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*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

(Matthew 5:14-16 NLT)

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# IDEA

## EDITORIAL

### THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Tena tātou katoa e te iwi mīhana...

**T**his month I bring not so much a whakatauki (proverb) as a liturgy. It is commonly heard at tangi (customary funeral): “Te hunga mate ki te hunga mate, te hunga ora ki te hunga ora. Apiti hono, taitai hono” [The dead to the dead, the living to the living, the lines are joined]. This phrase is repeated in increasingly separated ways in sentences that accentuate and affirm the distance between the dead and living. Like for like, the lines are joined, never to intertwine or intermingle. More than superstition that protects the living, this is an affirmation of ongoing life. The repeated phrasing usually concludes with, “Tatou e tu ana ki te ao...” [We who remain standing in the world of light...] and it is left hanging before the deceased is encouraged to go (if they had not yet) “haere, haere, haere atu ra”. Separated, the lines are joined. It is finished.

We who remain in the light of day, in the light of life, are left to get on with things. Part of our grieving process, our lament, is to invest ourselves into making the world a better place for those who come after us, having learned from the life of the dearly departed—their mistakes and successes.

My dad passed away a week ago (Apr 28). His tangi began the day after and concluded three days later with a midday burial to the sound of The Last Post bugle and a sole warbling tūi in the trees. A fitting combination. What struck me most about the tributes we heard during the tangi was that they weren't about accomplishments but dad's impact on the lives of the people who grieved his passing; family, friends, church members, people in the community. This was no self-made man, but a self-less man—or one who tried his best to be.

There were plenty of funny stories told at his expense as he lay there in the open coffin under the korowai (ceremonial feather cloak) he gifted to me. He was at his worst alone. He delighted himself in being around and encouraging others, myself included. And for all his idiosyncrasies, the testimonies revealed he succeeded in being a light, even at times when he was the one in humble need. The most often said remembrance of him was his unceasing testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. I am in no doubt of his eternal destiny.

While 2020 seemed to be the year of frustration, with lockdowns, 2021 will be marked as a year of grief. We're not yet halfway through the year and the global death toll related to COVID-19 (1.8 million+) has already exceeded 2020 (1.4 million). These numbers, of course, remain approximate as India's death toll is likely to be significantly under-reported due to the 'hidden' crisis affecting great swathes of rural India countryside right now. The collective grief being experienced

around the world from disease, wars, oppressive regimes, and increasing costs of living is overwhelming... if you're brave enough to expose yourself to it.

The Sunday prior to dad's passing, I spoke at a forum convened by Princeton Seminary's Overseas Ministries Study Center. The transcript of my presentation can be [found here](#). The opening speaker was my former Prof., Christopher J. H. Wright, who brought a Biblical perspective on the pandemic. Has God orchestrated all this death as judgement? Chris' response, somewhat surprisingly, was “yes... and no”. He said yes, “in the sense that we are reaping the consequences of human folly and evil actions within the natural world, and creation fights back.” So the pandemic can legitimately be seen as judgement, as “the consequences of our human sin and folly.” But God's ‘I told you so’ moment, Chris assured us, is mixed with God's co-suffering with the suffering and the fact that God “take(s) no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live.” (Ezek. 33:11). Chris went on to say, “The Father heart of God feels the pain of the whole world on a scale that we cannot imagine.” So to suggest God desired this outcome is untenable. “The Bible does tell us that on some occasions God did use forces of nature as agents of his judgement on the wicked (and the Bible clearly explains them that way). But we can't simply reverse the logic.” So we cannot say that COVID-19 is judgement “in the sense that God is somehow punishing the people who get sick or die of the virus.” That is simply cruel and Biblically indefensible.

Nevertheless, people continue to suffer and die around us. coronavirus or not, it is part of the cycle of life that we all will face sooner or later. For we who remain in the world of light, the question to ask ourselves is, “what will I do with my life while I live it this side of eternity”? How might we help repair a broken world? What impact will we leave behind? In Matt 6:19-34 Jesus speaks about our orientation towards life on this earth, culminating in an encouragement (or warning) to seek the Kingdom of God rather than material gain (money, food, drink, clothing). After all, the Lord says, we are so very valuable to our Father in heaven, why not invest ourselves in the concerns of the Father who will provide for us?

Inclusion and belonging in-Christ are such concerns, but core to our witness are also the well-being of the vulnerable and the betterment of our societies. We who dwell in the light of the world (Jn 8:12, 9:5) become the light (Matt 5:14) and carry Kingdom responsibilities. So, while it is still day, let us not weary of influencing for good (Gal 6:9) **Together: On Mission.**



# 12 IMPACTS ON MISSIONS

## FROM THE ADVENT OF COVID-19

by Patrick Johnstone, "author emeritus" of [Operation World](#). Patrick joined WEC International as the International Research Director in 1978 after 16 years missionary service in Africa. Much of Patrick's research has been aimed at making information readily available to potential recruits and missionaries, and at developing practical strategies to speed the final completion of world evangelisation. His latest book, [The Future of the Global Church](#) was published in 2011. He and Robyn, his wife since 1995, have now 'retired' to Cambridgeshire, England.



**In January 2020 we started hearing of an outbreak in Wuhan China of a new corona virus related to SARS. Back in 2003, SARS deeply affected me and then my colleagues Paul and Helen Hutchinson. I was asked by our WEC International Office to come alongside Hong Kong-based New Zealander, Eleanor Chee as she struggled both with the loss of her husband, Nan Pin Chee, and recovery herself from that dangerous virus. As a result, I became acutely aware of the challenge of a pandemic.**

### A BRIEF HISTORY

City life, wars, climate change and pandemics have gone hand-in-hand through history. Jesus Himself warned us of these things. It is ultimately the pandemics that had the most dramatic and permanent impact.

There were two major pandemics in the Roman Empire—the Antonine possibly a bubonic plague, 165-180) and the Cyprian (perhaps smallpox, 249-262). It led to the decline of the Western Empire through depopulation and not enough soldiers to defend its borders from rampaging refugees from Central Asia and Europe, and it also led to the rapid growth of the Church—the love and care of the Christians being a significant factor in that growth. It brought to an end of the Mediterranean civilizations and then followed the Dark Ages and then the Celtic and Persian missionary expansion.

