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Dear Friends,

It certainly is an interesting year for Reach Beyond Australia.

As you know, I am currently in the process of transitioning out of my role as CEO, and we are excited to now be able to announce my successor. Please see the letter from our Board chair, Stephen Coleman in this issue of Voice and Hands.

But there is another significant change taking place — one that marks the end of an important chapter and the beginning of an exciting new one.

For more than 30 years, our Melbourne team has called Colchester Road in Kilsyth home. Situated on land owned by Canterbury Gardens Community Church, the property has provided Reach Beyond with a wonderful base from which to establish and develop our ministry in Australia.

We are deeply grateful for our long relationship with Canterbury Gardens and for the way God has used that partnership over many years.

Over the past year, however, Canterbury Gardens has been prayerfully considering the future utilisation of its broader property as it seeks to fund significant building works and expand its ministry.

Those discussions have led to a proposed partnership with St Andrews Christian College, which is seeking to establish an additional primary campus alongside its existing campus in Wantirna South.

The proposal would see Canterbury Gardens sell part of its surplus land to St Andrews, including the area currently occupied by the Reach Beyond office and studio complex. The proposal remains subject to a number of conditions, including the necessary planning and subdivision approvals and approval by the members of Canterbury Gardens.

For Reach Beyond, this means the end of our long-term lease and the relocation of our Melbourne operation.

While moving from a property we have occupied for more than three decades is a significant step, we believe it is the right one. The discussions have been extensive, prayerful and undertaken with the interests of all parties in mind.

Most importantly, we are incredibly thankful for the way God has provided for Reach Beyond through this transition.



Through the generosity of a benefactor connected with Canterbury Gardens, an office in Boronia has been donated to Reach Beyond, together with sufficient funds to renovate and modernise the building for our needs.

This is an extraordinary provision. It gives Reach Beyond a new home for our Melbourne operation without the burden of taking on another long-term lease, while providing us with a modern environment from which to continue our ministry.

We are vacating our premises by December.

There is plenty to do between now and December, so please pray for everyone involved — the leadership and members of Canterbury Gardens, the team at St Andrews Christian College, and our own Reach Beyond team.

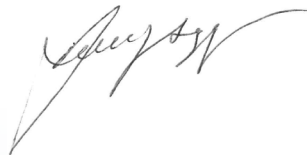
Please pray particularly for Patrick McCabe, who has taken on the considerable task of managing our relocation.

We are excited about our new home in Boronia and, more importantly, about what God may have in store for Reach Beyond in the years ahead.

Sometimes change can feel like an ending. We believe this is also the beginning of something new.

Thank you for standing with us, praying for us and supporting the ministry of Reach Beyond.

Kind regards



Dale Stagg
CEO



*New Reach Beyond premises
(Artist's impression)*

**GIVE, GO,
& PRAY.**

**“...how can
they hear
about
him...”**

*“But how shall they ask
him to save them unless
they believe in him?
And how can they believe
in him if they have never
heard about him?
And how can they hear
about him unless someone
tells them?”*

ROMANS 10:14 (TLB)

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WELCOMING OUR NEW CEO

From Stephen Coleman on behalf of the Board of Reach Beyond (Australia)

As you know, our CEO, **Dale Stagg**, is stepping down from his role after nearly 18 years of service. We are truly thankful for Dale's tenure; he will be missed.

Dale strengthened Reach Beyond in ways both visible and unseen — bringing transparency to our finances and careful stewardship to the resources entrusted to us, while never wavering from the heart of our mission: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the most remote and difficult-to-reach people on earth. But what defined his leadership most was how he led: with a servant's heart, always bringing people to the table, always caring for the team.

Under his watch, partnerships flourished — bringing the Gospel to many people groups across the region in their heart language, including the Chin Matu, Rohingya, and Bhutanese peoples. The listener testimonies we've shared over the years are fruit of this work, sustained by partners like you.

Over recent months the board has been prayerfully seeking the person God would call to lead Reach Beyond into its next season.

We are delighted to share that experienced international missionary and Christian leader **Luke Lundstedt** has accepted the appointment as the next Chief Executive Officer of Reach Beyond in Australia. We are excited that this process has resulted in Luke accepting the role.

Luke will take the reins at Reach Beyond at a time when shortwave radio and digital platforms continue to play a vital role in reaching remote communities across South East Asia.

