



AMEN

25th ANNIVERSARY

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New!



INDIA



Jeyakar and Rani Thomas

are new AMEN partners with a significant ministry among the poor, focusing on Bible teaching, evangelism, ladies' sewing classes and children's education.

"...we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another." Romans 12:5

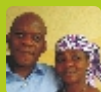


AMEN PARTNERS



INDIA

Francis and Alison minister to the outcasts of society in Goa



NIGERIA

Tassie and Nehemiah manage a major church based HIV/AIDS project, providing hope, training and education



INDIA

Joseph Paul runs a children's home and works in the local community



INDIA

Roy and Ponna lead a local church and training centre



PHILIPPINES

Zaldy and Ria minister in high schools and primary schools



NIGERIA

Napthali and Gladys provide discipleship training for many churches



ROMANIA

Liviu & Elena work with young people and widows in their community



INDIA

Caroline writes, produces and broadcasts gospel videos and documentaries



PHILIPPINES

Winston and Jannette plant churches among the urban poor in Manila



ROMANIA

David and Rodica minister to the poor in village communities



ROMANIA

Mia Mihai manages "House of Life", a pro-life ministry to women



INDIA

David, Santosh and Anand engage in village evangelism through children's ministry



PHILIPPINES

Jerry and Gea plant churches in villages of Batanes island



SERBIA

Sasko and Ira produce evangelistic films for the Balkans



ROMANIA

Tijs and Jessica work among the poor and destitute in their community

PAKISTAN

We are sad to report the recent death of Edwin Khan our AMEN partner. Edwin has run the Shalom Christian Centre for the last 30 years and will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Surreya and his three children.



Workers occasionally supported in restricted access nations

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Beginnings of AMEN



'THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US AND WE ARE GLAD' PSALM 126:3



FOUNDER'S COLUMN

Dear Friends of AMEN, Since a 25th anniversary marks a quarter of a century of history, it is an appropriate time to look back. In 1995, AMEN was founded as the result of huge dissatisfaction at the inequality I repeatedly witnessed when meeting committed believers in the developing world who lacked the necessary resources to fulfil their dreams and goals. It was an issue that would not go away. So, with no initial money, zero experience and little time, I told my friends back home the stories of my friends overseas and started a charity. From day one, AMEN became and remains a collaborative effort. This larger newsletter celebrates a little of what God has done over the years, of lives that have been transformed and unique partnerships that have been established. A 25th anniversary also invites us to look forward, to imagine how things might appear 25 years from now. I am so grateful that AMEN has never had to say to a regularly supported ministry that it was unable to help them for lack of resources. That is because AMEN is evidence of the Lord's faithful provision through you. Gareth Bolton (AMEN founder and Life President)



INDIA

25 YEARS AGO, AMEN HELPED REGGIE & CAROLINE SET UP A SMALL FILM PRODUCTION HOUSE IN SOUTH INDIA.



Reggie and Caroline

Today, Caroline continues to work alongside different mission organisations to bring the GOOD NEWS to mostly tribal areas in the north of INDIA using film. Three years ago, before Reggie passed away, he said, "My work on earth is done!". As he suffered with cancer, he persevered to finish dubbing the last episode of "DEDITOS", a children's film in the Tamil language.



INDIA

ORPHANED

This is Bastine, aged 8 in 2002. She lost her dad in an accident. She found a cleaning job but her employer beat her which resulted in a severe spinal injury and TB. The Chackos, AMEN partners, had compassion on her and took care of the whole family.



CHOSEN

Today, Bastine and her husband Sanjay, run a fellowship near Mumbai. John 15:16 tells us that God has chosen each of us.

GIVE a precious GIFT this CHRISTMAS



Solar lights are received with thanks and excitement. India

As long as it is day we must work...

INDIA



DETERMINED TO EXCEL

Many children in Tender Heart come from the slums yet have entered the mainstream schools with excellence, explains Alison.



PHILIPPINES

CHILDREN'S WORK

Children in a village on Batan island hear the gospel in their own elementary school from a visiting speaker.



SERBIA

VIDEO PRODUCTION AND INTERNET BROADCASTING

Elion media makes audio recordings of the New Testament in the Serbian language as well as testimonies in cooperation with CEF. It produces programs with pastors and makes training videos to help those ministering through online outreach. Ira is involved in various translation projects. 'Thank you for standing with us', say Sasko, Ira and Abigail.

ROMANIA



ONE SPECIAL MOMENT IN RORA COMMUNITY.

