

IAGM **2**ND Quarter REPORT





Message from the Executive Director

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support for the mission of IAGM! To keep you updated about how God has used your investment of time, care, and money, we've launched this quarterly newsletter.

The IAGM Quarterly Newsletter goes into a little more depth about lives you've helped change, hearts you've helped touch, and needs you've helped meet—all for His glory and your joy.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with your friends or family who want to reach the lost in hard-to-reach places around the world.

In your current issue, you'll read stories about loving others to Christ in three difficult circumstances. First, as Venezuela continues to implode, you've helped restore a marriage and save a soul through efforts in Caracas and beyond! Second, you'll see where your investment in Ghana helped bring a Muslim to saving faith—and the effects of discipling this brother-in-Christ! Third, you can see how strategically sharing the Gospel in Rome helps reach migrants from around the world—especially those who grew up in Islamic cultures.

Please enjoy this issue and know that I'm grateful to and for you as we labor together for the Gospel!





VENEZUELA: CARACAS ADAM AND DIANNA NATHANSON



YOU HELPED POINT A GRIEVING FATHER TO CHRIST—AND RESTORE A BROKEN MARRIAGE!

Fredy and Lidia lost their sixteen-year-old son to suicide two years ago in Caracas, Venezuela. Their marriage collapsed, and they moved to different countries. But God had more to accomplish through their story—and you played an important role.

Growing hopelessness has pushed the suicide rate to historic levels in this formerly wealthy nation. Venezuelans are desperate for food, medicine, running water; electricity, safety . . . and a sense of hope. That's where you stepped in.

A year and a half before young Jonatan* died, his father, Fredy, wanted nothing to do with God. But you helped plant Gospel seeds through your faithful partnership in prayer and financial support of two IAGM missionaries. In the midst of Venezuela's crisis, Adam and Dianna Nathanson led a Bible study in Caracas at Fredy and Lidia's home.

While Fredy was only tolerant of the study, Lidia craved deeper knowledge and understanding of God's Word. She kept seeking the Lord in the midst of hardship.

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Millions fled as corruption nearly destroyed the nation. The economy crumbled, and widespread suffering tore through the lives of Venezuelans.

As the crisis intensified, Jonatan took his life—breaking the hearts of his parents, Lidia and Fredy, and fracturing their marriage. Anguished and abandoned, Lidia fled to the United States with their youngest son. The next year, Fredy's company transferred him from Venezuela to Mexico.

Thanks in part to the seeds you helped plant and grow through Adam and Dianna's Bible study, God opened Fredy's heart to walk with Christ in the midst of his brokenness. On December 31, 2018, he traveled from Mexico to the USA and proposed again to Lidia, and now they are setting a new direction in their lives together—as one in Christ.

Let us thank the Lord for His grace in answering Lidia's prayers for Fredy's salvation—and your prayers for changed lives in difficult circumstances!

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ITALY: ROME TODD AND CHRISTIE KINCAID



You brought the Light of Christ's Word to migrants from around the world in Rome, Italy!

Brother "M" grew up in a Muslim family in the country of Bangladesh. His father is an imam (Muslim priest) and leads groups to Mecca for the hajj religious pilgrimage every year. He learned Arabic prayers and was trained as a Muslim missionary when he was young. Little did he know what God had in mind for his future.

Brother M comes from an unreached people group that is considered the LARGEST in the world, with more than 130 million strong and classified by Joshua Project (www.joshuaproject.net) as 0.0% Christian. Before coming to Europe, he had never heard the Gospel even once!

As an adult working in Germany, he was given a New Testament in English by German believers. He tells the story that "he tried to throw it away" but couldn't. He considered it a holy book, even though Muslims believe the Bible has been corrupted and can no longer be trusted. He eventually stuck the NT under his mattress to hide it from his roommates.

One night while alone, he decided to pull it out and read something. He opened to Matthew 6 and began to read about God taking care of the birds and the flowers. He read the promises of God taking care of us as well and found it beautiful.

At that point, brother M contacted the men who had given him the New Testament on the street. They began to meet. At first, Brother M had it in mind to "convert" the German believers to Islam. They had nearly six months of, at times, very heated debate.

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ITALY: ROME

TODD AND CHRISTIE KINCAID

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In the end, Brother M admitted that he couldn't resist the love of God and the work of the Holy Spirit shown through one German brother in particular. He came to faith and decided that he would be baptized, still knowing very little about the Christian faith.

Not long after his baptism, Brother M was awakened at 3:00 a.m. one night by a knock on the door. They asked for him by name. The next thing he knew, he was under arrest and being deported to a country where he knew no one—the country of Italy.

