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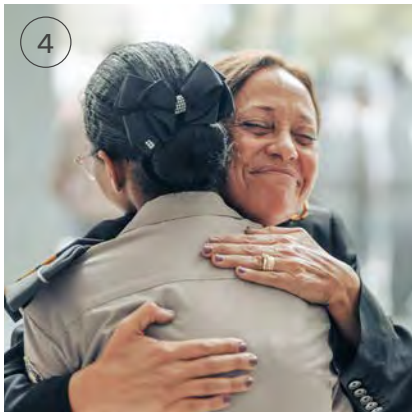
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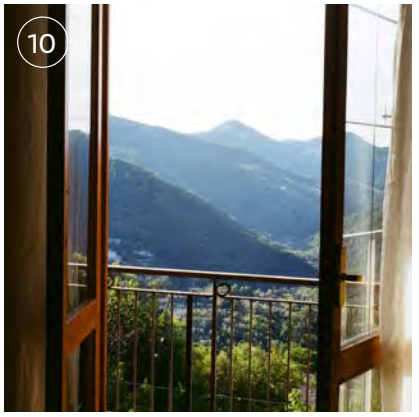
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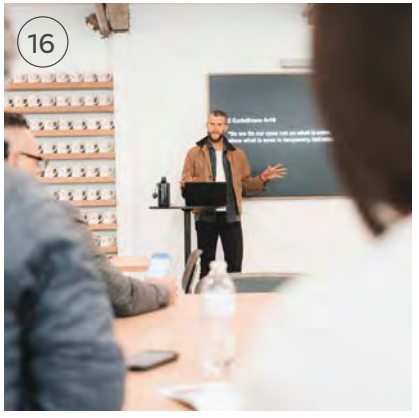
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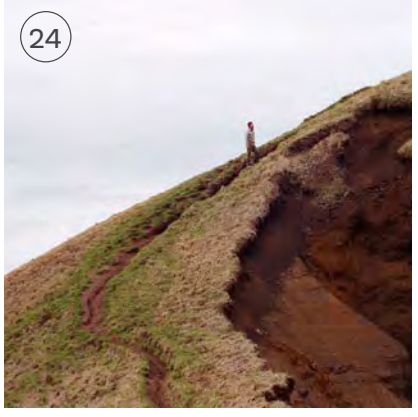














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JOY WORTH EVERYTHING

Letter From the President

WRITTEN BY: Kevin Palau

Dear Friends,

Fall has a way of making us think about what matters most. The year is moving quickly. The holidays are ahead. Soon, many of us will be thinking about generosity and the people we love.

And it makes me ask: ***What is truly worth everything?***

Jesus told a story about a man who found treasure hidden in a field. "For joy over it," he went and sold everything he had to buy that field. He gave everything—not reluctantly, but joyfully—because he knew the treasure was worth it.

That picture has stayed with me.

We have found a treasure in Jesus. Forgiveness. Hope. New life. Eternity with Him. And when you know the value of what you've found, you want others to find it, too.

That's why I'm so excited for you to read this issue of *Proclaim!* These pages are full of reasons to celebrate what God is doing around the world.

You'll see praise reports from Zagreb, Croatia; the coast of England; the American Southwest; and Argentina—Dad's home nation. Different places, different stories, but the same beautiful truth: people are hearing the Gospel and responding to Jesus.

I'm also especially excited for you to read about our Evangelism Innovation Lab. We're partnering with thoughtful, courageous leaders from across the country to imagine, test, and build what's next for Gospel sharing in America. I believe some of the ideas taking shape today could equip the Church for years to come.

And you are part of all of it.

Your prayers and generosity help create Gospel moments, strengthen lasting movements, and equip believers to live on mission. Together, we are carrying this treasure farther, to people and places we could never reach alone.

Thank you for giving toward what is eternal. Thank you for helping others discover the treasure we have found. **It is a joy worth everything.**

With gratitude,



Kevin Palau
Kevin Palau
President, Palau



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Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and ***for joy over it*** he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

MATTHEW 13:44 NKV







"Together, we are carrying this treasure farther, to people and places **we could never reach alone."**

25 YEARS OF MOMENTUM:

The Gospel Journey of Córdoba

WRITTEN BY: Jona Proietti

Argentina has always held a special place in the hearts of those on our team, especially as Luis' homeland. We have seen God move here time and time again, and as we returned this year...we knew it would be no different. More people came to know the Lord through our recent time in Córdoba, and we are praising God for how He moved in the hearts of the people there.

Back in 2001, when Palau was first invited to bring a festival to Córdoba, Argentina, it marked a turning point for the local church. Relationships with local authorities were polite but modest, and the evangelical presence in the region was relatively small. Whereas previous pastoral gatherings rarely exceeded 30 to 40 leaders, around 100 churches actively joined together during this 2001 festival —a clear testament to where God was taking us in this region. **That festival reached more than 200,000 people, with more than 6,000 responding to the Gospel.**

Now, 25 years later, our team returned to the city, and discovered that one thing hadn't changed: there were still many people who were seeking something to fill the deep longing for hope in their hearts. We knew there was still work to be done here, and were thankful to be invited back to continue spreading the Gospel to all who would hear.

