

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Advance Worldwide

The background image shows a flooded village. In the foreground, a woman in a blue sari is rowing a bamboo raft with several children. In the background, there are wooden houses on stilts, some with laundry hanging on lines. The water is murky brown. The image is partially obscured by a white text box on the left.

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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Recently a familiar Biblical story caught my attention afresh. 1Kings 18:41-45 tells the story of the prophet Elijah when he asked his servant to look over at the horizon. He asked his servant, what do you see? He replied, I see a cloud as small as a man's hand coming. Elijah hurried his servant to go since a storm was surely on its way. In the eyes of the servant it was a tiny cloud. For Elijah, it was a massive storm.

What do you see?

In the age of Covid, fear-based media, gathering restrictions, and social distress... what do you see? What do you see coming on the horizon? To be honest, it can be easy to give in to fear and discouragement, to believe the idea that yesterday was better than today and that perhaps the future is bleak and uncertain.

But what if I tell you that revival is near? That there's a massive breakthrough brewing on the horizon for the church? That these times of global crisis are the perfect backdrop where we see the gospel flourish in unprecedented ways?

Our dear friends in rural areas remind me of this reality often. They are quite acquainted to restrictions, crises of various kinds and harsh conditions. Difficult situations like the ones we are currently under are not new to them. However, they've seen a glimpse of a greater reality. They have experienced unspeakable joy, great power and peace in their weakness. They live with the assurance that whether Covid stays or goes, the Kingdom of God will not be stopped. Let's join them in faith. Thought it might look like a tiny cloud, it's a massive revival storm! What do you see?

Together for His glory,

David Moreno



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

COLOMBIA

Covid has affected the already feeble economy in our region. Many families could not afford to cover their basic needs. On top of that, a heavy rainy season impacted a village called Lloro, where we have a church plant.

The partnership with AW has allowed our church to distribute food baskets and assist many families and children. We bring the good news of Jesus and pray with them. Our church leaders are active in engaging with families and the community. Thank you for standing with us! God bless you abundantly.

Pastor Hector, Iglesia Wesleyana de Quibdo



INDIA

During the initial stages of Covid all of us as missionaries, our families, and even the church families faced lots of challenges. A few people went back from their faith as there were no church services and in-person prayers. Some families told us that they experienced increased conflict because there was no visiting of pastors and guidance. Pastors all faced financial challenges especially for the first 8 months of 2020. However, the support of Advance Worldwide allowed them to be sustained. Now as churches are beginning to open we all are happy, God taught us to depend upon him for everything. Nothing in this world can help us, only Jesus.

Pastor Rajeev, director of Jesus for Gentiles

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

BANGLADESH

Glory to the great God! He is using us to expand His kingdom. Like every year, in 2019, we made many plans for 2020 but we could not see them coming to fruition fully due to the coronavirus. We praise God because the Lord has carried out his work through many trials. Despite the virus, our ministry leader, Anwar H., and local pastors have baptized about 70 people in 2020, and many more are preparing for baptism. The virus caused a bad situation in many levels. The situation would have been worse if Advance Worldwide was not by our side. We glorify God for your ministry! Please pray that in 2021 we can accomplish God's plans and the things we could not do properly in 2020. Thank you so much.

Parvez, AW ministry leader in Bangladesh

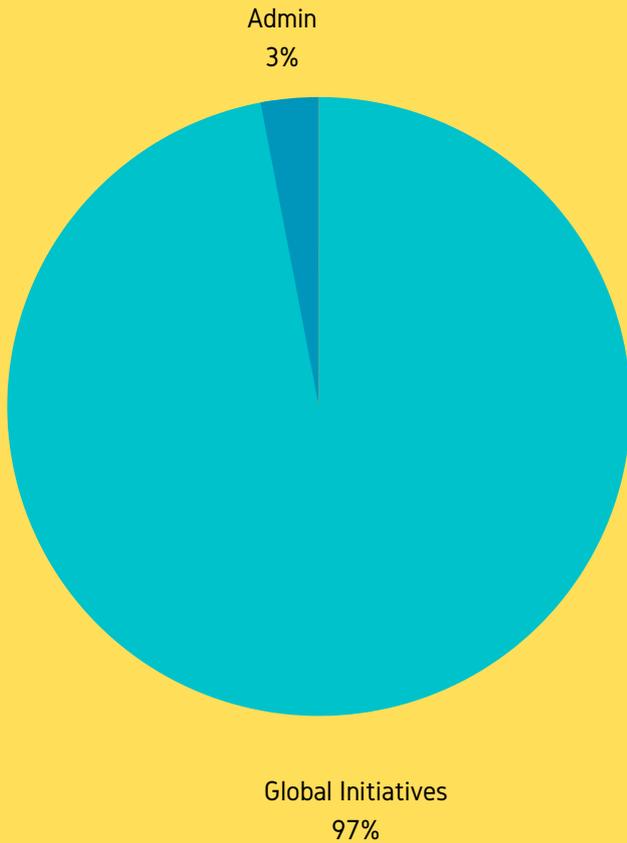


JORDAN

Covid brought many government mandated restrictions to our city. Of course, the most affected are the refugees. These vulnerable community already lacks access to basic necessities. However, God has given us great favor and grace which has allowed us to continue showing God's love and start many discipleship groups in homes. The Lord is faithful, the seed of the gospel continues to find fertile ground in the hearts of men, women and children. Thank you for serving with us in this field.

David and Ps A. (Middle East)

FINANCIAL REVIEW



TOTAL DONATIONS

\$34,043.61

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$30,675.51

YOUR SUPPORT ENABLED:

Bangladesh - Support for 8 pastors, evangelistic outreaches, relief packages, ministry training

Colombia - Relief work and food baskets

India - Support for 13 pastors, Hyderabad church center rent, relief work, ministry training

Jordan - Relief packages for refugees, outreach supplies and activities

OPERATING COSTS

SUPPORT OF GLOBAL INITIATIVES
\$29,748.28

ADMIN EXPENSES
\$927.23

THANK YOU



Advance Worldwide

Advance Worldwide exists to advance the cause of the local church in remote, underserved and gospel-emerging areas of the world. We partner with unknown giants in the faith to see the gospel being demonstrated in word and deed.

This simple vision could not happen unless people like you pray and give generously. Thank you for believing in this cause. You are providing the fuel to keep ministry going forward around the world.