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a word  
from  
*Wayne*



Reach Beyond President

Dear Friend,

For 45 years I was married to the most wonderful woman you could imagine. She was loving, kind, and most of all, a dedicated follower of Jesus. She was my best friend, ministry partner and helpmate in every way.

In May 2013 Norma was diagnosed with cancer. After surgery and chemotherapy, she appeared to have beaten it, but aggressive cells came roaring back. She left this world for the presence of Jesus on Thursday, April 3.

When I interviewed for the presidency of Reach Beyond six years ago, Norma said, *"I'll follow you wherever you go."* That still brings tears to my eyes. That one statement represented her heart and our marriage. We were a team. I love her deeply and miss her greatly.

Norma is with Jesus now. The rest of us are continuing our journey, and we're more committed than ever to reach beyond our comfort zones to reach the lost.

That's what she wanted us to do. She loved to experience other cultures, particularly when she could minister to people who have never met Jesus. She especially loved the children and women she met in the mission field.

To honor her passion and legacy, our leadership has created Norma's Heart and Hands Fund. I can't think of a better way to remember Norma. She would be pleased.

Serving together until He calls us home,

*Wayne*

Wayne Pederson  
President, Reach Beyond

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[ReachBeyond.org](http://ReachBeyond.org)

*P.S. To read more about Norma's Heart and Hands Fund, see page 8.*

Haiti:

# Changing Lives Through Clean Water



"We're not poor anymore," said the Haitian man as he labored under the hot sun.

Missionary engineer César Cortez was confused. The clean water project in his remote community was still under way. How could this man, living in Haiti, the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere, think he was no longer poor?

"Because now we have the power to build a [water] system ourselves," responded the man, who became affectionately known as "*Papito*" (Daddy) by the community development team from Reach Beyond.

Cortez and Francisco Caiza, together with his sons, Luis and Edison (both water technicians), often traveled from Ecuador during a four-year period to work alongside the community of La Bruyère in northern Haiti. They

realized that poverty was much more than a lack of physical resources; it was also about people having the power to make their own decisions and control their own lives.

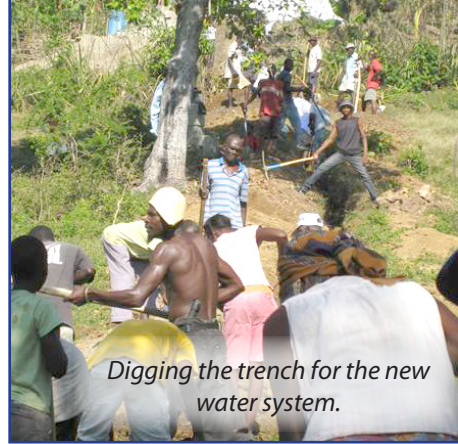
When Cortez made his first visit to the Haitian community, just months after the country's devastating earthquake in January 2010, 13 members of the community's 300 families had recently died, some due to waterborne illnesses.

Although there are two evangelical churches in the community, Cortez described La Bruyère, southwest of Cap-Haitien, as having been a "center of voodoo." Missionaries serving in Haiti warned Cortez about



working in the area, and he initially received a hostile reception from the people. "When I arrived the first time they hassled me and shouted 'Blanc!' (French for 'white') at me even though my skin color isn't white."

However, as the team worked alongside the people, enabling them to renovate their water system and build latrines, Cortez noted how their attitude began to change.



*Digging the trench for the new water system.*

"They didn't relate to others in an offensive way anymore, but rather in a simple, loving way," Cortez relates. "The last time I went I saw how the people treated each other, how they talked.... The change was enormous."

On their most recent visit, team members checked the 290 house connections that the people had finished since the training had been completed. The team was pleased to see that the plumbing that piped water to each home was working.



They also led Bible studies with church leaders and preached in one of the local churches. This was one of the biggest encouragements for Cortez during the project as the church was packed for the service, and he saw people giving their lives to the Lord.

"It's really a miracle to have been able to provide clean water, latrines and education," he said. "As I returned [to Ecuador] I was especially glad to see the community working in unity and so open to hearing the Word of God."



*Children no longer have to carry water to their homes in La Bruyère.*

# ON THE MOVE: MOBILE CLINICS AND THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

For 54 years, Reach Beyond's mobile medical clinic team has visited some of Ecuador's most far-flung areas, providing basic medical and dental help where such services are often unavailable.

But a one-day caravan held in May was different. Reach Beyond did virtually none of the planning—it was spearheaded almost entirely by Ecuadorians.

An hour's drive from the bustling jungle town of Puyo, members of *Iglesia Esperanza Eterna-Puyo* (Eternal Hope Church in Puyo), had already established an ongoing relationship with the remote community of Puyopungo.

For four years, members of the church have visited Puyopungo nearly every week, meeting with people in their homes and teaching them God's Word. They currently hold weekly Bible studies attended by about 15 out of the 70 adults in the community, and they run a kids' club attended by a similar number of children.

"It's a community that has heard the gospel, but hasn't been spiritually strong," explained Elizabeth Monges, director of evangelism and missions at the church. "Part of our plan is forming leaders in every place where we are working—to leave established leaders before moving on to another place."