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Córdoba, Argentina THEN

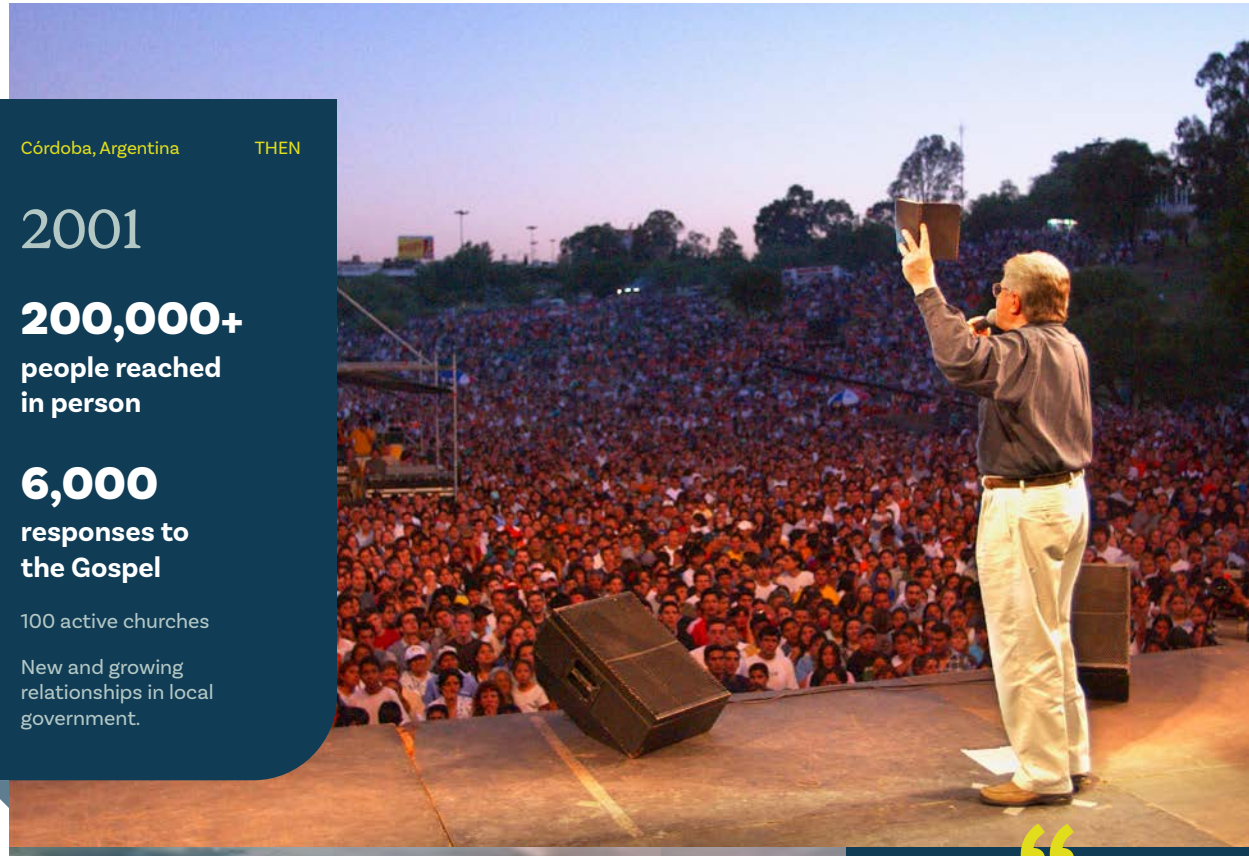
2001

200,000+
people reached in person

6,000
responses to the Gospel

100 active churches

New and growing relationships in local government.





"...the 2001 Festival was one of the pivotal catalysts that **shaped the thriving, influential reality of the Córdoba church today."**



Córdoba, Argentina NOW

2026

200,000+
people reached in person

7,503
responses to the Gospel

Lasting Impact:

258 active churches

80+ Pastors regularly gather to pray

100+ leaders united for their city

A week of specialized ministry reaching women, business and civic leaders, athletes and police cadets.

Along with this reality, the landscape of the Church in Córdoba has been remarkably transformed since 2001. There are roughly 400 churches across Córdoba, and 250 of them actively got involved in this year's festival preparations—evidence of incredible momentum. Not only that, but church members serve in influential positions across the city's public and private sectors, giving the body of Christ a respected, trusted voice before government officials. **Reflecting on the amazing doors of influence opened to us, we can't point to anything other than God's favor and blessing.**

Today, church leaders maintain an open, warm dialogue with both local and civic authorities. Government officials actively seek out the church's involvement when addressing civic issues. This deep level of favor and relationship is the fruit of decades of Palau's faithful presence and the lasting impact of the 2001 initiative. And, it's a direct result of the support and generosity of friends like you. Let's praise God together for all He has done and will continue to do in Córdoba!

One major encouragement as we prepared for this festival was the explosion of pastoral unity. Ever since the first festival, between 60 and 100 pastors have gathered every single Thursday to pray for their city, with monthly leadership meetings drawing in more than 100 leaders. We have seen the flourishing of the Church as these pastors have come together...and it was beautiful to witness.

As our team prepared for all the outreach that would take place here, they also discovered numerous local churches whose existence was previously unknown. The opportunity was clear—we needed to invite them into this movement! These leaders not only eagerly joined the festival effort, but also integrated into the local pastoral council for the first time.

This momentum is not remaining within city limits, either. As part of a coordinated strategy to impact the broader region, the Nueva Generación de Evangelistas (the Latin expression of GNE) is taking the festival model directly to Villa María, a growing and developing city. Building on the heels of the main campaign in Córdoba, the Villa María festival seeks to extend the impact by mobilizing local pastors, training hundreds of believers in evangelism, and reaching the whole city with the Gospel.

A joyful week of ministry including:

1. **Two women's outreaches:** At the *Know Me* event, 184 women responded to Wendy's Gospel message.
2. **A meeting with the mayor,** including exchanging gifts and prayer.
3. **Business outreach:** Andrew spoke on "decisions that transform."
4. **Sport outreach,** Andrew invited athletes to know the living God.
5. **Cadets outreach** where Andrew spoke to 550 police cadets.
6. **The two-day Festival,** which included health and wellness resources, kids program, and music guests, **plus a Gospel message from Andrew Palau.**

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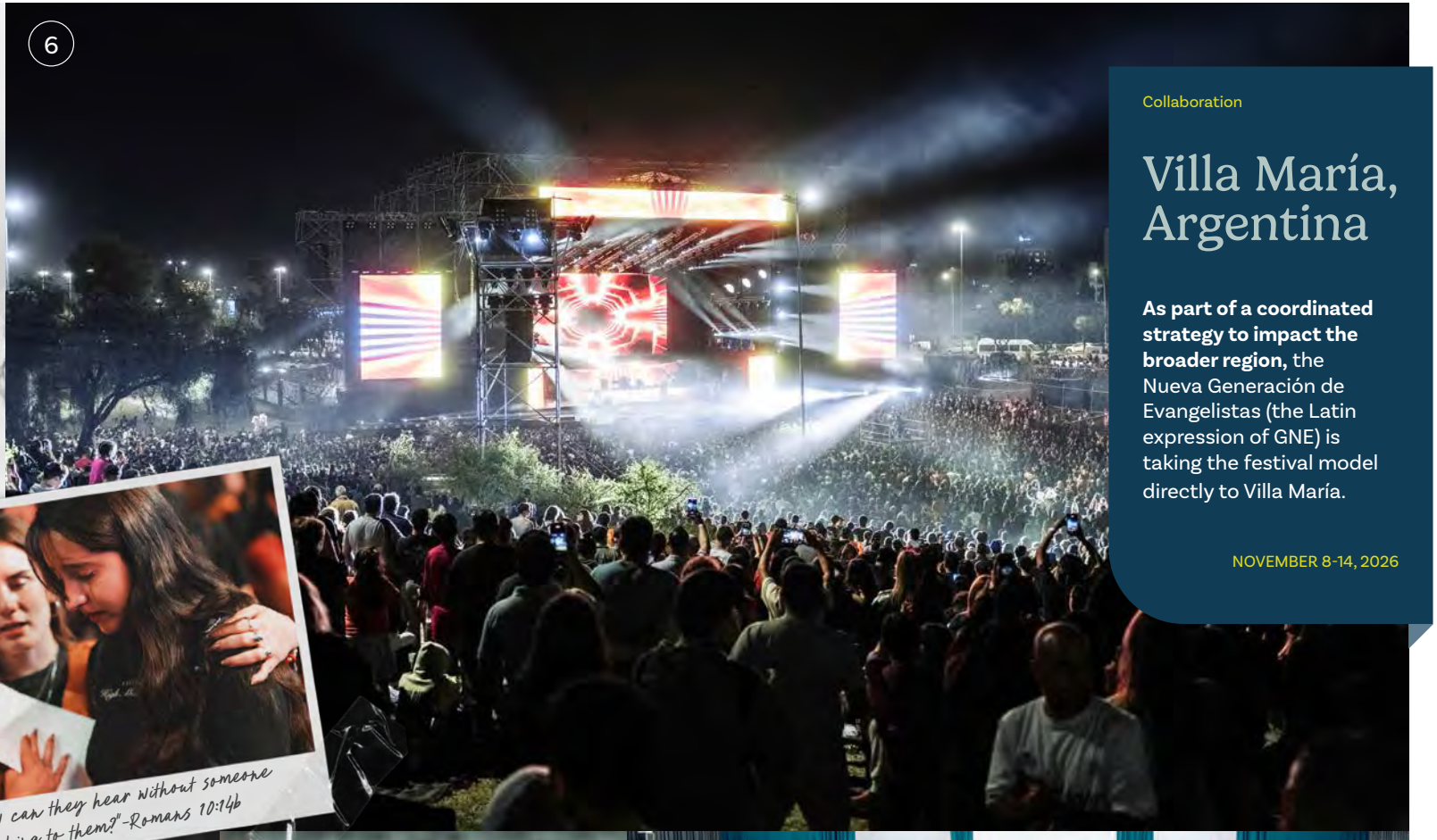




