the American dream, but the decision to forego this opportunity was made easier by my wife's hesitancy to change and transplant cultures. Our children were still very young. It took me the whole of 1979 to prepare to return, not knowing what I would or could do. All I had was a very clear instruction from the still small voice that I start working for the Lord in church planting, but not for a salary or in a paid job.

I had not made many friends in the Christendom of the US at that time who could potentially support us. Consequently, I was unsure how we were going to survive back in India, so I had to depend on what I had in my hands. It was to be the start of what I would later know as a life of faith and its outworking.

Once back in India, I started getting involved in the traditional way of establishing churches, but with an emphasis on reaching the regions beyond where historical denominations already had a presence. It was a long, arduous, hard road, though not impossible. The challenge was to find the right person to lead a fledgling church. Then, when you found one, the need arose for the appropriate resources to fund them.



Thus, my journey began. I joined a church organisation and started the adventure. Between 1980 and 2000 we established hundreds if not thousands of small local congregations. However, the attrition rate was also very high. This was due to many reasons though chiefly it was the economy of these little congregations that left them vulnerable. It is a dilemma that baffles those involved in establishing congregations in

the modern world, a world where ministering comes with the expectation of a financial package being provided. It is much easier to say, “live by faith”, but so difficult in its outworking. There are some who do succeed, but many do not. I became unsatisfied with the finished product of the so-called church planting.

Meanwhile, by 1983, I got to know David Wallis of World Outreach (WO), who, at the time, was living in South India. He was a teacher facilitating leadership development for most of Pentecostal leaders of South India. In my meeting with him, he expressed the desire to have some inroad into North India and other places. David was an incredible teacher, though I didn't always agree with his theology. He was my first contact with World Outreach, and through him John Elliott (former International Director of WO) came into the picture. David Wallis was John Elliott's leader while they were in the Philippines, and they were good teammates. John had moved to Hong Kong and came to India for a seminar in my city. When he visited with a few others, the start of our association with World Outreach began.

World Outreach, which was never a funding-agency, was a good facilitator of relationships. In a journey of undeniable development, they cast a vision for local churches to reach the unreached. We started organising “Life in Christ” seminars and publishing the “Life in Christ” magazine, which was a great tool for leadership development. Together with David Wallis, we were the first to enter Nepal and Myanmar with leadership development seminars before those countries fully opened.

I met Peter Smith (former Field Ministries Director of WO) for the first time in 1992 in Singapore and our friendship started and has stood the test of time. Thus, my journey with World Outreach began and, as they say, the rest is history.

It wasn't until January 2006, while I was attending the Strategic Coordinator's course in Singapore, that I became convicted of the way things were being done. My conviction came with the realisation that Jesus said, “Follow me and I will teach you.” While all that time I had been trying to teach others. It struck me that the church

must go back “home” if it was to be established. I made the mistake of trying to get people to church when what I should be doing is taking the church to their houses. The church must come home! Jesus brought the church to Mary & Martha's house, Paul took it to the house of the Philippian jailor, Jesus went to the centurion's home, he went to Peter's house, he even went to the upper room of a house for the last supper.

The father or mother of the house are the keys to their family and, if a church is to be established, it then must be in their houses and not in the temples. What a paradigm shift! I didn't instantly become an expert but, in my amateurishness, a light dawned, the sun rose, causing the Son to rise in my heart, and Eureka! For me personally, I saw the light! “Christ, the head of the home” is not a slogan or poster we put on our walls, but a reality we must put in our hearts. Thus, the next part of the journey began, and I started moving in that direction, where I can see every father as a pastor, every son an evangelist, and every mother and daughter as a teacher.

For me, it was a real divine strategy. He incarnates himself in every family that open their hearts, opening not to a theology but to a reality they can all be disciples. The secret was in finding the “man of peace” in either a house, a village or a community, but most importantly, the house. The very important paradigm of seeing the father/mother of a family as being the lead pastor moved the strategy from being exclusive to being inclusive.

This house church then becomes the place where the meal becomes a sacrament, the bathroom can become the baptismal. Seeing the sanctum sanctorum not as a place in a special building but in the heart of a house took the strategy back to the first century, pre-Constantine and pre-Roman world. This was a big revelation and a revolutionary thought directly challenging the traditional institution. To some, it is sacrilege. To the institutionalist, an abhorrence. To position-seekers, a threat. This model cannot be done where tradition has already been established, but it can be done in the regions beyond where no stigma is found, and future constituents are not tarnished.

