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A Transition Taking Place

A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

In early 2022, I felt it was time for me to stand down as International Director and make room for a new generation. After advising World Outreach's leadership bodies of my decision, a process began to appoint a successor. Earlier this year, Ben B was appointed as the International Director Designate. Ben and I have subsequently begun a transitional process. He'll assume the role from the 1st of September, 2023.

Because of some security sensitivities around where Ben is based, we can't share his full surname or many details of his life except the following. Ben is from North America and is 44-years old. He and his wife, Rachel, served as field workers in the jungles of Borneo for many years before assuming organisational responsibilities for World Outreach. Over recent years, he has been the Field Ministries Director overseeing all our field work worldwide. There's an interview with Ben in this edition of *Nations*.

I have complete confidence that World Outreach will grow from strength to strength under Ben's capable leadership.

Transitions are rare in World Outreach, which is one reason the organisation has had such a stable and fruitful trajectory over 91 years.

Even though a change of leader will inevitably bring change, our five distinctives will never change.

- 1. Our mission to evangelise and disciple UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPG). This is our primary distinctive, which governs everything we do.
- 2. FIELD-DRIVEN INITIATIVES. World Outreach is different from many top-down organisations. The vision, strategies and initiatives to reach a particular UPG come from the field workers.
- 3. INTERCULTURAL AND INTERGENERATIONAL. World Outreach values cultural and generational diversity at all levels of its leadership and ministry.
- 4. BELIEF IN THE PRESENT-DAY MINISTRY, POWER AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR GOSPEL MINISTRY. World Outreach has a complete dependence upon the enabling, power and gifts of the Holy Spirit to accomplish its mission to UPGs.
- 5. AFFIRM WOMEN IN MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP. World Outreach embraces and encourages the role of women in ministry and leadership.

With a clear sense of mission, a crystal-clear vision, a new leader, solid teams of leaders at all levels of the organisation, and a growing force of field workers, World Outreach is positioned to move into one of the most exciting eras of modern-day missions.

Thank you so much for your support over the past six and a half years of my tenure. It has been an honour for me to serve the remarkable people of World Outreach.



God bless you,

Bruce Hills International Director



10/40



what is the 10/40 window?

The 10/40 Window is home to some of the largest unreached people groups in the world.

*Article Sources: Joshua Project, Open Doors

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline 10/40 & window is a term used to describe a region of the world that lies between 10 degrees and 40 degrees north of the equator. This region is home to some of the world's most unreached people groups and is a strategic area for Christian missions. \\ \hline \end{tabular}$

The 10/40 window covers North Africa, the Middle East, and parts of Asia. This region is home to over 4 billion people, many of whom have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, it is estimated that over 90% of the world's unreached people groups live in the 10/40 window.

THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS REGION

The people who live in this region come from diverse religious backgrounds. Islam is the dominant religion in many countries, but there are also significant populations of Hindus, Buddhists, and followers of other religions. In addition, many people in the 10/40 window have never been exposed to any religion and may have little or no knowledge of God.

The 10/40 Window is home to the majority of the world's poor. Of the poorest of the poor, more than eight out of ten live in the 10/40 window.

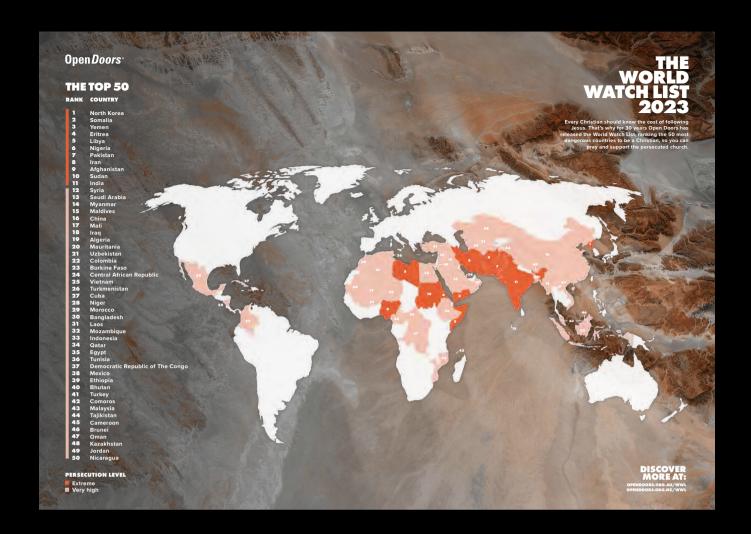
Reaching the people in the 10/40 window is a major challenge for Christian missions. The region is home to some of the world's most closed and hostile countries, where preaching the Gospel is illegal and can result in imprisonment, torture, and even death. In addition, many people in this region are deeply rooted in their cultural and religious beliefs, making it difficult for them to consider new ideas or beliefs.