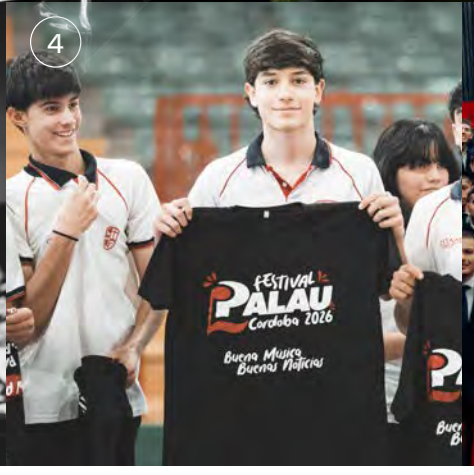
During an executive committee meeting in March, a visiting pastor asked whether the immense effort of returning to Córdoba was truly worth it, inquiring about concrete proof from 2001. Another local pastor stood up and offered a clear answer: **the 2001 Festival was one of the pivotal catalysts that shaped the thriving, influential reality of the Córdoba church today.**

As the team worked alongside hundreds of united congregations this year, we were acutely aware that we stood on the shoulders of 25 years of growth and were blessed to witness an even greater harvest of hope moving forward in the city of Córdoba.











Collaboration

Villa María, Argentina

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NOVEMBER 8-14, 2026

HOPE BEHIND EVERY DOOR

The Surprising Joy of Seeing God Move in Albuquerque, NM

WRITTEN BY: Wendy Palau

I love every ministry opportunity we have, but there are some moments that are unexpected and stay with me long after I return home. Moments and experiences that remind us of God's heart and kindness. As you know, walking with God and serving Him is never boring! It's never "Lets just knock this out," but full of unexpected twists along the way because our God is active and dynamic. ***He's alive and real!***

During our time in Albuquerque, I experienced several of those moments.

We gathered women for an evening of *Stories of Hope* at the beautiful Albuquerque Botanic Garden. There was music, stories, and even some rain to keep us on our toes. Most importantly, there was an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus in a place where women from all different backgrounds could come just as they were. **That night, 23 women made decisions to follow Jesus.**



1. 23 women made a decision to follow Jesus at the *Stories of Hope* event.
2. Our team getting ready to share the Gospel in Springer Women's Prison.
3. Andrew sharing his testimony at the Freedom Celebration in Albuquerque, NM.

But for me, one of the most powerful moments of our time in Albuquerque came early the next morning.

After a 5:00 a.m. wake-up call, our team traveled to Springer Women's Prison. I have been in prisons many times, and every experience is different. You simply cannot predict what God is going to do, or what the women will do!

But in Springer Prison, we were warmly welcomed and **there was such a beautiful sense of His presence that morning.**

It is difficult to describe, but I felt the love of God for those women in a powerful way. Every one of us who was there seemed to feel it. I had conversations with women who were making a decision to dedicate their lives to walking with God, and there was such a sense of brokenness and pain being wrapped up and lifted to God in the hope found at the foot of the cross.

As I listened to the women, I couldn't help but be overwhelmed at God's love and pursuit of each human being on the face of the earth. Each of us on the ministry team felt privileged to be there that morning.

I wish every one of you could experience our moments in the prisons: The hunger and thirst of a human being whose life has brought them to this place. The things they've done, and the things that have been done to them, have eaten away at their hope. And, it is suck and honor to witness the power of the Gospel message and the shift that takes place in the room as we share God's shocking love with them!

God loves the broken. He is not intimidated by our failures, our wounds, or the places we find ourselves. And there, behind prison walls, His love felt especially beautiful.

Later, we joined thousands of people in the city for a larger outreach in partnership with Calvary Chapel, Albuquerque. Andrew shared his testimony, and the Gospel was shared by our friend Skip Heitzig. When the invitation was given, I watched young people—and young men in particular—begin streaming forward.

It was overwhelming. Andrew and I stood in the crowd with tears, reminded—the Gospel is still very good news!

Yes, God graciously uses us, but the Good News itself draws people. Jesus is still what people are looking for. His message is still good news to the weary, wounded, searching, and lost.

One moment at this outreach especially touched my heart. A 15-year-old boy who had previously attempted to take his own life came forward and spoke and prayed with one of our team members, Levi Park. To think that God had preserved his physical life—and that now he was taking steps toward new spiritual life in Christ—was a beautiful reminder of why we continue to "go."

And I don't often share this but, everywhere we went in Albuquerque, we heard something else that deeply encouraged me. The local churches and leaders kept telling us, "Your team is amazing. They are humble, generous, and some of the hardest workers we have ever met." I agree! I love our team.

I hope this encourages you, whether you're praying for a neighbor, a child to come home, or a nation across the world. The Gospel is still really good news! Let's never lose the joy of sharing it! PJ

THE GOSPEL IS STILL *VERY* GOOD NEWS!