The Black Death (bubonic plague 1346-1351) killed nearly half of the population of Europe, and led to the break-up of feudalism and the emancipation of the very poor. It prepared the way for the Renaissance, and the Reformation through Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, Calvin, etc. and the 500-year ascendancy of the West.

COVID-19 will likely turn out to be the marker for a similarly traumatic change of the world order. We have better science and tools for combating such a pandemic, but even if we find a way of coping with and inoculating against the virus and thereby lessen the death rate, the cost to the world economy and every aspect of human life is likely to be so severe as to change everything. This includes church life and the challenge of world evangelisation. May God give us the resilience, hope and vision for a good Kingdom future!

### RAPID CHANGE IS HAPPENING

Trends visible over the past 20 years were likely to have taken another 20 or more years without COVID-19. These will now be squeezed like a concertina into a few months. It is hard to keep our eyes on all the rapid developments! A case in point is the way the UK government took seriously the need to protect the core NHS with its serious underfunding and understaffing, and pushed elderly people out of hospitals and back to care homes without providing equivalent levels of support, with disastrous resulting death rates.

In our focus on missions we must be doubly careful not to damage some parts of our world of ministry by over-focus on the new adaptations required to continue practicing.

### TWELVE AREAS OF ATTENTION

I will give a brief overview of twelve different areas which may now need our attention. These are a few examples and what the negative and positive implications might be for the Church and God's mission.

#### 1. End of Western Dominance

The 300-year reign of Anglo-Saxon policing the world has ended, and the post World War 2 structures are disintegrating. Growing nationalisms are evident in the West—Trump-led Republicans, Brexit, NATO impotence, UN agencies crippled. The abdication of former President Trump from global involvements and a commitment to moral order for global society left a dangerous vacuum of power and moral authority that will take some time for a President Biden led USA to recover (if at all). The rise of China, despite being the apparent origin of the pandemic, and other power struggles to fill the moral leadership vacuum will dominate the world news for decades. The main issues likely to accelerate are:

- Ideological (autocracies against discredited democracies such as the USA and UK),
- Religious (between secular and religious Islam, Sunni and Shi'a Islam, and even fracturing

Evangelicalism),

- Resourcing (Water-wars over the Nile, Arabia/Yemen, Tigris-Euphrates, Indus, Mekong).
- Unrest (There will be an arc of deep instability between the China Sea and the African coasts of the Atlantic—areas where gospel witness is weakest. The triumphal moments when the Berlin Wall came down and the USSR ended are now a distant memory!)

What does this hint about the foci of and priorities for future ministry?

## **2. End of Cheap Travel**

Airlines face a mega-disaster with the likely ending of fuel subsidies (they pay no tax on fuel—which contributes so much to CO<sup>2</sup> emissions), fewer flights and failing plane models like the Boeing Maxi. Air travel will be more expensive—airlines made their profits on squeezing in more economy seats (against social distancing), and through the first and business class (far fewer business people will travel since video conferencing capabilities have vastly improved) and fewer people will want to travel in petri-dish style by air or on a cruise ship. There will be more “staycations”, fewer sea cruises, and massive job losses in travel-tourism industries.

This will make it more difficult for short term teams, and travel to many missions' fields of service. How much will we rely on Zoom conferences—with the consequent loss of informal fellowship between meetings? We will need an army of IT experts and distance communication specialists as missionaries.

Car travel will change—a more rapid shift to electro-hydrogen cars, less commuting, more bicycles and roads designed more like Netherlands, an exodus from cities like London, and the loss of major cities' privileged positions nationally.

How will these affect mobilization work, pre-field training and orientation, camps, conferences, etc.? Zoom helps, but is inadequate—horrible for extroverts, a little more blissful for introverts, but hardly a good medium for life-on-life discipling and fellowship.

## **3. End of Privacy**

In Europe we now have strong (but increasingly less relevant) and labour-consuming data protection laws, but with the need for tracking and tracing

on top of the data hoovering done by Google, Facebook, social media, spammers and hackers, we cannot hide much about ourselves any more. The technology developed by China and by mobile phone companies can now track the movement and contacts of everyone. It may reduce crime and the spread of diseases, but it has potential to be grossly abused for the eventual control and electronic imprisonment of whole populations.

So many of our ministries depend on confidentiality. Most of our overseas ministries today rely on 'tentmaking' visas to Creative Access Nations. Many governments are demanding access to encryption 'back-doors' so they can spy on 'criminals'—and believers. Persecution and suppression of ministries and churches will become more common—accelerated by the arrival of the coronavirus, and expectation that other pandemics could soon follow. We will need to develop new ways of contacting the lost, and discipling them.

## **4. End of Objective Information**

COVID-19 has introduced us to a new use of the term 'bubble'! We were already moving in to an era of a bubble information world. We have so much information available now and we cannot handle it all, so we choose. Most choose the bubble of information in which they are most interested. Newspaper reading has collapsed. Few would read through a magazine such as the Economist today. This has laid us open to malevolent social media infiltrators, fake news propagators, scientists subverted by vested interests, conspiracy theory hoaxers, lying politicians and manipulating video editors. No one can be sure that what they see or hear on electronic media actually happened, nor be bothered to 'fact-check' if they trust the sharer. The most outlandish ideas can sound plausible these days.

How can we, as Christian workers, function in today's suspicious world and live lives of total integrity and honesty? We have to raise our standards! We are proclaimers of absolute truth—but need to do it with a winsome love. This is a powerful weapon for the Kingdom.

## **5. End of Economic Globalization**

The benefits of globalization have been widely acclaimed for travel, trade and information, but it was all based on a

commitment to a basic common set of values and rules. When these break down so does trust in other countries, trade agreements, and international organizations—like the UN, WHO, etc. This will lead to shorter industry supply chains, on-shoring some industries, inflation and price rises. The whole world economy was attuned to 'just-in-time' deliveries, stable global networks and predictable patterns of sales. All this has been disrupted by COVID-19. There will be massive job losses in travel, tourism, commuting, office work, restaurants and industries, with possibly 20-40% fewer jobs in many of these.

