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A NOTE FROM OUR CEO



Greetings,

It is a privilege to write the foreword for the second issue of Voice and Hands magazine.

I am deeply encouraged by God's transformative work through Reach Beyond New Zealand (RBNZ). Our team is thrilled to share this biannual magazine with you, and we hope you'll pass it along to friends and family.

These pages tell inspiring stories of lives changed and offer a glimpse behind the scenes at the missionaries, staff, and volunteers who make it possible.

HCJB's history is one of keeping the main thing the main thing, and that is sharing Jesus in such a way as to bring people into a life-changing relationship with him. It is God, through Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit that brings about change.

In this issue, we introduce Alfred, our dedicated missionary from Ghana, and explore the impactful work of our UK office.

You'll also read about the remarkable influence of Janice Reid's radio training ministry in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation. Additionally, we highlight Share English, an innovative evangelism tool making a significant impact in Southeast Asia.

I trust you'll be inspired by how Reach Beyond continues to share Jesus, offer hope, and transform communities worldwide.

Grab a coffee and read on...

Blessings,

Russell Grainger,
Reach Beyond NZ CEO

Our Ghanaian Contractor

Alfred Kwadwo Owusu

A Symphony of Faith & Technology

In the heart of Ghana, Alfred Kwadwo Owusu stood before a tangle of wires and transmitters, his hands steady and his mind alight with purpose. For over a decade, he had sculpted a vibrant mosaic of radio and television transmission, blending the precision of engineering with the passion of faith. A family man, anchored by his devoted wife and two children, Alfred drew daily inspiration from their laughter and love, fueling his mission to connect communities through the airwaves.

From 2009 to 2020, Alfred served as a technical engineer at Theovision International, a Christian organisation dedicated to translating and recording the Bible in African languages. Theovision's three FM radio stations pulsed across Ghana, carrying the gospel to remote villages and bustling towns alike. Alfred was the unseen force behind their clarity, ensuring every broadcast reached its listeners with pristine sound. Each hum of the transmitters felt like a prayer, amplifying voices that spoke hope in native tongues. His work wasn't just technical-it was a calling, a way to weave God's message into the fabric of underserved communities.

In 2009, a new thread entered Alfred's story: Reach Beyond, a partner organisation that bolstered Theovision's stations with expertise and resources. Their collaboration sparked a vision that would carry Alfred far beyond Ghana's borders. By 2020, he had taken a bold step, volunteering as a media engineer with Reach Beyond's Sub-Saharan Africa Region through his own company, Bezitech Modern Engineering. Founded with a dream to deliver cutting-edge solutions, Bezitech became Alfred's platform to support radio stations and media ministries across the continent. From Ghana's heartlands to distant corners of Sub-Saharan Africa, his work helped voices of faith resonate where they were needed most.

Recently, Alfred's journey led him to Reach Beyond New Zealand, where he poured his skills into installing and maintaining Mission Poles-towers that stood like beacons in local villages, broadcasting hope and connection. Each pole was more than steel and wire; it was a testament to Alfred's belief that technology could amplify God's Word across cultures and geographies. With every project, he felt the weight of his purpose: to serve, to bridge divides, to make the gospel accessible to all.





Alfred, seen here working on one of our mission poles, strives to be led by the Word of God, shaping a life of integrity and service, and having a passion to see lives touched and hearts surrendered at the feet of Jesus.

THE UNITED KINGDOM OFFICE

A Story of Unwavering Passion for a World Without Christ

The roots of the UK office of Reach Beyond go way back to the 1950s. This was following a visit from the founder of Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB World Radio) Clarence Jones who toured the UK to cast the vision for the shortwave radio ministry in Ecuador. People got excited, and an office was set up to coordinate funds and to send out missionaries from Great Britain.

Over the years, interest in the radio work of HCJB grew and the location of the office moved from Glasgow to Suffolk and finally to Bradford in West Yorkshire where it remains today. During this time, the team sent out people to Ecuador to serve in the mission's hospitals, clinics, and on the hydro-electric power scheme.

Right now, the UK office has six missionary couples serving in Central Asia, Ecuador, Africa and the UK, plus a number of volunteers. They work in a number of different professions including medicine, IT, media training, water engineering and they even have a hippotherapist (nothing to do with hippos!). This is physiotherapy on horseback for disabled children). The Lord is faithful, giving them frequent opportunities to share their faith and to pray with the unreached people they serve.

Reach Beyond UK's longest-serving missionaries are Eric & Anne Moore. For over 50 years they have served in Ecuador and in the UK. Eric was a key team member who helped to design and build the innovative hydro-electric facility, and Anne was a midwife in the local hospital. Even today, Eric is advising a team installing a radiotherapy machine at a mission hospital in Cameroon.

Looking to the future, UK missionary couple Martin & Ruth Harrison have just been appointed as directors for the Europe/Eurasia region of Reach Beyond which is an exciting development for the team. This will give the UK office much more connection with this important region.

For many years the team in Bradford had a passion for local radio in the UK. As you know, most Christian radio stations are listened to by Christians, but the UK team used their radio skills to place creative gospel programming on mainstream commercial stations, reaching thousands of listeners who were not expecting to hear the name of Jesus mentioned on their favourite station.

Now, one of their main aims is to mobilise the next generation into mission. Through visits to churches, exhibitions and conferences, the Reach Beyond UK team is hoping to inspire young people to step out in faith and use their professional skills for the Lord on the mission field. They also take short-term teams out to Greece to serve refugees around the camps, giving people an experience of hands-on mission work and hopefully igniting a fire for future service.



