

# The BEAM

ARMS Christian Fellowship Group



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## Notes From the Editor:

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I see that I have slipped back a little in my goal of getting a publication out to you all in the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. I've decided to start naming them by month, rather than by season. That makes them a little easier to locate and follow. I need all the help I can get! Who says that retired people have more time on their hands??

I would encourage you all to share missionary activity and reports of what is going on in your part of the world with me. Sharing prayer requests and praise items with the other members is always welcome as we strive to make out Lord known.

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## Unreached Peoples:

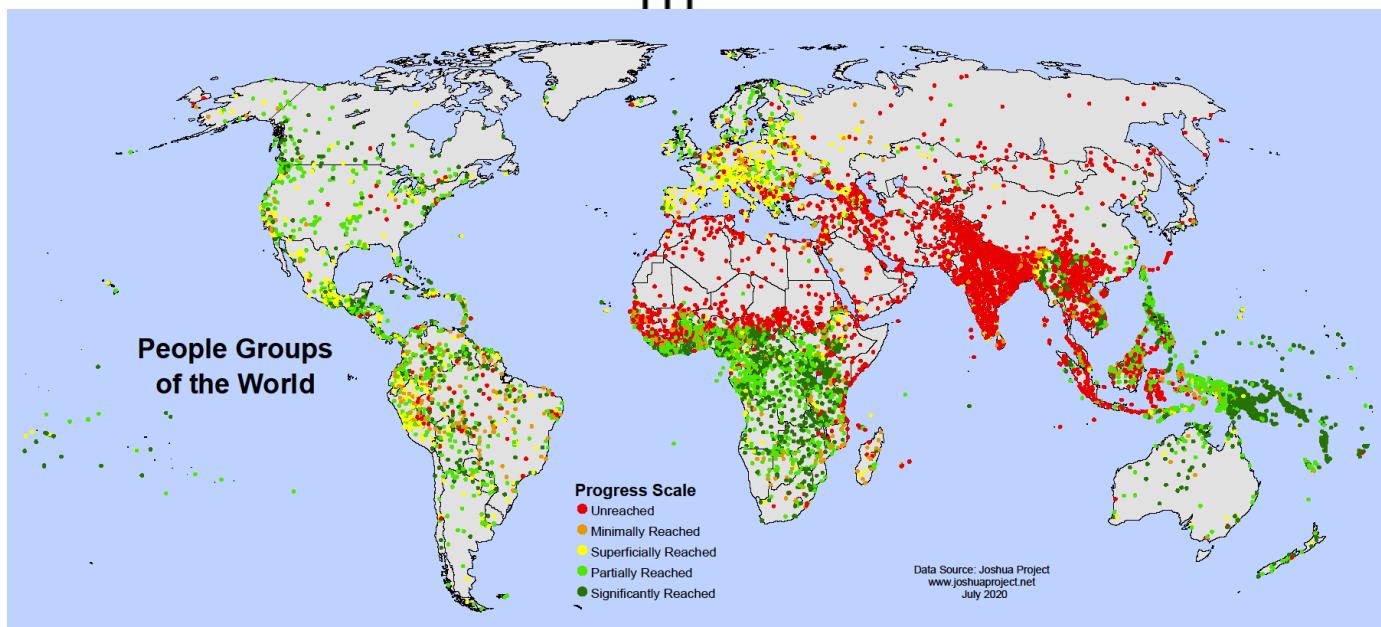
"Reached" territories of the world have accessibility to Christian resources and materials, cultural acceptance and infrastructure for Christians to gather together. Many of these are "sending" territories, helping get the Word out to those who have not yet heard.

"Unreached" people groups do not have easy access to Christian resources and taking the Gospel to these areas can be dangerous and difficult.

Join in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Sunday, November 1.

<https://www.persecution.com/idop/>

Be encouraged ... you can be a vital part of the 3% of the Christian resources impacting the 40% unreached living in restricted areas worldwide.



## **Internet Ministry**

Every day, around the world, JesusOnline is sharing the truth of Jesus' resurrection in the 18 top Internet languages. One of them is Russian.

From Boris, in Russia: "Thank you very much for this wonderful article. I didn't realize Jesus really rose from the dead. And now, thanks to this article (from your Web site) I suddenly realized a simple truth. HE IS ALIVE!"

From K in Russia: "Something had kept me from completely believing in GOD until I read your articles. I now realize that I was missing a relationship with Him. Now I understand and believe that HE will enter into me forever. I will follow your articles and will live for him, for HIM!"

