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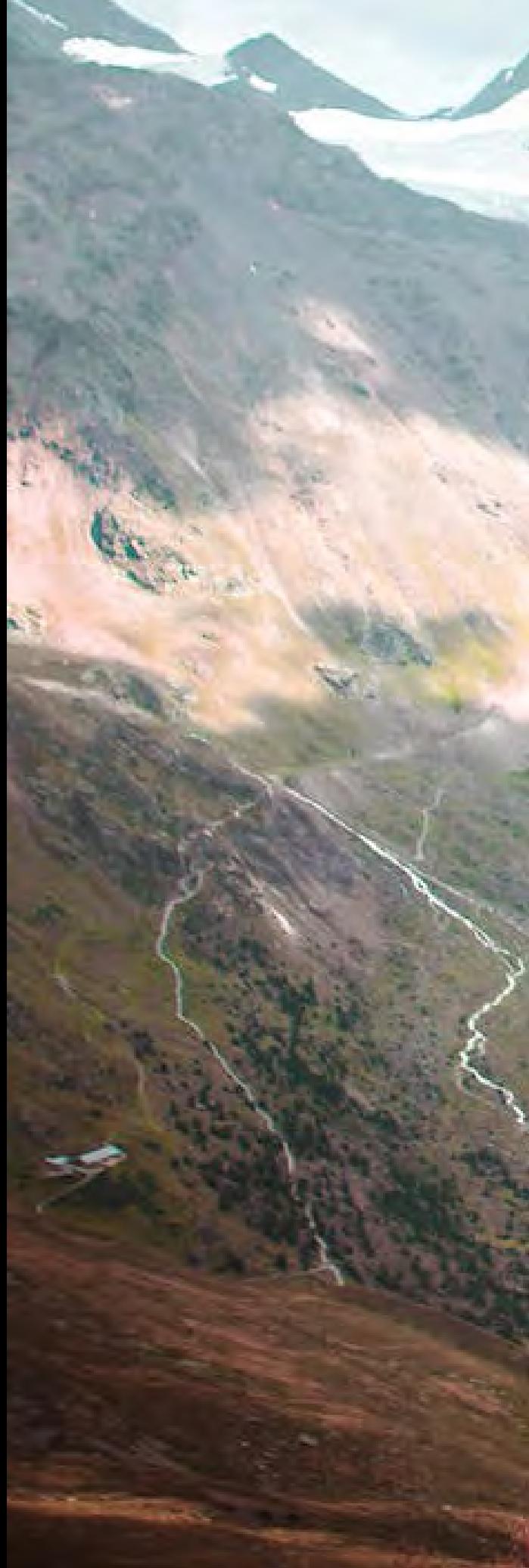
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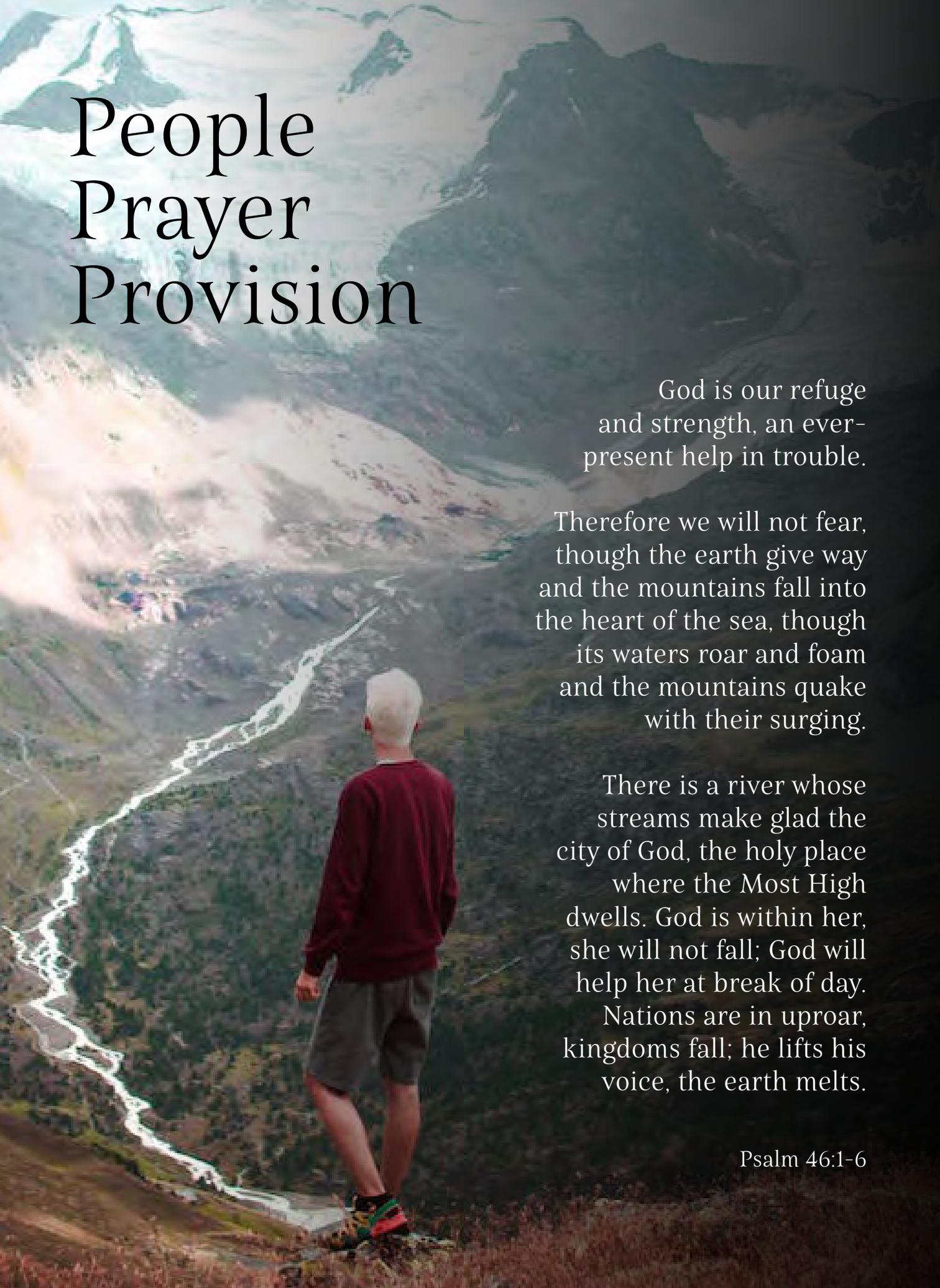
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People Prayer Provision



