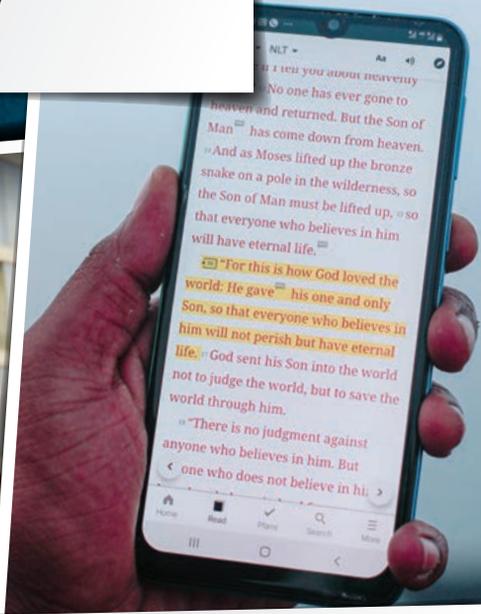


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VEILED COUNTRY

A Message of Hope

The clock said 2:30 AM. Sarah* found it hard to go back to sleep. She paced her room, listened to a sermon, and read some Bible passages. After being awake for two hours, she finally prayed, “Lord, what do you need me to do?”

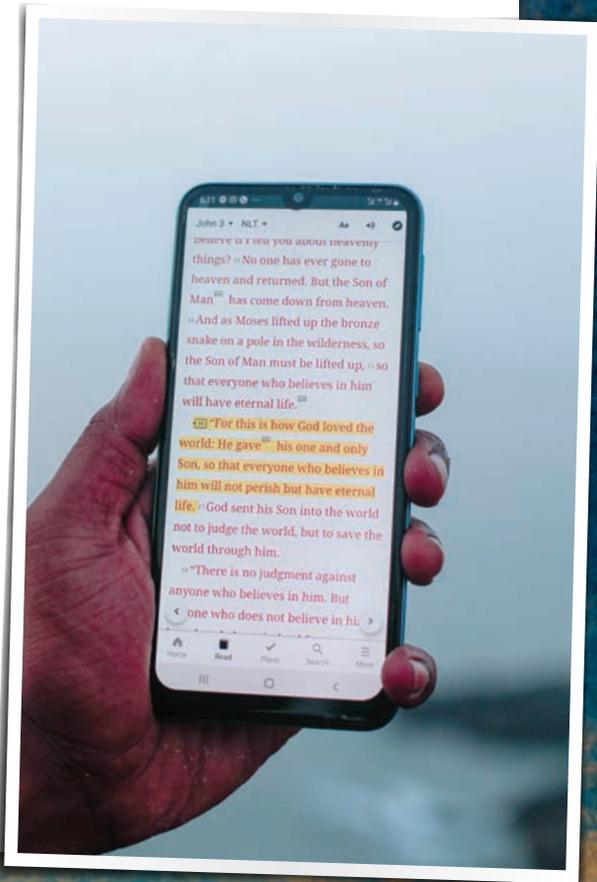
She felt impressed to share a Bible verse with Fatma, a girl she’d been giving Spanish lessons to, and who had become a close friend. Fatma had become very discouraged after taking a difficult Spanish exam and had withdrawn from her friends. Sarah grabbed her phone and messaged Fatma.

The two met the following week, and Fatma told Sarah that she had been depressed for several days. “That night was very difficult. I went to bed crying. But then I woke up and saw your message, and that verse brought peace to my heart.”

Sarah is a Waldensian Student. The first time she introduced Fatma to the Bible was when she read the verse of “God is love” on her phone. They now practice their Spanish by reading the Bible on their phones. Fatma’s favorite story is the one about Ruth.

Sarah says, “God is moving in this area, maybe not with massive baptisms but through friendship and love. My friend has learned that God loves her, not for her deeds but because she is a child of God.”

**Names have been changed*



NIGER

Following Christ's Method

What do ice cream and balloons have to do with church planting? Following Christ's method of ministry, Global Mission pioneer Assoumane and his family mingled with their neighbors by sharing ice cream with them during holidays and buying balloons for the neighborhood children. And because many houses in the neighborhood don't have running water, Assoumane met their needs by inviting them to draw water from his house.

Assoumane has also extended Christ's invitation to "follow Me." He started a conversation with Bachir, a teacher. Assoumane often walked by his classroom. As they talked, Assoumane pointed out that he too was a teacher—a teacher of the Word of God. He invited Bachir to his house. Discussions about Jesus led to Bible studies which led to Bachir's baptism.

In addition to teaching, Bachir also worked as a tailor in his father's workshop. When his father found out that Bachir had been baptized, he told Bachir that he could no longer work with him. Although Assoumane helped Bachir find another place, he says that Bachir still faces hardships. But both he and Bachir continue to believe that God is in control.

Church planters like Assoumane are thankful for your support. "We appreciate the trust you show in us," he says. "Your generosity allows us to work in this 10/40 window."