*JesusOnlinine.com*

## **Turkey**

Turkey is frequently ranked among the top ten holiday destinations in the world. Istanbul, its cultural capital, was, under its former name Constantinople, the center of Eastern Christianity for more than 1,000 years. It was at Antioch (now Antakya) that the word "*Christian*" was first coined (Acts 11:26). Paul invested much of his ministry in Ephesus, and his letters to the early churches in Galatia and Colossae - all in modern Turkey - as were the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

Today, Turkey's 81 million population is 99% Muslim, predominantly Sunni but with a large minority of Alevi Shias and Bektashi Sufis. Christians are around 0.2% mainly from historic non-Turkish ethnic groups.

While the constitution is silent on Christianity and other religions, neither prohibiting nor permitting them, there is increasing hostility towards anything that is not Muslim. The Hagia Sofia, a large church built in 537 AD and used as a museum was recently made an active mosque.. The seizure of church properties by the state has been a recurring form of persecution. But in 2011 the government licensed a building in Van province used as house church by Protestant Christians.

The press is often hostile to Christians, and in 2009 the Ministry of Education introduced a new school textbook aimed at 13-year-olds, which encouraged discrimination against Christians.

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## **Uzbekistan**

The construction of a new registered church in Uzbekistan, in partnership with Barnabas, allows hundreds more Christians to meet for worship without breaking the law. Many small congregations have to meet in private homes, making them vulnerable to police raids and heavy fines.

It was the first time that permission had been granted to construct an officially registered church building in Uzbekistan in the last 20 years. The new building seats 400 people, allowing a further six congregations to meet there for worship. Barnabas' church partner said, "*Hundreds of Christians who feared to meet at home can now gather in an official church building.*"

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## **Kyrgyzstan**

FEBC has received a long-awaited license to open a radio station in Kyrgyzstan's southern capital city of Osh. This station will deliver the Gospel to people who were born into Islam. They live without hope for this life or eternity and have not experienced the comfort of God's promises. They regularly suffer from domestic violence, the evils of rampant drug trafficking, and recently, the COVID-19 outbreak without an adequate healthcare system.

When listeners tune in and hear the Gospel, they will hear things they have never heard before, about life, love, forgiveness, hope and salvation in Jesus Christ.

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## **INDIA**

Reach Beyond Australia recently launched a new project using WhatsApp, in partnership with *Christianityworks*. WhatsApp is a free mobile app used to send text and voice messages. It is hugely popular in India. It can reach thousands of people in an instant.

The pilot was launched in five languages: English, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi and Hindi. Already these messages of hope are being listened to by thousands of people, far exceeding the earlier estimates.

WhatsApp provides indicators when the message was sent, received, and that it was listened to. With vast numbers of people in lockdown, people have stayed online like never before, presenting a wonderful opportunity to share messages of hope during times of great uncertainty.

*<https://www.reachbeyond.org.au>*

## **Tanzania**

Radio Uhai FM broadcasts from Tabora in western Tanzania, famous for the honey it produces. Programming features Gospel music and teaching from the Word of God in the Swahili language.

Khadija, who was spiritually lost, was sick in bed. He listened to the radio to fill the quiet hours. Hearing a pastor on Radio Uhai, he picked up his telephone to call them to ask for prayer and healing. The pastor prayed for Khadija live on the air. The next day he felt much better! Amazed at what he had heard and seen, he immediately went to the pastor's church and gave his life to Christ.

Magreth, a Christ follower, was concerned about her unbelieving children. A pastor on Radio Uhai encouraged her to begin fervently praying for them. A month later, the children began listening to the radio with her and asked to go with her to church, where they accepted Christ and were baptized.

People are coming to Christ, saying they heard the Gospel on the radio and are joining churches. Radio Uhai receives over 300 cell phone calls and texts every day.

The station went on the air in April of 2017 with the goal of "Reaching Tanzania with the Word of God." It has been faithfully sharing this message, sweeter than honey. The equipment was provided by SonSet Solutions located in Elkhart, IN.

<https://sonsetsolutions.org>

## **Nigeria**

TWR's newly installed 200 kW Oasis transmitter in Nigeria began broadcasting this year. Station Director Garth Kennedy has led the 17-month, \$1.4 million project to expand the capacity of their West African Transmitting Station, known as WATS.

With the largest economy and population on the African continent, Nigeria is splintered between the mostly Muslim north and the Christian south. Abductions and attacks by northern groups such as Boko Haram and Fulani herdsmen are frequently in the international news.

Abdoulaye Sangho, TWR's director for the region, says, *"Through its transmission of the Word of God, millions have the opportunity to hear God speak in their own heart languages."*

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## **India (In the Tamil Language)**

"I am from a Hindu family. I earn my living through driving auto rickshaw (tuk-tuk). During this Covid-19 time, I am not allowed to go on the road and I am unable to earn my living.