He brings more than two decades of experience in international missions through leadership roles with the Far East Broadcasting Co (FEBC) and evangelical mission agency SIM International, with extensive experience in strategic planning, governance, partnership development and ministry growth.

Luke currently serves with FEBC Australia and is responsible for their international engagement ministry. He previously served as Regional Director for SIM across South and Central America. During that time, he worked with ministry partners throughout Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, and Latin America, building teams, developing leaders, and helping ministries navigate growth and change.

He stood out during the appointment process not only for his executive experience, but for his humility, wisdom and integrity. He brings a unique combination of experience, leadership and a genuine heart for people. He is an approachable and thoughtful leader who listens well, values teamwork, and is passionate about seeing others thrive.

Luke and his wife Priscilla, have spent many years serving together in cross-cultural ministry, living in different countries and embracing the opportunities and challenges that come with mission life. They have two young children, and attend a local church where Luke is involved in the prayer ministry and Priscilla in the ministry to children.

Their family story has been shaped by faith, hospitality, service, and a shared desire to see people reached with the Gospel. We are excited about what he will bring to Reach Beyond and know he will hit the ground running.

As we begin this transition, we are grateful for God's guidance and provision.

Luke has expressed a strong desire to work closely with the existing team, honouring what God has already been doing through Reach Beyond and is committed to building on the strong foundation already in place. Please pray for Luke and his family as they prepare for this transition and support them as they become part of the Reach Beyond family as they step into this new season of ministry.

Luke will be based in NSW and is on track to start as CEO of Reach Beyond in mid-October, contingent on the completion of his responsibilities in his current role with FEBC. The intention is for a substantial handover period to ensure continuity and set him up well for success.

Finally, the Board of Reach Beyond would like to thank you, our supporters, our staff and volunteers, for your prayer and patience as we worked through the process of finding Dale's successor. You are truly appreciated.



Luke Lundstedt



Thank you Dale & Cheryl!

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SUPERBIBLE COMICS

MATU LANGUAGE

The promotion and initial distribution of the SuperBible comics in the Matu language has officially begun in Myanmar.

Recently, Ps A (*name withheld for security reasons*) visited a couple of areas just outside Yangon and distributed the comic books to both Christians and non-Christians. This is a preliminary step, a 'testing the waters' phase. The major distribution is planned for late October in the heart of the Matu communities, located in the remote, hilly regions of central Myanmar. We are currently working on the field trip details, and your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Here are a few brief testimonies we have already received from Ps A:

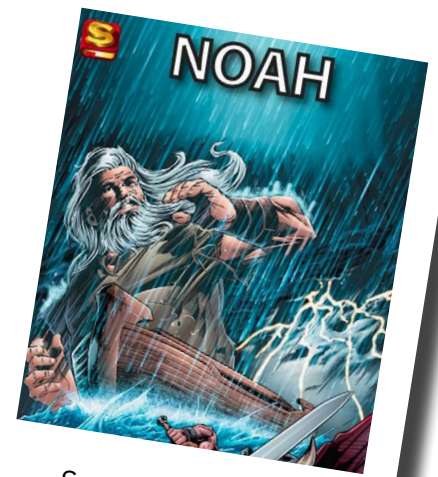
"Those who have received the comic book have told us how happy they are to be able to read Bible stories in their own language. Some said, 'I had heard these stories before, but when I read them again with the cartoons, I understood the Bible better.' They also said that seeing the stories illustrated made them feel more real and easier to understand. I will write back and send you more details after I return from my hometown."

'Second, I would like to share one of the many who have read the comic books just distributed in Yangon area. She said, "I am not educated, so I cannot even read the Bible in my own Matu dialect. The pastor gave me the comic books. When I got home, my son was very happy to see it and read it to me page by page. Not only me, my son also can understand the Bible better. I have never seen

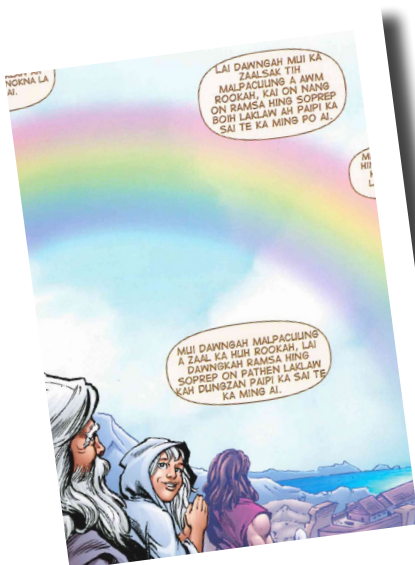
comic books like this in Matu before. I thank God for these books. When I listen to him through the pictures and in a conversational way, both my son and I understand the Bible better than before."