THE GOSPEL IS MAKING PROGRESS

Despite these challenges, Christian missions are making progress in the 10/40 window. World Outreach and other organisations are working to train and equip local believers to share the Gospel with their neighbours and friends. This approach is often more effective than sending foreign missionaries, as local believers are better able to understand the culture and language of the people they are trying to reach.

There are also many opportunities for Christians to support missions in the 10/40 window. Prayer is a powerful tool for reaching the unreached, and Christians can pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who have never heard the Gospel. Financial support is also critical, as it allows missionaries to travel to remote areas, provide training and resources to local believers, and establish churches and ministries.

As Christians, we are called to share the love and message of Jesus Christ with all people, including those in the 10/40 window. While the challenges are great, the rewards of seeing lives transformed by the power of the Gospel are even greater. By supporting missions in this region and praying for those who are working to share the Gospel, we can play a vital role in reaching the unreached in the 10/40 window.



PRAY WITH US

Sign up now to receive a MONTHLY email from World Outreach, focussing on an Unreached People Group to pray for each month.



REACHING THE UNREACHED:

"A CALL TO BOLDNESS AND FAITH"

s Christians, we are called to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). This is not just a suggestion or a good idea; it is a command from our Lord and Saviour. Yet, there are still millions of people around the world who have never heard the Gospel or had the opportunity to respond to the message of salvation. These are the unreached people groups, those who have little or no access to the Gospel and who are often living in remote or difficult-to-reach areas.

Reaching these unreached people groups is not an easy task. It requires courage, persistence, and a willingness to step out of our comfort zones and take risks. It also requires faith, a deep trust in God's power and provision, and a commitment to prayer and seeking his guidance.

In Acts 17:26-27, we read that God 'made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.' (NIV) This means that God has placed each person in their specific time and place for a reason, and that he desires for all people to know him and be saved.

But how will they know unless someone tells them? As it says in Romans 10:14-15, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (NIV)

As believers, we are the ones who have been sent. We are the ones called to go and share the good news with those who have not heard it before. This may mean learning a new language, adapting to a new culture, or facing opposition and persecution. But it also means experiencing the joy and fulfilment of seeing lives transformed by the power of the Gospel, and the knowledge that we are obeying our Lord's command and fulfilling his

Pray for the Field Workers who are bold in their faith and commitment to reaching the unreached. They are willing to go to the ends of the earth. Will we even go to our own neighbourhood's, to share the message of salvation? Let us pray for God's guidance and provision, and trust in his power to open doors and overcome obstacles. And let us never forget that we have the greatest message of hope and love in the world, a message that is meant to be shared with all people, everywhere.

*World map: https://www.opendoors.org.au/world-watch-list/?psafe_ param=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwk7ugBhDIARIsAGuvgPbYVZxRIKflc3t2LSopHvyUsd0hm_gOABN3CxgfydNqk1YS0RTTc7waAvAtEALw_wcB

SYRIA'S EARTHQUAKE CRISIS

DISPLACED SYRIANS FACE DIRE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION, LOCAL CHURCHES PROVIDE HOPE AND RELIEF



he situation in Syria has been dire for years, with ongoing conflict and destruction leaving many people in desperate need of help. As Christians, our priority is to pray for those affected by this crisis, believing that the Lord can bring healing and hope even in the midst of the most challenging circumstances.

Since the two earthquakes struck Southern Turkey and Northern Syria, our Field Worker has worked on the ground with four local Syrian churches to provide relief to those affected. According to Mr B (our worker), the earthquakes have left people more traumatised than the preceding nine years of civil conflict.

In response, local churches have sought to provide a safe refuge in addition to providing food, clothing, shelter, and medical care. In this way, more than 1500 families - Christians and non-Christians alike - are experiencing God's love. It is the intention of our Field Worker and the local churches to continue ministering to these local communities in the months ahead.

