



One of our team showing a Rohingya listener how to tune in to Reach Beyond's programs

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"Sometimes the soldiers enter my village, and we have to run away for safety. Even if I can't take my other belongings, I make sure I bring my radio receiver so I can keep listening to the programs, as they give me strength." — Matu shortwave listener

Dear Friend,

From a small project in central India many years ago, the idea of 'lighting up the lives' of communities and individuals with the message of Jesus now permeates all we do.

To give unreached people the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus has its challenges, as these stories show.

The situation in Myanmar, as described above, continues to deteriorate, and people are becoming increasingly afraid of the current political environment.

While we can only imagine how difficult these times have been for residents of Myanmar, it is reassuring to know that many of them have been finding encouragement through our shortwave broadcasts and partner initiatives.

In early August our ministry partners took another trip to the remote and troubled Sittwe region in the West of Myanmar and distributed 200 soup packages to hungry Rohingya villagers. These are mostly Reach Beyond listeners living in extreme poverty and fear. We also loaded eighty memory cards with programs and distributed them to families so they could hear about God's love outside the normal evening broadcast hours. Upon receiving a pack of soup and the memory card, one non-Christian man said to our team: "I know Jesus cares for us and He will help resolve the situation here".

Crazy Love

Opportunities to 'light up' the lives of the Rohingya people, continue to emerge. Together with two other ministries, production recently began on a new series of broadcasts. It includes four programs on community health and eight called, 'Crazy Love'. I'm not quite sure how that translates in the Rohingya language.

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The 'Crazy Love' episodes are radio versions of chapters from the devotional written by Francis Chan, and are about God's love, faith, forgiveness, spiritual peace, spiritual comfort and the struggles of life. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to cover the entire cost of translation and production. These will be aired on Reach Beyond Australia's shortwave service from October 2022.

I Can See Their Lives Changing Now

Several years ago, we began a partnership with Berni Dymet from ChristianityWorks that saw us translate the 'FRESH' daily devotion into Indian languages.

Today we distribute 'FRESH' in five Indian languages every day via WhatsApp to over 38,000 people. Many recipients forward this on to their extended family and friends. Murthy, receives 'FRESH' in the Kannada language, and shares—

"I am a School Teacher, and though I taught science to my students, I couldn't teach my children the true word of God.

Because of this I paid a heavy price – their lives are not great, and they are suffering. I realized that if I had taught them the Word of God they wouldn't be suffering today. My students are engineers and doctors today – I am successful at school, but I failed at home.

Now I realise how important it is to teach the Word of God to your own children. However, I feel it's not too late. I am forwarding to them the Word of God you are sending me, and they are listening. Thank you for sending me the Word of God. I can see their lives changing now. Please continue to pray for us."

Thank you all for your sustaining prayer and support. You are very much a part of the stories we share.

Kind regards



Dale Stagg, CEO