MEET CONNIE LUEBKE

In Their Words: The People Behind the Mission

WRITTEN BY: Connie Luebke



LONGTIME FRIEND, DONOR, AND PALAU PRAYER TEAM LEADER

Connie Luebke has been a friend of the Palau ministry for 26 years. She first became involved with Palau in 2000 with the Tucson festival. Connie's husband, Dick Luebke, serves on the board of Palau, and Connie is an integral leader of the Palau Prayer Team. Connie and Dick live in Tucson, AZ and recently played a key role in bringing Wendy's vision for Stories of Hope *Tucson to life. Let Connie's words remind you that faithful ministry is exponentially rewarding.*

Family. On mission. Together.

It was the year 2000 when I first got involved with Palau, when the ministry came to Tucson after the large Portland festival. What happened on a Friday night at Kennedy Park captured my heart in such a way that I still think about it.

I was standing toward the back of a large crowd while Luis stood front and center, preaching the Gospel in Spanish. Overwhelming joy consumed me, realizing that for many there, this might be the first time they were hearing the Good News clearly in their heart language.

Since I came to know the Lord through Campus Crusade for Christ in college, I've understood how life-changing it is when someone simply shares the Gospel in plain language. That night in Tucson, something settled in me: *this matters—evangelism matters.*

Evangelism connects deeply to my own story. I grew up knowing about Jesus but not knowing Him personally. And that's because...it wasn't until I was in college that I actually heard and understood the Good News for the first time! If someone hadn't clearly shared the Gospel with me in college, my life would look very different. That's why this ministry continues to resonate. It prioritizes the first step of the Great Commission: proclaiming the Good News to all people.

Over the years, I've continued to stand with Palau because it has never felt like just an organization; it feels like **family on mission together**. When we first met Luis and Pat, they were humble, relational, and genuinely interested in people. That spirit of care has remained at Palau events. Whether praying over boroughs for New York, counseling young men in Buenos Aires, or witnessing God's favor open doors in China, I've seen firsthand that while the gatherings may be large, it is always one life at a time that is transformed—the one sheep that God leaves the 99 to pursue.



More than 25 years later, Palau came back to Tucson for *Stories of Hope*. This event drew hundreds of women in to encounter the life-changing love of Jesus.











It's About People

If there is one truth I've gleaned over the years being involved with Palau, it's this: God sees the individual in the crowd. I've stood in fields filled with thousands yet watched Him move in the heart of one teenager. Mass gatherings are never about numbers; they are about personal decisions.

I've also seen how kindness truly does lead people to repentance. The humility and relational heart of this ministry reflect our Father's heart. It's not about numbers—it's always about people.

And last spring, it happened to be about the women of my hometown, Tucson.

The Desert Is Blooming

For years, in Arizona, different leaders and ministries have sensed that God wanted to bring spiritual renewal to our city... that the desert would bloom. Earlier this year, we saw all the seeds that had been faithfully planted over the years blossom through *Stories of Hope* Tucson. Instead of believing Tucson was spiritually hard, we chose to believe it could become an oasis. My prayer was (and still is) for women across churches to rise up in unity, release the "living water" within them, and courageously disciple others to produce lasting fruit that would transform our city. *Stories of Hope* was the catalyst, and I can't wait to see how God moves through the women here!

I know there are others like me reading this. People who have chosen to partner with Palau for years. And I just want to leave you with this truth: your faithfulness matters more than you know. Every prayer, every gift, every act of obedience becomes part of someone else's story of hope. And there is nothing more meaningful than that! P!

Tucson, Arizona April 2026

Stories of Hope

475
women attended *Stories of Hope*

96
women responded to the Gospel at the evening outreach event

51
local churches partnered together for the outreach

150+
women filled out response cards, sharing stories, prayer requests, or next steps

100
Gospel responses were recorded during the prison outreach



Following Jesus to

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Dorset, ENGLAND
Festival & Regional Outreaches

Barcelona, SPAIN
Festival

NEW ENGLAND

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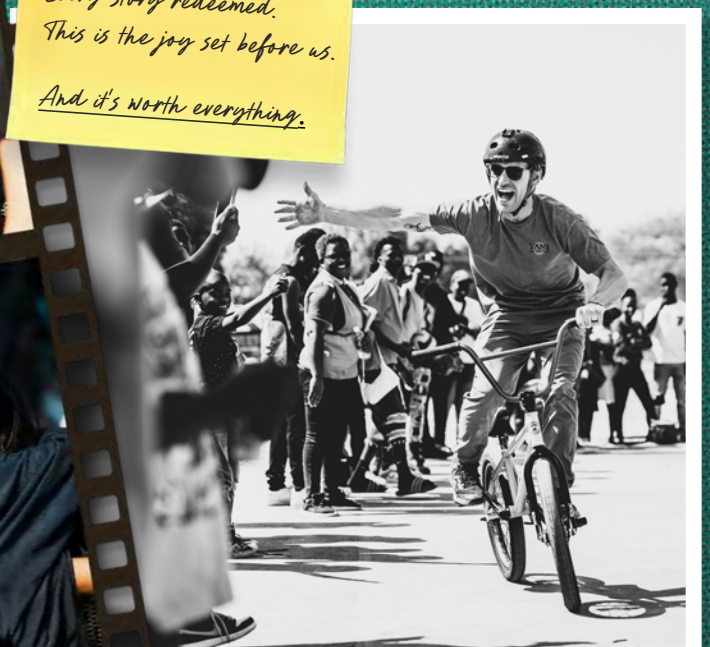
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We've seen the joy.
We've found the treasure.
Every life reached.
Every story redeemed.
This is the joy set before us.

And it's worth everything.





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Ministry Priorities

- Present the Gospel to **40 million people online.**
- **Launch BLESS** in cities across the U.S.
- Grow Global Network of Evangelists **to 8,000 members.**
- **Maximize the Digital Evangelism reach in Asia**, where 60% of the world's population lives.

"And then he told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'"

MARK 16:15 NLT

Scan the code to see the latest praise reports!

Evangelism Lab



Collaborating at the Forefront of Gospel Witness

WRITTEN BY: Eva Beckwith

The Gospel doesn't change. But the world around us does.

Across North America, the spiritual landscape is shifting faster than ever. Communities are more diverse. Trust in institutions is lower. Younger generations live much of their lives online. Many people are spiritually curious but deeply skeptical of traditional forms of church and faith. And yet, the call of Jesus to share the Good News has not changed.

What has changed is the environment in which that Good News is heard.

For decades, Palau and our partners have faithfully invested in scaling proven approaches to evangelism. But we've also recognized a critical gap: Where do new ideas go when someone has a fresh vision for Gospel witness but needs theological grounding, experienced mentorship, and the organizational strength to test that idea in the real world?

This is why the Evangelism Innovation Lab exists.





"We believe the next chapter of Gospel proclamation will be written by established leaders and emerging innovators **working together, not in parallel.**"





The Big Idea

The Evangelism Innovation Lab is a collaborative initiative led by Missional Labs and Palau, in partnership with leading evangelism organizations and aligned funders. Together, we're stepping further into our calling as thought and action leaders in evangelism—not only discussing the future of Gospel witness, but actively helping to build it!