In times like these, the church becomes a centre of relief, offering warmth, safety, and shelter to those who have lost everything. They provide food, medicine, and support to those who are struggling to survive. Through simple words and actions, they share the love and hope that is in them and for them, pointing people towards the source of their strength and comfort.

However, there is still much work to be done. Many people have lost their homes and are living in the streets or in shelters, with little access to necessities. Children are afraid to sleep at night, and many are struggling with trauma and fear.

We invite you to partner with these local churches in reaching out to the unreached who are in areas which have received only a modest trickle of relief goods. We need your help.

Prayers are also requested for those who have been affected by this crisis, that the Lord's love will reach them, bringing healing and hope to their souls.

As Christians, we are called to stand with our brothers and sisters in Syria, offering whatever support and aid we can. May the Lord use us to be a light in the darkness, bringing hope and healing to those who need it most.



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SUSTAINING HOPE

HOW YOUR RECURRING SUPPORT CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT IN MISSIONS

World Outreach Field Workers do some remarkable work helping people at the point of their need. Many of these ministries require regular funding to enable them to do what they do.



GENERATION MINISTRIES

Based in South Asia, GenMinistries has a broad ministry to their local community and nation.

Within their nation, they operate free weekly medical clinics open to people of all faiths, allowing them to share the Gospel and love of Jesus, as well as providing medical care.

One aspect of their ministry focuses on the broader Body of Christ in their nation, where they host children's workers for week-long training seminars. Also, they hold multiple children's camps for kids from outlying areas, drawing together children from across the country.



CHURCH PLANTING AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKER TRAINING, VIETNAM

Based in Ho Chi Minh City, this ministry serves the Christian community in Vietnam by conducting church-planting seminars, drawing men and women from across Vietnam's rural and mountainous areas to be equipped. The workers return to their villages to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and see churches established and grow.

In addition to training church planters, they are passionate about training children's workers from existing churches across Vietnam to reach the children from their regions through evangelistic campaigns and follow-up discipleship materials.



REFUGEE MINISTRY CENTRE, EGYPT

Based in Cairo, the Refugee Ministry Centre has been operating for over seven years as a direct response to the Arab Spring, which saw many refugees from neighbouring Arab countries flee to Egypt, seeking a safe haven for their families.

A vocational training centre is a crucial component of the Centre. They train young men and women each year in different skills such as hairdressing, fixing computers, fixing mobile phones and other electronics. Other classes focus on learning English, art and personal computer skills. Many of those trained by the Centre have begun small businesses or have found employment based on their new skills.

In addition to the training, the Centre supports many lowincome families each month by providing them with food, medication, blankets in winter, and fans in summer.

WILL YOU PARTNER WITH ONE OR SOME OF THE FOLLOWING?





Passing the Torch

Meet the Visionary Leader Set to Take World Outreach into the **Future**

Introducing Ben B. **World Outreach's Incoming International Director**

Tet ready to meet the visionary leader Who is set to take World Outreach to new heights! Earlier this year, Ben was appointed as the International Director Designate, and the transitional process has already begun. With his official start date of 1st of September, 2023 quickly approaching, we're thrilled to introduce our readers to Ben and give you an inside look at the man who will be at the helm of our mission.

What led you to pursue a career in missions, and how did you first become involved with World Outreach?

When Rachel and I married, we had a heart to serve God in whatever capacity. Rachel grew up as a missionary kid in Mexico and was familiar with the life of missions. We led short-term mission trips for our church, and from there, a deeper passion for God to be glorified in the nations began to surface. A couple from our home church, serving with WO, invited us to join them in the South Pacific. We prayed about it but didn't end up joining them. John Elliott, the former International Director of WO, used to visit our church and speak on missions. He and Mary met with a group of young adults over a meal and invited us to join World Outreach. At that time, he started presenting options for Rachel and me to get involved in. John's interest and invitation kickstarted our journey with WO 20 years ago.

You have been with WO since 2003 and played a significant part in sharping the organisation in the leadership team, including in your role as Field Ministries Director. What has been some highlights and learnings for you over the past 20 years?

The first thing that comes to mind is the joy of working with such great leaders from diverse cultural and working backgrounds. I have learned so much from them about life, ministry, and loving God. Another highlight has been serving other people's ministries and dreams, coming alongside them, and helping them develop strategies to engage more people. I have also been privileged to be involved with developing WO regional vision teams (RVTs). These strategic gatherings help us as an organisation in three crucial ways. First, they provide insight into what occurs in the different regions. Second, they foster collaborative working relationships amongst key leaders. Third, they serve the whole mission by cross-pollinating new ideas and strategies that are working to advance the cause of missions amongst unreached people groupds (UPGs). New teams have started because of these RVTs, and more UPGs engaged with the Gospel.

