We all know the news can be discouraging. Taking in the day’s headlines often means weeding through politically-inspired stories, divisive language and general negativity. Thankfully, there’s a great alternative.

Each day, our Mission Network News team highlights current events not through a partisan lens, but a Kingdom one. In partnership with more than 60 organizations serving around the world, MNN features the latest news through the eyes of believers working to bring hope in each situation. Beyond just informing its listeners, Mission Network News also inspires action by providing practical ways to make an impact through prayer or partnership.

Heard on 700+ radio outlets across 37 countries, Mission Network News can also be read online, on social media or heard via your Amazon Alexa. You can also have it sent straight to your inbox. So if you are ready to see world events through a new lens, we encourage you to take advantage of this excellent resource. To subscribe today, visit www.mnnonline.org and click on “Email updates.”

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Who couldn’t use some encouragement to help make sense of the world these days?

Season 2 of our Brand New Day with Michael Thompson podcast launche in September. Tune in for meaningful reflections on our times as well as inspiring ideas to help you love God and reach people like never before.

Let Michael’s wise, disarming words, sprinkled with his soul-soothing piano, help you fulfill your purpose with joy.

We’re excited to launch a new weekly release this fall!

ONEWAY SCRIPTURE SONGS

If you would welcome an easy way to meditate on and memorize Scripture, be sure you are on our email list to receive a new song each week. Email “Sign me up” to mail@owm.org or text your email address to 630.945.0898.

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Resources to help you thrive in uncertain times

Thieving in turbulent times

So how do we thrive when it feels like the world is unraveling? 2020 has given us one opportunity after another to consider that question.

First, we have to remember that true thriving always happens on the inside. It’s never about our circumstances. That’s why someone like Corrie ten Boom could have a full heart in a concentration camp, while someone with outwardly easy circumstances can be miserable. True thriving always springs from within.

Secondly, it’s time to re-up our efforts to pursue His mission. For OneWay, this means not just trying to get back to yesterday. It means looking toward tomorrow and asking how we can seize today.

Our ministry leaders around the world have inspired us in this quest. They remain passionate about the gospel of Christ and committed to maximizing this moment in world history.

So what about you? How are you seizing the moment? If you are feeling down or discouraged, we hope you’ll see the back page for free resources we are offering to help you thrive right where you are. Because in Christ, better days are always ahead.

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**20X MULTIPLICATION IN GHANA**

How one discipleship group mushroomed during COVID

With large outreaches on hold, the OneWay Africa team has focused more on disciple-making groups in 2020. One group that was started among the unreached Mamprusi people has since multiplied into 20 groups.

Fueling this discipleship movement is our solar-powered audio Bible available in six languages. Field workers say the BiblePlus+ units are “going like hot cakes” and pray for more units as soon as possible.

**“The group members are vibrant, growing in their faith and reaching out to Muslims and idol worshippers.”**

**Sponsor a BiblePlus+ player for $50 and reach an estimated 10 people with God’s Word.**

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**FROM JIHAD TO JESUS**

One man’s amazing “Saul to Paul” journey to Christ

Saul had a master’s degree in Islamic law. He went on to become the leader of a troop of 25 Muslim extremists bent on Jihad.

One day while napping in his truck before a major bombing, he saw a man fully dressed in white, telling him, “You are mine! You do not belong to anyone else.” The man kept following him.

Confused, Saul instructed his subordinate to take over the operation. The man in white told him to look for the nearest church, which Saul eventually found. The pastor there was nervous, but after Saul told him what had happened, the pastor opened his Bible to the 9th chapter of Acts and led Saul to Christ!

Today Saul – now Paul – is a new man, fully committed to the Lord. In August, Paul graduated from one of the four missionary schools run by our Streams of Living Water ministry in the Middle East/North Africa region. Please pray for him as he joins the team back in 1996. He graduated and began serving among the unreached in South Sudan.

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**CONGRATULATIONS, SIMON!**

A member of our Streams team gets married

Simon was trained as a missionary by our Streams of Living Waters team back in 1996. He graduated and began serving among the unreached in South Sudan.

In his first eight years on the field, Simon started 22 new churches. He remains in South Sudan, still leading some of the churches and helping them to grow and thrive.

Despite the incredible success of his ministry, Simon has had one ache in his heart. He longed to be married, but lacked the resources to provide a dowry (a necessity in this culture). But God, who knows our deepest desires, did not forget Simon. God recently blessed Simon with enough cows to marry the woman he loves. Pray for God’s blessing as this couple begins to serve together.

To send Simon a note of congratulations, write to mail@owm.org.

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**REACHING IRANIAN REFUGEES**

A Guatemalan couple makes an impact in Greece

In 2019, Miguel and Laura G. left heir home country of Guatemala to minister among Iranian refugees in Greece. Today, they serve with our Gospel Advance team as they teach Persian and build deep relationships with those whose lives have been upended.

Laura shares, “Last month, six women moved into the ministry house. One of them had her asylum denied in Greece and she’s been asked to return to Iran. So they have great emotional and spiritual burdens... On Saturdays, we meet in our apartment to drink a cup of tea. We talk about the things on our hearts and pray. God’s presence is so real.”

Please pray for God to bring these women and many others to Christ.

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**Special Campaign Update**

As many of you know, when the pandemic hit, OneWay was in the middle of a significant capital campaign.

Given the circumstances, OneWay leadership felt it wise and appropriate to suspend the campaign.

We continue in that mode, watching the progress of the pandemic and asking the Lord to show us when and how to publically and proactively seek funds for this need once again.

To date, God has graciously provided $2.3 million of the campaign’s board-approved goal of $4 million. Please join us in praying for the remaining $1.7 million in His perfect time.

In the meantime, we continue to diligently pursue options for our facility need.

Most encouraging of all is a sense that God is in control. We feel confident that when the time is right He will say, “This is the way. Walk in it.” Please pray that He will do more than we can ask or imagine toward that end.

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**44 workers going to the Muslim world this fall**

Streams of Living Water is sending 44 of its recent missionary school graduates from the Middle East & North Africa to serve within the region long-term.

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**480 Arabic-speakers gathered in North Africa for Streams of Living Water’s annual mobilization conference in September. Many will move into a Streams training program to prepare for long-term missionary service. Praise the Lord!**