This is not a conference. It's not a grant program. It's not a classroom. It's a lab.

Each year, a cohort of carefully selected innovators, enter a guided journey designed to help them develop, test, and refine new models of evangelism for today's world.

These innovators represent ministries with the structure, leadership, and operational capacity to carry bold ideas forward with excellence. Some are grassroots ministries building something entirely new. Others are "intrapreneurs" pioneering fresh approaches from within established organizations.

The mix is intentional. We believe the next chapter of Gospel proclamation will be written by established leaders and emerging innovators working together, not in parallel.

The heart behind the Lab is simple and hopeful: If we create the right environment, God will raise up creative, faithful responses to the real barriers people face in encountering following Jesus.

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It's Happening Now

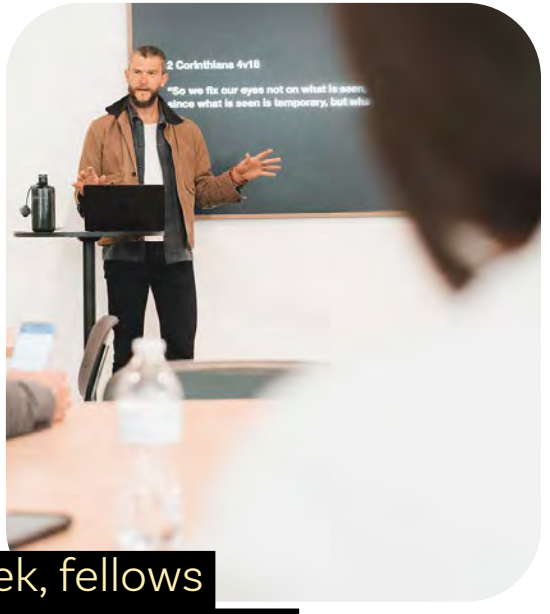
The vision moved from paper to reality this spring. In April, our first cohort gathered in Portland for a three-day mentoring intensive with mentors, program leaders, and fellows.

They came with ideas, prototypes, and ministry models already taking shape. They gathered—not simply to talk about their ideas—but to ask hard questions, strengthen their thinking, and consider how their ideas could become focused, sustainable approaches to Gospel witness.

Since then, the work has continued. Every other week, fellows have been meeting virtually with faculty, mentors, coaches, and funders to refine their core prototypes and pitches. The cohort will conclude October 7–9 with a celebration and pitch event alongside key leaders at the Every City Summit at the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.







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It Starts with Formation

Beneath all the strategy and innovation is something very important to us: theological faithfulness. The Lab's work is designed to give emerging evangelism models a strong foundation. Participants are challenged to clarify the people they're called to reach, the obstacles those people face, and the approaches they want to test.

Experienced leaders and mentors walk alongside them, providing wisdom, encouragement, and challenge. **The goal isn't simply to have a creative idea. It's to develop a focused, testable approach to Gospel witness. Here's how it works...**

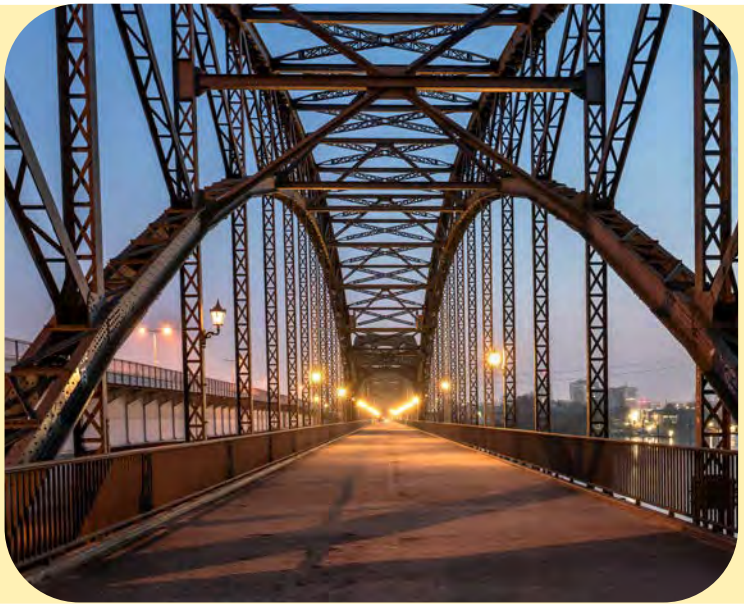
How it works

01 Discover

We find emerging projects and initiatives and select leaders who have a real idea or prototype with clear potential, wherever they are found, in partnership with leading organizations.







02 Build

We refine the new models through mentoring and design sessions, working to refine vision, tighten strategic clarity, and connect new initiatives to key networks and resources.

03 Scale

We build and accelerate together. Leaders run pilots, develop the model, and finish with a clear pitch, connections to key partners, and a micro-grant.

Scan QR code to go to the Evangelism Lab website.

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Many New Ideas. One Gospel.

A closer look at three of the ten projects from the first cohort.

AMBASSADORS FORUM
Shawn Hart

Helping young people thoughtfully share Jesus through people's questions.

Young people are asking big questions about faith, culture, identity, and meaning. At the same time, many youth leaders feel under-equipped to help them navigate those questions. The Ambassadors Forum is designed to bridge that gap, equipping youth leaders to help students grow closer to Jesus through their questions and ultimately help them thoughtfully share Jesus with others.

The Ambassadors Playbook provides four-week modules through an online platform, with sermon outlines, discussion guides for leaders and students, suggested readings, videos, and podcasts. The ministry also envisions on-site kickoff events that combine student Q&A with leader training. The hope is to see young people develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and become confident in inviting others to know Him by helping them wrestle thoughtfully with life's biggest questions.





HONEST CONVERSATIONS
Jessica Gaton and Yaro Hetman

Use honest conversations as a low-pressure experience to spark curiosity and openness toward Jesus.

Many people who are uninterested in church don't have a natural relational bridge to healthy, vibrant Christians. They may be spiritually curious, but lack a safe place to process their questions and doubts. Honest Conversations, sponsored by Alpha USA and Come Near, is exploring whether a simple invitation to meaningful conversation can open that door.

The project is designed around meeting spiritually skeptical or spiritually distant people in neutral, everyday environments and inviting them into meaningful dinner conversations about life and faith. The hope is that food, conversation, curiosity, and community can create a familiar and relational space for spiritual exploration—one that can eventually open the door to deeper connection and conversations about life and faith.

THE RED THREAD PROJECT
Cia Cloud

Equipping creators to carry the Gospel into global youth culture through social media.

