



WOMEN at the FRONT

"Ava, I need you to go to INDIA." God spoke this message to a young woman in Chile over twenty years ago. Ava heeded this unlikely call by learning everything she could about India and becoming medically trained. Years passed and through every challenge the Spirit reminded Ava of her call. Finally, *ten years* after God first spoke, Ava moved permanently from Chile to India!

Working with a mobile medical clinic, Ava cared for patients in remote villages, especially those with leprosy. One lady's leg was so badly infected that she was set for amputation at the local hospital. They prayed for her and the next day, when the doctor unwrapped her leg, it had been completely healed - like brand new! Ava witnessed other miraculous healings that opened doors to share the gospel and many families, like this woman's, became followers of Christ.

One time, Ava met Aamir, a Muslim background believer from a village in north India. Aamir had been an imam, and as he studied the Qur'an, he read "Remember when Allah said, "O Isa (Jesus)! I will take you and raise you up to Myself. I will deliver you from those who disbelieve and elevate your followers above the disbelievers until the Day of Judgment" (Surah 3:55).

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Fellow imams warned him not to trouble himself with verses in the Koran about Isa. So, Aamir sought out Christian pastors but they did not answer his questions, fearing it was a trick. Aamir's pursuit continued and eventually he gave his life to follow Jesus but well-meaning Christians convinced him to stop being an imam and leave his Muslim family and community to join a church.

Excited by his testimony, Ava asked, "How many of your family and villagers are also following Jesus?" Surprised, Aamir replied, "None of them," explaining that he left the community for his own safety. Slowly, Ava began to share with Aamir how he could stay in his community while following Jesus to reach his own people. Because many of the Qur'an's teachings encourage Muslims to read the Bible and learn from it, Aamir could invite his Muslim family and friends to study with him.

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Ava invited Aamir to a gathering where he heard the stories of other Muslim background believers. After a week of intensive, all-day Bible studies and lively conversations over many meals, Aamir felt empowered to go back and build relationships again with his family, whom he had not seen in five years. Today, many of his family members are followers of Jesus. Ava continues to equip and challenge others to multiply disciples.

After years of service as a single woman, friends introduced Ava to Ravi, a Hindu background believer. It took three years for his Hindu family to agree, but eventually Ravi and Ava joyfully married. Today, Ravi and Ava have mobilized GT field partners in four states of India to work with Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims! This year, the India team has set goals to reach seven new unreached people groups in three states of south India.

Reflecting on nineteen years of mission work in India, Ava urges, "My dear friends, trust and obey what God calls you to do and do not doubt Him. Surely, He will fulfill His call upon your life."

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Read a fuller account of Ava's story on our website: www.global-teams.org/ava



TANZANIA

Motivated for Missions

“God has opened doors for me into Muslim villages by roasting and selling cashews. Global Teams helped me grow my business so that I could spend more time in the village, though of course it is hard on my family. But I want Muslims to come to Jesus and will do all that I can so that they can read his Word.”

Anna works among the a small tribal group in Tanzania - one of our newest engagements. But like many believers that come from a Christian background, she had to encounter Jesus for herself. For Anna, that came in 2011 when God healed her from a chronic and incurable stomach illness.

From that time on, she dedicated her life to telling others about Jesus. She loved to go door to door - meeting people in their own homes.

Some years later, Global Teams country coordinator, Edgar, visited her church and spoke about working in new ways with Muslims. Anna’s heart was stirred and she wanted to know more.

When GT hosted a Horizons training in the capital, she made the long trek to get there.

“I became more motivated to serve in the mission after taking Horizons because I was given practical ways to reach Muslims. I began dressing in a Muslim way and attending their celebrations - becoming more like them. I began building relationships and looking for persons of peace. Now I am discipling seven Muslims who have committed to following Christ!

“It is a real challenge for some of them as their families have disowned them because of their bold testimony for Jesus. I find myself carrying the burden of taking care of them. But God is doing a mighty work and I will be faithful!”