God is our refuge
and strength, an ever-
present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into
the heart of the sea, though
its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake
with their surging.

There is a river whose
streams make glad the
city of God, the holy place
where the Most High
dwells. God is within her,
she will not fall; God will
help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar,
kingdoms fall; he lifts his
voice, the earth melts.

Psalm 46:1-6

Late last year, the United Nations released a report noting that the world is facing 'uncertain times, unsettled lives'.¹

With natural disasters, threats of nuclear war and economic volatility, we are living in challenging times. As Christians, we live with a dilemma: on the one hand, we're human, so we are prone to experience natural anxieties and fears (we wouldn't be human if we didn't), but, on the other, we're also people of faith. So, how should we respond in the middle of uncertain times?

Psalm 46 has always been a comfort for me in crises. From the first verse of this amazing Psalm, I want to share three things from which we can draw confidence in a crisis.

1. God is Our Refuge

Psalm 46 opens with a powerful declaration: 'God is our refuge...' We can derive comfort and confidence from these wonderful words. The Lord does not just provide refuge; he is our refuge!

Whenever the name 'refuge' is attributed to God in Scripture, it speaks of him as:

- A hiding place (Psalm 27:5; cf. Psalm 30:25-26)
- A place of safety/shelter (Psalm 27:5; 30:26; 71:1)
- A place of protection (Psalm 71:3)

He is a refuge for his people in times of trouble. Whenever we feel vulnerable, in danger, fearful, or facing something overwhelming, we can go to God as our refuge and be enveloped in his sovereign care and infinite power.

Here are some Scriptures that show the extent of God's all-encompassing presence as our refuge.

The Lord is:

- Over us (Psalm 91:4; 121:7-8)
- Around us (Psalm 125:2; cf. 34:7)
- For us (Rom. 8:31)
- With us (Heb. 13:5b-6; cf. Deut. 31:6; Psalm 118:6-7)
- In us (Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27)

- Beside us (Psalm 121:5)
- Behind us (Psalm 121:3)
- Under us (Deut. 33:27 to sons of Asher)

So, in times of trouble, may we go to him, lean on him, yield to him, surrender our life and circumstances to his sovereign hand, trust him and put our faith in him.

2. God is Our Strength

A second thing that gives us confidence is that (v. 1) 'God is our...strength...'