This effects many in Christian ministry. Business as Mission will need to adapt as a means of obtaining residence visas. We will have an enormous population of distressed people looking for answers—what an opportunity for witnessing. International refugees will further increase—many from wars many others will be economic refugees, and (eventually) climate change refugees. We need to strengthen the concept of trans-national fields, with global ministries for global peoples.

## **6. Decline of Religious Freedoms**

The 1990s was an extraordinary decade. Communism in Europe almost completely disappeared, many lands were becoming more open, more democratic, and persecution declined. My mission, WEC International, doubled in size. There was the greatest in-gathering of individuals into the Kingdom of God that had ever been seen. The real possibility of reaching every people group on earth was increasingly an attainable objective.

Then came the “911” event and the subsequent hugely expensive and inconclusive wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the beginning of the moral and military retreat of the West. For years the USA tied its aid programme to those areas where democracy and religious freedoms were being cultivated, and openly exposed countries where human rights records were substandard.

That moral high ground has been lost, and sadly democracy and moral principles declined. Autocrats and dictators have felt free to re-impose controls on religion, and persecution has hugely increased in China, India, Russia, Nepal, Myanmar, Iran and elsewhere. Limitations on entry and any form of witness by foreigners has increased.

How will we function as frontier church planting missions in this more hostile environment? How will we deploy missionaries who are thrown out of their countries? Do we instead increase our electronic missions force and ministry to refugees and those in need? We have to adapt or decline. What clear motivating vision should we use in our mobilisation and recruitment ministries? What ministries can we offer that will meaningfully promote the gospel and make a difference in the world?

**7. Decline of Available Wealth and Giving**

We are still only dimly aware of the economic devastations of this virus. In lock-down mode we were focused on a hugely expensive programme of life saving, health service protection and economic survival. The financial cost is enormous and recovery is not going to be shaped like a bounce back V, but rather like a slow curling L on it's back. Others have suggested it'll probably be a K where economic recovery will happen for some, but for others it will split off in a marked decline. Some reckon it will take decades to get back to where we were in 2008 before the economic crash—if ever. The result is that we will be poorer, cost of living will increase, with less discretionary income to give to charities, churches will focus more on survival than investing in Kingdom growth. After an initial spike, already many charities in the UK and elsewhere have suffered huge declines in donations.

Our commitment to faith mission principles will be tested, but God remains faithful! We may have to cultivate a support bubble system for building up a faithful band of intercessors who also support us in our ministries and perhaps find new ways to use social media to finance missions.

**8. Decline of the Evangelical Movement**

After World War 2, people like Billy Graham, John Stott, Jim Packer, and many others gave Evangelicalism a good reputation and high profile globally, and provided the visionary and theological impetus for huge growth around the world. Sadly Evangelicalism of late has been severely tarnished by headlined financial and sex scandals and accusations of bigotry and intolerance. In the USA, the Religious Right political wing has manifested the worst of Constantinianism (the Church

losing its prophetic role and trading it for political power). The "evangelical" label attached to this political movement is having a serious negative affecting on global Evangelicalism. Many gospel-proclaiming Christians are increasingly reluctant to use the term. The world, as Jesus said, will always hate us, but please let us make sure it is for the truth of the gospel only!

**9. Changes in Social Attitudes**

What a difference COVID-19 has made to social attitudes—isolation, increased domestic abuse, many new questions about the meaning of life. There is even a new hope for Europe. We have a world population softened remarkably for the very message we want to proclaim. Poverty, insecurity, and threat of death and disease have created significantly more receptive populations.

**10. Changes in Ecological Issues**

What a revelation COVID-19 has been—clearer skies with hardly any aircraft contrails, less pollution from cars and trucks, empty roads! On the other hand far more garden waste, illegal waste-dumping and PPE turning up in the oceans. The trends to a more ecologically-sensitive future have greatly accelerated as a result of COVID-19. Belatedly, we have come to realize that the first command in Scripture to take responsibility for the earth involves both the spiritual and the ecological.

We have disturbed the balance of our planet with CO<sup>2</sup>, CH<sup>4</sup> (flatulent cows, fertiliser run-off), NOx (diesel) NH<sup>4</sup> agriculture, C-chain polymers (plastics), etc. Is this an avenue for innovation in missions that we ought to explore more carefully. For example, the Fraser family in Derby started their ministry as Hope City Furnishers. One of its objectives is to lessen landfill by recycling furniture. The City of Derby gave them an award for their public service!

**11. Changes in Church Life**

Who would have believed at the beginning of 2020 that we were imminently about to face an almost global shut-down of all public and church meetings for a year or more (at least, in most of the world)? We have had to adapt hugely to virtual services, limited contacts, and no physical contact with others outside our family, and, to some measure, we have thrived. Almost overnight old things were ditched, and we developed new ways of working. We will never go back to much of what we used to

know as church life. In the UK, we have become churches of people used to no buildings. We have liked some of the changes, but long for a better normalcy. New ministries have emerged (e.g. 'zoomists'), video splicers of individual contributions to make new choirs and worship groups, short sermons, etc.

The old models of church life were already failing—fewer services, less giving, less brand loyalty, wobbly leadership pyramids and so on. The speed of change will continue to be dramatic. One of the most spectacular will be the collapse into bankruptcy of many mega-church empires. Large churches are becoming generally unsustainable due to social media, culture change, less loyal giving, and the huge decline in birth-rate and loss of young people. For instance, South Korea's population will halve over the next 30 years, and churches there are losing 1 million attenders a year. Major adaptations will be needed, and those that cannot adapt will decline and die.

**12. Changes in Missions**

We in missions will need to adapt too. It is still unclear to me and many missions leaders how we can adapt older structures to remain meaningful in the future. I am the wrong generation, but adapt we must—new ways of recruiting, supporting, envisioning and member care. We face the multiple crises:

1. Workers cut off on fields from earlier ministry—what can they do to be fruitful in a changed situation?
2. Workers who had to leave their fields before lock-down—will they be able to return to their field or even have the freedom to minister as they had?
3. How to send new workers when receiving fields have no idea what ministries they can offer or need?
4. How to pay the extra costs of visas, quarantines and travel?
5. How to even get a hearing in a lock-down where openings for missionaries have virtually vanished?
6. How to re-deploy returning missionaries in strategic roles that can evangelize the least evangelized?