Anna’s bold faith has motivated the other members of her GT team to take initiative. Together, they are asking God to bring 20 more Muslim families to faith this year!

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Meet Julie who works with GT African leaders to give girls at risk better lives:

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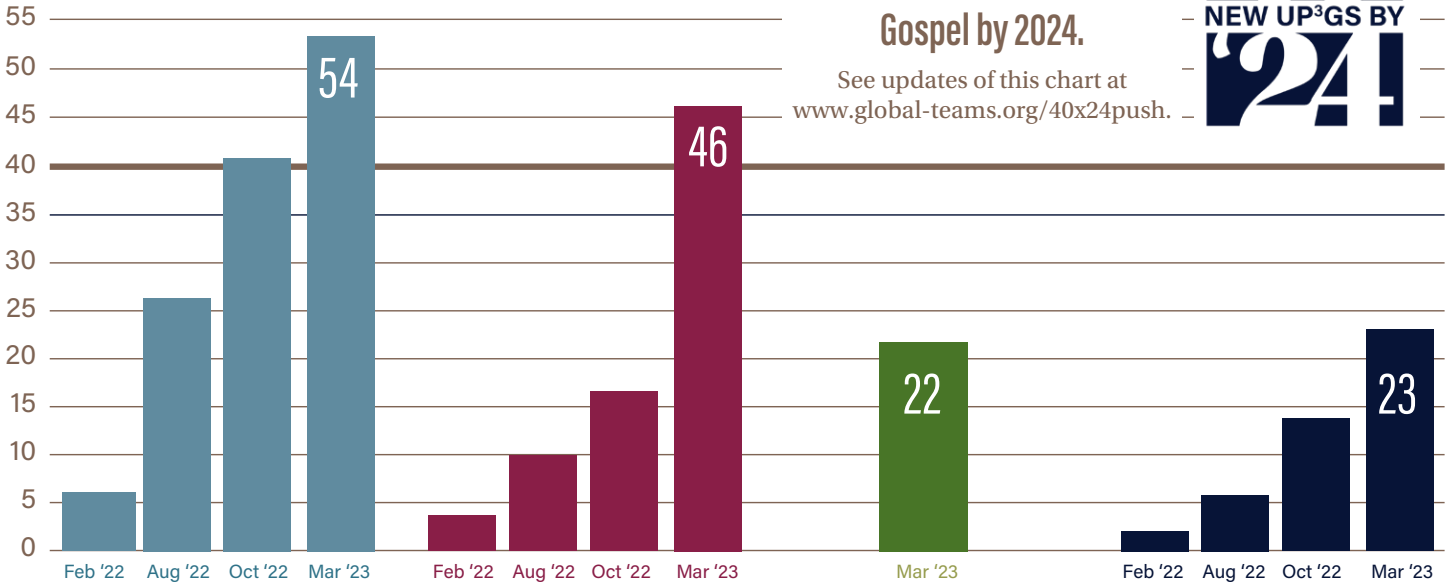
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Hear from Central Asian women whom GT trained in May in disciple making principles:

www.global-teams.org/central-asia-women

HOW ARE WE DOING WITH OUR GOAL?



Engage 40 new peoples without access to the Gospel by 2024.

See updates of this chart at www.global-teams.org/40x24push.



MOBILIZED
51 new groups have GT field partners assigned to them.

TRAINED
46 new groups have GT field partners equipped, looking for access.

EVALUATED*
Scouting has happened in 22 groups.

ENGAGED
23 new groups have a field partner in regular contact.

**Evaluated: We created this new category to better capture our progress.*

Join us on the front lines!

Do you wish that you could reach villagers in India, struggling mothers in southeast Africa, or Muslims of the former Soviet Union? You can! Giving to Global Teams partners you with Ava, Anna, Julie, Daniela, and others like them. **Your gift is needed.** Would you consider a one-time gift or a recurring contribution to Global Teams to enable us to send more women and men from many nations to the front lines to introduce the unreached to Jesus Christ?



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