We live in a time of unprecedented connectedness, with a generation shaped by mass media, the internet, and global trends. Yet many young people remain spiritually hungry while skeptical of institutions. The Red Thread Project is responding by equipping Christian creators, social media influencers, and artists to use their God-given talents and platforms to share Jesus in relevant ways, especially for the sake of the least-reached US cities.

The project brings small groups of creators with significant platforms into intensive weekend retreats, investing deeply in their identity as followers of Jesus and challenging them to steward their influence for eternal impact. The goal is to help them produce Gospel-centered content that feels authentic to the platforms, subcultures, and digital communities they already serve—and ultimately help more unchurched young people encounter faith online.





The goal is to create an environment where faithful leaders can try new approaches, learn quickly, adapt, **and discover what helps people encounter Jesus.**

What Happens When We Try?

This is where the word "lab" really matters. Not every experiment will succeed. And that's okay. The goal isn't to produce 10 perfect ministry models. The goal is to create an environment where faithful leaders can try new approaches, learn quickly, adapt, and discover what helps people encounter Jesus.

The first cohort was selected through a nomination and application process and includes both institutionally sponsored initiatives and grassroots ministries. They're working in very different contexts and addressing very different barriers to Gospel witness. But they're asking the same basic question: **How can we help more people encounter Jesus?**—That's the question at the heart of the Lab.

For the Future of Evangelism

One of the most powerful potential outcomes of the Evangelism Innovation Lab is not any single project. It's the community that is forming around them.

As participants move through this first year, they are becoming part of a growing network of innovators, mentors, and ministry leaders committed to evangelistic renewal. And the learning won't stay inside the Lab.

The insights gained through these projects will help shape how Palau approaches evangelism across every facet of our ministry. And as those learnings accumulate, we want them to bless the broader evangelism ecosystem as well.

We're faithfully stewarding the past while stepping boldly into what God is doing next.

The Lab is focused on some of the major frontiers and opportunities for evangelism in North America: reaching Gen Z and Gen Alpha, digital tools and storytelling, everyday relationships and hospitality, apologetics and cultural conversations, equipping local churches for evangelism, and developing young evangelistic leaders.

For more than 60 years, Palau has faithfully shared the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our methods have evolved, but our message has not. We believe that because of Jesus, hope is possible for every person—now and for eternity.

The world is changing. The questions are changing. The ways people encounter information, relationships, and faith are changing. So we want to be ready, to listen, learn, experiment faithfully, and proclaim the unchanging Gospel in ways that help today's world hear it. PJ

HOPE IS RISING IN EUROPE

From Zagreb to North Devon

WRITTEN BY: Andrew Palau

There are moments in ministry when you sense that God is doing something great among us—that we are part of something we have been praying for and dreaming about, something that has been brewing for many years. That is how I have felt coming away from our recent outreaches in Zagreb, Croatia, and North Devon, England.

I am deeply encouraged. God is moving in Europe.

In Zagreb, we saw something extraordinary before the festival had even begun. Church leaders from different traditions and backgrounds gathered with a shared burden for their city and a fresh determination to stand together.

At one of our first gatherings, a local leader looked around the room and said to us: *"Even if you were to leave tonight, the most amazing work has already taken place. There are the beginnings of unity amongst the leaders that we haven't experienced for 50 years."*—**What a remarkable statement.**

Before a message was preached from the stage, God was already drawing His people together. We felt His presence and your prayers throughout the week as believers served their city through street evangelism, men's and women's gatherings, personal conversations, and the culminating Zagreb Fest.

Zagreb, Croatia June 2026

Zagreb Fest

1,200+
people reached in person

130
responses to the Gospel

275 women attended *Stories of Hope*

95 women responded to the Good News

31 young believers served on the mission team

7,100+ people visited an online Gospel presentation

86 indicated decisions for Jesus online





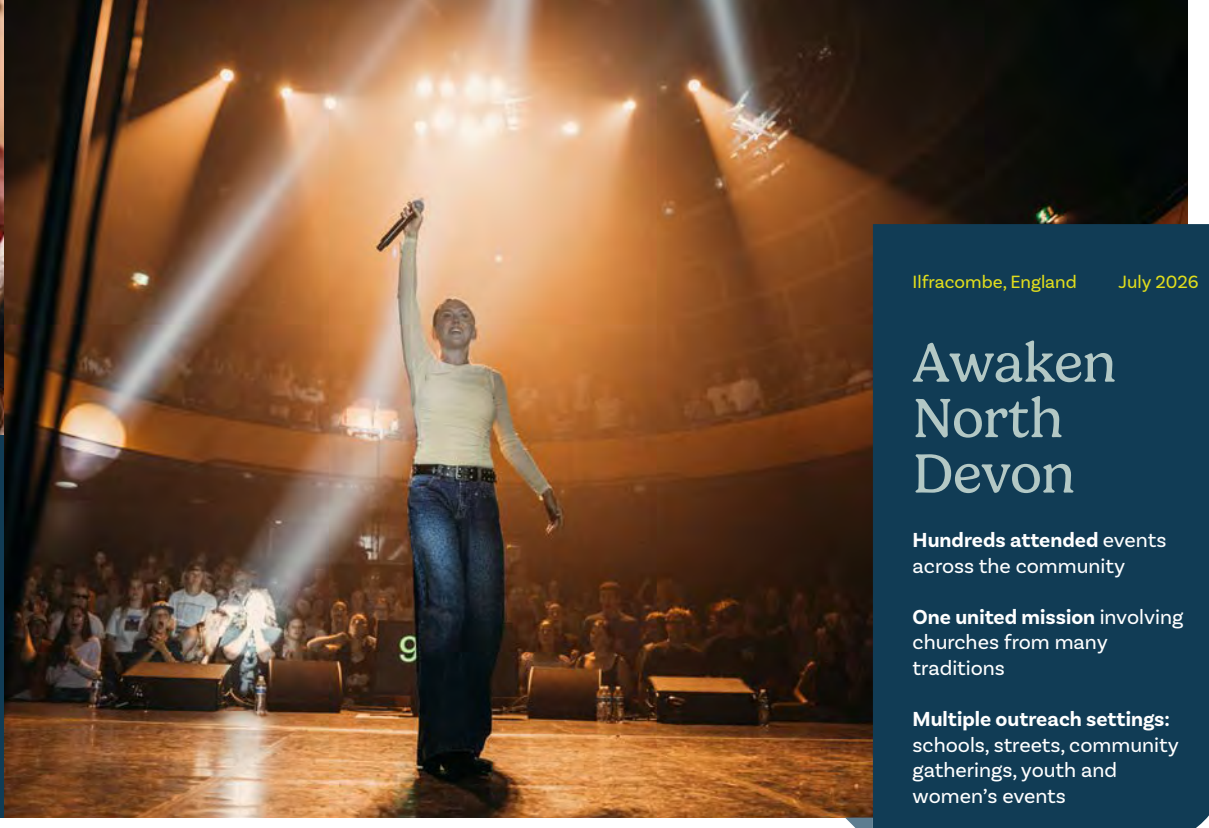
Personal Evangelism

Across Zagreb's streets, cafés, and parks, young believers shared the love of Jesus through simple conversations, prayer, and acts of kindness.

