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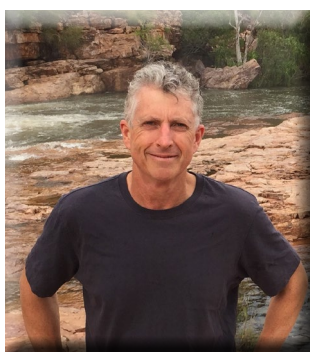
# VOICE & HANDS



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**Dale Stagg**  
Chief Executive Officer  
3 June 2022

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**Dear Friend,**

I know you'll be encouraged and inspired by the stories in this edition of Voice and Hands.

As you know, we are committed to seeing Jesus known and loved by unreached people, and seeing individuals and communities transformed through the use of dynamic media and a range of community development initiatives that serve as the Voice and Hands of Jesus.

Recently we received this incredible response from a local pastor in India who receives the 'FRESH' daily devotional in Tamil via WhatsApp—

*“Dear brother in Christ, I am so blessed through the FRESH devotional. I am preaching the Word of God in villages going door to door. I should admit that these devotionals are my sermon notes. There is so much in this Word of God that we receive every day, I am forwarding these devotionals to 120 people every day.”*

— **Pastor Balaraman** (name changed)

Amazing isn't it? He forwards the devotionals we are producing to another 120 people every day! We may never see these villages or get to meet the 120 people he speaks of, but we stand in awe of God's faithfulness in reaching people beyond what we could imagine.

Thank you so much for your steadfast support and prayers.

Kind regards

Dale Stagg, CEO

PS: We continue to thank the Lord for the timely gifts that people make to Reach Beyond that enable us to spread the gospel to the unreached. These gifts and prayers open new doors every day.





## Good News Amidst Tough Times

**By Jonas Santos – Media Manager**

There has never been a more challenging time for Myanmar. Covid, political unrest and increasing religious persecution have been taking a toll. People are at breaking point. The needs are great – including spiritual. As one of our ministry partner's recently shared, *"There is a widespread hunger for the Word of God in this land."*

To meet this potential need, Reach Beyond has extended airtime for its daily programs in Myanmar in three languages (Burmese, Matu and Rohingya). Due to the heavy control of local media in Myanmar, many people are returning to their old and reliable shortwave radios for news and religious content.

In spite of adversity, our program producers continue to serve in new ways. For example, besides the shortwave programs intended for rural communities, the Matu team have been producing podcasts which are mass distributed via Facebook Messenger. One person expressed their joy for having listened to the program for the first time, saying, *"Praise the Lord, I have longed to hear the Word in my mother tongue."*

In another corner of the country, our Rohingya partners, have been doing an incredible job preparing programs for the Muslim minority ethnic group to the west of Myanmar.

Our media strategy for the Rohingya audience is comprised of shortwave broadcasts, SD cards (for offline listening), establishment of listener clubs

and, in the near future, more food parcel distribution to villagers – the voice and hands of Christ in action! After a recent visit to the region, our ministry partner shared—

*"We turn on the shortwave with our new radio and got the signal. Mrs Ma's face turned so excited and she exclaimed "It is Rohingya!" I was so happy with her reaction and hand over the radio to her. She keeps listening with her neighbours."*

We also appointed an indigenous pastor in the region of Sittwe (which ironically means 'the place where the war meets') to help us follow up with Rohingya listeners in local villages and tribes.

In short, there is plenty happening in our ministry to Myanmar. While times are tough, the Word is being proclaimed and salvation is taking place. If you wish to know more about our Myanmar projects, please feel free to contact us.



## Operations Manager – Kununurra

Many of you have been praying with us in our search for an Operations Manager to lead and build our team in Kununurra. The wait is finally over!

Nic de Vries has arrived and commenced work at our Broadcast Facility in the first week of May in the role of Operations Manager.

Nic, along with his wife Jenni and son Darcy (pictured above), come from Geraldton, Western Australia, where they were living on a small farming property. Nic and Jenni have four sons – Samuel, Mitchell, Justin and Darcy. They attended the Geraldton Anglican Church where they were involved in a number of roles, including the Geraldton Boys Brigade.

Nic has been involved in the electrical/electronic industry, building infrastructure, and power generation field for the past 32 years, and we are looking forward to benefiting from the expertise and experience he has accumulated over the years, continuing to make our Kununurra operation effective in reaching the unreached with the gospel.

Jenni, among many other interests and responsibilities, has a love of all things musical and plays several instruments including piano, guitar and violin. In her late teens/early

twenties, Jenni served with Operation Mobilisation for almost a year in Africa, mostly in South Africa. Darcy has a keen interest in music which is the focus of his studies.

Nic and Jenni relate very well with people and will be a great addition to our team and the wider local Kununurra community.

Nic's appointment will provide leadership and some much needed relief for Stephen and Kathy Sutherland, who have faithfully served with us for over 12 years and will continue in their roles as Broadcast Engineer and Accommodation Coordinator respectively. We are so blessed and thankful to Stephen and Kathy who have done a fantastic job 'holding the fort'.

Please pray for Nic, Jenni and Darcy as they begin this next chapter in their lives, and for us as a team as we support them in this transition.

Have you ever thought about volunteering in a mission environment? Volunteering in Kununurra might be the place for you. If you would like to explore opportunities of how you could get involved, please contact us.

## Leaving a Lasting Gift

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By remembering Reach Beyond in your Will you will be helping to ensure that we are able to maintain our shortwave radio broadcasts to millions of people who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ long after you are gone.

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## Listener Comments

*"I accepted the Lord in 1995 but was backslidden and went away from the Lord. My sin and family situation has pushed me out from God. I went in worldly ways and at one stage I thought of committing suicide. I was facing problem in every area of my life.*

*I was sharing my burdens with one of my friends. She prayed for me and forwarded the WhatsApp audio messages that you have sent her. I started listening to those audio messages on a regular basis. This has brought me back to the Lord and today I know that the Lord loves me and I'm found in the Lord. Continue to pray for me."*

— **Devesh, Hindi listener**

*"I have been listening to HCJB (now Reach Beyond) for more than 36 years. My father started listening 20 years ago, and now my younger brother has joined us. Although I am physically handicapped, I have learned through the programs that "God loved the world and gave His only Son to save us", and that includes you, me, and everyone!"*

— **Japanese listener**

## Volunteer Opportunity

Reach Beyond is seeking the services of a Motor Mechanic to help with urgent repairs and maintenance to its fleet of vehicles at its broadcast facility in Kununurra, Western Australia.

If you know of someone who could spare 3-4 weeks of their time, and would love an outback adventure, we would like to hear from them.

For further details, call us on **1300 653 853** or **03 8720 8000**.

# REACH BEYOND

## 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.

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