So many unanswerable questions!

May we be open to what God has for us. God's mission is not complete and our involvement in it is not finished!

# REMOTE MISSIONS

## TEACHING IN DELHI DESPITE RESTRICTIONS

Curated from [SIM NZ's Website](#).

# GO

**L**ate 2020, Alan & Fiona Murray heard through SIM NZ that Metro Delhi International School (MDIS) was faced with a challenge. Due to lockdown, like other schools worldwide, it was forced to move into online learning.

The school rapidly 'patched' their computer systems together to offer some sort of online presence that could be used by both teachers and students.

The pluses are that online learning means they can use teachers from all over the world, and missionary parents of students can work anywhere in the country without having to move to New Delhi to send children to MDIS. It also means opportunities to expand and reach into other countries, including ones with borders closed to the faith.

But on the down side, a lot of their computer systems were not well integrated, causing management difficulties, duplication of repetitive

tasks, and difficulty getting information. In short, the school needed a Technical Manager to review, integrate and move forward with technology available.

Sean Marston at SIM NZ connected the principal with Alan—who has now begun this role, working part time to begin with. Fiona may be involved later to perform administrative tasks for the school, reviewing and supporting new students and their parents.

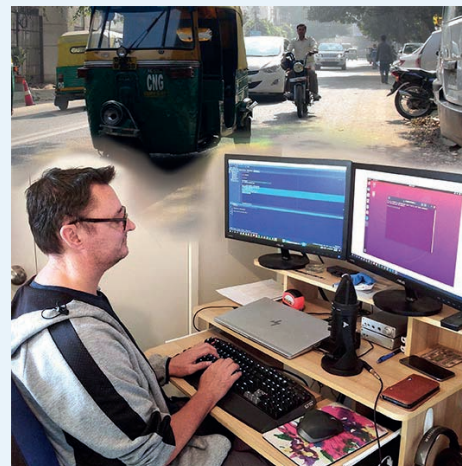
An additional benefit is that registering the school's computer systems in New Zealand by-passes corruption complexities faced in Asia.

The Murrays feel that God has opened this opportunity to them. Fiona says, "Even though this part of Asia was not our original destination, we have skills to offer and a heart to do so." Alan's New Zealand employer, Enghouse



Interactive, is open for him to stay on part-time while working in this new role, giving them a partial income while they seek financial support as missionaries.

At some point they will need to travel to Delhi for a short time, to meet the staff and students and to experience the environment and culture, but this is basically a ministry that will continue to function from New Zealand.



## REACH ROTORUA

### A MINISTRY UPDATE

By Vicki-Lee Dempsey, National Administrator, OAC New Zealand.



**G**ary Scoggins has been travelling from

**the Manawatu to Rotorua on a regular basis of late. Gary has a vision to see Rotorua reached with the gospel. COVID-19 hit this region hard. As a popular tourist destination, it is now suffering. There are many who have lost jobs and in some cases hope.**

Last month Gary hosted a dinner for pastors and leaders in the region who would be interested in working together to Reach Rotorua. Almost 40 people attended. It was a great evening fellowshiping with others who have a heart to reach the lost and share their love for Christ with others. OAC is hoping to work with these churches and help them come together to make an impact for Christ in Rotorua.

Gary has begun a series of training events with several people from around the region training them in effective ways to reach those who don't yet know Jesus. Our communities are made up of diverse people groups with different goals in life, vocations, situations, and outlooks but they all need Christ. We need to go to where they are and reach them in that place, offering hope for tomorrow.

Over the next few months Gary will continue to train support and encourage the Christians of Rotorua to reach their neighbours and communities for Christ. The team hopes to reach 1,000 homes with acts of helps and kindness. They plan to hold small group outreaches in workplaces, recreational spaces and in homes. The churches will be involved in running kids' programmes, youth events and street work sharing the love of our Saviour with all ages.



Please pray for Gary and the various churches in Rotorua as they continue to plan and train in preparation for this city-wide outreach. May the Lord be glorified in Rotorua!

# CARE

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## 12 FABULOUS FRUIT FOR HEALTHY MISSIONARIES

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**T**rees play a prominent role throughout scripture. In fact, two central events of the Christian faith, the fall of man and the cross of Christ, involve trees. The book of Revelation describes a tree planted in a stream of a life-giving river that produces twelve crops, flowing from the throne of God whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:1-3). In the same sense, having a free-flowing river of life from the throne of God while serving in missions can bring health and vitality to all mission endeavours and vicariously bring healing to the nations. This article will describe twelve types of fruit crops, but with a different focus. These twelve crops will be described from a member care perspective and are designed to reduce physical, emotional, or spiritual stress in the missionary worker.

The book of Revelation describes the river in Chapter 22 as life-giving. It conjures images of health, harmony and balance as the water brings life, nurtures and heals. This can be compared to the need for a harmonious flow in a missionary's life. In fact, in an analogy to mental health, this river of life could parallel Dan Siegel's 'River of Integration'.<sup>1</sup> Siegel describes banks on both sides of a river. A high percentage of symptoms due to a mental health disorder fall on either side of these two banks. However, in a healthy integrated river there is free flow of emotions that are regulated and do not go to either extreme. While emotions may run high

or low on any given day, overall there is a modulation and a regulation that allows life to be lived in harmony.

Stress among missionaries is well established<sup>2</sup> and can lead to extremes in both directions. In a missions context, these extremes could present as overwork, anxiety, worry, enmeshment, codependency, lack of boundaries, elevated mood, anger, or exaggerated responses. The other extreme might present as a depressed mood, apathy, low energy, indifference, avoidance, passivity, lack of motivation or a closing off or numbing of emotions. Either side of these banks, both highs and lows, can produce difficulty in missionary's life or in team dynamics. Stress management and emotion regulation are key to fruitfulness and longevity on the field. When stress and the resulting emotions are not kept in check, regulated, or when they vacillate between extreme highs or lows, it can result in health issues, interpersonal conflicts, burnout and attrition.