Thus, the world where Jesus sends us becomes larger. Identifying and discovering that “man of peace” is so important. We've learned that you do not go in because a young son or daughter could be extracted from the family; instead, we must have the patience of waiting for the family to be opened and the man of peace being the door opener. Thus, new fields opened in different places across India where the traditional churches have no presence and where families do not feel threatened by a new religion.

Learning from the incarnation of Jesus, we begin to understand that we do not go to change their culture, but to redeem it. How they pray is not wrong, but to whom they pray is very important. When, in their own family, they can see that the One to whom they pray brings healing from hurts and deliverance from oppression is a great opener. Where they do not need a special person from outside their community but that they can go directly by themselves to the altar brings change.

Since this discovery, thousands of churches in homes have begun to emerge across India and other countries like Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and in many other places. It's like wildflowers growing in the unknown valleys all around the world.

As a term, “church planting” is a misnomer. Jesus never commanded the church to be planted; he said he will build the church. He is the builder, the finisher. He is the mason and the carpenter. All that he requires of us is to be obedient as workmen to build according to his design. It is not a one-size-fits all philosophy, nor one design for all churches. He wants us to respect the cultures we go to, not to change them, and allow the process of redemption to be outworked. May his commandments be obeyed, his steps followed, and his words embedded, so that his life will thrive in the nations.

*Dr Kitbok R*

*Aside from Dr K's work, there are many other church planting teams in Northeast India. Over recent years, in excess of 60,000 people have been baptised through their work. In addition, WO has a thriving team operating out of Mumbai and a couple of effective works working among vulnerable young ladies.*



# The beginning of



# Indonesia.

**Sam & Carol Soukotta are some of World Outreach's most respected and experienced missionaries. Indonesia is one of WO's largest and most fruitful fields. Carol, once a missionary kid herself, wrote the following history of how WO began in Indonesia and how it has developed over the decades.**



**M**y parents, Dal & Dorothy Walker, were New Zealand (NZ) missionaries to Indonesia from 1949. My father, Dal, was a close friend of Len Jones (the founder of WO). I'm not exactly sure when, but my parents joined World Outreach sometime in the early/mid-1960's and became its first missionaries to Indonesia.

Due to a communist uprising in 1964, my parents, younger brothers, sister and I were evacuated to NZ for two years. When my parents returned to Indonesia, I stayed on an extra 2 years to set up the World Outreach Literature Centre in Manila.



They began the Tawangmangu Bible School in 1968. Tawangmangu is on the slopes of Mt Lawu in Central Java. I joined my parents again in 1969 and helped rearrange the office staff in administration, plus head up an evangelistic team. In 1971, Sam, who was a graduate of another Bible school on the island of Ambon, joined our

evangelistic team. We fell in love and married in 1972. Sam was asked to teach in the Bible School also.

In 1974 my father was killed in a car accident. But my mother continued to lead the school for the next 9 years. She then decided to return to NZ and asked that we would take over. We did after seeking the Lord for direction.

From 1984, we led the 2-year Diploma Course until 1998 when it was decided to upgrade to a 4-year Degree in Theology. Over the previous 10-12 years we had sent out many students to plant churches, especially in the villages throughout the country. Today, there are hundreds of pastors and church planters across the Indonesian archipelago who were trained at the Tawangmangu Bible School.

Around this same time (1998), while Sam was visiting our church planters in West Kalimantan, he had a vision. In his vision, Sam saw many buildings, cultivated grounds and a fishpond with plants on the water! This puzzled him. When he returned to Tawangmangu, he enquired of the Lord about the vision. God answered with one word – "BUILD". We both didn't know what to build, except for adding more buildings for the Bible college! When Sam told me that God wanted us to build, I immediately thought of Noah. He was told to build, and he obeyed.

As he got the vision in West Kalimantan, he asked a church planter there to look for land that was for sale. Once he had identified a possible plot of land, Sam returned to West Kalimantan to look it over and enquire about the cost. He felt peace in his heart, especially after seeing a spring on the land. Sam still did not know what he was to build. Sam enquired about the price and also asked the owner how many children he had! The owner answered that he had 8 kids. Sam then asked if they were all Christians (as many of the Dayaks of Kalimantan had a Catholic background but mixed it with their ancestral worship). He answered, "No. Four were Christians/Catholics and four were Muslim." The owner then said, "I am a poor man, so whoever could pay for my children's education, it was up to them to follow the religion!" A light came on! Immediately,

Sam knew we were to build a Christian boarding school. That's how the Mt Hope Christian Training Centre started. To date, the average number of children boarding is 150 with an additional 300 or so attending daily classes from kindergarten to Year 9. It's our plan to build the High School (Years 10-12) but, as of yet, we don't have sufficient funds.