A year ago, health professionals from the Puyo church decided to open a clinic and use



their medical skills to share God's love through community outreach, helping support the church's existing evangelism and discipleship efforts.

The church, however, needed help with dental equipment. In response, missionary Ian McFarland, who directs mobile medical clinics at Reach Beyond, joined the caravan in Puyopungo, bringing dental equipment in a special truck where dentists could work and treat patients.

With 25 Ecuadorian volunteers, the team of health workers saw nearly every member of the community, many of whom suffered from parasites, respiratory infections, tonsillitis, flu, skin problems and aching muscles caused by hard manual labor in the fields.

"A highlight was seeing the local church take the initiative and reach out to the communities," said McFarland. "I make no secret that one of the desires of [our mobile medical clinics] is to see Ecuadorians reaching other Ecuadorians. They obviously know the culture better than I ever will, and they know the language better than I do."

"If we hadn't had the help of the Vozandes vehicle for the dental checks, we couldn't have done all what we did," said Monges. "But God even provided [a vehicle] so this could be achieved."



- **Reach Beyond's first mobile medical clinic: 1960**
- **Base moved to Shell from Quito: 2013**
- **Size of communities touched: 50-500 people**
- **Projected total number of patients in 2014: 1,200-2,000**
- **Community visits planned for 2014: 40+**
- **Indigenous groups touched: Achuar, Shuar, Quichua (highland and lowland), Waorani, Záparo**



## Norma's Heart And Hands Fund:

### *A Servant Honored, A Legacy Continued*



by Sheila Leech, vice president of global healthcare

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality” (Romans 12:9-13, NIV).*

These words defined Norma Pederson’s life. For 46 years she served with Wayne (her husband and current president of Reach Beyond) until she entered the Lord’s presence on April 3 after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Norma lived out these words in a special way. One of her greatest burdens was for women in remote parts of the world who are pouring themselves into God’s work without anyone investing in them.

Some are wives who tirelessly support their husbands by holding the home together. Others are single women and widows whom God has called to lead His work in various ways.

These women give selflessly, often from the little they have, to bless others, receiving nothing in return.

For example, during a recent visit to the African nation of Lesotho, I was speaking with Mary Lekhoaba, a remarkable Christian leader who juggles responsibilities as a widowed mother with two young children. In addition to her role as a loving parent, she leads a successful Christian media ministry, and she’s involved in community outreaches in her country.

I asked her, “Mary, who cares for you?”

“Nobody,” she responded.

For days, I couldn’t get her answer out of my mind. My burden deepened as I thought of other women just like Mary—such as our partners in Nepal, Eastern Europe and many other locations.

As I travel the world, I see the reality of what it means for them to be serving the Lord, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances, without any source for personal renewal.

To address this problem, we've launched *Norma's Heart and Hands Fund*.

This fund will be used to encourage and care for indigenous women in ministry, especially in the developing world. They will receive physical, spiritual and emotional care during retreats where they can interact with other women from other cultures who face similar issues. It will give them a chance to receive rest and refreshment for their bodies and souls.

Nobody showed more compassion for these women than Norma. Her special gift of "connecting" brought her alongside many of them. She was always there to help in the kitchen, serve food, clean up, pray, encourage—whatever was needed, Norma was there.

While she is in glory, her work with indigenous women who serve God lives on, making a difference that will last forever.

Through your gift to *Norma's Heart and Hands Fund*, you will multiply her ministry many times over.

Visit [reachbeyond.org/Norma](http://reachbeyond.org/Norma) to give to **Norma's Heart and Hands Fund**.



*Sheila Leech (left) and Mary Lekhoaba (right) with a participant in a healthcare support worker training course in Lesotho.*



*Norma loved ministering to women and children around the world.*





# WORLD ACTIVATED



*Dr. Joseph Harvey  
assists a patient.*

## Republic of Congo:

# MARXIST CAMP BECOMES CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING

**D**r. Joseph Harvey has always been a man of vision—but that didn't always include radio.

When he and his wife, Becky, arrived in the Republic of Congo in 1996 to serve as medical missionaries, it fulfilled a dream dating back to "Joey's" childhood.

The needs the Harveys encountered were overwhelming, especially as civil war forced them to return to the U.S. a year later, but they were determined to go back and start the country's first Christian hospital.

When they returned to Africa, they began serving in a clinic in the remote jungle town of Impfondo. In two years, Dr. Joe and the staff saw some 10,000 patients. The need for a permanent hospital was clear, and he was convinced that an abandoned Marxist training camp would be ideal for such a facility.

Dr. Joe began making regular visits to the site, about three miles from his home. He would walk around the large perimeter fence, praying that God would remove the spiritual gates that Satan had established around it and that He would open the way for missionaries to build a hospital there.

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One day, as Dr. Joe went to pray outside the camp, he found that the large steel gates in the wall had been removed. Encouraged by this tangible answer to prayer, he approached the government about using the camp.

