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'Are You Seeing Me Now?'

By Dale Stagg – CEO

In India, there is no end of gods and goddesses. Jesus is often relegated to the mantelpiece alongside figurines representing other deities. However, we frequently witness how Jesus can sweep aside these confused beliefs and confront people with the truth.

My friend and colleague, Pastor S, coordinates our WhatsApp project, which shares the word of God sent out to over 70,000 people in five languages every day, in both audio and text formats. He also serves as the producer and pastoral voice of our shortwave programs in Tamil and Kannada.

One such testimony comes from a WhatsApp listener in India, who shared:

I was working in the Middle East but lost my job due to Covid-19 and had to return to India. My parents had pledged our land and taken a loan to fund my studies and send me abroad. My father, a farmer, believed I would get a good job and be able to take care of them. Unfortunately, I couldn't work for more than six months in the Middle East.

Tragically, I lost my father due to illness, and now my mother is also sick, and I am unable to pay her medical bills. Because of me, my parents lost their property, and I haven't been able to take care of them. This has affected my mind very badly, and I considered ending my life.

One day, a pastor from a nearby village came to our house to pray for my mother, but I wasn't interested. He said someone from a Christian organization could help my mother. So, I went there seeking support. They invited me to come to a prayer meeting, but I was not sure and didn't want to go.

At that time, they sent me a message on WhatsApp. I started listening, and the word of God truly touched me. It spoke about faith, and to pray in faith. So, I thought, let me try and prayed, 'Lord, if you are a true God, answer me and let me see you.' I went home that night confused not knowing what to do.

After a week, my mother started feeling better and started walking without any medical intervention. She started doing small tasks around home, rising from her bed for the first time in a long time. Then I felt something speak to me, 'Are you seeing me now?' Oh God, He hears me.

God saved both me and my mother. I believe in Jesus. Please pray for my mother, and we will serve the Lord all the days of our life.

Pray with us for Pastor S, his staff, and the complexity of producing and creating our daily broadcasts that reach right across India and beyond.

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A Work of Many Hands

By Jonas Santos – Media Manager

Over the past few months, I've spoken at several churches, sharing highlights of Reach Beyond's ministry across the region, including countries like India, Myanmar, Bhutan, Japan, and Korea. A common question I am asked is, 'How does Reach Beyond manage to accomplish so much?' My simple answer is, 'Through the work of many hands.'

It is through the involvement of an extensive network of ministry partners across Asia that we are able to reach thousands of listeners every day. In each country we serve, there are dedicated brothers and sisters in Christ writing programs in their own language, voicing them at the recording facilities we set up in their locations, and then transferring the audio files to Kununurra for broadcast. On top of that, they regularly go on evangelistic trips to remote villages and towns in their countries to share God's Word, engage with listeners, distribute radios and mp3 players, and pray for the communities.

Again, it is a work of many hands. I have the privilege of meeting up with these dedicated teams in Asia from time to time, and I am always encouraged to see their heart for the unreached, even in the midst of opposition.

This work of many hands is making advances for the Kingdom. A couple of months ago, for example, our partners completed distribution of 100 mp3 devices loaded with programs in the Dzongkha language to villagers in a remote area of Bhutan. Meanwhile, our producers in Myanmar initiated the translation and voiceover of the *Fresh* devotional into the Rohingya language, and the first episodes are now airing via shortwave. In India, alongside shortwave programs, our WhatsApp project keeps growing, with over 70,000 people receiving our podcasts every week.

In Japan, the large shortwave listenership base continues to follow Reach Beyond closely. Our partnership with a like-minded radio station based in Seoul is also growing and plays an important role in expanding airtime across the Korean Peninsula with the message of salvation.

It goes without saying that none of the projects are without challenges, especially since some of the countries we serve are openly hostile to the Gospel. But the work goes on. By praying for us or even supporting the projects financially, you too become part of the many hands involved in this ministry.

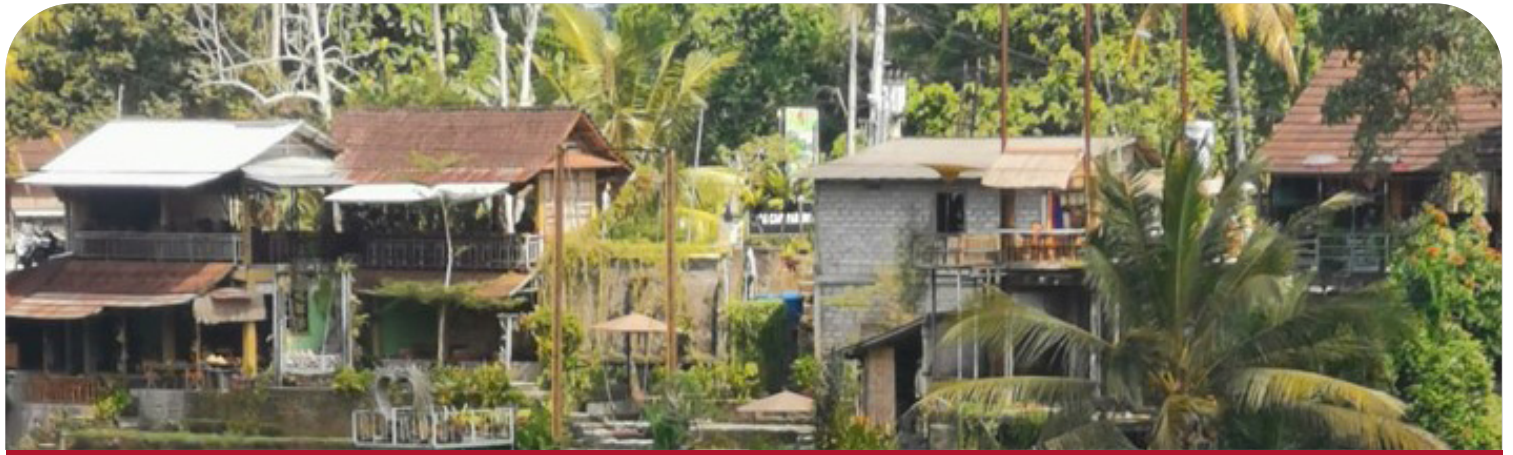
*'So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.'*