In 2015 we knew something had to happen with the Tawangmangu campus, as registrations had decreased, with so many Christian organisations starting up their own Bible colleges. We prayed for God's leading. One day we had a visit from a previous principal of the Tawangmangu Bible College who said the College was ready to become a university. Without thinking, we both answered together, "That's it". We just knew that's what had to happen. It must have been the direction of the Holy Spirit, as we had no idea how to build a university! Neither Sam nor I have university degrees!

There had been prophecies that we would expand, and property would be added. Sam brought this idea before the staff and asked if they were in agreement. They were 100% with us. A few days later, Sam called a friend, who was a university teacher and had years of experience, and mentioned our plan. Amazingly, at the exact time, the university teacher was in a meeting with members of the Education Department discussing the start-up of new universities in Indonesia! The government had closed a number of universities that did not meet the government's requirements. We got the go-ahead, and our lecturer friend arranged the permit.

The first foundation stone was laid at the 50th anniversary reunion of the Bible School in 2018. We had very little funds to begin, but begin we did. An architect from Kuching, Malaysia, and his friends, who had helped at Mt Hope, drew up the diagram for a 3-storey building for classrooms, teacher's rooms, library, etc. We had enough rooms for boarding on our grounds as the Bible school numbers had declined. After a few months, a couple from Solo, our nearest city, whom we did not know visited us. They asked about the Bible College and after a while we explained that we would be expanding to become a

university. We told them that our faith was being stretched but knew God would supply.

A few months later, the couple called and said they would like to transfer funds for the university. It was a huge amount and enabled us to get the 3-storey frame, roof and the ground floor completed. With the 1st floor completed, we could now begin the first intake of students. So, in 2020, the start was made on the Mt Hope Christian Boarding University. There was another miracle when the Education Department agreed to pay for the tuition and board of all the new intake - some 50+ students. And they would not only cover the costs for the first year, but until they completed their whole 4-year degree! In October 2021, we began the second year, and have had to use a large Dutch style home from the 30-40's as a dorm to house 24 girls, as we had run out of dorm space.

By October (2022) we are hoping and praying for more land to build more dormitories, kitchen, dining room, etc. So, we continue to grow and will keep on trusting God. At present, we have around 200 students. Those who register know it is a Christian university and so the biblical way of life is taught. Each morning the students attend the prayer meeting and on Sunday they join in with the bible students and College staff to worship God and hear the preaching of God's Word.

*Sam & Carol Soukotta*

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Tawangmangu College - [www.stt-tawangmangu.ac.id](http://www.stt-tawangmangu.ac.id)

Children - [www.mount-hope.org](http://www.mount-hope.org)

University - [www.mounthopefoundation.org](http://www.mounthopefoundation.org)

*Aside from Sam and Carol's ministry, WO has many other works in Indonesia such as the Alpha Mission Team working among the 'Sakura', the New Hope Children's Home in Sanggau, church planting teams in Lombok and a new training hub to be established in Bali.*