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to get the full Zagreb Fest report.





Local Church

Churches across North Devon prayed, planned, and served together—and they will continue walking with those beginning or renewing a journey of faith.

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Ilfracombe, England July 2026

Awaken North Devon

Hundreds attended events across the community

One united mission involving churches from many traditions

Multiple outreach settings: schools, streets, community gatherings, youth and women's events

I think of a young Dutch traveler who met members of the mission team on a park bench. She had been traveling alone and feeling deeply lonely. What began as a simple conversation became 40 minutes of listening, sharing, and prayer. She walked away feeling seen, encouraged, and knowing she did not need to go through life alone.

That is the heart of evangelism. We proclaim the Gospel clearly according to the plans set before us, but we also stop for the person God places directly in front of us along the way.

We saw that same spirit in North Devon.

At one gathering, Wendy and I happened to sit beside a couple who had invited their friend, Sara. She had been away from church for her entire adult life—and then she had invited another friend who had also walked away from God years earlier. He had questions. Lots of them! We listened and talked for more than an hour. Eventually, I told him, "I'm going to share my story up front. Maybe some of your questions will be answered as I tell you what God did in my life. Then let's talk afterward."

After I shared the Gospel, I came back and asked what he thought.

He grabbed me by the shoulders, tears in his eyes, and said, "Andrew, you have NO idea what this day has meant to me."

Then he said something I will never forget: "I did leave God long ago...until this day."***—What joy!***

The friends who had invited him were committed to walking with him as he grew in faith. Since then, he has even shared about the experience with his adult sons and his wife. A testimony is already growing in that man's life.

And he was only one story.

A young girl who attended both the youth event and Sunday celebration responded to God's invitation, then discovered members of her family had been faithfully praying for her. God had been pursuing her long before she understood what He was doing.—**Friends, that is why I am so hopeful.**

We carefully count attendance and responses, and we praise God for every person who responds to the Gospel. But much of what He is doing cannot yet be measured. Seeds have been planted. Relationships have begun. Local churches are following up and walking alongside people as they discover—or rediscover—faith in Jesus.

The events may be over, but God's work is not.

Thank you for praying, giving, and standing with us. Your partnership is helping churches unite, believers step out in faith, and people across Europe discover that the hope of Jesus is for them.

I believe we are witnessing the beginning of something beautiful. Please continue to pray for Europe—and for the lasting fruit only eternity will fully reveal. PJ

THE GOOD PATH

Sometimes the simplest habits become lasting gifts

WRITTEN BY: Andrew Palau





What path actually leads to a good life?

I've been thinking about that question for a long time. We all want to live well, right? To make good choices. To love people well. To live a life of significance. But how do we get there?

The world offers up plenty of advice. There are opinions everywhere, and we can find an "answer" to almost anything in seconds. Yet information, even if it's true, isn't the same thing as wisdom. And many paths that look right—in the end they lead to death. (Proverbs 16:25)

But God's wisdom does more than inform us, it teaches us *how* to live. And one of the greatest gifts I've been given is the wisdom found in the book of Proverbs.

A Daily Practice

When I was young, my dad had a very simple habit: he read one chapter of Proverbs every day. There are 31 chapters. One for each day of the month. When we were old enough, dad invited my brothers and me to join him in that rhythm. Many of you know this already because Dad passed this on to you as well. He passed it along to almost everyone he met who showed even the slightest interest over the years. It is a life changer!

But, I'll be honest with you...I didn't always appreciate it! When Dad announced "Boys, it is time to read our Proverbs," my fleshly instincts to resist kicked in. I nearly always had other plans. And I was always running late. But he persisted. Looking back, I see what I couldn't see then. Dad wasn't simply trying to get us to read the Bible. He was inviting us into a relationship with God.

Those mornings, by the time he woke me, he had already spent time listening for God's wisdom. Sometimes he'd come find me and tell me something that had stood out to him. But he wasn't just passing along information. He was showing me where to go when I needed real wisdom for real life.

And the wisdom I absorbed through those years of a simple Proverbs rhythm stayed with me. Even through the years when I wandered far from God, those words didn't disappear. They were still there—quietly reminding me that even though I didn't have all the answers, God did.

We never outgrow our need for wisdom.

That's one of the things I love about Proverbs. We always need it because...it doesn't stay in the abstract. It gets right into the middle of life, the areas where we have unanswered questions and need guidance most.

Words. Work. Relationships. Money. Anger. Pride. Choices. Sin. It asks questions of us, uncomfortable questions that are just as relevant today as they were in ancient times:

What kind of person am I becoming? What am I building my life on? Who am I learning to listen to? Am I being honest with myself? Am I willing to change?

And the older I get, the more I realize how much I need those questions. Life doesn't get simpler as we grow older. In fact, the shorter our time becomes, the more the decisions seem to matter. The consequences carry more weight.

I don't need less wisdom than when I was younger—I need it more than ever!

A Roadmap for Wanderers

I'm excited to tell you about something we've been working on: I'm releasing a new book that grew out of this daily practice of reading and reflecting on Proverbs.

It's not meant to be a book you simply read and put on a shelf. It's more like a guided practice—a place to slow down with God's Word, reflect on what you're reading, and consider what His wisdom might look like in your own life. It provides a space to reflect every day for a year, and beautiful photos from our friend Ryan Hoppes, and my son, Christopher Palau. It is beautiful! You are going to love it!

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"Yet information, even if it's true, **isn't the same thing as wisdom.** And many paths that look right—in the end they lead to death."

And with this book, I'm inviting others to sit down with me for a daily Proverbs practice. One chapter. One reflection. One day at a time.

And I'm especially excited because this isn't something only for people who already know the Bible well. The team and I created it specifically to put into people's hands at our outreaches. In men's prisons. At business and civic leaders' outreaches. And more! My sincere hope is that it will be—not just a book, but a gift that opens a conversation with God the Father. That it will be a first step for many who have never really explored God's Word and may not know Him—but they know they want a good life. I pray it will serve you in all these ways as you look to grow in wisdom and as you lead others into the wisdom of God in the Word, and into a genuine relationship with God Himself.

Imagine handing someone a book and knowing you can confidently say, "Here. ***Take this home. I can promise you, you'll find wisdom here***. See what you think." And then, letting God's Word and His Spirit do their work: speak in power, confront sin, bring comfort to the most tender and wounded areas, and get underneath defenses, bringing genuine change. Ultimately all these things are only possible because...God's word leads us to know the Author, the Living Word Himself.