LONDON ACTS

In this post-Christian society, Pastor Matthew Herel is leading an initiative that uses service and volunteering as an evangelistic strategy. Active Christians Transforming Society (ACTS) was formed to be a means of serving and being present in the community.

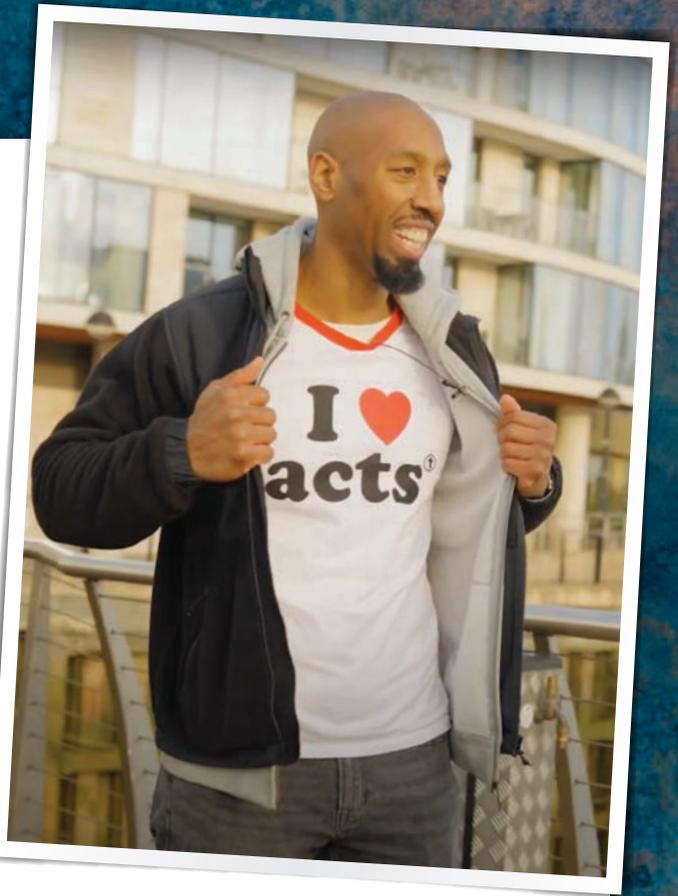
Pastor Herel says, "We're not only saying, 'How can we serve you?' but also 'Come and serve with us as we serve others.'"

On the first Sabbath of every month, ACTS invites the members to *do* service instead of sitting in a service. The volunteers go out into the community and participate in activities such as meal preparation in resettlement centers for homeless individuals.

For the Sabbath services, they rent a hall at the local library in an effort to meet people where they are. "In that library where we have regular, day-to-day people, we often have people stop by, poke their heads in, and come and sit down," Pastor Herel says.

Pastor Herel hopes to launch new ACTS chapters and to start digital media projects in the future, but his true desire is to enable people to find ways to serve through action.

Please pray for urban ministries such as this as they use innovative methods to reach the unreached.



The Unreached Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

If the word “mission” brings to your mind images of doctors, nurses, teachers and preachers, you’re not wrong, but you may be looking at a small corner of a very large picture. Consider some creative ways Adventists are doing mission, using Christ’s method, in urban centers of influence:

- ▶ Musicians are teaching violin in Khon Kaen, Thailand
- ▶ Climbers are using a climbing wall to reach university students in Bangkok, Thailand
- ▶ A sanitation team is transforming a community in Cairo, Egypt
- ▶ Gardeners are helping seniors grow their own food in Vancouver, Canada
- ▶ Artists are helping children paint and work with clay in Chicago, U.S.

The violins, plants, and clay all help missionaries build relationships and lead people to Jesus!

Think how important these unconventional approaches are! The violin student might never have gone to hear a preacher, but they came to learn music, and the music teacher demonstrated God’s love. The senior might never have spent time with a schoolteacher, but they befriended the gardener, and the gardener showed them who Jesus is.

Please ask God to send more missionaries, Global Mission pioneers, and other frontline workers to serve creatively at centers of influence around the world!



In His Service,
Karilyn Suvankham

Share the gospel with us through these projects.



#7710LT | GOAL \$50,000

Secret Urban Center of Influence

One pioneer team in an unreached city in a closed country

■ Raised ■ Needed: Goal reached

Goal Met!

#9720 | GOAL \$10,000

Hope in Crisis

Emergency fund to enable pioneers to help their community during crises

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$10,000

NEW!

#9710 | GOAL \$25,000

Unusual Opportunities

Funds quickly available for unexpected projects that don't fit usual categories

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$2,846

#9730 | GOAL \$75,000

Urban Centers of Influence

UCIs in new, high-priority mission fields: cities

■ Raised ■ Needed: Goal reached

Goal Met!

#9705D | GOAL \$60,000

Djibouti

Primary school in Djibouti, East Africa

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$59,365



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