Mt Hope Secondary Student Body today



Mt Hope Primary Student Body 2021



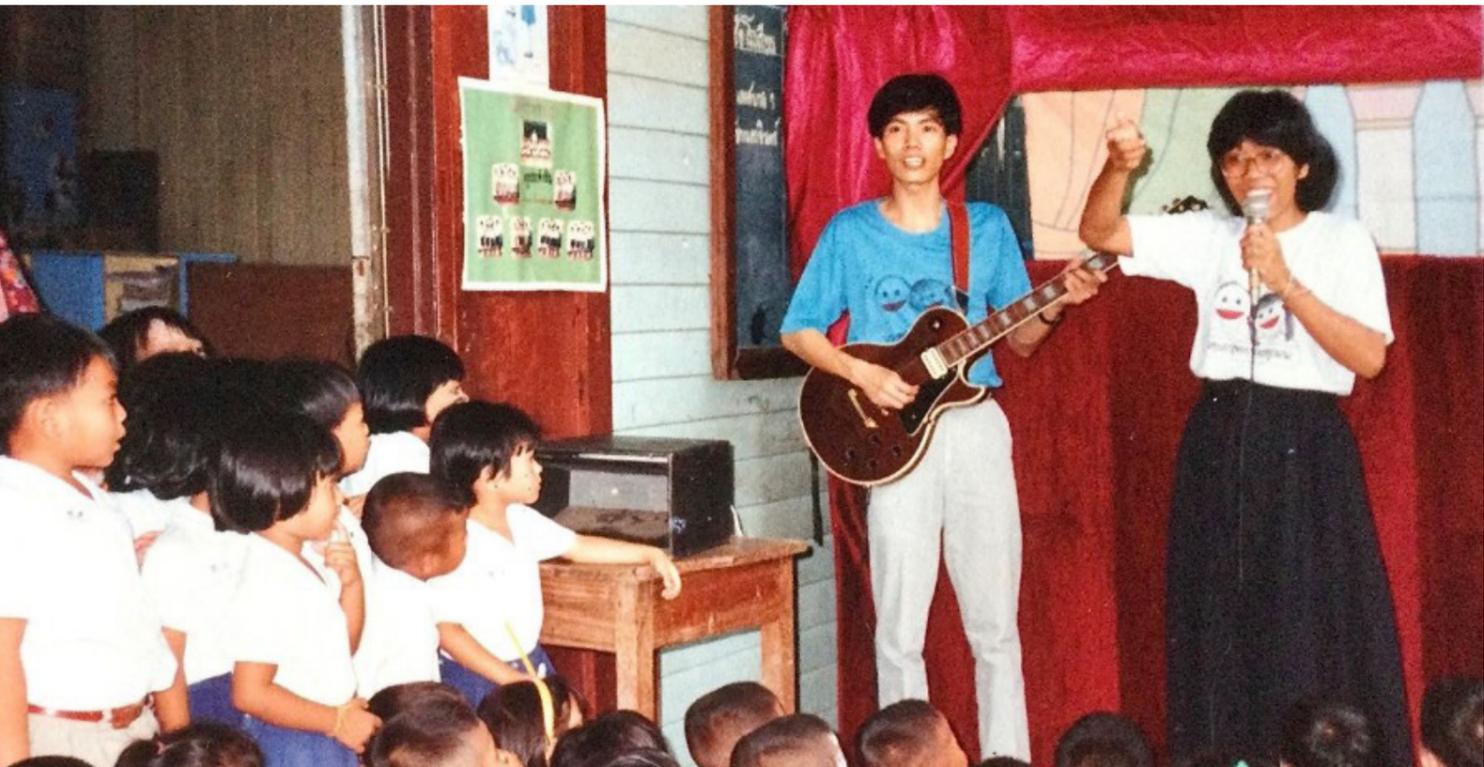
Tawangmangu Bible College Student Body today

# The beginning of



# Thailand.

**Lorraine Dierck, became part of the World Outreach family and arrived in Thailand as a Mission Partner in 1978. This is her reflection of the beginning of World Outreach in Thailand. Though now retired from active field service in Thailand, Lorraine mentors, coaches and encourages her teams back in Thailand via the internet. The teams in Thailand continue to bear much fruit and frequently share very exciting stories about what the Lord is doing through them.**



Paul and Bunty Collins from New Zealand were the first missionaries whose ministry became associated with World Outreach in Thailand. In 1962 Paul and Bunty proclaimed that their vision was to “go where no-one else had gone”. I remember listening to Paul as he preached and shared the spiritual need of 30-million Thai Buddhists. Paul laid down the challenge: “Come and join us in Thailand. I asked God to send me to the most difficult country to reach with the gospel! We need your help!” Stirring words, and I couldn’t forget Paul’s stories of Buddhist people coming to Christ in tent crusades and the literature ministry. As I began to pray for Paul and Bunty, God spoke to me about one day going to Thailand myself.

Meanwhile, I went on several YWAM teams including a two-year stint in Bangkok together with Valerie Bateup. We continued to work together as children’s ministers at the AOG church in Wellington (now called Lifepoint) which was pastored by Don Crosbie.



In 1978 while at a children’s training event run by Scripture Union, I heard the sad news that there had been a horrific accident in Thailand resulting in the death of several missionaries. After hearing that news, God spoke to me through my daily Bible reading in John 12:24 where Jesus was speaking about the grain of wheat that falls into the earth and dies, “but if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest”. I felt that the work of the ones who had died in the car accident was finished, but that God was calling me,

together with many others, to replace them.

