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A group of four children are sitting at a long wooden table, eating from metal plates. The plates contain white rice, a yellow egg, and a red sauce. A small bowl of green soup is also on the table. The children are focused on their food. The background is a dark wooden wall.

A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL



For BCM, “we can keep kids safer” is not just a slogan but a reality that can be obtained.

Since our mission is reaching children with the gospel, it is also our responsibility to safeguard them from harm.



Many years ago when I was a graduate student teaching in the Child Development Lab, a mother came to me. She was physically shaking, devastated, and enraged. Between sobs, she told me she'd just found out her four-year-old daughter had been molested by a babysitter's husband. She wanted input for any unusual behaviors the girl might have exhibited in my class. In my mid-twenties then, I was saddened this type of abuse could happen to an innocent child. Years later, I still wonder what became of this case and whether the child recovered from those horrendous experiences.



Top: BCM South Africa Club Gametime

Middle: Dr. Sophia Wong

Right: Cowboy Night at Teen Bible Club-Bolivia

Child abuse and neglect is regrettably far more common than we might think. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one in five women globally and one in thirteen men report having been sexually abused as a minor. These numbers are likely an underestimate since many cases are never reported. The lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect rivals the cost of other high-profile public health problems such as heart disease and diabetes. Childhood abuse isn't something you "get over." It is an evil we must acknowledge and confront if we are to care for the precious gifts from God that are children.

Since 1.4 million children globally participate in BCM-related programs each year, BCM leadership pays close attention to this issue. In March 2024, BCM president Dr. Rick Rhoads with six other BCM

missionaries representing Asia, Africa, and North America attended a global conference sponsored by Child Safety and Protection Network. The conference and pre-training were held in a beautiful centuries-old seminary campus in Malaga, Spain. About sixty mission organizations and international Christian schools with approximately 175 total global leaders were in attendance. The purpose was to train global leaders in the significance of safeguarding children by creating organizational vision, cultivating a safe culture, and conducting wholistic ministry to honor God.

For BCM, "we can keep kids safer" is not just a slogan but a reality that can be obtained. Since our mission is reaching children with the gospel, it is also our responsibility to safeguard them from harm. It was encouraging to network with



other like-minded organizations during this conference. BCM leadership shared what we've learned as an organization in almost ninety years of children's ministry, and we in turn encountered new resources to make our own safety program stronger.

Since the conference, the seven BCM team members have been meeting to prioritize the tasks placed before us. This includes forming a global child safety team headed by BCM's personnel department. Among top priorities are revising the current BCM Child Safety and Vulnerable People Handbook, developing a three-to-five-year child safety plan, and working on child-safety training and curriculum at different levels within BCM.

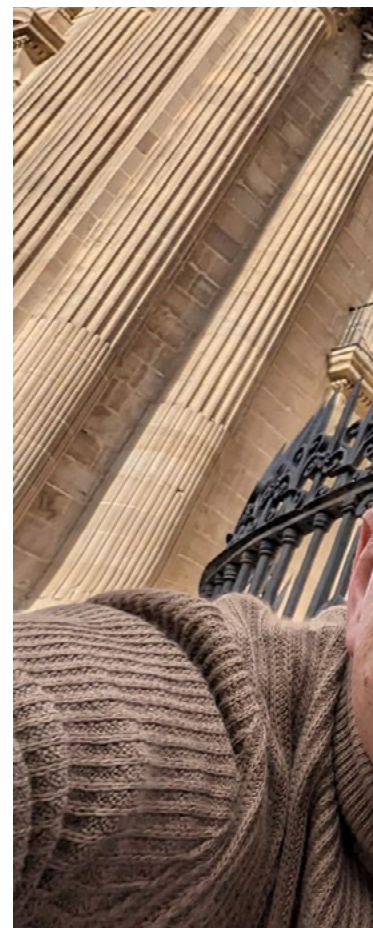
As international children's director, I want every child who attends a BCM program, whether camp, Bible club, VBS, or school release class, to feel safe and be safe. Promoting awareness of child-safeguarding through training and screening to the global BCM family is a top priority. Last summer, I developed an eleven-minute refresher video to outline some key points for safeguarding children in BCM programs. This video has been subtitled to Spanish, Russian, Dutch, and Chinese languages. To obtain a copy, please contact me at swong@bcmintl.org. If you are interested to know more about BCM's child safety program or being part of your local safety team, please contact the BCM personnel department: personneldept@bcmintl.org.

Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me" (Matthew 19:14)." When they come, let's keep them safe!

For more information, check out the following sites:

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/child-maltreatment>

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html>



BCM team Child Safety Con



Closing Program for Parents



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A photograph of a baptism ceremony taking place outdoors by a pond. Three individuals are dressed in white robes, likely clergy members, and a woman in a purple dress is being baptized. The scene is set against a backdrop of tall reeds and a body of water. Large white letters spelling 'OLIVIA' are visible in the background. The text 'OPENING NEW DOORS FOR BCM GERMANY' is overlaid in large white capital letters at the bottom of the image.

OPENING NEW DOORS FOR BCM GERMANY

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BCM Germany Team

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demarcation line, resulting in four new church plants.

Today, the BCM Germany team includes twelve full-time missionaries and many volunteers under leadership of field director Oskar Wentland. Along with church planting, they carry out a variety of camp ministry, family counseling, children's ministry training (ISMT), Bible clubs for special needs adults, and a Christian foster parent network. This year, the first camps for foster kids and foster parents were maxed out within two days



of opening registration. One unique ministry is the production of flannelgraph for BCM's Footsteps of Faith curriculum in numerous languages across Europe. A BCM missionary couple from Central America is also pastoring a Spanish church plant.

But the BCM Germany team would never have expected their fastest-growing ministry would not be German at all. When Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, an early target was Mariupol, where BCM personnel have worked long-term

with a Christian orphanage. A harrowing land journey evacuated the orphans to Germany, where the BCM team helped arrange sanctuary through the Blue Cross (see [*"Keeping the Faith in War-Torn Ukraine," BCM World, November 2022*](#)).

Over following months, tens, then hundreds of thousands more Ukrainian refugees, most of them women and children, poured into Germany. BCM Germany missionaries and volunteers joined with other German Christians to offer shelter, food supplies, clothing,

help with government forms and enrolling children in school. Among them was Dasha Blaszhkun, whose mother was led to Christ through a BCM Ukraine missionary and went on to become a BCM ministry leader (see *"Signing New Life in Ukraine," BCM World, May 2024*). Already in Germany as a BCM volunteer, Dasha became a top translator for Ukrainian outreach.

An immediate need was shelter. BCM Germany learned of a Christian camp facility that wasn't being used, which they were able to convert into a refugee center. It was soon overflowing. Among the refugees were two BCM Ukraine missionary women, Ludmilla and Natasha, who started a prayer meeting in the camp. BCM's church plant in the city started a Sunday afternoon worship service in Ukrainian. Attendance eventually topped 120, and in 2023 a separate Ukrainian church was started.

The work wasn't easy. With few volunteers and an unending flow of refugees, team members were often exhausted, and refugees were not always cooperative. Some resented their children being exposed to the Christian faith at the camp. One woman especially, who arrived with a small daughter and teen son, was extremely aggressive, constantly lying, and causing trouble in the camp. She was angry when other refugees who were Christian openly prayed, sang worship songs, and

shared Christ. She made it clear she didn't want her children invited to Bible clubs or Christian youth activities.

Finally, the woman was creating so many problems the BCM team was advised they should kick her out of the program. They chose instead to give the woman a second chance. Well aware of the trouble she'd caused, the woman asked them, "Why are you doing this? Why aren't you kicking me out?"

"We want to show you the kind of love God has for you," they explained.

Change didn't happen overnight, but a short time later, the woman approached BCM Germany team members about visiting the Ukrainian church service. She asked for a Bible and began reading it with her children. It wasn't long before she gave her life to Christ and was baptized. People were stunned to see her entire appearance transformed as the angry attitude gave way to a smile that radiated the joy of the Lord.

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After six months, a government program provided long-term apartment housing for the camp refugees. But the BCM Germany team continues working with them. Along with the Ukrainian church plant, they have started Ukrainian youth ministry and Bible clubs. In summer 2023, BCM Germany sponsored the first Ukrainian youth camp, held in the same facility that had previously housed refugees and led by Dasia Blaszhkun.

