

REACH BEYOND

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'Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing and Spread the Word!'

For more than 90 years, Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB) has been on a mission to spread the message of Jesus, bringing hope and transformation to communities worldwide.

Over the past two decades, this message has radiated from the far northwestern reaches of Australia, touching lives across the Asia Pacific region. With the help of dynamic media platforms like WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger, our impact continues to expand.

Reflecting on our remarkable history, I am humbled by the vision and dedication of Clarence Jones, the founder of HCJB, and his contemporaries. Their unwavering faith and obedience to God's call serve as a constant inspiration to me.

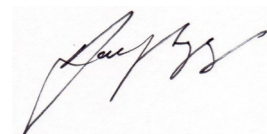
I often wonder what they would make of the technological advancements we now utilise to share the good news of Jesus. Their response, I believe, would be straightforward: 'We must keep the main thing the main thing and spread the Word!'

The countless testimonies we receive serve as both encouragement and affirmation of God's power at work. As Zechariah 4:6 reminds us, it is not by our might, but by the Spirit of the Lord that we are able to accomplish His work. When we petition the Lord to open doors for His Word and to multiply the resources entrusted to us, He answers, and His Spirit guides our efforts.

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

'We run a small business in Ladakh and lost our business due to covid, but now re-establishing our new business. I don't attend church but receive the word of God through WhatsApp regularly forwarded to me by my friends. There is a reason I also forward these messages on to my friends—A man who was sick and pushed away from his own family members was dejected and lost interest to live. The word I forwarded to him changed his life and he found hope through God. He then helped my business when I had lost hope. I never thought forwarding message to someone will help me one day!'

Thank you once again for your steadfast prayers and encouragement. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of people around the world.



Dale Stagg
CEO

P.S. Your financial support and prayers will continue to help us expand the number of programs broadcast through WhatsApp and new and emerging technologies.



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Rohingya Broadcast Project Update

By *Jonas Santos* – Media Manager

The Rohingya is a stateless ethnic group in Myanmar's Rakhine state, with the majority identifying as Muslims. They have been facing civil unrest and strict government regulations for many years.

Our project began three years ago after discussions with other ministries, when we were presented with an opportunity to minister to the Rohingya through radio, and doors opened for us.

Reach Beyond Australia is the only Christian radio station to air programs in Rohingya. The daily broadcasts reach remote villages and refugee camps throughout the Rakhine state. All content is produced locally by a dedicated team near Rakhine. This ensures that native speakers communicate directly with their fellow Rohingya.

Follow-up with listeners is handled by our ministry partner within the heart of the Rohingya community. This endeavour is truly a collaborative effort, and we thank the Lord for the partnerships involved. Our programs cover topics such as evangelism, wellbeing, health, and so on – all in their native language.

Highlights

- We're pleased to report that the programs have been enjoying great following amongst the Rohingya in Myanmar.
- Because of the situation in the country, shortwave radio is proving to be one of the most reliable media tools there, as the internet is now under the total control of the military, with long interruptions occurring at little or no notice.
- Despite living in fear, villagers find hope and encouragement through our programs during these turbulent times. *(Remote Myanmar village pictured on front cover.)*
- The listener engagement team on the ground have been more careful not to jeopardise their own safety. Even so, the work continues to expand.
- Our leader in the region, I'll call him Ps S, shared that the radio programs have significantly contributed to introducing Christ to many Rohingya, fostering opportunities for personal engagement and deepening relationships with Muslim religious leaders.
- A local Imam expressed gratitude for receiving a solar MP3 player loaded with Bible stories in their mother tongue and requested more for his followers.
- A donation of 1,000 SD cards from another ministry will be loaded with Rohingya programs to be distributed to villages and refugee camps.
- Shortwave receivers are becoming scarce, prompting us to distribute 200 solar-powered MP3 devices loaded with Reach Beyond programs and other licensed materials.

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the safety of the team and listeners.
- Divine intervention that could restore Myanmar's peace.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support in helping to spread the Good News of salvation amongst our Rohingya friends.



"I heard on the radio program there is only one true living God"

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Reaching the Unreached with a Message of Hope

'Dear Sir, I am so blessed to receive your messages. Every day I hear the word of God. I play the word of God through a loudspeaker in my company. Now, my company is growing financially. There are 45 people in my company who are hearing the word of God every week. I am not a Christian by birth, but now I believe in Jesus and pray every day. Please pray for my family to accept the living God.'

— Hindi WhatsApp listener, India

'From the pastor's message, I understand that Christ is true God, but He incarnated to save a sinner like me. And Christ did not have a place to be born in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago, but now He has a place to be born in my heart. He was not only born, but suffered and died on the cross so that a sinner like me could be saved. Praise the Lord!'

— Hingna Awl listener, Myanmar'

'It was great to hear them admit that it was our Hingna Awl Facebook page and Messenger group that gave them constant strength back then. It is a joy to them, as birds yearn for springs in the dry summer. They especially love to hear God's words in their own dialect, which is essential for them. Some testified that they are so much encouraged by the HA program. Some listen while working at home, while others listen attentively during their free time. Praise God!'

— Ps Aung, Myanmar

'I have been receiving WhatsApp forwards through one of my friends. I don't attend church, but I receive the word of God through WhatsApp regularly. I am forwarding to many of my friends. There is a reason why I forward these messages; A man who was sick and pushed away from his own family members was dejected and lost interest to live. The word I am forwarding him changed his life and he found hope through God.'

— English WhatsApp listener, India

Whilst Reach Beyond has been a constant, sharing Jesus and bringing hope to millions of people across the Asia Pacific region, Vision Christian Media has been bringing God's Word to listeners in Australia for over 35 years. This includes the award winning program 'Real Faith Podcasts', produced and recorded in our Melbourne studios.

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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.