I was very happy to be chosen, but just one problem – obtaining a missionary visa was seemingly impossible. Then one day Pastor Don brought two visitors to observe a children’s programme that Valerie Bateup and I were running. Verner and Ulla Raassina were well-known Finnish missionaries to Thailand. Verner was in fact the first Pentecostal missionary to Thailand in 1947 and founded the Thai work of the Finnish Foreign Mission, now known as FIDA. Their complimentary observations that: “This programme is wonderful! We need this in Thailand!” emboldened me to ask cheekily “Well, if I went to Thailand, would you give me a missionary visa?” “Yes, we certainly would!” And so began a partnership with FIDA who have blessed many World Outreach missionaries with not only visas but also with rich fellowship and relationship.

When Don Crosbie, who was then the International Director of World Outreach, heard that I was off to Thailand, he invited me to join World Outreach. It felt like a good fit, and I have been immensely blessed to be part of the World Outreach family.



I arrived in Thailand as a WO mission partner in 1978 and continued studying Thai while also teaching about children’s ministry at the Finnish Bible College. I was preparing to visit Thai schools with a one-hour programme introducing the students to the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. One of my Bible School

students, Srilum Nilsiri heard God calling her to join the children's ministry. Srilum became the first member of the Good News team from 1979 until her tragic death from cancer in 1988.

Valerie Bateup was keen to return to Thailand, and in 1979 she brought a team from Lifepoint (our home church in NZ). Srilum and I visited schools along Klong Rangsit in Thanyaburi to ask if we could bring some overseas visitors to tell the story of the "true meaning of Christmas". Every school welcomed us enthusiastically. Valerie's team was a great hit, and God called her to return to Thailand with World Outreach in 1980. Valerie brought excellent creative writing gifts and together we established the ministry of the Good News Team in Bangkok. Now led by two of our World Outreach Mission Partners, Win and Kanchana, the Team continues to reach Thai children through school outreaches and follow up literature.

Several World Outreach Thai Mission Partners began their ministries working with the Good News Team. John P. with his musical and technical prowess was an early team member. A young lady called Nok became a Christian after attending my English class at Pathumthani Church. After John and Nok were married they served with the Good News Team for many years before leaving to pastor Pathumthani church. John and Nok are currently spear-heading a DMM (Disciple-making Movement) and are also reaching thousands of Thais through their media ministry.

Prasert, who is the WO Thai Field Leader, joined the Good News Team after graduating from the Pentecostal Bible College. She worked with the Team for over 10 years before leaving to start the House of Hope ministry in a slum resettlement community of north Bangkok.

The World Outreach work in Thailand was strengthened as new missionaries began to arrive, starting with John and Marie Anton from Australia who went to South Thailand with AOG World Missions in 1988. The Anton family joined World Outreach in 1996 and shortly afterwards began reaching out to unreached people groups of another major religion in South Thailand where they lived and worked for over 30 years

before returning to Australia in 2020.

Patricia Green from New Zealand was deeply concerned by the spiritual needs of Thai women who had been trafficked into the sex trade. In the early 1990's Patricia opened "Rahab", in the form of a hairdressing salon in the red-light district of Bangkok to reach out to these women, and to provide alternative employment to those who decided to leave the bars.

Elisa from Uruguay joined World Outreach in 1998 and worked with tribal children in North Thailand, and then moved to North East Thailand where she was involved in church-planting, discipleship and prison ministry. Elisa was a great blessing for more than 20 years before returning to Uruguay for family reasons.

Gayle and Chaiyot also joined World Outreach in 1998 while they were teaching in Prachuab Kiri Khan. In 1999 they relocated to Chaiyot's home town of Surathani with a vision for discipleship and church-planting. Chaiyot became the Thailand director of the Kairos course, and eventually relocated to Chiang Mai where they had more opportunity to mobilise the Thai church for cross-cultural mission.

In February 2001 the Potter family moved to Thailand to serve on the leadership team at the Children's Tribal Hostel in Mae Chaem. Shortly after, the Lord put on Malcolm and Sandy's hearts to build Baan Faa Mai, a new hostel for tribal children who had no schools in their villages. It was a large step of faith as there were only funds for the foundations of the first building. After beginning construction, God supernaturally provided until completion, 3 years later. Apart from supervision of construction, Malcolm and Sandy took teams of students to visit their home villages to share the gospel and start new churches in unreached tribal villages. In 2012 they also began a hostel for tribal university girls in Chiang Mai. Malcolm and Sandy have served World Outreach for many years as Field Leaders for expatriate Mission Partners serving in Thailand.