Missionaries, especially ones new to their adopted host country, are known to act or react outside their normal coping mechanisms. In their passport culture, these highs and lows may be well tolerated. But on the field, they may be exacerbated by the unfamiliar, by culture shock, or the loss, grief and lack of resources or support networks.

When used in an integrated fashion, the following twelve fruit metaphors can lead to an abundant life and in a physically, spiritually, and emotionally regulated river of health, harmony, integration and shalom.

### CHERRIES

Cherries are known to contain melatonin which is essential for a good night's sleep.<sup>3</sup> Lack of sleep leads to distress, poor decision-making, emotional dysregulation and a number of other health-related concerns. Managing one night without sleep has been likened to driving under the influence.<sup>4</sup>

In fact, real, life-giving restorative sleep is often disrupted in missionary life. There could be a number of sleep depriving factors including time zone issues, excessive heat or cold, noise, or bugs. Although, real cherries have sleep-producing melatonin, maraschino cherries are a cheap imitation. Many view sleep like a maraschino cherry added to the top of a sundae. Sleep is often treated like an "add on" as workers try and fit more and more in. Deep rich restorative sleep can make a world of difference. The powerful science of sleep goes a long way as it cleanses toxins, renews cells, and gives our brain the chance to process memories. "Sleep on it" is more than just a popular phrase.

Tart cherries are also known to reduce inflammation due to high level of anthocyanins.<sup>5</sup> Inflammation has been implicated in many physical, mental health and autoimmune disorders. Inflammation can be caused by too much stress, or poor eating, both of which can contribute to problems. While cherries have many life-enhancing properties, they also contain pits. Missionaries are often unaware or ill prepared for the pits and pitfalls that await them. Having a "cherry pie in the sky" theology will not make it in the trenches. A solid "theology of suffering" is needed.

## EARS OF CORN

The second crop is corn, but better yet, ears of corn. Here is a “kernel “of truth: the greatest listening comes from time with the Lord. The art of quietly listening and waiting on the Lord is a stress-reducing discipline worth cultivating (pun intended). Missionaries need ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. This practice extends to the need to listen well to others. Listening well is an art and a skill. Seeking to understand can make the difference in how one responds and can be an antidote to “knee jerk,” uninformed, or other unhealthy reactions.

Science is giving us ample evidence of the power of paying attention.<sup>6</sup> Today with the distractions at an all-time high, giving another person complete attention is a rare find. Often, hearing is selective or biased. Each kernel of corn is merely one part of the whole ear. Listening well considers more than one kernel and contemplates the context. Listening extends to the physical body. The body constantly speaks, the little nagging cough, the clenched teeth, the GI tract. Symptoms of stress often manifest in body systems; listening well and paying attention may help address a symptom before it worsens.

## FIGS

Those familiar with gardening know full well that what is visible to the human eye is not all that is going on. In the same way, God is at work in the quiet place of abiding fully even if the fruit is not visible. As Habakkuk says, though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vine, yet will I praise you (Habakkuk 3:17).

Fig trees may take anywhere from 2–6 years to produce fruit.<sup>7</sup> Many workers want instant results. There may also be unrealistic expectations placed on workers. Some of this pressure may be self-imposed and some may be by well-intentioned leaders or sending churches. In fact, younger workers are often prone to the “Efforts and Rewards Imbalance”<sup>8</sup> principle of wanting to see results for their efforts. This can be especially pronounced as shorter terms and younger workers permeate the mission world.

Figs play other roles in Scripture; some in not such flattering ways. Jesus cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit when he needed it (ouch). Fruit is the natural outgrowth of being connected to the vine. If there is no fruit, it may be a season of pruning, but it may also

be a disconnection with the source. Fig leaves were used by Adam and Eve to cover their sin (Genesis 3:7). Missionaries also have ample ways of hiding or covering up sin and avoiding accountability. Sin causes stress and as integrated beings, any sin affects the body, mind and the soul. Reducing stress may include confessing sin, owning a behaviour, asking forgiveness, and being accountable.

## WALNUTS AND ALMONDS

Nuts have powerful nutritional value, and some have remarkable similarity to parts of the brain that have to do with emotion regulation and stress management. For example, walnuts look like little brains with all the convolutions and two hemispheres. Healthy brain functioning leads to healthy emotion regulation.<sup>9</sup> Often in younger missionaries the ability to self-regulate is not as honed as in seasoned veterans. The prefrontal cortex is some cases is not yet fully developed.<sup>10</sup> This higher-ordered reasoning skill may be underdeveloped leading to lack of thinking through consequences or allowing other information from the amygdala to be mitigated.

The two almond-shaped amygdalae are believed to be the seat bed of memories and emotions, and the fight-fright-freeze response largely implicated in stress activation.<sup>11</sup> The fight-flight-freeze response when overactive results in higher level of the stress hormone cortisol. High levels of cortisol will wear out even the hardest of workers. In fact, research is now showing the impact of high cortisol to shorten the telomeres of DNA leading to early cell life death.<sup>12</sup>

The amygdalae are involved in the healing of emotions. There is a multitude of studies linking unresolved trauma with problems in adulthood. The connection between adverse childhood experiences and unregulated emotions is well established.<sup>13</sup> Missiologists have noted that over the years the pool of missionaries coming to the field is much more bruised,<sup>14</sup> which can create problems while serving in missions. So, not only does eating nuts aid physical health, healing emotions and past trauma can bring psychological health.

## BLUEBERRIES

Blueberries are small but mighty power-houses linked to healthy hearts. They are known to enhance brain function and are good for cognition and mood regulation.

There is ample evidence that healthy eating and exercise can fight off the 'blues' or mitigate symptoms of depression. Regular exercise is also implicated in lowering levels of inflammation in the body. Blueberries also contain the same anti-inflammatory properties found in cherries.

## LEMONS

The age old adage “when life hands you lemons...” can be an irritating and overly used refrain. But really in missions, there is a need to expect lemons! Jesus shared quite transparently the troubles that awaited his followers. As mentioned previously, a solid “theology of suffering” needs to be part of all missionary endeavour. The glamour of missionary service can turn sour rather quickly. Unmet expectations, disappointments, lack of outcomes, and conflicts can all contribute to this. This souring can turn to bitterness, which can take root and defile others. It does not take long before sarcasm, cynicism and a critical spirit emerge.

