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The Good News

Jesus came to earth to serve and to save those who were lost. He died and was raised to life for all of us—everyone who believes now inherits eternal life. That is the Good News of the gospel!

The Easter message is about what the resurrection of Jesus promises—that all things can be new again. It's never too late to start over, nothing is irrevocable.

Death was transformed into life, defeat ended in victory, darkness was overcome and expelled by the light.

Lives in the Asia Pacific region are being transformed and bought to life through the life-changing message of the gospel.

The Good News, which is the Easter story, assures us that God never gives up on us, even when we give up on ourselves. The resurrection of Jesus means we can move beyond bitterness and fear, our mistakes, betrayals and wounds, we can begin each day afresh—no matter our age.

We know these truths but there are millions in the world who don't. They have never even heard of Jesus and what He did for them, they need to be reached.

"This is the first time I have heard why Jesus came to earth."

—A listener from India

Recently, Rev. Sam (one of our Indian program partners) told us that the need for the gospel continues to be great...

"We need a lot of ministry here to really reach the unreached. When you go to the remote areas, the rural areas, it's very difficult to find churches – many people, if you talk about Christ, they have never heard, even for the first time in their life."

By spreading the gospel, and at this time of year more particularly the Easter message, we are giving ones that are yet to experience the transforming power that comes through the resurrection of Jesus, a chance to hear and receive Him.

You are joining with us in reaching the unreached through our shortwave radio broadcasts. What a wonderful opportunity—to partner together in sharing this message around the world.

To get involved with Reach Beyond through praying, giving or going, visit reachbeyond.org.au



BEYOND BORDERS

THE STORY OF REACH BEYOND AUSTRALIA

BOOK RELEASE

Clarence Jones never imagined that his dream to share the gospel message would take him from his basement apartment in downtown Chicago to the Ecuadorian Andes and later, take the ministry to the arid scrublands of outback north Western Australia.

It all started on Christmas Day 1931, Radio Station HCJB began broadcasting in Quito, Ecuador. Since that time, Reach Beyond has grown into a global media and healthcare ministry, partnering with local believers to reach the unreached.

In *Beyond Borders*, Margaret A. Penford tells the inspirational story of Reach Beyond Australia, a shortwave radio ministry which today broadcasts the gospel message in over 30 languages to the Asia Pacific region. She describes the beginnings of the Australian office, the Aussies who have served the mission and God's miraculous provision of the Kununurra shortwave broadcasting site.

Reach Beyond CEO, Dale Stagg said, *"We cannot make people come to Christ but we can do everything in our power to bring Christ to them."*

The purpose of this book is not to give a detailed history, but rather to show how God was at work in circumstances, people's lives, even the decisions of government and governing bodies to bring about His purposes. Its aim is to bring honour to Him by showing His faithfulness

against great odds, His provision, often miraculous, and His workings in and through His people.

This book can't possibly contain every element of the story of Reach Beyond in Australia over the last sixty years (so many people have contributed) but we have tried to include scenes that will build an accurate picture for the reader. Its purpose is to remember the great story that God initiated through His people, a story that continues today.

Supporters of Reach Beyond are a vital and powerful part of that story. In the pages of this well-presented coffee table book, you will read that through faith, God is able to do more than we could ever hope, think, ask or imagine.

We are excited to be able to give you a taste of this story with the release of several chapters. We hope that this book will encourage you in your pursuit of God and the journey He has chosen for you, like He has done for us.

You can view the release of the first chapters online at www.reachbeyond.org.au

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Cost per book is \$30.00 (incl. GST)

OUR VISION: To make the gospel more accessible to unreached



**Education for
marginalised
young people in
Kununurra**

REACH BEYOND AND ALTA-1 ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP

We're excited to let you know that Alta-1 College, a highly respected multi-sited school with metropolitan and regional campuses across Western Australia, is partnering with Reach Beyond to establish a new campus on our Kununurra property.

Reach Beyond CEO, Dale Stagg said, *"We have been talking with Alta-1 for some time now and we're very impressed by the model of education they have developed so that students will stay in school who would otherwise fall through the cracks. The love and care that the staff and leadership demonstrate towards their students is clearly evident.*

Having moved our broadcast operations 'out the back' onto a larger, more suitable parcel of land a while ago, allows us to convert the old transmitter building that has been sitting empty, into a modern classroom facility for the students of the Alta-1 College.

I believe it's the perfect opportunity. Reach Beyond has the space and Alta-1 College has a proven track record in this vital area of education. Needless to say, we're excited because it aligns with our shared desire to see lives changed in the community where we have a significant operation."

Alta-1 College Kununurra, who provide life-changing education, will enrol students referred from local schools and agencies, who are recognised as in need of and open to support, aiming to:

- Create a relationally rich, safe and happy space to which students want to come
- Re-engage 'at risk' students into the habit of regular school attendance
- Focus on literacy, numeracy, personal development and life skills that will enable students to access a range of pathways including:
 - Re-integration into an age appropriate mainstream class (district high school)
 - Further training (North Regional TAFE)
 - Employment

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for never giving up on me and for always having faith in me when I didn't have faith in myself.

Alyssa V - ex student

Alta-1 College Kununurra will initially target its services at middle school (lower secondary) girls. Alta-1 aims to commence with a small group of around 5 students, eventually building to a maximum of 25 students.

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people groups and those that have limited access to the gospel.



A NOTE FROM THE CEO

Recently I introduced you to Judith Anderson, who had planned on serving as a nurse with our Sub Saharan team in Ghana, Africa.

Judith has made a very difficult decision that now is not the right time for her take on this assignment. For reasons that are not yet clear to her, she has felt very unsettled with her original decision and believes that she should wait.

I spoke to Judith a couple of days ago, and she shared how this had been an extremely difficult decision for her to make and is continuing to trust the Lord to clarify His plans for her future.

Although Judith will be a great loss to our team, I think she has been very courageous in making this decision. I would like to thank you for your wonderful support, both in prayer and financially for this ministry and for Judith too.



LEAVING A LASTING GIFT

A Gift for Future Generations

Once your family has been considered and provided for, would you consider naming Reach Beyond in your Will? Your gift will give many people the chance to live a different future and hear the gospel for many generations to come.

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.

For further information, please call us on **1300 653 853** or download *A Gift For Future Generations* brochure from our website at www.reachbeyond.org.au. For your convenience, we have provided a brochure with your Voice & Hands Newsletter.



IS GOD TUGGING AT YOUR HEART TO SERVE?

Has God been speaking to you about serving or volunteering with Reach Beyond?

Whether it be long-term or short-term, in Australia or overseas, we would love you to consider getting involved and help us make an eternal impact on those who have not heard the Gospel message.

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