Once again, he does not just provide strength; he is our strength (Ex. 15:2; Psalm 73:26; 84:5; Isa. 41:10)! He builds us up and fortifies us with his power.

The best New Testament passage that speaks of God strengthening us is in the middle of Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. In verses 16 & 17, he prays that '...out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.' These verses tell us that the source of God's strength in our lives is his Spirit.

The purpose of this power, according to Paul, is to 'strengthen...our inner being'; that is, to fortify, brace, invigorate and energise our inner person with the power that raised Jesus from the dead (see Eph. 1:19-21).

Our 'inner being' is a phrase used uniquely by the apostle Paul to refer to the interior of our being. It encompasses our intellect, affections, understanding, imagination, powers of attention, memory, conscience and will.

So, when we are feeling weak, empty, or drained by what we're going through, the Lord will strengthen us with his power, from his Spirit, in every area of our inner being so that we are enabled to endure any and every circumstance, anxiety, or tragedy.

3. God is Our Ever Present Help in times of trouble

The third thing that gives us confidence is that (v. 1) 'God is...an ever-present help in trouble.' This means he is always there and will always be with us no matter what we are going through or will face in this life. Think back to the promises the Lord made to some

¹ Conceicao, P. (2022) *Uncertain times, unsettled lives: Shaping our future in a transforming world. Human Development Report 2021/2022. United Nations Development Program (UNDP).*

significant people of his abiding and faithful presence: Jacob (Gen. 28:15), Moses (Exod. 33:14), Israel facing future battles (Deut. 20:1), Judah in trials (Isa. 43:2), and the Church in mission (Matt. 28:20).

His ever-present help means that he will never forsake, reject, neglect or leave us to fend for ourselves.

Psalm 46:1 states that he is an '...ever-present HELP'. God has revealed himself as the Divine Helper (Deut. 33:29; Psalm 27:9; Isa. 41:10; Heb. 13:5-6). He helps us in many different ways, such as comfort, protection, encouragement, consolation, strength, deliverance, or assurance. He will provide whatever help we need to bring us through any unexpected or unwelcome circumstances.

Let me sum up by saying that trouble may come (and will come) because we live in a fallen world, but we can draw confidence in any crisis because the Lord our God is our refuge, our strength, and an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Drawing Confidence in a Crisis

- Bruce Hills

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UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS



WHO ARE THEY?

IN Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commanded us 'to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey 'everything I have commanded you' (NIV).

World Outreach field workers have obeyed this command since Dr Len Jones started his mission work in 1932. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary, we remain focused on fulfilling this Great Commission through evangelism & discipleship of Unreached People Groups, and by equipping them to disciple their own and other peoples. According to one definition, an Unreached People Group is any ethnic or ethnolinguistic group without enough Christians to evangelise, disciple or plant churches without external help. This means that without external help, members of such a group would never be able to receive the Good News of Jesus Christ!

With 3.34 billion people currently belonging to Unreached People Groups (UPGs), we are compelled by the task at hand to be Jesus' witnesses to the ends of the earth. To this end, we have unveiled Vision 2025, a 5-year strategic plan to double the number of UPGs evangelised and discipled by our field workers and to double the number of field workers mobilised to the field. By the Lord's grace, notable progress is being made in reaching these strategic goals, including raising more indigenous field workers in the majority world.

(Source: <https://joshuaproject.net>)

GLOBAL SUMMARY

An overview of the people groups of the world

https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics

As at December 1, 2022

17,428 PEOPLE
GROUPS
7,415 UNREACHED
PEOPLE GROUPS
42.5% % UNREACHED
GROUPS

8 Billion POPULATION
3.34 Billion POPULATION
IN UNREACHED
42.5% % POPULATION
IN UNREACHED

"Unreached people groups are found in rural villages, high-tech cities and everywhere in between — but all have the same need for the Gospel."

📌 MAY 28TH 2023
INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE UNREACHED

The Joshua Project website states:

An unreached or least-reached people is a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelise this people group without outside assistance.

A number of years ago Joshua Project introduced the term "least-reached" to communicate that the status of people groups is found on a spectrum, rather than an on/off toggle as implied by the "reached"/"unreached" terminology.

However, the term "unreached" is so widely used in the global missions community there has not been a significant shift to "least-reached". Both terms mean the same thing and are used interchangeably.

3 UPG PRAYERS YOU CAN PRAY RIGHT NOW:

1. PRAY FOR GOD TO REVEAL HIMSELF IN A POWERFUL WAY

Ask that God would raise up labourers to go and share the Good News of the gospel with them, and that the Holy Spirit would open their hearts to receive his love and truth.