A few months later when former Congolese President Denis Sassou-Nguesso visited Impfondo, Dr. Joe was able to meet with his wife, Antoinette. As it turned out, she had personally overseen the construction of the communist camp 15 years earlier, but since then she'd become a Christ-follower. A short time later, Dr. Joe met with the president who gladly gave him permission to use the camp to establish a hospital.



In 2002, Pioneer Christian Hospital opened its doors, quickly outstripping the facility's meager resources. That's when Reach Beyond got involved, taking on Dr. Joe as a medical partner, even supplying short-term medical staff to fill gaps at the hospital.

Working with Reach Beyond also opened Dr. Joe's eyes to another vision—radio. In 2006 the mission invited Dr. Joe to visit a media consortium in Ghana.

According to Curt Cole, Reach Beyond's senior vice president of global ministries, "the summit was to bring together radio and potential healthcare partners to dream big about what could be done together with the 'voice and hands' ministry in Africa." Dr. Joe walked away from the summit with a dream to launch a radio ministry at the hospital.

After almost eight years of prayer and planning, an FM station was birthed on the grounds of the former communist youth camp early this year, giving Dr. Joe and his staff one more tool to present the gospel.

The station, called *Radio Sango Kitoko* (Beautiful News Radio), is reaching the surrounding villages with music, information and the message of hope in local languages.

*Plans are to install a more powerful transmitter and erect a tall tower later this year, greatly boosting the range of the station's signal. The voice and hands of Jesus. Together. That's how things are working to spread the gospel in northern Republic of Congo.*



# The SonSet Effect: The Gift of a New Lifetime

A radio station means very little if you can't hear the broadcasts. That was the problem faced by a partner station started with Reach Beyond's help in a remote part of an under-reached country in the Asia Pacific Region. The villagers in at least one of these communities were anxious to listen to the new station. However, most homes had no electricity, and only one family owned a battery-powered radio.

**"M**any of the villagers placed the radios around their necks with the lanyards (which double as antennas) and refused to take them off."

Reach Beyond provided 50 fixed-tuned, solar-powered SonSet® radios to the villagers, and now nearly everyone there can listen to gospel broadcasts.

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around their necks with the lanyards (which double as antennas) and refused to take them off.

The radios were an incredible gift for which the people were deeply grateful. But the greatest gift was not the radios—it was the message they shared.

Since the radios were distributed, the station has been inundated with questions about life, marriage, truth, and most importantly, how to have a relationship with Jesus. Many of the people are now walking with Christ because of the message carried by these portable "missionaries."

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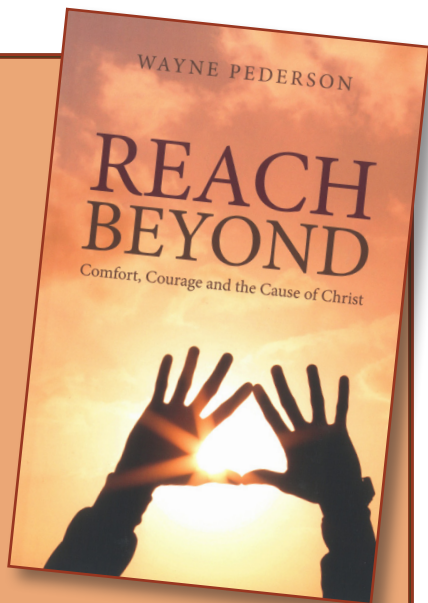
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Wayne also challenges believers to fulfill their God-given role in the Great Commission. He encourages Christians to abandon their comfort zones and relentlessly pursue a sacrificial relationship with Jesus so that others may spend eternity in His presence.

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Reach Beyond Missionary Portraits

## Glenn & Bonnie Lafitte

*"People worldwide still need the Lord and are headed to an eternity with Him or separated from Him. We must be engaged, educated and strategic." — Glenn Lafitte*

The Lafittes serve with Inspiracom, a partner ministry of Reach Beyond, broadcasting the gospel into gang- and drug-infested areas along the U.S.-Mexico border.

*"I'm thrilled to spend my life helping others know Him who died in our place," said Bonnie of their work in an area that's becoming one of the most challenging places on earth.*



## Barry & Marlene Hamm

*"My desire is to provide technologies and support to make each person efficient in ministry. Technology should be a help, not a hindrance." — Barry Hamm*

Barry leads the regional IT team in Quito. Marlene uses her marketing skills to work in various areas, emphasizing prayer and intercession. They have two boys, Joshua and Joel.

*"I encourage police officers in CristoPol (an international Christian police organization)," Marlene says. "I'm also being light and salt within my university as I work on my master's degree in communications."*



## Martha Craymer

*"Anytime [the girls] have a problem, they come; they want help; they want advice. Anytime there's been a joy in their life they come and share it with us. It's just a good relationship. We're always here for them." — Martha Craymer*

Martha is like a celebrity in the remote Andean town of Chillanes, Ecuador, where she's been a community development nurse for nearly 30 of her 40 years with the mission. Besides being a listening ear for teenage girls, she does everything from teaching health classes and doing maternal and childcare training to leading Bible studies with women and teens in the community.



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