

Mission Badge

2021

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
Matthew 28:19,20a

Introducing

Janice Reid **Missionary Radio Trainer**



“Hello. I am Janice Reid, from Hamilton (Aberdeen) Reformed Church. I trusted in Jesus for my salvation when I was 13, when I went to a Presbyterian youth group and the leader told me about Christ. Ever since then I have wanted to be a missionary, telling other people about Jesus. It's really hard, actually, and normally it takes a long time and many meetings with people before they start to trust what you say. But it's really, really worth it! Imagine: if people don't know Jesus, they won't go to heaven. It's so sad to think of that - so the more people we tell, the more the Holy Spirit uses our words to help people trust in Jesus. Radio is a great way to do that - we can talk to many people all at the same time. I started out by doing radio programs in the Philippines, by talking to people in India, using a special type of powerful transmitter called Short Wave. Now I teach people in Indonesia and other places in Asia, and they're the ones doing the radio programmes. It's really cool to know other people care about reaching out in Jesus' name through the airwaves! Please pray those announcers would be faithful and that God would bless their programmes.”

Janice has been involved in Christian radio since 1991. During these past 30 years, she has been based in South-East Asia. She has provided training workshops for hundreds of radio announcers throughout Asia, and written training courses for them. Announcers attending her workshops learn about; What the Bible says about communication, how to get to know their listeners, how to operate studio equipment, how to prepare programmes, and how to take on air calls from listeners.

Due to the travel restrictions as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, Janice has been unable to travel or provide workshops, but she is able to continue to provide radio training to announcers through online courses.

Introducing **REACH BEYOND**

Reach Beyond is an international mission organisation with specialised skills in media, healthcare and community development.

Their motto is to be “Voice + Hands”.

They use radio and digital media to reach people in many different countries who haven't yet heard the good news. Reach Beyond partners with local Christians to help them set up their own radio stations for outreach in countries where there are not many churches, and average people cannot learn about Jesus in other ways. The national partner is responsible for running the station, but Reach Beyond provides the transmitter, some of the studio equipment, and provides training and ongoing support to help them reach out to people in their own language. Reach Beyond partners with many radio stations in Asia, as well as stations in Equador, Spain, Africa and the Middle East.

Reach Beyond operates their own short-wave radio site in Kununurra at the very top of Western Australia. This site has huge radio masts (seriously, really huge), that transmit short-wave radio programmes in over 20 languages. These braodcasts reach listeners all the way in India, Myanmar and Japan.

Radio is only half of what Reach Beyond does. As their motto says, voice + hands. They seek to extend the message people hear on the radio by providing for physical as well as spiritual needs. One area that Reach Beyond has been involved in has been at the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh, to provide medical care and blankets to Royingya refugees who had to flee for their lives from neighbouring Myanmar. Reach Beyond is also doing outreach to Syrian refugees in Greece. They operate medical clinics in Equador and Central Asia. Reach Beyond provides relief to people following natural disasters, by giving food, water and medical help.

1. Why Radio Ministry? Think about, and write down what the advantages and challenges might be in spreading the Gospel over the radio.

Now write down what the advantages and challenges are for 'on the ground' missionary work.

2. Map Challenge Janice trains people from many different South East Asian countries. Sometimes she is able to travel to where they live, to run training workshops for them. In the wordfind below you will find the names of the countries highlighted on the map, as well as their capital cities. Use an atlas to help you.



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3. Something to think about. Think about, and write down all the ways that you have learnt about God sending his Son Jesus into the world to save sinners.

If you lived in Asia, you might live in a city with millions of people. Or you might live in a town, a small village in a remote rural area, or a village in the jungle. In many parts of Asia, there are very few Christians, and very few Christian Churches. How could someone living there get to hear about Jesus?

4. Romans 10:14 Look up and write out this verse. Discuss it as cadre. _____

5. Imagine starting a radio station! Imagine if your church was planning to start a radio station, so they could reach the people in your community with the Gospel. Together as a cadre, brainstorm all the things you would have to think about and plan, to be able to get a radio station up and running. Write down your cadre's ideas.

6. Fundraise for radio ministry. As a club, raise some money to support Reach Beyond's Radio ministry.

7. Pray. Please pray for Janice Reid, that God will grant her health, strength and wisdom to continue her work as a radio trainer. Pray for her as she settles back into life in New Zealand. Pray for the work of Reach Beyond, and for the partner radio stations that are proclaiming the gospel in their communities. Pray for the listeners, that they may respond to the good news they hear on the radio, and come to saving faith in Jesus Christ as their saviour.

Congratulations on completing the Mission Badge for 2021. Next year we'll learn more about Reach Beyond and Janice Reid's work as a Missionary Radio Trainer. Maybe you'll even get to meet her, as she's coming back to NZ to live here, while continuing to work for Reach Beyond.