2. PRAY FOR NEW BELIEVERS

Ask God to protect new believers from spiritual darkness and deception. Pray that Jesus would give them wisdom and discernment to recognise the truth when they hear it, and that he would give them the courage to follow him even when it is difficult.

3. ASK GOD TO STRENGTHEN FIELD WORKERS AND EQUIP LOCAL BELIEVERS IN MINISTRY

Pray that God would bless them with physical and spiritual provision, and that he would give them strength and perseverance to overcome the challenges they face. Pray that he would use them to bring his kingdom to earth and bring hope and healing to those around them.



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THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US

LARGE numbers of **people all over the world are uprooting their lives and migrating** to other countries for various purposes: to escape hardship, to find work, to study or to pursue greater opportunities.

Many of these migrants belong to unreached people groups and communities that restrict evangelism. They are now moving into towns and cities where there are strong Christian churches.

While it is still important to send out missionaries into 'all the world', the Unreached People Groups (UPGs) that are now at 'our doorstep' cannot be ignored. **This phenomenon requires a new way of doing missions.**

WHY SHOULD WE REACH OUT TO MIGRANT UPGS?*

**Taken from the World Outreach UPG Ministry Starter Kit*

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”

(Leviticus 19:33-34)

More than 258 million people now live within a country that is not their own country of birth and that amounts to 3.2% of the world's population. As these numbers increase year by year, the global Christian community needs to recognise and respond to the tremendous opportunities God has given for large numbers of the remaining Unreached People Groups to be reached with the Gospel.

This theme of migration can be seen throughout the Bible and is very much part of salvation history. The Bible is filled with stories, admonitions, instructions and commands that reflect God's heart for foreigners and strangers.

It also shows how God uses the movement of people or "diaspora" as a tool to advance His purposes.

From the perspective of God's redemptive work, ministering to migrants can be very strategic. Enoch Wan, author of "Diaspora Missiology: Theory, Methodology, and Practice" (2011), mentions at least three phases:

1. Mission TO the diaspora: Christians in the host country share the Gospel with migrant UPGs.

2. Mission THROUGH the diaspora: Migrant believers reach out to those in their own ethnic group, both in the host country and sometimes beyond, by returning to their own countries as missionaries by virtual means.

3. Mission BY and BEYOND the diaspora: Those who have been reached by migrant believers also share the gospel to their own people in their country of origin and beyond.



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MIGRANT MINISTRY

A young girl wearing a green hoodie is shown in profile, blowing bubbles. She is holding a white bubble wand in her right hand. The background is a blurred outdoor setting, likely a refugee camp, with tents and a cloudy sky. The lighting is soft, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. The overall mood is one of hope and innocence.

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THE opportunity to share the Gospel to migrants around the world is growing. Wars, famine, and other circumstances are displacing more and more people. Some move to find education or work opportunities. Many people are migrating because of situations out of their control. Yet, this movement of people creates opportunities for the Gospel.

Over the last year we have seen another type of migration that has surprised and blessed us. Many Ethiopians migrate to South Africa (SA) in search of a better future for their families. Because of this migration, a church in SA for ex-pat Ethiopians was born. The focus of this church has mainly been on ministering to other Ethiopians in SA. Their vision is to reach fifty million people over the next 120 years. They want to support missionaries in 20 countries.

I met the leader of the church, and my heart jumped at the leadership's vision to reach nations. The pastors of more than eighty churches also needed to catch this vision. One of transformation from receivers of missions to senders of missionaries. Our journey started with equipping these pastors. We exposed them to training and practical tools. The goal for them was to reach not only their own people but others as well.

We started to facilitate *Didasko Academy courses with the pastors over a seven-month period. This covered the basic history and practical implementation of missions. I also had the opportunity to speak about the vision at their Bible College Graduation. The vision of participating in the Great Commission to Unreached People Groups.

The training and partnership between World Outreach and the Gospel Believers Church is yielding results:

- Pastors that have testified to going onto the streets in SA to preach the Gospel and lead people to Christ.
- The Gospel Believers Church in SA is now willing to support ten World Outreach Field Workers in Asia through prayer and financial donations. They are also willing to support twenty orphans in Asia.
- The Gospel Believers Church wants to inspire other churches in Africa to also give and support missions.