Dasia shares, “When I was a little girl in Ukraine and my mom was doing BCM missionary work there, I never dreamed I’d be standing in front of a camp of Ukrainian young people in Germany teaching them how to make godly life decisions from the Bible or translating from German and English into Ukrainian for Bible teachers and government agencies.”

With many Ukrainian refugees accepting Christ, the next goal for Dasia and teammates is to start a discipleship program and Bible Institute school for Ukrainians in Germany.

“Pray with us that God would raise up more German evangelical church personnel to help with the task,” BCM Germany director Oskar Wentland requests. “And for a new generation of German young people to commit themselves to attending Bible college and becoming missionaries, both with BCM Germany and other Christian organizations as God leads.”

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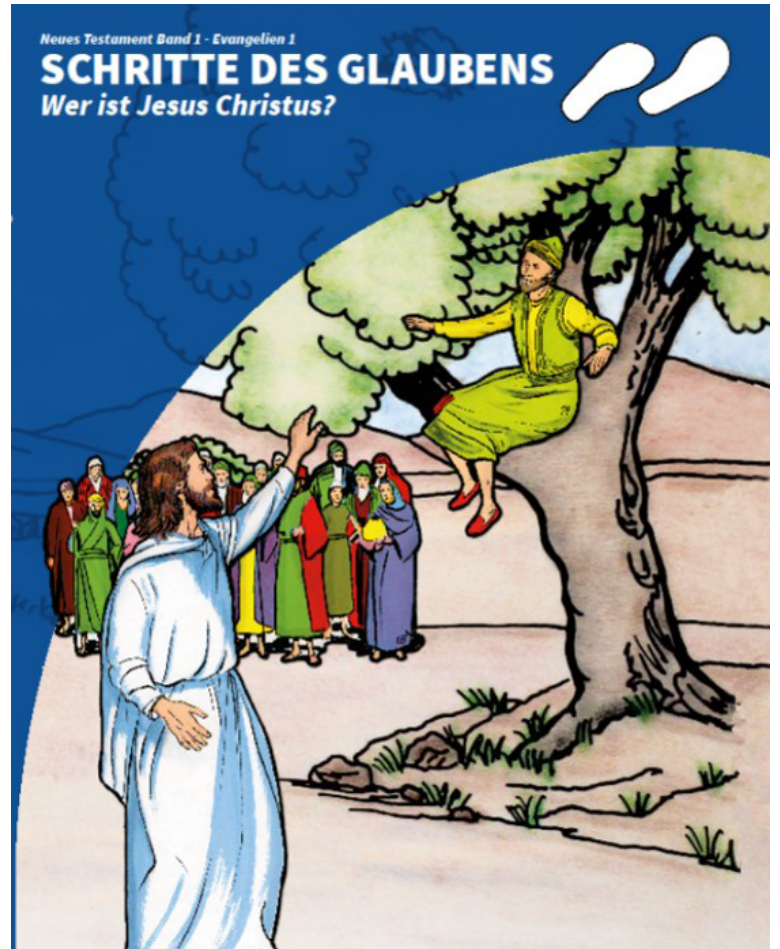
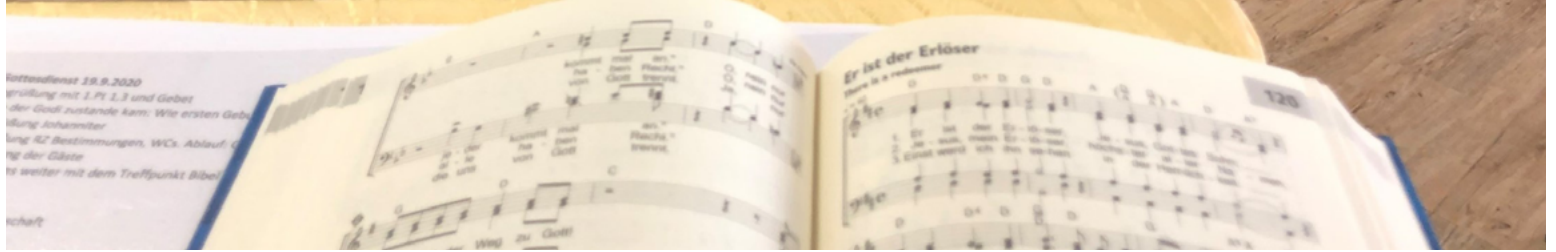
Top: BCM Germany Church Plant