What do you see as the biggest challenges facing World Outreach and the broader missions community in the current global climate, and how do you plan to address them?

There are still nearly 7,000 people groups without access to the Gosepl. This is a significant challenge. The good news is there are more and more believers in the majority world who are passionate about taking the Gospel forward and are near neighbours to these UPGs. Creating indigenous sending structures, which we call Hubs, in these strategic locations for recruiting, training, and deploying field workers, is significant and will help address this situation.

On a grassroots level, our Field Workers face several challenges. Many Field Workers must create access plans or platforms to obtain visas, as traditional visas are no longer viable options for closed/restricted access countries. Another thing is ongoing personal financial support for Field Workers and their families. Churches from traditional sending nations have shifted funding to short-term projects or buildings, which assist our people in their work but does not help them stay on the field longterm. Also, our people work amongst difficult UPGs, which means persevering through persecution and difficult living conditions, often staying faithful to the call for many years without seeing much "success". These conditions wear people down. To help address some of these areas, we are working to grow and up-skill our member care team, train our Field Workers in raising support, and build up a network of intercessors who regularly pray for the mission from around the globe. We also host conferences and retreats to help re-envision and encourage our personnel.

What are some of the mission trends you are seeing today?

There have been some significant shifts in missions. One would be that the younger generation tends to be less pioneering or independent in spirit and prefer to work in collaborative teams. They are still willing to do the hard things of missions and make sacrifices, but they want to do it with others and need a higher level of direction. Also, the rise of the majority world church means there is more diversity in missions which is excellent but also makes it more complex to serve missionaries around the globe. Globalisation and people movements due to displacement from war or civil unrest mean that missions to unreached people groups can take place everywhere, with many opportunities for diaspora ministry at our front doors if we take the time and look around us. Obviously, technology and our ability to interact with people in different places in real-time is also a trend to leverage in missions today.

What are your goals and priorities for World Outreach in the coming years, and how do you plan to achieve

Over the next couple of years, we will need to continue to increase our ability to send and serve a diverse mission force to UPGs. As many come from majority world sending countries, we will need to assist with raising funds, invest in training that is culturally and contextually relevant to a rapidly changing mission force, and find more ways to leverage technology in advancing the Gospel without sacrificing the crucial relational aspect of mission work.

How do you balance rest and recreation with ministry and travel?

I take a big-picture approach and think about this from a seasonal perspective, there will be times of busyness and times of rest, and both are important for long-term health. I also regularly do CrossFit for physical exercise and the social aspect of working out with friends.

Balut or fried crickets?

Without a doubt fried cricket. A delicious salty and crunchy

How can we support you and your family in this new season as you take on the mantle of leadership as International Director of WO?

Please continue to pray for us. We need the Lord to give us wisdom and to help us each day as we move forward in this new season.



FAMILY NEWS



Jenny Timuari

On January 28th, Jenny Timuari, a World Outreach Missions Partner of five years, tragically lost her life in a vehicle accident, leaving behind a legacy of love, compassion, and service to God.

Jenny dedicated 13 years of her life to serving with Mt Hope in Kalimantan, Indonesia, where she touched the lives of many through her selfless actions and steadfast faith. Her commitment to spreading the word of God was unwavering, and her devotion to helping those in need was an inspiration to all who knew her.

As we mourn Jenny's loss, we take comfort in the knowledge that she is now safe with Jesus. We ask that you join us in prayer for the Mt Hope team and children as they come to terms with this tragedy. We also ask for prayers for Jenny's family, who must now deal with another painful loss so soon after her brother's passing.

To the Mt Hope team, we extend our deepest condolences. May God's comfort and strength be with all those who served with Jenny, and all those who knew her. She will be remembered as a shining example of what it means to live a life of service to God and others.



Bruce & Fiona Hills

Congratulations to Bruce and Fiona Hills, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in January.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Their life together certainly speaks to the value of companionship and the strength that comes from working together as a team. Thank you, Bruce and Fiona, for exemplifying the qualities that are essential to a successful marriage, especially one that has lasted for 40 years!



