



News from the Fields

# Evangelism Resources

Mobilizing Disciples to Accelerate the Harvest



## What's Inside

**ER PLEDGES TO SUPPORT SELECT GROUP** of 30 graduates in expanding its ministry worldwide.

**THE BIBLE WOMEN CONTINUE TO GROW** by 15 new evangelists, doubling the outreach to the Unreached in rural India.

**A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED** inspired the development of 74 unique prayer cards, a free resource by request.

## Finishing The Task

*by Steve Liversedge*

Forty-five years ago the first issues of News from the Fields were filled with exciting projections about providing thirty tents for thirty major African cities. Willys Braun, ER co-founder, believed that over a five-year period almost a half million people would come to faith in Christ through those tents. It would be economical, it would bless all churches, and it would push forward the completion of the Great Commission.

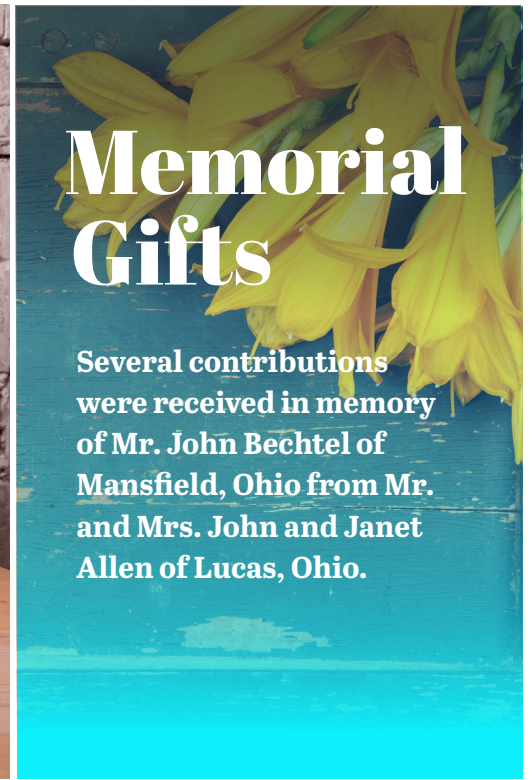
We firmly believe as we did in 1976 that God is still in the business of winning souls and finishing the task. In this COVID-19 pandemic it isn't tents but online ministries, Bible Women, and select groups of men and women of all ages who will devote their full energies to this task of winning the lost.

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ER has now been praying for 250 days with men and women from different countries around the world.

We Invite You to Pray With Us on Zoom Daily at 11:00 a.m. EST.



# Memorial Gifts

Several contributions were received in memory of Mr. John Bechtel of Mansfield, Ohio from Mr. and Mrs. John and Janet Allen of Lucas, Ohio.

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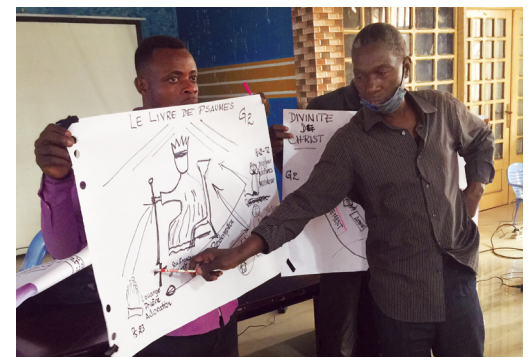
In 2019 we launched an initiative called 2T22 to double the number we trained in that year, a figure of approximately 30,000. You’ve heard us talk frequently during this past year how God has given us new ways to accomplish this task. But, we also wanted to double the prayer effort. Without our really planning for it, this has more than happened. In late March 2020, in response to the pandemic, we began meeting online to pray six days a week. We’ve now been praying for over 250 days with men and women from different countries around the world. This stockpile of prayer that is stored up in heaven to be poured out at just the right time can only produce good results.

In early December the ER Board of Directors approved several initiatives that will help bring this to pass as God moves on the rippling prayer waves of His people.