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Bottom Right: Footsteps of Faith German



ISMT Training Germany





ANSWERED PRAYERS

Chuck Powers Baptizing New Believer

Once identifying as a Christian nation, France is in a spiritual war with witchcraft, spiritism, atheism, and a growing Islamic demographic far more prevalent today than Bible-believing Christians. Just one percent identify as evangelical, far less in northern France, where alcoholism, domestic abuse, suicide, and unemployment are also rampant.

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After more than twenty years as directors of BCM France's Center Seven in southern France, Chuck and Cathy Powers moved north to start a new ministry center first in Devres, then in Samer near the English Channel (see "[*Responding to a New Macedonian Call*](#)," *BCM World*, April 2018). They also began working with a pastorless church in nearby Boulogne sur Mer. Their only coworkers were daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Ben Hildebrand. They began praying that God would bring new missionaries to the BCM France team.

In walked God's answer to their prayers: Clarence and Barbara Yearwood. The couple were born and raised in Guyana, a South American country sharing an Atlantic coast line with Suriname, and French Guiana. They began dating as teenagers and were twenty-one when Barbara became pregnant. Wanting to marry before the baby was born, they set a wedding date. That was when Clarence discovered he needed a birth certificate to get a marriage license. His mother had died when he was only six months old. A

drunkard, his father never bothered to register Clarence's birth.

Unhappily, the young couple settled for a common-law marriage. Barbara recommitted her life to Christ after their second child was born, then Clarence. They began attending church and wanted to serve God in ministry. But it weighed on them both that they weren't legally married. Without a birth certificate, they saw no way forward. Many other opportunities were denied their growing family because Clarence had no official I.D.

Then a church friend found out about their dilemma. She told the couple, "Look, I have a relative who is a justice of the peace. I will be your 'auntie' to testify Clarence is who he says, and my relative can give you a retroactive birth registration."

As soon as the paperwork was completed, Clarence headed to the pastor's house, where he announced, "I've got my birth certificate. I'm ready to get married."

"We'll have to announce the bans," the pastor responded calmly. "So you'll have to wait another week."

A week later at age thirty-four, Clarence and Barbara finally had their church wedding. Their family grew to five children, including a young nephew whose mother had passed away. But life in Guyana held few economic opportunities to provide for such a large family. In 1999, Clarence traveled French Guiana, which as an overseas department of France was part



Clarence and Barbara Yearwood

of the European Union with a more stable economy. He found construction work. In 2003, Barbara and the three children still at home joined him.

Their biggest challenge was learning French since Guyana was an English-speaking nation. Finding a church, Clarence and Barbara became increasingly involved in ministry. Barbara taught Sunday school and was part of the music ministry. Clarence was a leader of men's ministry and taught adult Sunday school. Both led cell groups.

The family eventually received their residency cards, which meant they could freely travel to France. One daughter moved to France to study law. Two brothers followed. Their oldest daughter was already

married. In 2016, Barbara moved to France to be close to their younger children while Clarence stayed behind to work. Arriving in Devres, she immediately began searching for an evangelical church. The church Chuck pastored was just a five-minute walk from her new home.

Chuck asked the church to pray that God would provide a good job for Clarence so he could join Barbara. A short time later, God answered with a job right in Desvres. The Yearwoods immediately began serving in the church. Chuck and Cathy quickly realized Clarence and Barbara were God's answer to their prayers for new missionaries. They are now officially part of the BCM France team.

Once a trucking hangar, the BCM center



Church Retreat Inner Courtyard BCM France Center



Worship Time Church Retreat BCM France Center



in Samir has been recently completed as a multipurpose gymnasium/camp/church that seats up to 230. More than two hundred attended its 2023 inauguration, including the mayor. The facility is used for Christian sports events, concerts, day camps, church retreats, and seminars. A church plant meets there Sunday afternoons. The Boulogne church continues to meet Sunday mornings, and a third church plant meets Thursday evenings.

