



international needs
transformed lives, changed communities

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BEYOND THE MILLION

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They are the ones
risking their lives,
enduring hardship,
often living in
poverty and yet,
they are the ones
**REACHING
MILLIONS.**

OUR FOUNDER, RAY HARRISON, ONCE SAID:

"The nationals we work with around the world are the heroes of the faith, but they don't really know it. We have the privilege of helping and standing with them."

I couldn't agree more.

That truth was powerfully on display during International Needs' global celebration this past October. **We marked the conclusion of a four-year campaign that reached one million people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.** It was a remarkable moment, one that honored these quiet heroes of faith and celebrated God's faithfulness through their obedience.

And yet, why would we stop there?

This year, we are stepping forward in faith with a new initiative: **Beyond the Million.** Built upon the foundation of that first million reached, this campaign presses forward, **believing God for even more lives transformed by the hope of the gospel.**

As always, each newsletter will continue to share the stories of our partners serving faithfully across our global network. In addition, you'll find a new column—debuting in this issue—titled Beyond the Million, where we will highlight the stories, progress, and impact of this initiative as it unfolds in real time.

I am eager to see how God will move in this new season, and even more excited to share the journey with you. What a year it will be. Come along for the ride.

Blessings,



Jeff Johnson

President, International Needs US

BEYOND THE MILLION

What More Might be Possible

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

BUILDING UPON THE SUCCESS OF OUR MILLION FOR A MILLION campaign that reached one million people with the gospel, our International Needs partners have mobilized resources and established strong, sustainable networks to walk alongside those one million reached. Now, it is time to build on that foundation.

Beyond the Million intentionally expands this work by deepening discipleship and sharpening outreach, with a focused commitment to reaching the hardest-to-reach people in some of the most challenging regions of the world with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.

Focus of Beyond the Million

- **Discipling the next generation** (children and youth) for Christ
- **Reaching least reached people** groups with the gospel
- **Extending gospel outreach** into restricted regions
- **Supporting marginalized populations** with the love of Christ

Impact of Beyond the Million



80,000
children and young adults disciplined

20
least-reached people groups evangelized



9
restricted countries experiencing increased gospel activities

96,000
marginalized individuals supported



Beyond the Million Goal:
Raise \$1.8 million over three years

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IN Zambia

Reach4Life

REACH4LIFE IS A 12-MONTH discipleship program designed to teach biblical truth and promote abstinence among youth. Implemented in Zambia within the last year, the program is already creating powerful moments of transformation. Cyrus Mfula, the Executive Director of International Needs Zambia, shares one such story.

When our team arrived at the school to launch the Reach4Life program, the atmosphere was alive with excitement. Students laughed, sang, and clapped—faces bright with curiosity and anticipation. Yet amid the energy, one girl stood apart. Quiet and withdrawn, her eyes distant and heavy with untold stories. Her name was Mervis.

While other students eagerly participated, **Mervis seemed lost in another world. Her silence spoke volumes.** When the event ended and the final echoes of laughter faded, Mervis remained behind, alone on the school grounds.

One of our staff members noticed her and gently approached, beginning a simple conversation. What started as small talk soon opened the door to

a flood of emotion. **Through tears, Mervis shared the painful story she had carried in silence for years. She had been sexually abused by her uncle, a man meant to protect her.** An orphan with no safe place to turn, she endured this trauma alone. School holidays, which should have brought rest, instead filled her with dread as he returned to the place where her pain lived.

Suddenly, her distant gaze made sense. Mervis had been living behind invisible walls, weighed down by fear and shame. Yet in that sacred moment of honesty, something shifted. **Our team listened, surrounded her with compassion, and prayed with her.** When Mervis lifted her head, her face was no longer clouded by despair. For the first time that day, she smiled—faintly, but genuinely. **Sharing her story had opened a doorway to healing.**

Mervis' story is a powerful reminder of why Reach4Life exists: to bring light where darkness lingers, to offer hope to the broken, and to assure every young person that they are seen, their voice matters, and their pain is not forgotten.

IN's Reach4Life program helped Mervis find light when she was in a dark place.

IN Vietnam

SHINING LIGHT Behind the Walls

SEVERAL TIMES EACH YEAR, SIN Vietnam community workers are granted permission to pass through the gates of a juvenile detention center, a place where childhood has been interrupted and hope often feels forgotten. Each visit is a testimony that no wall is too high and no heart too distant for God’s love to reach.

Nearly 80 young people wait inside. Many lack even the most basic necessities. Many have no family who comes to visit, no one who calls their name. The team brings small gifts, offered with prayer and tenderness, and also blesses the staff who serve daily in this difficult place. Each visit ends with a shared meal which offers a rare moment of warmth, dignity, and belonging behind the walls.

This past summer, 70 youth gathered to hear God’s Word. Some listened from a distance, confined to their cells. As the gospel was shared, hearts softened. **Most of these**

troubled youth chose to believe, clinging to the promise that one day, when they are free, they will seek baptism and join a church family.

For the IN Vietnam workers, the deepest cry to God comes after the visits end. When these children walk out of the camp alone, where will they go? Without families, without homes, and often marked by society, they face a lonely road. The team prays that God will prepare places of refuge; homes, churches, and people who will welcome them, stand beside them, and help them begin again.

With limited access to Scripture in the walls of the juvenile detention center, the team continues to provide gospel leaflets and Bible illustrations, trusting God’s Word to take root. Even behind prison walls, His light shines, and hope is being born.



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Nearly 70 youth in a juvenile detention center asked Jesus into their hearts.

LEGACY GIVING

ON A DARK ROAD STOOD A SINGLE LAMP, lit each night by a quiet caretaker. He was not wealthy or well known, but he faithfully filled the lamp with oil, knowing travelers needed light.

When the caretaker died, the villagers expected the lamp to go out. Instead, it kept burning. Long before his final days, he had stored oil so the light would remain after he was gone.

Many never knew his name, but countless lives were guided by his care.

Legacy giving is like that lamp, faith and generosity prepared today, becoming light for others tomorrow, long after the giver's voice is silent.

When it comes to charitable giving, retirement assets are among the most powerful, yet often overlooked, tools for planned giving. They offer a meaningful way to steward what God has entrusted to you. Here are a few examples of that.



Increase Your *IMPACT*

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give directly from your IRA to a cause close to your heart. Individuals age 70½ or older with a traditional IRA may make a QCD, and those age 73 or older can satisfy their required minimum distribution while avoiding taxes on that gift.

Simplify Your *GIVING*

Naming International Needs as the beneficiary of your IRA is one of the simplest ways to extend your generosity beyond your lifetime. It also helps spare your loved ones from an unnecessary tax burden.

Leave A *LEGACY*

By including International Needs in your estate plan, you help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world and bring glory to God.

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Reaching **MILLIONS**
through gospel outreach!



Built On **FAITH**

*The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24*

In December, International Needs Burkina Faso celebrated the dedication of the newly constructed Lah Church, led by Rev. Jean Koné.

The village of Lah holds deep spiritual significance for this ministry. In April 2021, a three-day evangelistic outreach in this village reached thousands of people, with hundreds responding to the gospel and many experiencing healing and new faith in Christ.

The church dedicated this year stands as a lasting testimony to the work God began in that season of awakening.