But God has an antidote for bitterness. Imagine the Israelites during their desert trek—hungry, thirsty, tired, desperately needing water. Disappointment, disillusionment, and despair awaited them when they finally arrived at the waters of Marah. They could not drink because the waters were bitter (Exodus 15:22–24). God told Moses to throw in a piece of wood and when he obeyed the waters turned sweet and they could drink and be replenished for the sojourn. The analogy to missionary life is apparent. Everything in life changes when the wood of the Cross is thrown in.

## HALO ORANGES

Missionary life can often be 'ripe' with either the “halo or the horns” impact. Sometimes in certain seasons in life, events and stories can be distorted and the experiences are remembered in skewed ways. One way to combat the “horns” extremes is while in the present consider how the missionary experience will be remembered. Lifestyle changes can be made in the physical, emotional, spiritual, or social lifestyle to live in such a way that despite the difficulties, fruit remains with a true “halo” effect.

## OLIVES

Most are familiar with the benefits of olives and olive oil. In reality there is only one way to get oil out of olives and that is by applying intense pressure.



The huge olive presses in the Middle East provide a stunning visual for those used to buying olive oil in a fancy amber bottle. Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit and this symbolism is used throughout Scripture in healing, anointing, in lighting lamps, and in the temple. A missionary under stress will reflect what is really going on internally. Therefore, being filled with the Holy Spirit is without doubt the most effective stress reducer. It is absolutely essential for us to minister effectively. A viable dependence on the Holy Spirit, His word and His power will keep anyone in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3).

### APPLES

Apples are recognized as healthy fruit; full of vitamins, fibre, and antioxidants. Who can forget, “An apple a day...?” The verse “apples of gold in settings of silver” (Proverbs 25:11) refers to the use of the tongue. The tongue can cause stress, division, and destruction. Jesus stated that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45). Our speech is a reflection of our heart which brings us back to the apple and more specifically to the core. Core beliefs are the building blocks of a person and what one believes about themselves, the world, others and even about God. Core beliefs are what produce automatic thoughts, which in turn lead to emotions and behaviours, including speech. These automatic thoughts need to be examined, regulated, and taken captive in Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). A healthy core with healthy seeds can lead to a harvest of emotional and relational health.

### PINEAPPLES

Pineapples are often a symbol of hospitality. Being hospitable or being invited by others can be a stress reducer. Many missionaries are lonely, and many feel unwelcome. Hospitality welcomes the stranger, and welcoming the stranger is Jesus’ forte. He sought out the marginalized, the forgotten, the uninvited. Pineapples have a rough exterior with spiny thorns but the fruit inside is sweet. People may also often have a rough exterior but inside may just as well be a sweet, life-giving friend. It is Christ-like to take the initiative and make concrete steps to be hospitable.

### STRAWBERRIES

Strawberries are a wonderful fruit; delectable in sweetness and nutrition. They are also the only fruit with all its seeds on the outside.

Many missionaries go with seeds on the “outside”, ready to sow, but it sometimes takes years to see a result. The strawberry plant is quite the same. In the first year the vine-dresser actually prunes back the fruit, so the following years the plant produces more.<sup>15</sup> Why say all this? Pruning is needed for unhealthy relationships or an unbalanced lifestyle, or to prune back on commitments that are unnecessary. Strawberries are tender fruits and can bruise easily. Some missionaries are also tender, bruise easily, and need to be tended and cared for to thrive. Female missionaries have unique needs on the field<sup>16</sup> and the concept of “tend and befriend” rather than “fight or flight”<sup>17</sup> can be a great stress reducer. Male or female, missionaries are surrounded by relationships<sup>18</sup>—some are life giving and others toxic. Some teams may not have natural affinities for friendships but there may be friends from the host country or another agency that, if tended to well, can develop into a life giving, nurturing friendship.

### CRANBERRIES

There is a lot of research from both a Christian and secular perspective of the power of gratitude. For those from the United States, cranberries always conjure up images and memories of Thanksgiving. Having a thankful and grateful heart is scientifically shown to improve life.<sup>19</sup> Those with a grateful heart are humble. Humility is a welcome attribute in God’s sacred work. Being thankful and having a grateful heart glorifies God!

In conclusion, these twelve metaphorical crops used in an integrated fashion can help reduce missionary stress. The missionary will be like another tree found in Scripture—the tree planted by a flowing stream—who bears fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither, meditating on God’s word day and night, whatever he or she does will prosper (Psalm 1:1–3).

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# PRAY

## PRAYERLINKS

### PRAYER FUEL FOR MISSIONS

#### BIBLE LEAGUE NZ

*Praise* God for the **50 children** who have commenced Project Philip Bible studies in an orphanage in Mozambique. *Pray* that the teachers will be sensitive to these young lives and bring encouragement and hope to their young hearts. (See too Ephesians 5:19).

#### EASTWEST COLLEGE

Please *pray* for the **students preparing to graduate** in July as they seek God's guidance for their future ministry. Also *pray* for new students for the July intake. *Pray* that God will make a way for **two new members of staff** to be able to come from the US. The COVID-19 situation makes this so difficult. *Pray* for the college as they prepare to celebrate their **25th anniversary** in July. God has faithfully provided all these years and there is much to celebrate.

#### FEBC NZ

Please *pray* for the implementation of **FEBC Vietnam's vision**—The Bible for every people group, a leader for every church, and gospel content for every home. Access to Biblical resources, qualified pastors and church leaders protects believers from false teaching that weakens the church. *Praise* God for the three new languages added to the production schedule.

#### INTERSERVE

Please *remember* **India as its people struggle with this new wave of COVID-19 cases**, greatly out of control. Please particularly *remember* our **mission partners, international director and staff** who have close friends and family

in India, and who are having to hear from afar how the need continues to steeply incline—the losses and struggle is so personal. *Pray* for our own dear **India country team**, there on the ground, continuing to be light and salt in a desperate place, that they be given strength and enabling.