Kevin and Jeh Sie Chan from Singapore were involved with ministering to the Karen refugees

on the Thai-Myanmar border for many years, and eventually moved to Northeast Thailand in 2011 with a vision to launch small businesses as church planting opportunities (Business as Mission). They started a language school and ran a boardgames cafe to reach out to university students. Kevin and Jeh Sie surprised their team members as well as locals with their ability to speak and read Thai fluently after just a few months in Thailand! Although they left in 2016 to move into leadership roles within World Outreach International, they left a powerful legacy behind them.

These are only a few of the people who served with World Outreach in Thailand during those early days. I also remember Nancy from Uruguay; Irene Ng-Lodge from Malaysia; Eliza, Delora, Joey and Raya from the Philippines, and David and Ruth who are now serving in Laos.

All of them worked faithfully and contributed to the harvest.

Since the day Paul Collins landed in Thailand, the number of Buddhists has doubled to 64 million, and many districts still have no church. More labourers are needed! But they will be building on a good foundation. World Outreach Mission Partners have told the story of Jesus with passion and power in the North, South, Northeast and Central Thailand for more than 40 years. Many Thai pastors and Christian leaders are in full time ministry because of their relationship with World Outreach.

Being part of World Outreach has strengthened, equipped, empowered and encouraged us all as we have served together. May the Lord of the harvest be glorified in Thailand!

*Lorraine Dierck*





# Throughout History.

A parallel of World Outreach's timeline mirrored by  
key moments in history.

## 1930s

**1933**

Hitler and national German Workers' Party come to power

**1939**

World War Two begins in Europe

**1932**

World Outreach (as it is known today) was registered by Len Jones as the Russian and Eastern European Mission (REEM) in New Zealand

Len Jones represents REEM in Australia, NZ and (later) South Africa

## 1940s

**1945**

WW2 ends in Europe  
Atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima  
Japanese surrender. WW2 ends in the Pacific

**1948**

USSR expands through invasions.  
Cold War begins  
Mahatma Ghandi assassinated

While WWII raged in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Len Jones commanded the Australian Army's YMCA force in the Middle East and the Pacific

From 1946-1948, Len Jones represents REEM in Australia & NZ, focusing on ministry to Slavic immigrants

After the War, Asia opens up for missions on an unprecedented scale

## 1950s

**1950**

Korean War begins

**1953**

Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2  
Korean War ends

REEM changes its name to the Eastern European Mission (EEM)

Len Jones travels extensively making new contacts for the Slavic and Oriental Mission (SOM)

World Outreach (under the name SOM) is birthed by Len Jones in Japan under the leadership of Ki Endo (radio and literature ministry) – around 1957/58

Len Jones gets involved in a large orphanage in post-war South Korea from 1957, which was run by Mr Noh

# 1960s

**1961**

Yuri Gagarin (from USSR) becomes first man in space  
Berlin Wall constructed

**1962**

Nelson Mandella arrested  
Cuban Missile Crisis

**1963**

JFK assassinated

**1965**

Sir Winston Churchill dies

**1966**

Gandhi becomes Prime Minister of India  
China's Cultural Revolution begins under Mao

**1967**

Six-day War  
World's first heart transplant conducted in South Africa

**1968**

Soviet tanks crush Czechoslovakia's experiment with democracy

**1969**

Apollo 11's Neil Armstrong becomes first man to walk on the Moon

SOM establishes its first fields in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Fiji, New Guinea and Thailand

In 1967 the name 'Slavic and Oriental Mission' was changed to 'World Outreach'

World Outreach was birthed in South Africa through Joseph Berry in 1968

India opens up as a new field

World Outreach established in Indonesia when Dal & Dorothy Walker joined

New fields are opened in Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Kenya (1972)

# 1970s

**1970**

First jumbo jet (Boeing 747) makes debut commercial flight  
The Beatles announce they are disbanding

**1972**

Watergate scandal  
Invention of pocket calculators

**1973**  
Roe v Wade case declares abortion a US Constitutional right  
Yom Kippur War  
Oil crisis in the Middle East sparks world oil shock

**1974**

The world's population hits 4 billion

**1975**

Vietnam War ends

**1977**

Elvis Presley found dead

**1978**

Israel and Egypt sign Camp David accords  
Iran hostage crisis

# 1980s

**1981**

World's first personal computer launched by IBM  
HRH Prince Charles marries Lady Diana  
AIDS-crisis begins