A Journey Worth Sharing

There's another reason this project is deeply meaningful to me. This practice isn't just mine. It has been passed down to me. My grandfather taught my father. My father taught me. I've been blessed to pass it along to my own children. I've tasted and seen the fruit that comes from it, for my own life, and from the testimonies of my kids, and many others! And now I have the joy of passing it along to people we meet through Palau ministry around the world.

The beautiful thing about God's Word, and all His goodness: we get to receive it, live it, and we have the joy of passing it on.

Sometimes we don't realize how much is happening in those ordinary moments. A father opens a Bible. A child listens. A friend or co-worker is in need. A verse gets remembered. Or maybe in a festival city on the other side of the globe, a book is read in private, and a few notes scribbled in a time of desperate need. But years later, that verse is still there. And gradually, quietly, God uses His truth to open a heart, draw someone to Himself, and shape a life.

Are you coming?

I'd love for you to experience this with me. I hope each of you will want to get a copy and use it in this way. If you fill out the response card that came with this copy of *Proclaim!* we'll send you a copy for free! And I offer you this, right now—it is a gift: we've created a YouVersion devotional based on the same Proverbs journey, *The Good Path*, so you can begin wherever you are. You'll find a QR code at the end of this article that will take you right to it.

I urge you to make it a priority. Read or listen to it in the morning with your coffee each day. Or maybe you'll find space for it at the end of a long day. Create a rhythm that works for you and allows you to stay consistent.

If you stick with it, sooner or later you'll find yourself coming to Proverbs with a decision you're wrestling with, a relationship you're struggling with, or simply a desire to know how to live more faithfully.

Whatever motivates you, come as you are. Just begin, and keep showing up, one day at a time. And when you're ready, invite others to join you! God's wisdom is not merely information to collect. It is truth that brings life. There is deep joy in discovering that the God who loves us, whose Good News we are constantly sharing, is willing to guide us personally—day by day, decision by decision, chapter by chapter. **What a gift it is to receive the Father's wisdom. And what a joy it is to pass it on.** PJ



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DIGITAL EVANGELISM

REACHING THE *UN*REACHABLE

WRITTEN BY: Eva Beckwith

It crosses borders, unhindered. It speaks in people's heart languages. It bridges cultural and economic divides. It offers true hope, starting now, lasting for eternity, regardless of circumstances. And it's the only thing that can. This is the Good News, meeting people right where they are, across the globe.

Through strategic digital technology and Gospel-centered content, every day, real people around the world encounter hope through sacred moments of connection. These tools extend our reach, opening doors for Gospel moments in private spaces we could never go on our own.

We pray that no one would be beyond reach of the Gospel. Digital evangelism and reliable AI are getting us closer to that reality and forming deeper online discipleship journeys—every day.

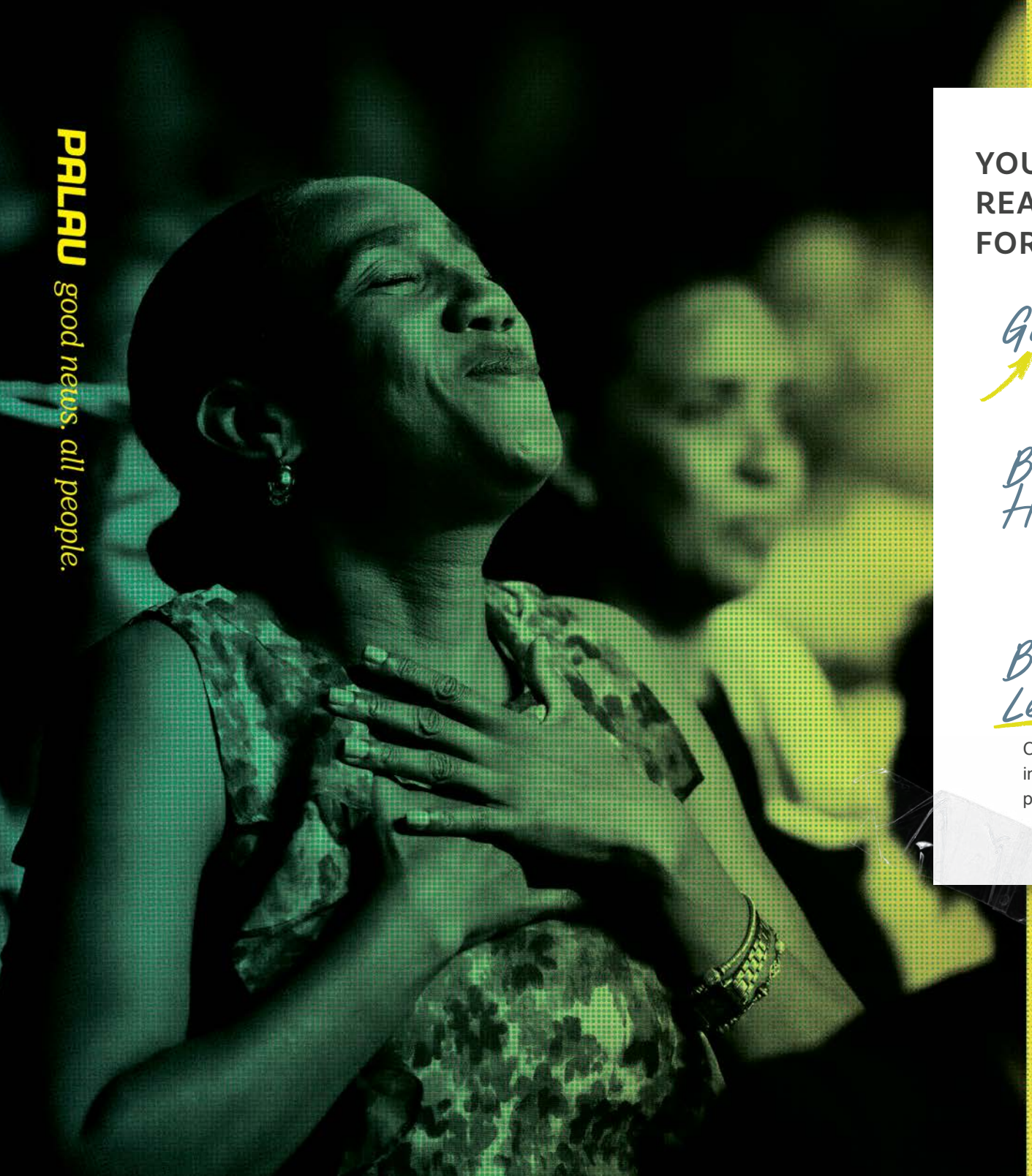


"I am a Muslim woman and I am preparing to pray for the first time; I had a dream, so I wish to join out of genuine conviction."

—AWN, FROM GAZA

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—MUHAMAD, FROM SYRIA



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