

GLOBAL MISSION

# Picture Story

REACHING THE  
UNREACHED  
WITH HOPE

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## VEILED COUNTRY

# The Gospel Spreads Under the Veil

**M**y husband and I are Global Mission pioneers sharing the love of Jesus in a veiled country\*. We've got to be so careful when we share our faith. But this isn't stopping the spread of the gospel. Many people here want to learn more about Jesus.

One day we visited a couple who were struggling with their faith. My mom had started to show an interest in God, so we decided to take her with us. We all had a wonderful time together studying the Word of God.

To our delight the couple began visiting our Urban Center of Influence (UCI) for massage therapy, healthy meals, and Bible studies. My mom came to the Bible studies too. It was wonderful to see the three of them grow in their faith in God. They started attending worship services at our secret church plant.

Not long after, the couple and my mom were baptized. What a joy to see them give their hearts to Jesus! Please pray for my husband and me and other Global Mission pioneers in veiled countries as we share the love of Jesus with our family, friends, and community.

*\*We've removed identifying information and images to protect the Global Mission pioneers and their community in this "Veiled Country," so that the work can move forward for the glory of God.*





**BRAZIL**

## A Silent Sign that Spoke

“Soon you’ll live longer and better.” Carmelina (left) was walking down the street when these words stopped her in her tracks. She looked at the sign in confusion. She had no idea that she was standing in front of the Itajaí Life and Health Space, a new Urban Center of Influence (UCI).

For days, the words flashed through Carmelina’s mind—what did the sign mean? Eager to find out, she was one of the first people to visit the UCI when it opened. She discovered that the center offered classes on cooking, mental health, and emotional intelligence and decided to attend some of them. She loved what she was learning and gladly accepted an invitation to join a Bible study on spiritual intelligence.

This led Carmelina to attend the church that met at the UCI, where she made many friends. And most importantly, she came to know her new best friend, Jesus Christ. Today Carmelina is an active member of the church and often volunteers at the UCI. Her daughter (center) now attends the local Adventist school.

A sign spoke to Carmelina about the possibility of a better life, and now God uses Carmelina to encourage others. Please keep Carmelina and other new believers in your prayers. Thank you for supporting UCIs around the world through Global Mission.



**SOUTH AFRICA**

## **28-Day Challenge**

**D**id you know that lives can be transformed in just 28 days? That's what Amanda Steenkamp, the founder of the plant-based Carrot & Coconut Deli Café, found out.

The café is part of the Filadelfia Urban Center of Influence (UCI) in Pretoria, South Africa. "Healthy food has a wonderful effect on people," Amanda says. When people eat delicious, healthy food in a café setting, there are opportunities to talk and build relationships.

Just recently Amanda went a step further in connecting with the café's community. She organized a 28-day health challenge designed for the specific health challenges of the program participants. One man had high cholesterol and high blood sugar levels. Another participant suffered from fibromyalgia and was so crippled by pain that she couldn't run anymore.

But their lives were transformed by eating plant-based foods for 28 days. The man's cholesterol and blood sugar levels improved dramatically. The woman with fibromyalgia was able to run again. She praised God for what He had done for her health, saying, "I want to tell everyone that there is hope."

The Coconut & Carrot Deli Café is certainly spreading hope and transforming lives in this South African community. Please continue to pray for the work of UCIs around the world.

# The Unreached Need Your Help!

## Dear Friend,

Do you remember hearing stories about Adventists who hid under tables with layers of blankets to type Bible lessons or who braved cold water to be baptized in secret? I do. A lot has changed since those days. But one thing hasn't changed: there are still areas of the world where it's difficult and even dangerous for people to become Christians.

Global Mission's priority is starting new groups of believers among unreached people groups. Many times, this means Global Mission pioneers and centers of influence operate in challenging places. We want to share these stories with you, but it's a constant struggle to know how much to share. We don't want to be the reason people are hurt or even killed.

That's why we've decided to cover some countries with a "veil." When Global Mission shares a story from a sensitive country, you will see it labeled as a "Veiled Country." We won't name the country, we will change the names of people, and we may use other pictures to represent the story.

When you see "Veiled Country," please say a special prayer for the frontline workers in these challenging places.



Thank you for your prayers and support,

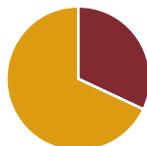
**Rick Kajjura**

## Share the gospel with us through these projects.

#9760 | GOAL \$30,000

### "Waldensian Student" Program

Student missionaries witnessing in the 10/40 Window

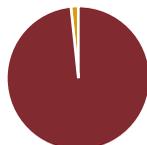


■ Raised ■ Needed: \$9,636

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### Horn of Africa

Secret disciple-making project in a closed country



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$49,173

#7500MUV | GOAL \$20,000

### Veiled Country

New disciples crossing borders to minister in a closed country



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$19,937

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**New!**

### Japan

Outreach in Tokyo, the largest city in the world



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$40,000

#9730 | GOAL \$75,000

### Urban Centers of Influence

UCIs in new, high-priority mission fields: cities



■ Raised ■ Needed: \$74,904



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