It has been a blessing to see and take part in what God is doing in and through my brothers and sisters from Ethiopia. If a migrant group from Ethiopia, living in South Africa, can engage in missions, why can't other African migrant groups in the UK or USA? I believe God is busy raising up a mission's force. And through migrants around the world, he will usher in a new expression of global missions.

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BY
IVAN VENTER
WORLD OUTREACH SOUTH AFRICA

STORIES OF HOPE

MISSIONARIES EMERGING FROM MAJORITY WORLD COUNTRIES

IN recent years, there has been a significant shift in the demographics of global missionaries, with many more now coming from the majority world. This term is often used to refer to developing countries which are home to the majority of the world's population.

As a result of this shift, missionaries from the majority world are now able to bring their unique cultural perspectives and experiences to their work. This has allowed them to better connect with the communities they serve, and to tailor their approach to the specific needs of the region.

In addition, missionaries from the majority world often have a greater understanding of the local language and culture, which can

be invaluable in building trust and rapport with the people they serve. This can make them more effective in their work and can also help to bridge cultural divides and promote greater understanding between different groups.

Overall, the emergence of missionaries from the majority world is a positive development, as it brings a greater diversity of perspectives and experiences to the field of global missions. As the number of missionaries from these countries continues to grow, it will be important to support and empower them in their work, and to ensure that they are able to make a meaningful and lasting impact.



Mr & Mrs L

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

PHILIPPINES
THAILAND



Mr & Mrs G

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

NEPAL
NEPAL



Mr & Mrs S

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

INDIA
INDIA



Mr & Mrs V

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

SOUTH AFRICA
SOUTH AFRICA



Mr K

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

INDIA
INDIA



Mr N

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

INDONESIA
INDONESIA



Mr & Mrs K

HOME COUNTRY:
MINISTRY LOCATION:

KENYA
KENYA

STORIES
FROM
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After so many years of praying for Unreached People Groups on many attempts without any results, we are so glad for the open doors we received in this village, in the North-Eastern area of the country. As we were praying for one man of peace during our last visit to their village, God gave us the "heart" of the village. 25 leaders of the D people group came to the meeting. It was a great encouragement and they even asked us to give each of them a Bible! Praise the Lord for this wide open door!
- WEST AFRICA



I only have high school education. My dream was always to further my studies and get accredited in something one day. My one day happened on Aug 1 2022. I am now studying to be an accredited coach. I have always had the desire to help others, my core value. God opened the door for me to achieve this and pay for it. Not only am I getting inner healing and strength from it, I'm already helping others through this training.
- SOUTH EAST ASIA



I met Mr. N last year at a food distribution that we did in one of the villages. He was a monk with many spiritual problems. He was looking for help in different places, he was tormented by the spirits that possessed him and made him hit and cut himself, and totally lose control of his will. He knew he had demons; he listened to them, and they gave him orders. He wanted to be free. He asked for prayer on Christmas Day 2021, when we did a camp in one of the villages. After he asked for prayer, the Gospel was presented to him and Mr. N began his journey to meet the Lord. An audio Bible told him that Jesus could set him free. His walk with Jesus has transformed his life and those who are close to him!! His testimony is showing the power of God to all who knew him before and he has the desire to make known the Jesus who changed his life by going to other villages to share the Gospel. The wonderful power of God that changes lives!
- SOUTH EAST ASIA

The farm is continuing to develop and grow. Three people are blessed and happy to work at the farm. Through the work and the salary they receive, they can be a blessing to their own families. Moreover, we can see their sense of self-value grow.
- SOUTH EAST ASIA

Africa and Asia



We had contact with Mr. J in the Youth Prison. Mr. J was cutting himself and very depressed, and we had special permission to counsel and spend time with him. The change was miraculous as the Holy Spirit worked in his life. Mr. J then went to trial and was moved – we lost track of him after that. Afterwards, we went to minister at a Juvenile Prison in a different town, and one of the students was Mr. J! It was so good to make contact once again and to find that he is still doing well. Ever since the Transformational Prayer Ministry has been added, a ministry that deals with past hurts and lies that people believe about themselves, we have received many good reports such as people starting to sleep well at night again after having not been able to do so in years – there is a sense of freedom from false guilt.
- SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

INDIA

FLOOD RELIEF REPORT

Christian Greetings

Thank you so much for your financial aid toward flood affected people in East India. I am very grateful to World Outreach for your quick and timely help.

The funds were utilised to acquire: tarpaulin for covering the roof, rice, sugar, biscuits, brushes and paste, and transportation.