#### MISSIONS INTERLINK (MI)

*Pray* for **Jay and Pauline** as they adapt to the death of Jay's dad (Apr 28) so soon after Pauline's (Jan 5). *Ask* the Lord to grant them grace as they take time to grieve well. *Pray* for the **Mobilisation Forum** that Missions Interlink is hosting on May 20. *Pray* that the participants will enjoy the creative ideation sessions and for fresh innovation to emerge that will be of 'takeaway value' for everyone and their respective ministries.

#### OMF NZ

*Praise* God with us for the appointment of **new OMF NZ Directors in Johan and Debbie Linder**. Johan and his wife Debbie come from Australia where they were leading the OMF Australia's home side for the last 10 years and have been seeking God's leading for their next steps in ministry. Johan and Debbie step down from leading OMF Australia at the end of August and, following a period of time for sabbatical and Home Assignment, expect to take up the OMF NZ role from the early 2022.

#### WEC INTERNATIONAL NZ

Please *pray* for the **Christian Medical Fellowship Conference** taking place May 22 (Auckland), May 29 (Christchurch). Helen C.

and Jeff will represent WEC at the conference. They would appreciate *prayer* as Helen takes part in a panel discussion while Jeff shares about medical opportunities with WEC. Please *pray* for current COVID-19 levels to hold so the conferences can take place and especially *pray* it will be a fruitful time for all.

#### THE PANDEMIC IN INDIA

*Praise* God for **mission hospitals** with limited resources stepping up to serve the poorest of the poor at this time. *Pray* for the provision of all that they need—medical supplies including oxygen which is in chronic short supply, protective gear, manpower and daily strength and grace to continue in the face of tremendous suffering and a huge workload. *Pray* that **God's people will be a light in the darkness**. People are responding to the Word even on their deathbed. *Praise* the Lord that He is at work. *Pray* especially for Christian healthcare professionals as they care with compassion. May they be the face and hands of Jesus to those who are suffering or have lost loved ones. *Pray* that **churches** will unite in finding ways to minister at such a time as this. *Pray* for the **poor and marginalised** in society. Numerous people rely on going out to work daily in order to put food on the table. Lockdowns in various cities and parts of the country will affect these families. Work from home is a luxury that many Indians do not have. Many **younger people** (less than 40) are dying in this wave. *Pray* for wisdom for the **leaders in India** at all levels.



## Laylat al-Qadr - the Night of Power Saturday 8 May 2021

**T**he Night of Power is the most significant night of Ramadan. Sahara from Saudi Arabia, a follower of Jesus, leads us in prayer...

**L**ord we pray for the Night of Power where Muslims seek your face and seek to be close to you and connect with you through dreams and visions. Muslims believe that on that night you write their destiny for the year to come. Lord would you open heaven over them that night and reveal yourself to them through dreams and visions and audible voice where they see you and know you and have no doubt it's is you calling them to yourself, to your Kingdom of love and righteousness.

**L**ord Jesus, as Muslims believe in the Qur'an and praying and reading their holy book and thinking about their lives, Lord, we pray that you meet them in that place where they are seeking you. May they encounter you and come to know you and live for you Lord. May they know their sins are forgiven through your precious blood that was shed on the cross. May they know that you have power over Satan,

*demons and death. May they know the power of your resurrection and that in defeated death they have complete freedom and forgiveness in you. May they know you and know that you didn't give them a spirit of fear but the spirit of love, power and a sound mind.*

**W**e pray for men and women to seek you and find you, for families to come to know you and live for you. Lord, take away any fear they have to make a decision to follow you. We pray for men to lead their families to know you and for women to teach their children your ways. May they know that your Kingdom is unshakeable. Yours is the Kingdom, yours is the power, yours is the glory forever. Amen.

For more information about Night of Power prayer meetings in your area visit:

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# SPOTLIGHTS

## TCK WEBINAR

“**The unseen gift: Third Culture Kids, your church and multicultural New Zealand**” is a free 60-minute webinar, at **12pm 3 June**, presented by Andrew Page from NZBMS. Aimed at church leaders, the webinar introduces who adult TCKs are, what they are saying and how they can contribute to the mission of churches in Aotearoa. **Register on [www.lifelonglearning.nz](http://www.lifelonglearning.nz)**, or **[click here](#)**.

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## MISSIONS SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Over the next few months OMF has a number of **experienced cross-cultural workers who serve in East Asia coming home to New Zealand** temporarily. These workers are speaking at churches and events, and may be open to other opportunities. If you would like to hear from them, **contact: [Nz.comms@omfmail.com](mailto:Nz.comms@omfmail.com)**.

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## BOUND FOR PARADISE

The Asia Pacific Discipleship Trust's 2021 BOUND 4 PARADISE gathering and training week will coincide with Eid-UI-Adha, the sacrifice of Abraham, on Saturday 24th July 2021 when 10,000 Muslims will congregate at Eden Park from 10am to 3pm. You could be part of the most significant single outreach to 'Our Neighbours' in Aotearoa in 2021. From **20th July to the 24th** participants will **train in four ways to share the good news with Our Neighbours**, including the 'Feast of the sacrifice of Abraham', the topic that will be foremost in their minds. During the week we will witness each day to 'Our Neighbours' in Mt Roskill and attend their Masjids. To find out more about the training opportunity, **contact Bryan Johnson**, either by mobile: 027 276 6900 or email: **[Bryan.Johnson@asiapacificdt.org.nz](mailto:Bryan.Johnson@asiapacificdt.org.nz)**.

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## MISSIONS BLOCK COURSES

Eastwest College have a number of **Block Courses planned for this year** and are opening up spots to the public. These short courses include Huia Come Home, Digital Missions, Secular Humanism, Church Planting Across Cultures, and Coaching Courses, amongst others. You can **find the full range with descriptions at [eastwest.ac.nz/block-courses](http://eastwest.ac.nz/block-courses)** or request a brochure to be sent out to you by **emailing your postal address to: [office@eastwest.ac.nz](mailto:office@eastwest.ac.nz)**.