Barbara serves with Cathy and Michelle in children's and women's ministry and leads music. Clarence serves as church deacon and maintains the center infrastructure. But his passion is evangelism. He quickly found this was far more difficult in France than South

America. He was singing Christian music with Ben and Michelle in a nearby park when the police warned them that people paid to enter the park, and bothering them with religion wasn't allowed.

Leaving, the team spent time praying that God would open a door. They returned to the park, this time a different area. This time, the police left them alone, and they spent a peaceful evening intermixing gospel music with creative evangelistic presentations. Clarence does outdoor evangelism several times a month with other church members. This includes going into the streets to hand out gospels and sharing their faith with interested passersby. They routinely receive angry responses, are told to shut up or leave, that Jesus is dead, or that He never existed. It is

also illegal to proselytize or give religious literature to minors under eighteen.

All this makes reaching people with the gospel outside of church services very difficult. One solution is friendship evangelism. Michelle and Ben have five daughters in the French school system. The BCM France team invites classmates and school parents over for fun cross-cultural activities such as a Fourth of July celebration or Thanksgiving feast. As opportunities permit, they share their faith. They are now well-known as evangelical missionaries, so acquaintances will approach with spiritual questions. A steady number of new converts are being baptized.

With the Samir center's growing ministry, the BCM France team has two additional goals for the near future. First

to identify church members serious about their faith and train them in leadership and evangelism so they can reach their families and friends. The second is to start a Christian school. The need was highlighted at a recent school program Michelle and Ben attended. The four-year-old class emerged onstage with a traffic sign that read, "Highway to Hell," the song they'd been assigned to sing for their parents.

"After all these years, God has given us this big, beautiful center," Michelle points out. "It won't be easy as France has a lot of regulations for schools. But Christian children need an education that doesn't mock their faith, and Lord willing, we'd like to make that possible here."

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Boulougne BCM France Church



SIGNING GOD'S NEW LIFE IN UKRAINE

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Ukraine was still firmly behind the Iron Curtain of the Soviet Union when Victor and Nadia Anokhin first met in the capital city of Kiev where both grew up. Nadia's parents took their children each Sunday to Central Baptist Church. While attending church was legal for adults, teaching Christianity to children was illegal. Even so, Nadia's mother led weekly Sunday school classes and played the piano for services.

In the communist-run public school, the word Baptist was used as an epithet. Government officials visited churches, listing every child in attendance. At school, teachers called Nadia and other Christian students traitors. They were threatened that they'd be removed from their homes and placed in an orphanage. Even so, by her early teens Nadia had committed her life to Christ.

In contrast, Victor reached young adulthood a rebel against religion. He'd attended a very legalistic church as a child. Now he pursued the pleasures of secular Soviet youth, smoking, drinking, and growing his hair long hippy-style. Then someone invited him to Central Baptist Church. To his shock, the congregation welcomed him just as he was. Their loving witness brought him back to the gospel, and in 1977, Victor surrendered his heart to Christ.

But becoming a Christian meant an end to college and career plans. Students were

required to declare political and religious affiliations. Those from communist party or atheist homes could apply to college. Baptist or other church affiliation was an automatic disqualifier. Victor found work in construction. A hard worker and highly intelligent, he was promoted to manager despite church attendance.

A short time later, Victor was heading into church when he spotted a distraught young woman he recognized her as Nadia, daughter of a church family whom he'd met at a youth activity. Concerned, he asked why she was crying. Her mother had just died, Nadia explained, and she was hurrying to inform church leadership.

Victor did all he could to help the family in their loss. As they spent more time together, Victor and Nadia fell in love. In 1978, they married. Their first son Tima was born in 1979, a brother Sergey in 1980, and some years later their youngest son Yuri. Both continued serving in Christian ministry. By 1985, Victor was a church deacon.

This was a time of great upheaval throughout the Soviet Union. The Berlin Wall fell in 1989. By 1991, much of eastern Europe had broken away from the Soviet Union. In August 1991, Ukraine declared its own independence. That same year, Ukraine passed a law on Freedom of Conscience and Religion, guaranteeing the right of every Ukrainian to practice the religion of their choice.