With your help I visited 3 different flood affected villages and benefited 130 families. My heart broke after seeing their pathetic condition. The water had come up to their doorsteps and, in some cases, even inside their houses. I met with more than 20 families and saw that their house walls were either partially or fully collapsed. They needed boats to visit the neighbouring houses. There were no usable toilets, and they had to remain alert through the night for further flooding. This was the condition of the villagers when I arrived with the relief, and they all gathered around me expectantly.

When I delivered the goods, they received them joyfully and said, "Yes, this is something that we have been waiting for." Thanks were on their lips. Yes, my heart too is filled with thanksgiving to God and thank you so much for assisting in the relief for my people. You gave me the opportunity to serve them.

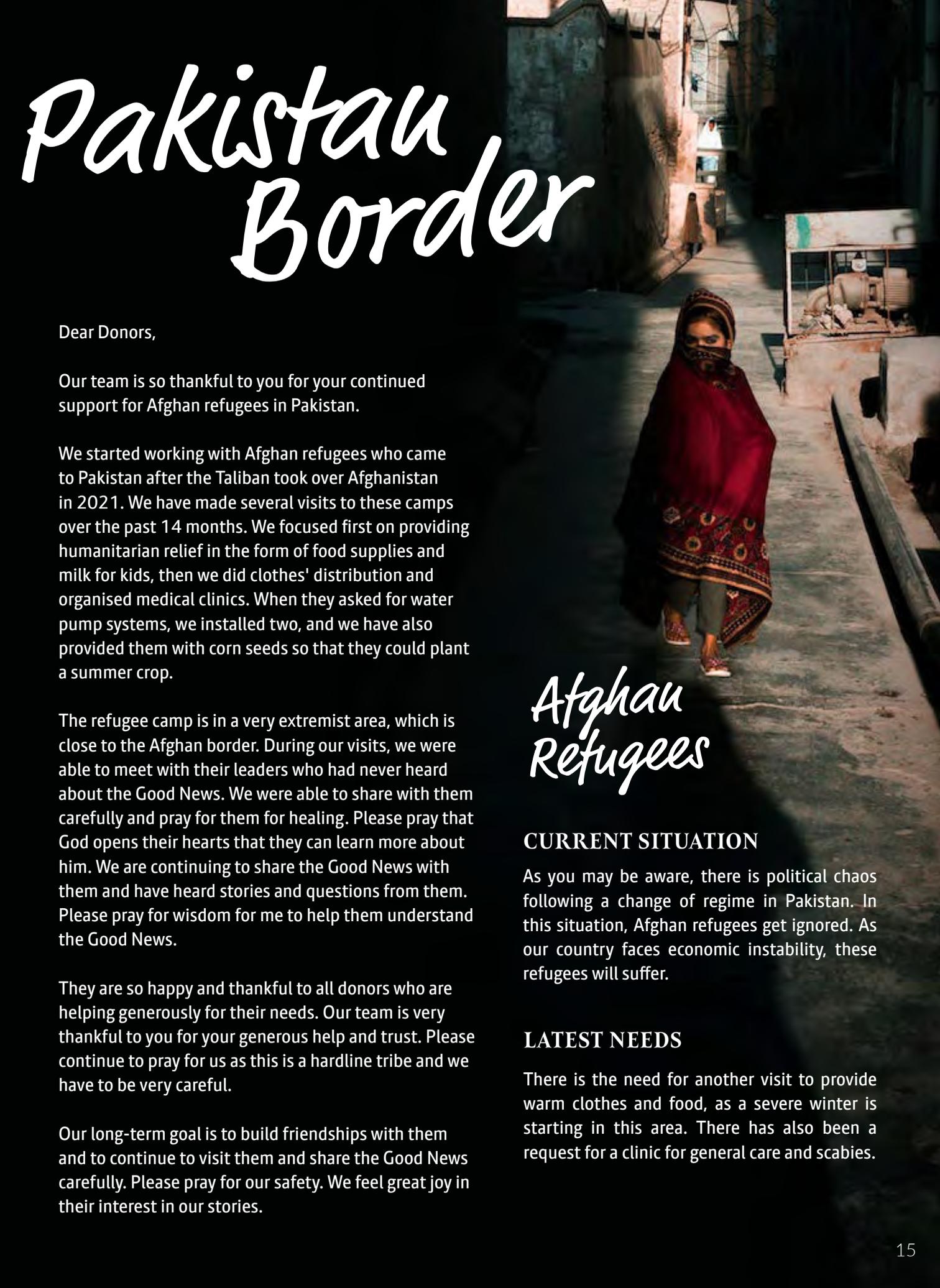
I also want to thank my Field Leader for his guidance.