This testimony shows how the comic book is helping people who have difficulty reading the Bible to understand God's Word in a simple and engaging way.'

It is encouraging to see this print resource being added to our media mix. I am confident that the Lord will use it to minister to the Matu people. We look forward to sharing more testimonies and stories in the coming months.



SuperBible Comic



SuperBible Comic
in Matu

HOPE GOES DIGITAL

By Jonas Santos

We're excited to let you know that a NEW mobile app is bringing stories of hope in the Matu language to a fresh generation of listeners across Myanmar and around the world.

Called *Hingna Awl - The Living Word*, the digital platform makes programs previously broadcast through Reach Beyond's shortwave radio available to Matu speakers in the country's major metropolitan centres.

Reach Beyond currently broadcasts programs in Matu every night via shortwave radio, reaching people in remote villages and towns across Myanmar. The new app is designed to compliment the existing radio ministry rather than replace it.

The launch is part of a broader push towards an integrated multimedia ministry, combining traditional shortwave broadcasting with digital and print resources.

There has been a lot of tireless work to make this project a reality, but we know the outcome will be worth the effort - it is all for the sake of the Gospel.

The app was launched following weeks of intensive development and features an initial library of 100 programs. The fixed library approach will allow us to monitor how audiences use the platform, including listening patterns, engagement and the popularity of different programs.

While shortwave remains a primary way of reaching remote communities across Asia, digital technology provides an opportunity to reach an even wider audience. That includes Matu speakers who have moved from rural communities to major cities, as well as those now living overseas.

It marks an exciting new era for Reach Beyond's ministry, ensuring young people in particular, can access the content that could change their lives.

The app has now been handed over to Ps A and his team in Myanmar, who will promote this new tool, spread the word about it, and encourage urban listeners to engage with its content, just as rural audiences already do through radio.

The long term goal is to use the ministry's resources to reach people who have had little or no opportunity to hear the Christian message. The launch of Hingna Awl marks another step towards that goal - taking a message traditionally carried across Myanmar's airwaves and putting it directly into the hands of listeners through their phones.

At its heart, the vision is simple; to see Jesus known and loved by the unreached.

Hingna Awl - is available through your App store.



CHANGED LIVES

Your broadcast gave me courage to pray again during a very difficult time.

— **Kuruk & Chattisgarhi listener, India**

I always listen to the Hingna Awl program, and I get strength from hearing the preaching of the Word. Without the HA program, my spirit would be very weak, and I would not be able to know God's plan and will for my life. Thank you to the Hingna Awl program and to everyone who works in this ministry for providing me with spiritual food during this difficult time

— **Matu listener, Myanmar**

Rohingya Podcast is my go-to for spiritual growth. The teachings are practical and easy to understand. Thank you for making God's Word accessible to us.

— **Rohingya listener, Thailand**

I want to thank you for the Rohingya podcast videos you are producing. I enjoy listening to them and find them very informative and encouraging. Your dedication to serving the Rohingya community is appreciated.

— **Rohingya listener, Bangladesh**

Through the radio, we realised others share the same struggles, and we are not alone.

— **Kuruk & Chattisgarhi listener, India**

I live in a small village in Matupi township. In the past, only one person in our village owned a radio that could receive the Hingna Awl program. Every Saturday and Sunday evening, after finishing our farm work, people from the village would gather at his house to listen. I was one of them.

After some time, I often prayed that God would provide me with a radio of my own. God truly answered my prayers when a friend of mine gave me a radio receiver as a gift. Praise the Lord! The HA program is very essential for me because I have never attended Bible School. I did not know how to preach God's Word. I was appointed as a church elder.

I thank God that the HA program is available in my own dialect. Through this program I have learned how to preach and how to lead my church. This HA program is like a school for me. Now the people in my village noticed that my preaching has improved.

I can honestly say that without the Hingna Awl program, I would not have been able to preach properly God's Word. The Hingna Awl program is an essential ministry for me and for our village. May God continue to bless the Hingna Awl ministry.

— **Matu 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.