**1982**

Falklands War

**1983**

NASA launches the first Space Shuttle  
World's first mobile phone launched

**1984**

Indira Gandhi assassinated

**1985**

Mikhail Gorbachev institutes 'glasnost' and 'perestroika' in USSR

**1986**

Chernobyl nuclear accident

**1989**

Tiananmen Square massacre  
Exxon Valdez oil spill  
Berlin Wall falls

Len Jones died 14th October, 1974

New Zealander, Chas Bilby, becomes interim International Director for 12 months

Don Crosbie, also from NZ, appointed as International Director in 1975

International Office based in both Wellington, NZ, and Dallas, Texas, USA

World Outreach is birthed in Thailand through the work of Lorraine Dierck in 1978

World Outreach is birthed in Egypt through Magdy Bassaly in 1983

Missionary John Pasterkamp from the Netherlands joins WO after a long-term relationship and brings his work in Papua New Guinea into WO

World Outreach established in India through Dr Kitbok R

Bill Molenkamp from the Netherlands became ID after resignation of Don Crosbie in 1983

International Office relocated from Dallas to Hong Kong

# 1990s

**1990**

Formal proposal for the World Wide Web  
East and West Germany are reunited after the collapse of the Soviet Union

**1991**

The Internet becomes available for unrestricted commercial use  
Operation 'Desert Storm' begins in Iraq  
Boris Yeltsin becomes Russia's first elected President

**1994**

Nelson Mandela is elected President of South Africa in the nation's first multi-racial elections

**1995**

Ebay is founded

**1996**

Princess Diana and Prince Charles are divorced

**1998**

Google is founded

**1999**

Worldwide panic over the Y2K problem and the millennium bug

Bill and Fanny Molenkamp relocated from Hong Kong to the Netherlands

John Elliott took over from Bill Molenkamp as International Director in 1995

International Office Shifts from Hong Kong to Singapore in 1995

1992 first global gathering of WO personnel for the 60th anniversary of WO

Formation of the WO 'Mission Council' (which later became the 'International Leadership Team') comprised of experienced and seasoned on-field personnel to assist the International Director in the direction and development of the Mission

Major period of expansion in numbers of missionaries and fields

# 2000s

**2001**

9/11 attack on New York and Washington  
Launch of the 'War on Terror'

**2002**

40 million people now estimated to be infected with AIDs

**2004**

Massive tsunami sweeps across many nations, mainly SE ASia

Triennial gatherings of WO personnel held in both Asia and Africa

**2002**

70th anniversary celebration held in both South Africa and Thailand

**2003**

Major ministry focus 'think-tank' held in Cape Town which affirmed that WO existed to engage with unreached people groups

Facebook is launched as a social media network

**2005**

You Tube is founded

**2007**

Collapse of Wall Street and Global recession  
iPhone launched

**2009**

Michael Jackson died

# 2010s

**2010**

iPad launched by Apple

**2011**

Osama Bin Laden killed  
Earthquake and tsunami in Japan

**2012**

Massive blackouts in India leaving 700 million without power

**2013**

Nelson Mandella dies

**2014**

MH370 goes missing  
MH17 shot down

**2015**

Paris Agreement on Climate Change  
ISIS expands brutal attacks

**2016**

Britain votes to leave the EU  
Donald Trump becomes President

**2005**

WO leadership met and established a 2005 – 2010 strategic UPG plan – the first of its kind

**2012**

Global 80th anniversary of WO held in Chiang Mai, Thailand

**2016**

Transition of leadership from John Elliott to Bruce Hills (in 2017)

**2017**

85th anniversary in Chiang Mai, Thailand

# 2020s

Throughout 2020-21, the COVID-19 pandemic seriously disrupted normal face-to-face missions activities, requiring many field workers to adapt their ministries  
An estimated 20% of WO field workers caught COVID-19, some seriously  
Launch of Vision 2025 – a five-year strategic plan

# Vision 2025

**Vision 2025 (or V2025) is a 5-year strategic plan of where we want to be as a mission by the end of 2025.**



## Unreached People Groups (UPGs)

By the end of 2025, we want to increase the number of UPGs we are engaged with to 300. Unreached People Groups (UPGs) are our primary distinctive and focus. This distinctive governs virtually everything that World Outreach does. Most activities, initiatives, ministries, services and structures support and work toward this end-goal of evangelising and discipling UPGs. All other goals are there to accomplish this main goal.