Thank you once again for your help.

**In Christ,
Mr and Mrs S
WO Field Workers**



Pakistan Border

A woman wearing a vibrant red shawl with a patterned border and a headscarf is walking down a narrow, unpaved alleyway. The alleyway is flanked by simple, weathered buildings. In the background, other people can be seen, and a small structure, possibly a shop or a utility building, is visible on the right. The lighting is natural, suggesting daytime.

Dear Donors,

Our team is so thankful to you for your continued support for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

We started working with Afghan refugees who came to Pakistan after the Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021. We have made several visits to these camps over the past 14 months. We focused first on providing humanitarian relief in the form of food supplies and milk for kids, then we did clothes' distribution and organised medical clinics. When they asked for water pump systems, we installed two, and we have also provided them with corn seeds so that they could plant a summer crop.

The refugee camp is in a very extremist area, which is close to the Afghan border. During our visits, we were able to meet with their leaders who had never heard about the Good News. We were able to share with them carefully and pray for them for healing. Please pray that God opens their hearts that they can learn more about him. We are continuing to share the Good News with them and have heard stories and questions from them. Please pray for wisdom for me to help them understand the Good News.

They are so happy and thankful to all donors who are helping generously for their needs. Our team is very thankful to you for your generous help and trust. Please continue to pray for us as this is a hardline tribe and we have to be very careful.

Our long-term goal is to build friendships with them and to continue to visit them and share the Good News carefully. Please pray for our safety. We feel great joy in their interest in our stories.

Afghan Refugees

CURRENT SITUATION

As you may be aware, there is political chaos following a change of regime in Pakistan. In this situation, Afghan refugees get ignored. As our country faces economic instability, these refugees will suffer.

LATEST NEEDS

There is the need for another visit to provide warm clothes and food, as a severe winter is starting in this area. There has also been a request for a clinic for general care and scabies.

Pakistan Flood Relief

Dear Donors,

Our team is so thankful to you for your continued support for flood victims in Pakistan.

This year's floods in Pakistan were the worst of the last two decades and we had rains which flooded all across Pakistan. We mainly focused our attention on a southeastern province as this was worst hit by floods and is a very poor area.

First, we surveyed this area and found out that property and homes were destroyed. We met some Christian pastors there who reported that Christians are being discriminated against for help.

We are very thankful to World Outreach donors for your generous help. We have been able to assist 150 families with food and milk for children. The people here are also thankful for this generous help.

- Field Worker

CURRENT SITUATION

People are now trying to get back to their homes and have found their livelihoods are gone. They struggle to find work as there is limited activity in the area. They have asked for warm blankets, food and clothes for winter.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the Christian family who is working with us from this area. They are doing an amazing job and have a great burden for their people.

2. Please pray for new community development training which we will introduce among local Christian communities in 2023. We are translating & adapting a training programme that has been successfully implemented among ultra-poor Christian communities in the Philippines for many years to the Pakistan context. In the training programme, poor Christian families which have been selected by their pastor attend weekly community sessions, and will be taught about health, nutrition, livelihood matters and Godly values and how to apply these in their lives.

Syria



In a time when the borders seem closed, and there are no permits to enter from Lebanon to Syria, many local churches were asking when will you come. I felt in my soul to try even without having any permits. I texted one security officer, whom I had met before and given a Bible, to ask for help, and he just said "welcome". In my spirit, I felt that God was saying to me to go. So, I went to the border to try and enter without any permit. The surprise was that they allowed me to enter without any requirements, and I could hardly believe that I was in Syria within a few minutes. I was so overwhelmed, happy and excited that I forgot to change currency because it is normally not easy to go into Syria without local currency. I called a friend and asked him to pay for my taxi. He was very surprised how I had entered Syria so easily.

Praise God who made a way where there seemed to be no way!

THE GRACE OF GOD IS CHANGING PEOPLE'S LIVES



A sister in our ministry shared how as an elder in a religious sect, she would write copies of their holy book, as it is not allowed to be printed out. She said, 'The more I wrote, the more I felt empty and hungry in my heart.' She dreamed of a light that would guide and lead her, and then she met her brother, who lives in Lebanon, and is now following Jesus. He started to talk to her about what happened to him, and how his life totally changed after accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour. She felt some light, and she went to church where she heard a Christian song that said, 'Jesus set me free.'

She started following Jesus and is now growing in faith day by day.