ROMANS 10:17



**'I thank
Reach Beyond
for guiding
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Reaching the Unreached with a Message of Hope

In these difficult times and when I feel no hope, the organiser of the Hingna Awl (HA) program broadcasts the word of God to us relevantly. I am really thankful to the HA program organisers for constantly broadcasting on the HA program to live by faith in the midst of difficulties and challenges, to live by hope without giving up. If not, we wouldn't be able to receive God's Word in time.

The HA program gives me hope when I have no hope and strength and joy when I feel depressed and sad. Thank you for the HA program.

— **Hingna Awl (HA) listener, Myanmar**

Thanks for your great transmission and excellent program...praying your station to keep playing an active role in leading more and more people to Jesus.

— **Saturday Talk Show listener, Japan**

While I was on my bed, I received a message from my friend. It was a WhatsApp Tamil message, 'A new life in Christ'. I was so blessed to hear that word of God and was so much touched and cried and gave my life to Christ. It was a timely word of God.

— **Tamil Nadu WhatsApp listener, India**

I have never listened to the HA program before. It was not easy for me to get the radio receiver. One day, when I visited a village near my village, I saw that the host I was staying with was listening to a radio program in the evening in our Matu language.

At first, I thought it was a program of another dialect. Of course, I was surprised when I heard all the programs in my own Matu dialect.

I hardly made a decision in my mind as I desperately sought to buy a radio receiver. I sold two chickens from my house to a place three days away from my village. And then with that price, I bought a radio receiver. Praise the Lord!

From then until now, I have been listening to it regularly. I have the opportunity to listen to it week after week. My life is changed through the Word and getting matured.

I don't listen alone, but my whole family also listen. I turned up the volume so that my neighbours and my villagers could hear it. In this way, I take this as an opportunity and dedicate myself to God's service. Praise God!

— **Hingna Awl (HA) listener, Myanmar**

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GIVE, GO & PRAY

GIVE: Help us continue to be the VOICE and HANDS of Jesus to the unreached. **GO:** Has God been speaking to you about serving or volunteering with Reach Beyond? **PRAY:** Pray that God will continue to open doors for us to be able to share the love of Jesus to the unreached.



Dale Stagg

Chief Executive Officer

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“...So that everyone can hear the Good News of Christ’s salvation.”

Dear Friend,

It’s always a joy to share how God is touching lives through the programs Reach Beyond broadcasts. Every day, we receive heartwarming responses that remind us of the deep impact these messages are having, often in places of great adversity.

One such listener, Yahya, from India, shared his story with us:

The program highlighted the importance of receiving God in our lives... accepting Jesus as our Messiah is the only way to salvation. I thank Reach Beyond for guiding my family and me and for showing us the correct way to find peace, joy, and contentment in life.

The responses we receive are rarely in English, and we are incredibly grateful to our dedicated teams who provide translations. It’s a humbling reminder that God’s Word transcends language barriers, reaching deep into the hearts of those who need His message the most.

We recently received another moving report from central Myanmar, where our presenter of programs in the Matu language shared about the challenges villagers face as they navigate the activities of resistance forces and the military.

The old and young people from our town are still hiding outside the town because of the operation. Sadly, seasonal flu and malaria are common among the people in the villages, there are also deaths due to diarrhea and other diseases. They are in need of medical assistance.

I received feedback from the chief of one of the villages. He and his wife, who received a radio from me said, ‘I am very grateful to you for presenting me the receiver. It is a great blessing for me, for my wife, and also for my village.

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We listen regularly at home after dinner, and sometimes invite young and old from the village to hear the messages.

I have new assurance of faith. It is an indescribable joy for me. Thank God that I have the opportunity to share the message I heard from the HA program to my people.



May God continue to bless the HA program so that everyone can hear the Good News of Christ's salvation.'

Stories like these, fuel our passion for the work we do and remind us of the powerful reach of God's Word through radio—offering hope, healing, and the message of salvation.

Maintaining the great work of our teams is complex, and involves translators, training team members in program production, and making sure they have the resources they need for travelling to remote communities.



Thank you for your prayers and generous support. You are an integral part of this ministry, and together, we are helping God's Word reach beyond borders, bringing peace and new life to those who hear it.

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Kind regards

Dale Stagg, CEO