The UK team recently moved into a new office at Fountains Church in Bradford and here they are on moving-in day! (see photo)



Sharing Jesus with English Learners Worldwide

The Share English program by Reach Beyond offers a unique approach to teaching English, focusing on engaging stories and life-relevant issues rather than traditional grammar lessons. This innovative method also prompts learners to reflect on their beliefs, relationships, and spiritual questions, creating opportunities to share the Gospel. Mike, a key figure in the program, recognized that English, as a highly sought-after language, could attract non-believers to content they might otherwise avoid, opening doors in countries where traditional missionary work is restricted.

Janine, a Reach Beyond missionary in South America, expanded the program by starting English Conversation Clubs. She distributed radio program scripts, enabling participants to practice English in small groups while discussing the content with missionaries and Christian volunteers.

CELEBRATING SHARE ENGLISH 25 YEARS

The clubs, initially hosted at a local church, grew rapidly due to their free access and native English-speaking volunteers. Many participants began attending Sunday services to further improve their English, receiving sermon scripts to follow along. This led to spiritual transformations, with many finding a relationship with Jesus through their pursuit of language skills. Inspired, Janine moved to Asia to establish similar clubs globally.



As the internet grew, Share English adapted by launching a website where learners could access scripts and programs anytime, enhancing its reach. The program unified efforts from multiple missions, including FEBA and ReFrame Media, with Reach Beyond USA and UK taking full responsibility by 2016. Social media growth was exponential, with subscribers rising from 1,400 in 2015 to over 400,000, amassing 23.5 million views, particularly in Gospel-restrictive countries. Roger, the interim team leader, emphasizes the individual impact, citing stories like Nancy, a young woman from a restrictive nation who, through Share English, became a Christian and led her family to faith. The program continues to transform lives by combining language learning with sharing Christ's love.



UPGRADING AN OLD FAITHFUL

by Janice Reid

The decades-old station with an antiquated transmitter sent out its signal faithfully to its local area of Indonesia. But over time, the signal degraded as the transmitter weakened and broke down more and more often.

In 2019, the decrepit transmitter finally breathed its last, and Pastor Budi* was forced to use a less-powerful replacement. To complicate things, the tower was not the optimum height, and it was rusting more quickly than Budi had expected; together, the result was a weaker signal, and fewer people could hear the broadcasts. Budi's audience shrank.

Budi wondered if this was a sign that the end of the station's lengthy ministry was in sight. He prayed and prayed. Then in early 2024, Pastor Budi learned about the existence of Reach Beyond, when our Indonesian co-worker, Nitha, visited his station. She had a radio station of similar vintage in her city far across Indonesia, so it was an honor to visit Budi and learn about his ministry.



Nitha introduced Budi to Reach Beyond, and before long he was invited to our managers' conference later the same year. Budi was amazed and blessed to have fellowship with other Christian station managers in this country where it's a challenge to be a believer – let alone run a public-facing Christian ministry!

Even more, discussion with the Asia Pacific regional director David Uhles led to some exciting developments, and Budi left the conference with hopes of some assistance for his beleaguered station

However much he hoped for, Budi could not have expected a new transmitter and a new, taller tower! And more: Reach Beyond engineer Trevor designed and supervised the installation of a grounding system to protect the tower and station from the frequent lightning strikes and power surges so prevalent in Indonesia. Now, Simfoni Radio has a much better broadcast signal, reaching many more listeners – thanks to Reach Beyond's faithful supporters.

Budi has been running Simfoni Radio for the past twenty-odd years, taking over after his father went to glory. He started his adult life a businessman running a mobile phone shop – he expected the living he got from that would provide for his family. But when his father passed away, Budi remembered his father's words: "radio is church without walls." He felt God's call to assume leaderhip of both the church and the radio station.

He integrates the two ministries well, though they're in different towns. His announcers attend his own church, and members of his small congregation listen to his station. But it's in the station's local community that Budi's efforts shine.

Simfoni Radio has Christian programs, to be sure; but half of their 24/7 content is aimed at non-believers – there's even local Muslim music based on rich cultural traditions of the area.

Over the years, Budi's had good feedback from people who listen to his station. He has a loyal listening community – one that is slowly growing as more people hear the strength and clarity of his renewed broadcast signal.

Pastor Budi has many dreams for his station. He dreams of finding a stable source of income to pay the greater electricity costs of his new transmitter! He prays that more people from near and far would find his station (now the signal reaches much further) and become faithful listeners.

But most of all, Budi prays that more and more people in the community will be blessed by the teaching of Jesus, our Saviour. Mrs S, a Muslim woman who heard the station early this year, was interested to learn more about Christ. She did so through the broadcasts and by means of personal counselling. Mrs S decided to put her faith in the Saviour and was recently baptised by a local church.

And for Pastor Budi, that's what it's all about!



LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE

TRANSFORM LIVES FOR CHRIST



You can leave a lasting impact for God's Kingdom. Your legacy gift to Reach Beyond can transform lives and bring hope to those in desperate need of Jesus Christ. Here is what your support can do:

- **Expand the reach:** Your gift will extend ministry around the world to reach even more people who don't know Christ.
- **Transform lives:** Through our radio, digital media, healthcare, and community development ministries, we witness miraculous changes as people find hope and come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ.
- **Ensure your vision lives on:** Leaving a legacy gift means you will be investing in reaching the unreached for Christ into the future. By making a planned gift, you can continue the work of Reach Beyond during and after your lifetime.

Please contact us so we can answer questions and talk through the options. Have you already included Reach Beyond in your estate planning? Let us know!

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