AS CITY

While on a bus to AS City, a city full of believers from a religious sect, I met a lady who suddenly asked me, 'Are you an Egyptian pastor?' I replied, 'Yes.'

She told me that she is part of a group of believers from a non-Christian background. She invited me to the church where I found a big group of brothers and sisters who love God with all their hearts. Praise the Lord!



She came with a real hunger and desire to be discipled. The life of two of her sons has been totally changed. She leads a discipleship group from the same background. She refused many opportunities to leave Syria as she believes that this is the time to stay in Syria and serve her people.



Pictured above is Pastor G (right), a true shepherd. Please pray for the 10 discipleship groups he oversees which have almost 140 members, most of whom are new believers. Pray that they would grow in grace.

H CITY SYRIA

Godly people, who love the Lord with all their hearts, live under many pressures and have many needs. Please pray that they can build a church, as they currently gather in an apartment (pictured below) that can no longer accommodate the number of attendees.



H SYRIA

The Lord is doing a great work in the darkest of places. Here in Homs, the church is growing and getting stronger every day.

A group of believers started a new ministry centre in a rented apartment (see below), where they now number almost 100. They love and serve God despite the hardships and pressures they live under.



AN INVITATION TO HELP

DISPLACED PEOPLE APPEAL

Much-needed emergency relief funding is needed to assist displaced people in Burkina Faso, Malaysia, Mozambique, and Pakistan.

Would you prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support these relief efforts?



SHORT TERM TRIPS

2023

MOZAMBIQUE
15-25
MAY
GO - CHALLENGE

MOZAMBIQUE
30 JUN-
7 JULY
GO - CHALLENGE

NAMIBIA
25 AUG-
3 SEPTEMBER
EXPOSURE TRIP

LESOTHO
30 SEP-
6 OCTOBER
EXPOSURE TRIP

MOZAMBIQUE
23 NOV-
1 DECEMBER
GO - CHALLENGE

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Vijaya Chowdhuri

A MIGHTY WOMAN OF GOD 1944-2022

World Outreach lost one of its longest serving missionaries this past November when our dear friend and colleague, Vijaya Chowdhuri, passed away.

Along with her late husband, Biswanath, Vijaya was born in India. She was a trained nurse and Christian. She met Bisu (as he was known by many) in a Mumbai hospital where he was recovering after been exposed to toxic chemicals in 1963, when serving as a scientist in an Indian army laboratory. At the time he suffered complete paralysis of his body.

While undergoing years of treatment and rehabilitation in hospital, he had an opportunity to read a Gideon New Testament where he found a new life in Jesus Christ. A former Hindu Brahmin, Bisu became a Christian.

Over time a beautiful relationship between Bisu and Vijaya grew. They married on January 11, 1972, and had three children, Sarah, Sunita and Samuel. As part of his rehabilitation, the Indian government arranged for Bisu to receive further treatment in Perth, Australia. While there in hospital his story made the local news. Shortly afterwards a number of Christian visitors came regularly to visit them both.

After many years of rehabilitation in India and Australia, Bisu had only limited movement from the chest upwards. It was while in Perth that both felt the call of God to go and study at the WEC Bible School in Tasmania, Australia. Upon graduation from WEC, they knew the Lord had called them to serve as missionaries in Bangladesh, a very inhospitable country for a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair. Vijaya remained totally dedicated to Bisu's health needs throughout their married life.



To Bangladesh they went with a vision and passion to teach and train couples and singles to pastor and evangelize in their cities, towns and villages. In 1979 Bisu and Vijaya co-founded Christian Discipleship Centre (CDC). As a non-denominational training centre, it is today well known in Christian circles throughout Bangladesh. Hundreds of graduates are now serving the Lord throughout the country in many different denominational churches and ministries.

When Bisu passed away in 2010, Vijaya was appointed director of CDC where she soon gained the respect of other ministry leaders. She not only kept CDC true to its original vision, but also implemented various community projects that she and Bisu had talked about, eg slum literacy schools, up-skill / job training for women, and various mercy programs.

Vijaya's perseverance and determination to keep working hard despite her own severe health issues in the later years of her life won the respect of all who knew her. She was an amazing woman of God who will be greatly missed.

John Elliott
President Emeritus
World Outreach International



Photos of the CDC Graduation in December 2022, where WOI's International Director, Bruce Hills, was the guest speaker.

ADVANCE

GLOBAL SUMMIT 2023

"Break camp and ADVANCE..."
(Deuteronomy 1:7)

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JULY

CHIANG MAI
THAILAND

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