Victor and Nadia Anohim Young Married



Victor-Nadia Teaching Together

Victor and Nadia joined an outreach into public schools. Former communist leadership didn't want to hear the word Christian, but as social upheaval brought a rise in crime and delinquency, they were happy to have Christian values and ethics taught. In this way, the Anokhins were able to teach Bible and share the gospel message.

To that point, there were no deaf ministries in Ukraine nor much help at all for the handicapped. The public face of the Soviet Union was healthy, prosperous citizens. Deaf and other handicapped individuals were consigned to special schools or institutions. Only with the fall of the Soviet Union did average Ukrainians become aware how many deaf

and handicapped people their country contained.

As she taught Bible in public schools, Nadia shared the gospel with faculty, resulting in four Russian-language teachers becoming Christians. She also began teaching at a boarding school for deaf students. Teachers knew little sign language, so students were expected to learn through lip reading. In consequence, deaf children often learned little and couldn't complete homework. Requesting the most difficult class in the school, Nadia worked with them and led many to Christ.

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who had learned sign language helped with translation. The first baptisms of deaf converts were held—ten, fifteen, then twenty. The need for a more in-depth deaf ministry was evident, but no one was interested in taking on this challenge.

That was when Victor stepped forward. He'd picked up some sign language from translators and was willing to try. With another Ukrainian missionary, they formed a ministry to deaf and other handicapped called Ray of Hope. Among the first volunteers was one of the school teachers Nadia had led to Christ, Natalia Blazhkun. Today her daughter Dasia is a

BCM ministry leader serving with BCM Germany's outreach to Ukrainian war refugees.

One difficulty was that Ukrainian/Russian sign language, developed under communism, had no words for many biblical/theological terms, including signs for Christ and God. Victor was studying at the Baptist seminary by now and had become fluent in sign language. He and his Ray of Hope team created many new signs to cover Bible words and names. Victor and Nadia also began writing curriculum to help teachers and other Christian volunteers work with the deaf, the first



Nadia Anohim Teaching FOF Deaf Kids

material of its kind available in Ukrainian and Russian languages.

Ray of Hope ministry quickly grew beyond Kiev, including evangelistic trips around Ukraine, and a camp ministry for the deaf. Each main city had a center where deaf gathered for socializing and even dancing, turning speakers up so high they could feel the vibrations of music they couldn't hear. Visiting these center, Ray of Hope personnel shared the gospel message in sign language. But they only had two fulltime missionaries and a handful of volunteers, not enough for the opportunities.

One day Victor and Nadia met a new American missionary, Sam Hanchett, from an organization called Bible Centered Ministries. Sam and his team were visiting hospitals, schools, and orphanages to determine the greatest need. BCM already had an established handicapped ministry known as Handivangelism. The Anokhins and Sam Hanchett immediately saw the potential of working together. Sam sponsored Victor and Nadia as BCM missionaries. Together, they became the beginning of BCM Ukraine, which today numbers twenty-two missionaries and numerous volunteers.



Original Ray of Hope team



Victor-Nadia Anohim Family Today

Since childhood, the Anokhins' three sons participated in their ministry, helping prepare materials for deaf ministry and Bible clubs, doing street evangelism, working in camps. Tima with his wife Natasha currently serves as BCM field director (see "[*Keeping the Faith in War-Torn Ukraine*](#)," *BCM World*, November 2022), Sergey pastors a church, while Yuri works as a rehabilitation specialist.

The Covid pandemic and Russian invasion put a pause on handicapped ministries, but Victor and Nadia continue

serving wherever possible. Twelve Christian sign language interpreters currently work with them, two of these military. A sharp spike in deafness has resulted from untreated Covid as well as explosions and gunfire on the battle front, which have caused many perforated eardrums. Along with existing chaplaincy ministry, BCM Ukraine is increasing outreach to soldiers left deaf by the war. Victor and Nadia ask for prayer that many of these soldiers will come to Christ as the gospel is shared with them.