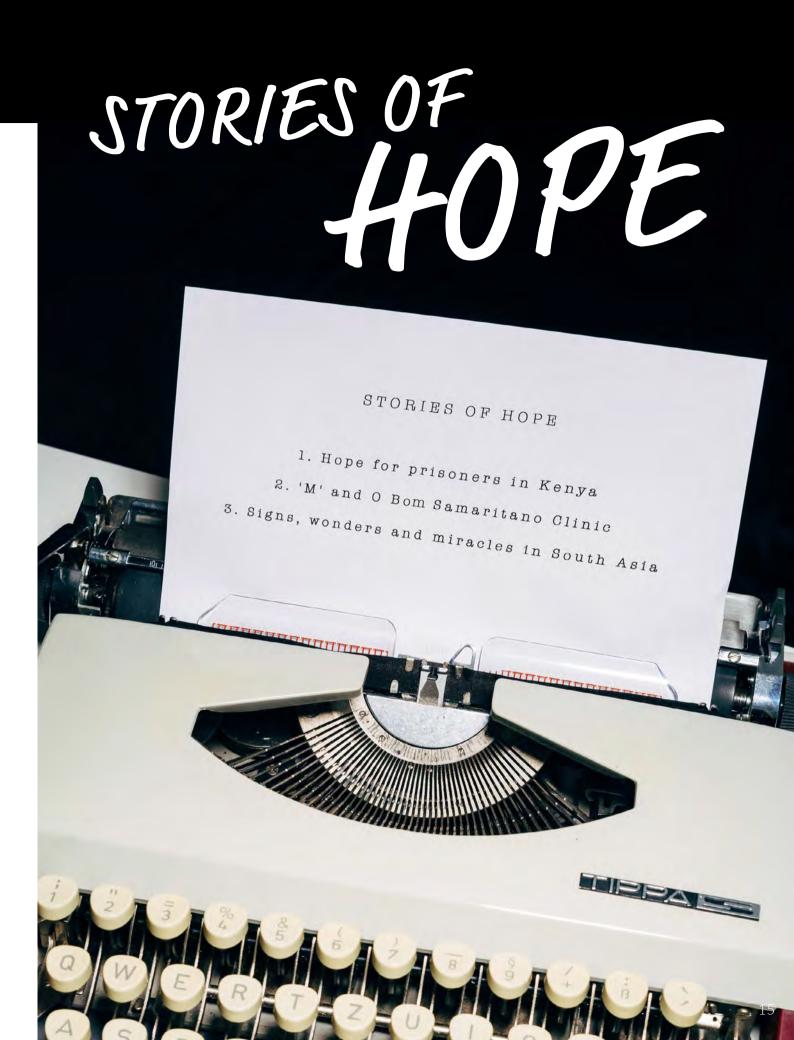
Helen & Didier

We are pleased to share that World Outreach Field Worker Helen H got married! The date of the wedding was in the 28th of January and was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Helen married Didier, a local missionary who serves under the umbrella of "Go to Nations and had been one of our partner-collaborators in children's ministry.

Congratulations Helen and Didier.

May you have many blessed years ahead.



HOPE FOR PRISONERS IN KENYA

"God is restoring the souls that are thirsty for him behind the bars."

eet J, a woman who is spreading hope and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the prisons of Northern Kenya. J is changing the narrative by offering prisoners regeneration, not just rehabilitation.

J believes that the answer to reducing crime rates and breaking the cycle of recidivism lies in the demonstration of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As a believer in Christ, J has taken it upon herself to reach out beyond the barbed wire fences, perimeter walls, and steel bars that surround prisoners to touch the lives of men and women bound by the shackles of sin. The greatest scriptural mandate for prison ministry is given in Matthew 25:31-40, where Jesus calls on his followers to visit those in prison, for in doing so, they are serving him.



"What does it take to change a person's life? We must be ready to lay our agendas aside to respond to the spiritual guidance for the great commission. 'To God, every person is important, and he wants them to experience his love'





J follows the example set by Christ himself, who ministered to prisoners during his time on earth. In Isaiah 42:7, the prophet speaks of Christ, saying "to open blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." Even while dying on Calvary's cross, Jesus took time to reach out in love and concern to a prisoner.

