

EVANGELISM RESOURCES

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS



Praying for Greater Harvests

By Paul Braun

Evangelism Resources is taking God's salvation where it is not yet known. We do this primarily by coming alongside local missions in regions where Christ's kingdom isn't yet established. We encourage and support them with grassroots leadership-training materials and other resources, helping them make disciples who will make disciples to brightly shine God's light in the darkness.

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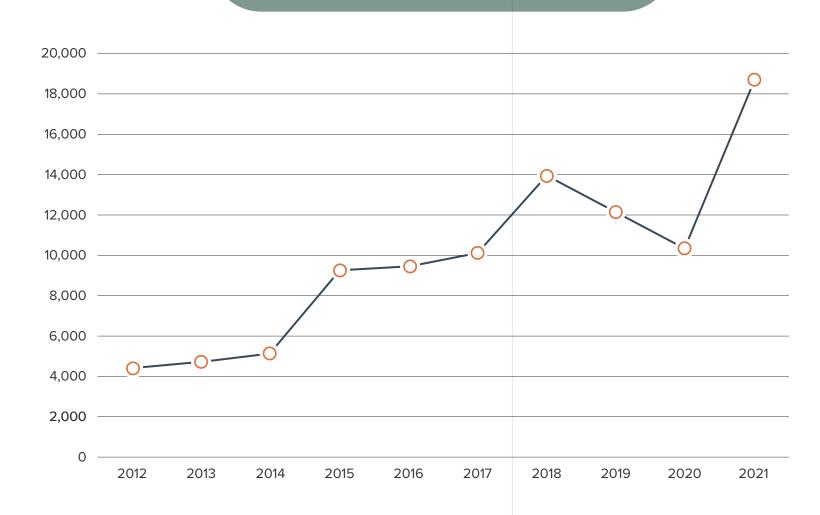
On Pace for Record Year

The Growth of PBSes

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This graph is testament to God's faithfulness and blessing on ER's Portable Bible Schools (PBSes). We praise the Lord for the thousands of witnesses who are being trained every year in ER's PBSes. The graph shows how the number trained has grown steadily since 2012, except for the two years of pandemic lockdowns.

Over 10,000 people have been trained in PBSes in the first six months of 2022, putting us on pace for another record year – with over 20,000! Pray with us, please, for God's continued blessing on and provision for this powerful discipleship ministry!



And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)







Total Portable Bible School Participants

2012-2021

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ER's first International School of Evangelism (SOE) opened in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 1985. A second school was opened in Nigeria about five years later and from there ER's ministries jumped to India, Bangladesh, and beyond. Today ER supports 38 SOEs in fourteen nations and in fourteen states of India.

Mobile Schools of Evangelism (MSOEs) offer the same curriculum as their sister SOEs, but via parttime schedules in smaller towns where members of Unreached People Groups (UPGs) can attend. MSOEs have greatly increased ER's reach among UPGs. For example, the Rohingya MSOE meets in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. The Rohingyas are Muslims who were murderously "cleansed" from predominantly-Buddhist Myanmar. At least two of their members have been killed for their faith but the group continues to worship, pray, and learn about their faith together.

Brahmans are another UPG being reached by MSOEs. Forty-four Brahmans have so far been trained in four different MSOEs to proclaim God's truth and shine His light among their fellow highcaste Indians. Pray for these 44 graduates, and that many more Brahmans will discover Jesus the Light of the World (John 8:12).

ER provides Christian leadership courses in the languages of some of the last and the least! In recent days our partners have translated and printed our PBS curriculum in Mongolian and Amharic, major languages of Mongolia and Ethiopia. Translation work is ongoing in Hausa, a major language of Muslims across Africa's Sahel, and in Malay (for Malaysia). And just recently we learned that a sister mission had translated ER's "Called to Shepherd God's People" into Arabic! Pray with us that these resources will reap huge harvests!

God is blessing and using ER's team of partners to reach people where Jesus' name is hardly known, increasingly penetrating the darkness. Pray for God's continued leading and blessing, and that even more will come into God's kingdom through our joint efforts!

Memorial Gifts

Contributions were received:

In memory of Mrs. Roma Keller of Mansfield, OH from

- Her daughter and family, Kaye and Robert Dome, also of Mansfield;
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cooper, of Lima, OH;
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matus, of Lore City, OH.

A Soldier of the Cross

A tribute to Bishop Reginald Edwin Howell (23 May 1945 – 23 May 2022)

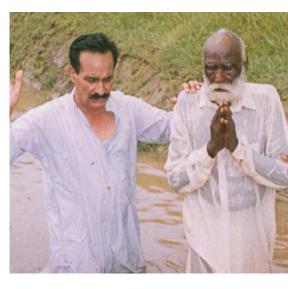
By Steve Liversedge

At the start of my first visit to India in October of 2003, as I entered the room where all the School of Evangelism directors were gathered, my eyes were drawn to one person in particular. He looked as if he'd stepped out of an Indian history book, as a soldier from the past with a handlebar moustache and a military bearing. His response to the meditation that morning from Luke 9:23 gave evidence that he was not only a soldier in bearing, he was also a soldier in heart and mind. He was in fact a true soldier of the cross willing to pay any cost to please



his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was all about carrying out the orders of his commander-in-chief and this he did with a flare and a tenacity unlike most.

Reginald E. (RE) Howell directed a School of Evangelism in the remote city of Firozpur on the Pakistan border. In his ministry, he dealt not only with people's sin, but also with their illnesses. He battled frequently with evil spirits. Wherever he went the people loved him, for though he was tough in many ways he was also compassionate and loving to those clearly in need of the Savior.



RE's younger brother Richard wrote that he worked tirelessly, preaching the gospel in word and deed. He was generous, reaching out to meet the needs of the poor and of pastors. He faced physical persecution and beatings. Many of his students from the School of Evangelism have started new churches and are pastors throughout the region. RE will be greatly missed by his family, staff and students. His legacy will inspire many in the generations to come to do their utmost to complete the unfinished task of the Great Commission.