BCM IN THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

God works in wonderful ways to carry out His purposes. He has done so for us in the Kingdom of Eswatini to fulfil our passion in reaching children for Christ. The potential of continued and improved ministry is not only for the children. Families, the local church, and communities have also been greatly enhanced.

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Eswatini is a nation of 1.2 million population in southern Africa, formerly known as Swaziland. It consists of four geographical regions. Today, BCM Bible clubs are widespread in all of them, including both remote and urban areas. A practicing attorney by career, I (Lindiwe) served many years in children's ministry with long-term BCM missionaries Assiena Maseko and Martha Tsabedze across Eswatini, (see "[*New Missionaries for BCM Africa*](#)," *BCM World*, March 2022). Since the passing to glory of Assiena, I now serve as BCM Eswatini director. We are so thankful as a team for the provision through BCM of a vehicle to reach children in remote, difficult areas.

Highlights for BCM Eswatini ministry includes regular training workshops for Bible club teachers. These focus on how to better minister to children, the importance of portraying a Christ-like character, and creating lessons with only the Bible and improvising visual aids with what is available locally rather than relying on expensive purchased visuals.

After-school Bible clubs are held in thirty-two areas, sometimes in local schools, others in open air or under shade of trees. School assembly Bible classes reach hundreds more. Before the Covid-19 epidemic, BCM Eswatini was reaching more than ten thousand children weekly with almost two hundred volunteer teachers. This dropped drastically during the pandemic lockdown, but by 2023 attendance is shooting up again.

A majority of Bible clubs and even school assemblies are held outdoors, so the weather is a constant challenge, especially in more rural areas. Some willing, committed teachers open their own homes for Bible club classes on rainy, windy days, may our good God bless them. But there is often not enough room indoors for the number of children, so classes have to be cancelled in bad weather.

Each year, regional rallies bring children together from different clubs. Individual clubs showcase biblical dramas they have created, recite Bible passages and Christian poems they've memorized, and present special music of gospel songs they've been learning during the year. During these rallies, children are able to mingle and make friends from other clubs.

At a time when school is out, clubbers from all across Eswatini come together for camp, usually held at Luve, a small rural town in central Eswatini conveniently close to the main highway. A camp theme



BCM Volunteers Handing out Reading Material

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Lindiwe with Clubbers

is selected each year, and lessons and activities are centered around that theme. A rally held on the last day allow clubbers to showcase all they've been learning to visiting parents, family members, and other clubs.

Our BCM Eswatini board is very active in the ministry. Some board members teach Bible sessions in school assemblies so that students may come to know, love and obey God. On scheduled weekends, board members visit Bible club teachers in different areas to encourage and motivate them through God's Word and practical instruction.

Many challenges face the BCM Eswatini ministry. The kingdom of Eswatini is one of Africa's poorest nations with sixty percent unemployment and over sixty percent

living on less than the global poverty level of two dollars a day. One-fourth of the population are HIV positive, including many children. Children routinely come to Bible clubs hungry. As resources allow, BCM Eswatini provides feeding programs for some of the poorest clubs.

Finances for the entire children's ministry and for assistance to feed both children and teachers are a current dire need. An ongoing goal as well is to obtain a plot of land where a permanent BCM Eswatini structure can be built to accommodate club national meetings and offices as well as for storage of teaching material safely out of the weather.

Despite challenges, we give thanks for the many people being impacted through BCM Eswatini ministry, both children





New Dawn Bible Club

and adults. The changed behavior of children after they've accepted Christ as personal Savior are a living testimony to their families. In consequence, many parents have come to know Christ through the Bible clubs. Changed lives of Bible clubbers also impact their schools and classmates. The children themselves are impacted by their Bible club teachers, who model biblical principles and godly adult interaction such as gentleness, kindness and living practically according to biblical core values.

With the help of God, the heavenly Father of children, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we as a BCM Eswatini team hope to make a mark through evangelism, Bible teaching, and modeled biblical



Lindiwe Simelane and Husband Joseph

behavior that will enable the children of Eswatini to know, love and obey God.

To contribute to BCM Eswatini ministry, visit www.bcminintl.org/give.

*"If we have nothing else to give our children,
they have enough if they have God."*

—Charles Spurgeon

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