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David & Glenis Maindonald

“To God be the glory,  
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He has done!”

## Remembering David Maindonald – a great visionary

By Dale Stagg – CEO

It is with much sadness, yet with thanksgiving to God that I write this article in remembering my predecessor David Maindonald. David passed away unexpectedly in Auckland, New Zealand last month after a short illness.

My friend Russell Grainger, CEO of Reach Beyond New Zealand wrote these words regarding David. I couldn't say it much better:

*“... A man of God who not only gave generously to God's work but prayed unceasingly and worked tirelessly so that the Word of God would go to the nations. The impact of his work will reverberate around the world for many years to come and there will be people sitting in heaven right now as a direct result of his work.*

*A name well known in this region and beyond, along with wife Glenis, he served as a board member of HCJB NZ, Executive Director of the NZ office for six years, then 21 years at the helm of HCJB Australia.*

*It was David who God called to drive the vision for shortwave broadcasts from HCJB's property in Kununurra in Western Australia. For years, through many obstacles and difficulties, David stubbornly held on to God's calling, even when others lost the vision. Under his leadership, a farm in a remote corner of the Australian continent was transformed into a complex, high tech broadcast facility.*

*Every step of the way, David and Glenis sought the guidance and provision of the Lord ... and their faith was rewarded with a string of “chance meetings” with people who had exactly the needed skill sets, and generous gifts of finances or equipment at just the right time.*

*The massive transmitters and antennas in Kununurra have been in full use since January 2003, currently broadcasting in 24 languages every week. While the full impact will never be known this side of heaven, judging by the responses, it has been significant.*

*To the end of his days, David was passionate about the shortwave broadcasts, and actively fundraised for production of evangelical radio programmes in multiple languages.*

*David was a visionary and a pioneer, who used the gifts God gave him to achieve the huge task he was called to. May his faith and commitment encourage and inspire us all.”*

Thanks for letting me borrow your words Russell. I've been CEO of Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB) for over 12 years now. Shortwave remains an integral part of our strategy and along with other forms of media including the use of WhatsApp, our ability to reach those that do not know Jesus is even greater today!

I have been fortunate to have followed in David's footsteps, and while we have talked about his legacy, I know David would say “Well Dale, to God be the glory, great things He has done!”



Distributing radios in Myanmar

## “We are not safe anymore ... we need your prayer!”

By Dale Stagg – CEO

*“We are not safe anymore. Yangon city is like a battlefield now. The situation is very hard, it's affecting everything even getting enough food and things for daily living is difficult. We need your prayer!”*

What to say when you hear a request like this from one of our Myanmar program producers Pastor A, pictured here.

We have all heard about the disturbing developments in Myanmar following a military coup on February the 1st. As a result, shortwave radio has become even more important, as all domestic media outlets are being restricted.

Just prior to the coup, Pastor A was able to visit a rural district some 100 kilometres from Yangon to meet some of his radio listeners and to distribute shortwave radios to them. As this man held the radio in his hands, he exclaimed, “In the past I didn't have the opportunity to hear the Word of God but now I can. God bless you for this precious gift to me and my family!”

Unfortunately, the situation in Myanmar has deteriorated dramatically since this photo was taken.

With all domestic broadcast and telecommunications under severe restrictions, it is an answer to prayer that we are broadcasting daily to Myanmar in three languages. Because of the current situation, we have increased our broadcast hours to a country in desperate need of a message of peace!

We are also doing our best to keep in contact with our teams who need our encouragement, prayers and support. The words from Pastor A below reveal how important this is –

*“No words can describe my deep sadness again for my country. According to the local news today more than 45 innocent civilians in different places of Myanmar gave their lives for the sake of justice and democracy. Please continue to pray.”*

As we celebrate Easter, let's pray for the people of Myanmar and stand with our program producers, their teams and those hearing our programs; that they will be strengthened, encouraged and truly know God's peace in turbulent times.

My predecessor, David Maindonald held a great vision and belief that the good news of Jesus can transform lives, communities, and nations! Myanmar is one such nation in need of this transformation.

**If you would like to support the cost of our increased broadcast hours to Myanmar, please click here or call us on 1300 653 853.**

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## JONAS & CLAU' SANTOS

We have exciting news particularly for our Western Australia supporters. Our Media Manager, Jonas Santos and his wife Claudette have relocated to Perth!

Jonas and Clau' are from Brazil and first came to Australia over 12 years ago to study in Perth. They made many friends and are excited to be 'back home'.

Jonas' responsibilities include the building of our broadcast schedule and maintaining relationships with our many program providers in Asia. He is an excellent communicator having a background in radio broadcast and TV journalism back in Brazil.

As Jonas and Clau' continue to settle into 'their old neighbourhood', Jonas will have opportunities to connect with our supporters in WA and provide support to Gordon and Margaret Smith who have been an incredible blessing to us as Reach Beyond representatives for nearly 20 years.

When you remember to pray for us, can I also encourage you to be praying for Jonas and Clau' as they settle in.

We'll gradually get Jonas into circulation across WA. If you would like someone from Reach Beyond to visit, please get in touch.



## LISTENER COMMENTS

*"I am listening to programs from 8 months. I love tuning in to listen to Kangri and Hindi programs. In my village some people pray to Lord Jesus and sick people are healed, many people come for prayer to them. Some more people in my village listen to your radio too. Please pray for me that Jesus will help me and my family. Thanks for doing good programs."*

— **Kangri & Hindi listener**

*"I often listen to Christian Radio Broadcasts yet I have never given them much thought. I knew nothing about your program but tuned in to Reach Beyond Australia by chance and heard a Bhojpuri program. The songs and teaching were so well presented and they touched my heart. I heard the program carefully and now I try and tune in to listen to 'Jeewan Ki Rah' every week."*

— **Bhojpuri listener**

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