You will read in this issue of the News how we will add fifteen more Bible Women to the fifteen already entering villages of the unreached in Bihar and beyond.

In addition, we will support a select group of thirty graduates of our thirty-seven SOEs so they can devote their full energies to doing Portable Bible Schools and Mobile Schools of Evangelism to raise up church planting teams from among the unreached. We will hold the first PBS Teacher Training Seminar and the first Women’s Impact Network Summit in Kinshasa with delegates from thirteen nations attending. We anticipate that this will open many more African countries and increase the number of disciples being trained.

ER has always been committed to winning souls to grow the Church and complete the Great Commission. Side by side with you, we will keep on doing our best to finish the task.



Graduates in Kinshasa utilize drawing to teach the Bible, a technique learned in the Inductive Bible Study training seminar.



Christian leaders in Bihar strategize on introducing Portable Bible Schools in the neighboring Unreached Villages.

# A Picture of Devotion

## The 15 Bible Women of Bihar

by Lisa Fowler

“They have shared the Word of God, counseled those who are in fear, provided food for those who are hungry and been a source of hope.”

- Bishop D. Ponraj



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What does devotion look like? A number of images could come to mind—sport fans gathering in support of their favorite team despite hazardous weather conditions, a dutiful employee who never waivers in his work, or the exchange of wedding vows between a groom and his bride.

For those of us connected with ER, the 15 Bible Women of Bihar, India are one of many “pictures of devotion.” These evangelistic women are devoted to Christ in such a way that they have shared the gospel with over **53,037** people, resulting in at least **7,246** people accepting Christ since ER began supporting this ministry in 2017.

In addition, numerous people have received healing and deliverance through their work. Our Bihar ministry leader writes about these women’s response to COVID-19: “They have shared the Word of God, counseled those who are in fear, provided food for those who are hungry and been a source of hope.” It is for reasons such as these that ER is delighted to support 15 more Bible Women in 2021!

The truth is that the Kingdom-impact from lives such as these women cannot be quantified. The devotion of their lives is aimed toward Jesus, our Bridegroom-King, enabling them to “go forth” in wisdom and power of our risen Lord.

# A Call To Pray For The Unreached People...

by Caleb Pfeifer

Since its beginnings in 1976, ER has been a ministry focused on reaching the unreached. One of the verses that guides our ministry's vision is Revelation 7:9, where John beholds the redeemed "from every nation, tribe, people and language" worshipping God. Rather than a reason to complacently wait for what is promised, we believe this is a call to pray for the salvation of the unreached, confident that God hears our cries.

**We may not all be called to travel overseas... but we are co-laborers through intercession. Ask us about receiving a pack of prayer cards.**

According to Joshua Project, if less than two percent of a people group's population is Evangelical Christian, they're considered unreached. The nearly 3.25 billion people belonging to these unreached people groups (UPGs) comprise over 41 percent of the world's population. ER partners with believers in Asia and Africa who live alongside many of these peoples and who together have adopted over 70 UPGs for special prayer and ministry focus.

While we've seen thousands of people from these groups come to a saving knowledge of Christ, many more thousands are still separated from God. With all the work left to be done, we think of Jesus' prayer as he looked with compassion over masses of hurting souls: "Ask the Lord of the harvest [...] to send out more workers into his harvest field" (Matt. 9:38). We may not all be called to travel overseas to reach the lost, but we can still become co-laborers through intercession, praying for more harvesters to go out.

To help the ER family pray and learn more about the UPGs our partners are reaching, we've created a set of prayer cards. Each card includes a map and photo, an engaging write-up, basic statistics, and prayer points concerning the featured people group. Go to [www.erinfo.org/upg-prayer-initiatives](http://www.erinfo.org/upg-prayer-initiatives) to see previews of these cards. If God lays a certain group on your heart, or if you want to commit to praying for several, please let us know! We'll mail you physical cards that serve as great reminders, or as invitations for others, to pray. Thank you for your partnership in praying for the harvest among UPGs!