## Missionaries (Field Workers)

To reach the audacious goal of engaging with 300 UPGs, we have set a goal to double the number of our missionaries to 500.



## Finance

To accomplish all this, we will need a lot more income, so we have set a goal to increase our annual income by \$1,000,000.



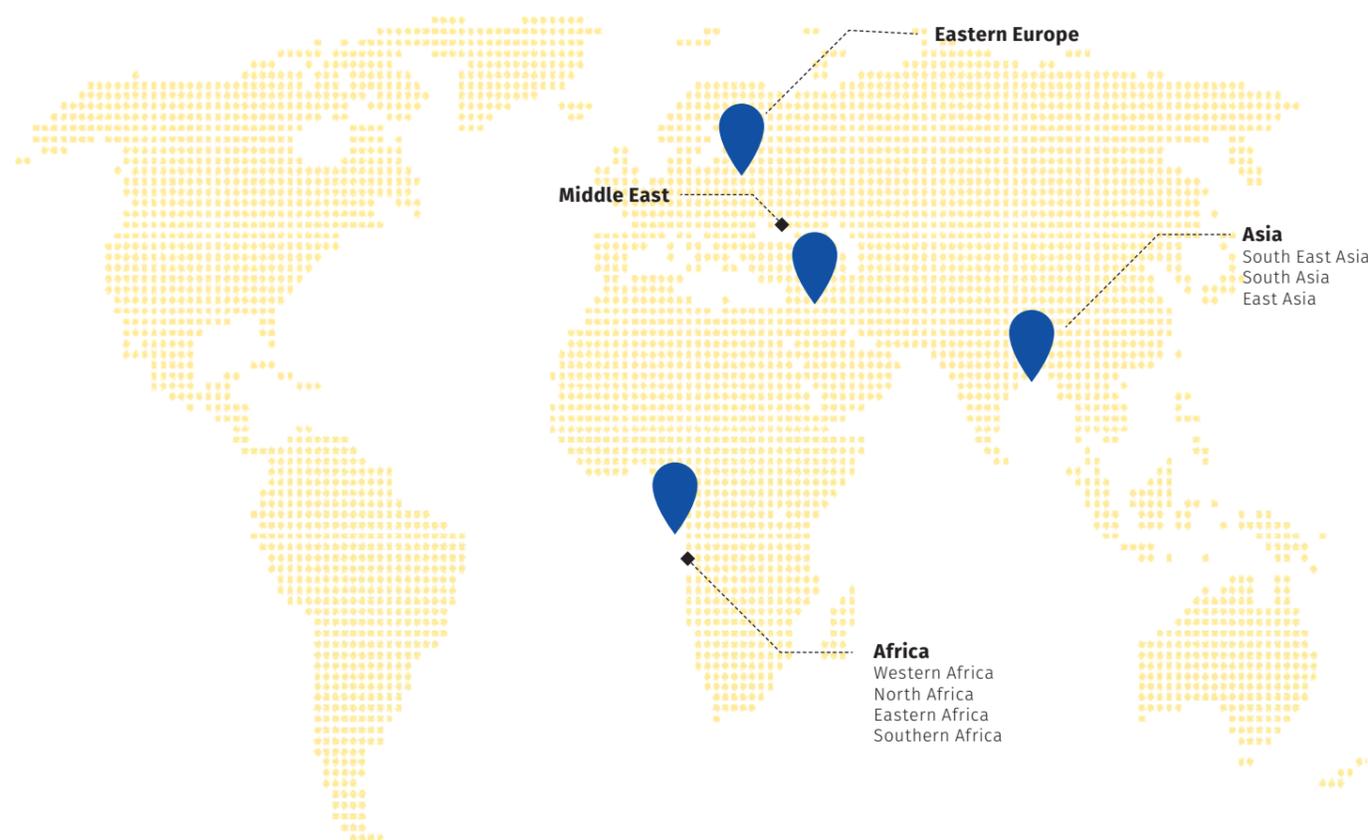
## Prayer

All of this would be impossible without a prayer covering, so we have set a goal to increase our prayer base from (currently) 500 to 10,000 people. Just imagine thousands of people praying over a UPG, then one of our team going in to engage with them!

**Will you partner with us in one of the greatest moments in modern day missions?**

Where we are in **2022.**

Where we work.



**275+**  
Field Workers

**650+**  
National Workers

**70+**  
Nations

**165+**  
Unreached People Groups



**Thank you for  
journeying with  
World Outreach  
over the past  
90 years.**