## CAR HIRE STILL AVAILABLE

TEDZ Cars still has a **Toyota Spacio, a Honda Fit Shuttle Hybrid** (both 4-5 seaters) and a **7 seat Honda Odyssey** available for Christian workers both Domestic and International. **Contact Ted for more info: [tedz-cars@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:tedz-cars@maxnet.co.nz)**.

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## SHORT OR LONG TERM HOME AVAILABLE

Andy & Sharon Campbell (MAF, based in PNG) have a fully furnished **three bedroom house in Bulls** at very affordable rates available for those in Christian ministry. It would be ideal for those preparing for or returning from the mission field, needing a place to recuperate, or planning ministry in the Manawatu/Whanganui region. Currently unavailable until the beginning of June. For more information, **contact Andy by e-mail [artifacts@artifacts.co.nz](mailto:artifacts@artifacts.co.nz)**.

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## TOGETHER? – KOTAHITANGA

**The 4th National Hui of the 'Our Neighbours' Movement'** is being held in East Auckland in August. The Our Neighbours Movement in Aotearoa is committed to loving Muslims, and sharing the good news with them in a friendly, and respectful manner. The Islamic community across Aotearoa has grown significantly to 57,276 in the 2018 census. Muslims ('Our Neighbours') tend to keep in their own community and do community events together. We should explore our indigenous roots 'together', and go where they are 'together' if we want to engage with them 'together'.

**National Hui 'Our Neighbours'  
Willow Park, Convention Centre  
1 Hostel Access Rd  
Eastern Beach, Auckland 2012**

**3pm Thursday 19 – 3pm Sunday 22 August  
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**Register before 8th August**, on the website: **[www.ourneighbours.co.nz](http://www.ourneighbours.co.nz)**. **For more info contact: [info@asiapacificdt.org.nz](mailto:info@asiapacificdt.org.nz)**.

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With frontline workers vaccinated and Australia-Pacific travel bubbles opening up, we have renewed confidence that we can start planning ahead to gather together to encourage one another and discuss things missions. The MI Council have sanctioned the following opportunities for interpersonal connection in the coming months. Please note relevant events in your calendar and watch future BULLETINS for updated information...

### MOBILISATION & MISSIONS PROMOTION

This **Mobilising Forum** is an opportunity for missions leaders, mobilisers, promotional/marketing/comms team members to gather and discuss afresh collaborative initiatives to serve the people of God in Aotearoa New Zealand in ways that will strengthen participation in missions from and within Aotearoa New Zealand.

**A free event. We will break for lunch (BYO or cafes nearby).**

**World Vision Seminar Room**  
**51 Hugo Johnston Drive**  
**Penrose, Auckland 1061**

**Thursday 20 May from 10am (til 4pm-ish)**

To reserve a spot, **RSVP by Friday 14 May is essential to:** [info@missions.org.nz](mailto:info@missions.org.nz).

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### MISSIONS LEADER RETREAT

COVID-19 has had and will continue to have a significant impact on missions. This is a unique opportunity for **missions leaders to gather in a relaxed environment for mutual support and encouragement, alongside times of guided personal reflection.** Participation restricted to those who carry leadership responsibility in their organisation.

Pastor Don Barry (Gateway Church, Hamilton) will lead us in our reflection on leader resilience and integrity through the challenges of ministry.

**Costs: \$25 MI Member, \$50 Non-Member**  
**Lunch and a light dinner included.**

**Eastwest College of Intercultural Studies**  
**21 College Drive, Gordonton 3791**

**Thursday 15 July from 10am (til 7pm-ish)**

**Online registration will be announced in the next edition of the BULLETIN.**

### NZ MEMBER CARE CONFERENCE

This conference was postponed from 2020. Details have yet to be locked down but we are aiming to replicate 2020 plans for 2021. This will be **a professional-grade care conference** of interest to all manner of care roles: psychologists, counsellors, coaches, pastoral carers, member care and personnel staff of missions and ministries, etc. Subjects to be explored include:

- Transformation through trauma
- Group-oriented personal development
- Coaching to flourish in ministry
- NextGen/TCK care concerns
- Maintaining integrity on-mission
- Caring for the carers
- Post-COVID era challenges in missions

**Costs to be determined. No accommodation or main meals provided. Venue to be advised (planning for Christchurch).**

**Thursday 26 August - Saturday 28 August**  
**Commencing 7pm    Concluding 5pm**

**Online registration will be announced in a future edition of the BULLETIN.**

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### MI AGM

This annual members gathering will reflect what we have done in the past with reports on the year gone and other updates relevant to our members. A guest speaker is being considered.

**Venue to be confirmed.**

**Tuesday 16 November from 10:30am**

**Online registration will be announced in a future edition of the BULLETIN.**



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## GO MONTH

Pray together with millions of Christians the first weekend in May. Then evangelize through various outreach activities during **MAY 2021**.

[www.GoMonth.world](http://www.GoMonth.world)

## GO DAY

Share the Gospel with at least one person on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. (Global Outreach Day)

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# GO MONTH

**AGENDA**  
MAY 2021

Here you find an overview of the activities in May 2021. Five weeks to pray, care, share, disciple, and also special days you can participate.

## WEEK 1

## PRAY

Pray for people to be saved and offer prayer to somebody.

- **May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021:**  
**GO PRAY** - World Prayer Together Online Prayer Meeting to launch GO Month.
- **First Sunday in May, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:**  
**LAUNCH GO MONTH** in your church service.

## WEEK 2

## CARE

Show compassion, help people in need, share God's love through words and service projects.

- **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**  
**MEDIA OUTREACH DAY**  
Share the Gospel online, on social media, radio or TV.

## WEEK 3

## SHARE

Share your personal testimony with others. Your story can change a life forever!

- **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:**  
**CREATIVE OUTREACH DAY** with music, arts, and creativity.
- **Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021:**  
You receive power to be a witnesses.

## WEEK 4

## PROCLAIM

Joint outreaches to announce and proclaim the Good News.

- **Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**  
**GO DAY** (Global Outreach Day)  
  
On GO DAY, every believer worldwide is sharing the Gospel with at least one person.

## WEEK 5

## DISCIPLE

Follow up on new believers. Initiate the discipleship process end of May, beginning of June.

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