J shared that, "The mission is to reach out to prisoners, their families and prison officers through sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his sacrifice in a way they understand, in their heart language, is our number one goal. Many prisoners in these prisons have shared the testimony of how they have Jesus inside the prison, and they will be going back inside the prison to share the hope of the Gospel to men and women who are hopeless and suffering behind the bars."

The spiritual goals of prison ministry include sharing the unconditional love of God, presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and discipling new believers through the Word of God. J's work aims to lead inmates to experience the life-changing power of God that will free them from guilt, shame, negative emotions, and addictions. She also ministers to the

families of inmates, recognising that for every person incarcerated, there are three to five other people affected.

Through her work in the prisons of Northern Kenya, J is not only transforming the lives of individual prisoners, but also making a difference in the wider society. By helping inmates function more positively within the prison, she is reducing the likelihood of violence and unrest. Furthermore, by reaching out to families affected by incarceration, she is offering hope and support to those who may have been forgotten by society.

In a world where the prison system is failing, J's work offers a message of hope and a reminder that even in the darkest of places, the light of Christ can shine through. As Christ himself said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40).

STORIES OF HOPE

One of the women in prison approached J and requested that she pray for her. J agreed and they prayed together, but due to circumstances beyond her control, J was unable to visit the woman again for a whole month. During her next visit, the woman disclosed an alarming incident: the wife of this woman's landlord had arranged this woman's imprisonment under false accusation as she had heard that the woman had slept with her husband. The now-incarcerated woman later discovered she was pregnant and, on the morning of J's visit, had already taken pills to terminate the pregnancy. Despite the onset of painful cramps, she asked J to pray with her.

Unaware of the woman's situation, J put her trust in the Lord and prayed. Miraculously, the woman's pain ceased and the pregnancy continued without further problems. Later, she gave birth to a healthy baby. In response to the experience, the woman committed her life to Christ, and J was amazed at how God answered her prayer despite not knowing the full extent of the situation.

On one of her visits to the prison for ministry, J was approached by a religious man. He wanted some audio bibles to bring back to his village upon his release from prison. This man comes from the far north where no workers can go. He shared with J that he gave his heart to the Lord a long time ago when she gave the invitation in one of her sharing sessions. He had been listening to all the discipleship training she was giving, even though it looked as if he was uninterested as he always sat in a corner with his back to her. He could not proclaim openly about his newfound faith because of the other people in the prison. However, upon his release, he was going to bring the audio bibles back to his village to share the Gospel with his family and friends.

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'M' & O BOM SAMARITANO CLINIC

"One woman's inspiring journey as a missionary in Mozambique"



1 , a pediatric nurse from Germany, has been called to be a missionary in Mozambique. Her passion for helping the poor and needy started from childhood, as she listened to stories from missionaries. After giving her life to the Lord, M was baptised around her 17th birthday.

Despite facing difficulties in her early school years, M's faith in Jesus and the prayers of faithful people helped her improve her grades. She eventually became a pediatric nurse and later pursued her lifelong dream of being a missionary.

After completing a Discipleship Training School (DTS) with Youth With A Mission (YWAM), M heard God's voice telling her to go to Mozambique. Although it took six years for this calling to be confirmed, she eventually started long-term missions work at the age of 28.

M's faith in Jesus has helped her through challenging times in her missionary work. She has been amazed by his faithfulness and strength.

Now, M is only able to make short trips to Mozambique because she needs to care for her elderly parents. However, the work she has done to start and run O Bon Samaritano carries on in strength.

M wants to encourage others to heed God's call, even if it takes time to be confirmed.

Being a missionary is never boring, and M's story shows how following Jesus can lead to a life of purpose and fulfillment.

ABOUT O BOM SAMARITANO

Cuses natural medicine to improve the lives of local people.

They help Mozambicans in remote villages establish health posts for natural medicine. The health workers participate in monthly seminars where they are taught how to make medicine from herbs and how to treat the sick with that medicine. When they return to their villages, they are able to help others. At a local hospital they are allowed to sell their medicine twice a month. This helps with sustainability.

O Bom Samaritano also has a nutrition programme for orphaned and malnourished children. The team also visit local prisons and have a radio programme.



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LOOKING BACK ON 2022

In 2022, we treated 28,528 sick patients. We have 69 healthcare houses in 5 districts, consisting of 247 healthcare workers. 26 of our health posts were damaged by cyclone Gombe, and eight of these posts still need to be rebuilt.

We conducted health teachings in 1017 villages, made 24 visits in prisons and gave 208 radio lessons. We also ran an orphan programme, giving out clothes, school materials and treats to 480 children.