"I was distressed, was not able to sleep and suffered in my body as well. When financially I was not able to cope, I thought that I wouldn't get anything back.

That evening, I planned to walk out of my house and end my life. I couldn't walk for long and I sat with pain in my body. A gentleman came and asked if I needed anything and I told him my story.

"He said 'There is only one hope for you. I can't talk too much now as there are many police going around (People are not allowed to be outside during the lock-down.) but I will give you this book. Take it with you.... your life will change forever.'

"I took the book and read a few lines, it said '**Christ died for you...**' I cried out loud and walked back. I immediately called the phone number given in that book. A man of God prayed for me. Today I have the heart to live. I have received hope through Christ Jesus! I have accepted Him as my personal Savior."

## **Yemen**

Recent stories told by Yemeni believers give testimony to the power of radio. Shortwave programs are powerfully impacting people's lives with their message of the light and hope that only Jesus Christ can bring.

A rural listener, Ahmed, responded by sending a text message to the producer. He included a bible verse in the text. The producer asked how he could best support him. To his surprise, Ahmed asked for a Bible. The producer said that it seemed that Ahmed already had access to a Bible since he had quoted scripture in his text, to which Ahmed replied, *"When I listen to the program, I use a cassette recorder and record it so I can play it back and write down the words from the Holy book. I must have most of it written down by now!"*

Many are risking their lives to be baptized. Reliable sources inside the country estimate that more than 60 people took this step last year. Hundreds more professed faith. We are using media creatively to disciple these believers, build them up and encourage them to reach out to others.

<https://febc.org.au/>



## ARMS NEWS and INFORMATION

Remember that ARMS membership runs from June 1 through to May 31 of the next year. May 31 passed us by three months ago. The renewal form is available on the Web Page. If you aren't sure when your membership runs out, email: [W0ZMU@outlook.com](mailto:W0ZMU@outlook.com) and I will let you know.

We have recently added new members. One of them lives in Minnesota—Marcus, ACØBZ, and the others in Oklahoma—W5TEY, Tom and his wife, W5LDY, Leah.

If you them hear them on the air, give them a warm welcome. After all, we are a FELLOWSHIP, a group of Christ-followers with the common desire to know Christ

## AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE

### ARMS

#### Financial Report

May 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020

**Opening Balance \$ 4,600.68**

#### Income

Dues	\$	460.00
Gifts	\$	166.00
Tracts and Pins	\$	11.00
	<b>Total Income \$</b>	<b>637.00</b>

#### Expenses

Postage & Delivery	\$31.56
Printing &	\$42.00
	<b>Total Operating \$ 73.56</b>

**Closing Balance August 31, 2020 \$ 5,164.12**

In addition, \$1,006.40 is in a fund in memory of WØQCB, a long time leader in the Midwest Section

and make him known.

Until the next time, then. 73 & 99

Roger—WØZMU

Secretary/Treasurer and BEAM Editor

## THE RADIO AMATEUR'S PRAYER

Some time ago Gerry, K4RBZ, ran across a "Radio Amateur's Prayer" on the web site of WACRAL (World Association of Radio Amateurs and Listeners,) They graciously gave him permission to share it with the ARMS membership. (Editor's note: I had the pleasure of visiting a couple of local chapters of WACRAL while in the UK a number of years ago. It was a great time of fellowship.)

The Prayer is as follows.

Dear Lord and Father, HEAR us now as we call to you.

Teach us to LISTEN to your Word.

Keep us IN TUNE with you Will.

Grant us the CAPACITY to obey Your Commandments.

Help us RESIST evil and the ORM of Satan.

COMMUNICATE to all the joy of Fellowship

TRANSMIT to the hearts of all those who would HEAR

The comfort and strength of Your POWER.

Through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord and Savior.

#### Something to think about

God, in Christ, allows men, from time to time, to discover some of the previously hidden wonders of his creation.

We are indebted to such men as Ampere, Oersted, Faraday, Henry and Hertz for discovering the physical laws and rules that make radio possible. Radio, as we know it, could not exist had it not been for these great men and their discoveries.

But, consider the fact that radio, television, space communications and the Internet could not exist if God, in His omniscience, omnipotence and love had not designed the laws of physics, mathematics and chemistry into His creation plan.

Romans 1:20: "*For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead.*"

Ecclesiastes 1:9b ... *there is no new thing under the sun.*

Adapted from a small "ELECTRONICS DATA" brochure, published by ARMS many years ago.