Once he arrived in Italy, he was connected with IAGM missionaries Todd and Christie Kincaid. The Kincaids took Brother M under their wing and disciplined him. He has become an integral part of the Rome team and is very involved at the migrant center the Kincaids operate. Brother M has gone from being trained as a missionary for Islam to being trained as a missionary for Jesus Christ!

Brother M is growing and becoming more and more bold in his faith. In January, another man from his country was baptized in Rome— Brother M's first disciple!

We are praying that there will be many more to follow as the Lord continues to use this brother. May God establish His Kingdom among some of the least-reached people groups in the world—all in the city of Rome!

Please continue to pray for Brother M. His road after conversion has not been easy. A family member was sent to Rome to physically force and verbally shame him (a very strong motivator in his culture) back to Islam. His mother has called in tears, pleading with him that he is sending the entire family to Hell. His father responded by stating, "They might as well dig a hole and throw him into it; he is dead to us."

Brother M has learned firsthand what it means to "take up your cross, deny yourself, and follow [Jesus]." May his growing faith be an example to us all.



GHANA – WEST AFRICA – TEMA JOSEPHUS HALLIE, JOYCE & DAUGHTER THEODORA



Josephus



You can help translate the Bible to disciple
unreached people in Ghana!



Your gifts and prayers helped train these
disciples in the Gospel in Ghana!

YOUR SUPPORT HELPED FREE A MAN FROM BONDAGE TO ISLAM

In a predominantly Muslim village in northern Ghana, Alan* dropped out of elementary school to help on the family farm. Years later, your prayers and financial support helped him learn to read and write as an adult—and recognize the false teachings of Islam.

Your support allowed IAGM missionary Pastor Josephus Hallie to host Alan for a year in his home, teach him the major themes of the Bible, and disciple him in the Lord.

Pastor Josephus shares Alan's coming to Christ: "One day I asked, 'What does the Quran say that is required for eternity with God in Heaven?' When he listed the pillars of the Muslim faith, I asked him if it were possible for anyone of them to perform those regulations without failure. He said he didn't think so, but that is why they sacrifice so much."

"Then I told him, 'If God, who is good, requires what He knows no one could faithfully do as the condition for salvation, then He is a wicked God.' But that in fact, God, knowing our inability, has given this privilege by grace through faith in Christ only. I asked him if he would want to trust Jesus after a few minutes, and he prayed to accept the Lord."

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Praise God for Alan's new life in Christ! You helped equip him with an audio Bible in English and Dagbani (his own tongue). He started a Bible study of about a dozen children—complete with a soccer ball and accessories you helped provide!

Alan's conversion from Islam to faith in Jesus as His Lord and Savior has opened other doors in Ghana too! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of the Gospel in Ghana!



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The challenges of transportation in Ghana

YOU HELPED OPEN A DOOR INTO UNREACHED VILLAGES IN GHANA—NOW LET'S GIVE THEM THE WORD IN THEIR LANGUAGE!

Several large, but unreached, majority-Muslim villages in northern Ghana are primed and ready to hear the Gospel! But they need the Word in their own language!

You've already helped IAGM missionary Pastor Josephus Hailie lead one of their chiefs to Christ just outside of Tamale, Ghana's third largest city. His nephew is a disciple of Pastor Josephus, so he wanted to hear the message of the Gospel for himself.

This village chief heard and discussed the Good News of Jesus Christ with Pastor Josephus for hours, then prayed with him, confessed all his questions were answered, and embraced the love of Christ in his life.

The chief had almost no study material. But by God's prompting, Josephus had brought an additional study Bible on his eighteen-hour trek to Tamale. The chief was thrilled to receive it to deepen his own understanding and start teaching his people the truths of God's Word.

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He committed to helping share the Gospel with his village and several large, unreached villages nearby—but they speak a different language.

He has deep connections with leaders in these majority-Muslim villages—and they're willing to hear this chief and Pastor Josephus. Several chiefs have already even traveled to Pastor Josephus's modest home to be discipled.

But they need a trusted interpreter and software to translate materials into their language. For only \$215.15, you can help faithfully translate one book of the Bible in a month's time.

How exciting in this upside-down world to offer the truth of God's Word to this unreached people group! For only \$10.25 today, you can translate one chapter of the Book of John!

Your gift of any amount will share the Gospel in the heart language of a Muslim in North Ghana who has never been reached. You can give here, and your contribution will be put to use this month!



YES, DR. LEWIS! I WANT TO GET THE TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD INTO THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF UNREACHED PEOPLE IN GHANA! PLEASE USE MY GIFT TODAY TO START TRANSLATING THE BOOK OF JOHN RIGHT AWAY.

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