SIGNS, WONDERS & MIRACLES IN SOUTH ASIA

"A World Outreach Missions Partner's Life Testimony"



*For security reasons, no names have been used in this article.

grew up in a family that worships many gods. Because of that, I was trained and taught to worship all the gods and goddesses. I should not make these gods angry. I was always afraid of these gods and yet I also questioned in my heart why the gods are like that.

In order not to make our gods angry, my family offered many sacrifices of animals and candles in different temples. Yet the condition of my family got worse. At that time, my mother was demon possessed and my father was sickly. We believed that the evil spirits visited my mom at night and sucked her blood as we could see bruised and black spots all over her body in the mornings. So, I started to question my beliefs: If we offered the best sacrifices to our gods, why did they not protect my family from illnesses and evil attacks?

It was during this time of doubt that God sent my cousin to share the Gospel with me. When I heard that Jesus Christ is different from our gods and goddesses, I immediately gave my life to Jesus. I began to grow spiritually, but I did not share the Gospel with my family until one day, when I shared Jesus with my mom.

I was shocked when she told me, "I consider you as dead in this family." Starting then, my family mistreated me. I only got to eat after everybody had eaten, if there was still food left. Many times, I went to bed on an empty stomach. People in my village also hated me because I was a follower of Jesus. They would abuse me physically. But God was gracious to me.

One day, my father got sick and was hospitalised. Because of his infection, the doctor said he had to undergo surgery in five parts of his body. We were given 15 days of preparation for the operation. It was then that I prayed fervently asking the Lord to do a miraculous healing for my father. I also asked my cousin to pray for him. Fifteen days later, we brought him back to the hospital for a check-up and the doctor was so surprised. My father was completely healed! Hallelujah, our God is great. Because of this miracle, my father became more positive towards Christianity but not my mother.

One evening, I politely asked my mother if I could pray for her deliverance from demon possession. Surprisingly and unwillingly, she said yes. I prayed a very simple prayer of covering over her. Amazingly, for the first time, she slept very well and woke up without any bruises on her body. After that deliverance my whole family received Christ. What a joyful day that was!

Sad to say, our whole community, including my uncle, turned against us. They began to give us problems and physically attacked our family because they thought we would bring a curse upon our community. Because of us, the religious god would be angry with all the people in the village.

Nevertheless, we kept on loving them and sharing the love of God. One day, my uncle went to a neighbouring country for army training. When he came back, he was demon-possessed. When the demon attacked him, he could not breathe properly. Due to this evil harassment, he became very thin. He blamed us for this curse. Our villagers also blamed us. The whole village wanted to

drive us out, thinking we were the cause of this malady. My uncle became weaker and weaker. Finally, he called me and told me, "I will die tonight. Please take care of my family." But I told him, "You don't have to die because Jesus already died for you."

As many people watched, I brought my uncle to our home. He was unconscious. I told God, "If you will not do anything today, just let me die praying for my uncle." I prayed from two in the afternoon until nine at night, but my uncle remained unresponsive. I continued praying until about ten o'clock that night. My uncle suddenly woke up and spoke in a loud voice - something left his body, and he started praising Jesus. I knew then and there that he was already delivered from demon possession.

After that my uncle's whole family received Christ. Within six months, our relatives came to receive Jesus Christ one by one. By the grace of our Almighty God, our whole village has since turned to Jesus Christ.

Two and a half years ago, we planted a church, and my uncle is the leader of that church. Those were the people who used to persecute me. Now they are worshiping our God, Jesus Christ.



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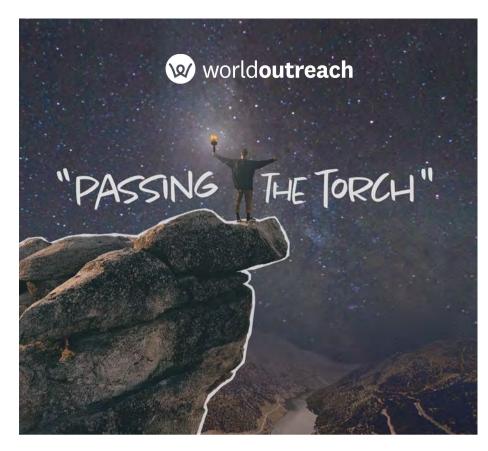


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