He was a tough man in the community, usually violent and very negative about Christians. In the past, he had wanted to beat Liviu since his daughter started to come to the youth group and church. But everything changed when he came to the Lord and his daughter was the only one from her community in the last 10 years who succeeded in finishing High School.

BUILDING WORK

Following a fire in December that destroyed the roof of a family home, we were able, with donated funds, to construct a new one. Also, finding that the church building in Eliseni needed a new toilet and septic tank, we were able to construct one as well as make a wheelchair ramp for easy access to the church. David

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Computer training in India



Livelihood programme in Romania



Work among persecuted & displaced, Nigeria



Pastors and leaders fellowship in Philippines



A home for children in need in India



Building projects in Romania



Youth evangelistic camp in India



Church planting in the Philippines



Pro-life, a house of hope in Romania



Sunday school in north India



Covid relief and help for the hungry in India

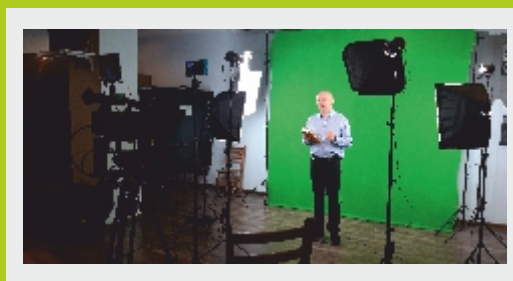


Bible School training in India

ALL THINGS COME FROM YOU O LORD
AND OF YOUR OWN DO WE GIVE YOU..



Family Christmas shoeboxes in Romania



Media production in Serbia



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CHILDREN'S WORK
CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES
CHURCH PLANTING
DISCIPLESHIP
EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT TRAINING
EVANGELISM
LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS
MEDIA MINISTRY
MEDICAL MINISTRY
PRO-LIFE
RELIEF PROJECTS



Testing for HIV/AIDS in churches in Nigeria



Good News for the least reached in India



Campus evangelism in Philippines

Let earth receive her King



NIGERIA



INDIA

FOOD FOR THE STARVING is a programme that was initiated by David and the team after seeing the suffering of village people. They are afraid of a future without food and work due to Covid-19. About 230 people have been receiving one meal a day costing 50 rupees (50p) per person.

NONE OF THESE CHILDREN HAVE EVER BEEN TO SCHOOL so Naphtali and his team started a school which local people had requested, as well as a church.



INDIA



ROMANIA

CASA VIETII (HOUSE OF LIFE) BRINGS A BLESSING BEFORE EASTER IN ROMANIA

During these hard times when we are all going through difficulties, some people who are in lockdown have lost their jobs. We want to say thank you for the money that has been given to buy food for pregnant women as well as mothers with babies and young children. Casa Vietii has been able to bless 50 women and their families with the money AMEN sent. They could see that God is thinking of them. Thank you for your generosity. *Mia*

THANK YOU for your prayers and sacrificial support for El-Shadai children's home throughout this year. We love you and bless you. *Joseph*



PHILIPPINES

THE SIKATT SCHOLARS are being helped with their Internet costs by AMEN. Zaldy and Ria are conducting their bible studies and worship service online due to the Covid-19 virus.



Prepare Him room...

I HAVE JUST MET MORE THAN 180 PASTORS.

We had a time of prayer, worship and fellowship. All the pastors said they had been blessed with gifts of groceries on five occasions since April. The pastors were in tears and very thankful to you all for the timely help. What blessed me was hearing them say, "Through the pastors conference that took place just before Covid-19, God prepared us to stay strong". Churches are open, but people are in fear of the virus. Although lots of pastors are still struggling financially, they are encouraged and continually want to serve the Lord. They are seeing a good response to the gospel. *Francis*

INDIA

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ROMANIA



REACHING THE LEAST REACHED IN THE NORTH. Roy and his team in Nabarangpur district.

NIGERIA



BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

we were able to feed the destitute in Jos in June following the response to our May appeal as well as a gift from one of our partner trusts. 50 families received food relief twice. They were also counselled by Grace & Light International volunteers to understand how to cope during lockdown. Counsellors were able to share the good news of Christ and pray for many of the people. Queues formed when they heard we had more food to distribute. There are both Christian and Muslim families living on low daily wages. They are not able to work during lockdown. £10 feeds a household for a week. *Tassie*

OUR GOAL IS TO HELP THE POOREST.

We break through the vicious circle of poverty and misery by means of education, assistance, play and care. *Tijs*

PHILIPPINES



COVID RELIEF to the poorest urban slums where Winston and his team partner with local churches to plant sustainable churches within two years.