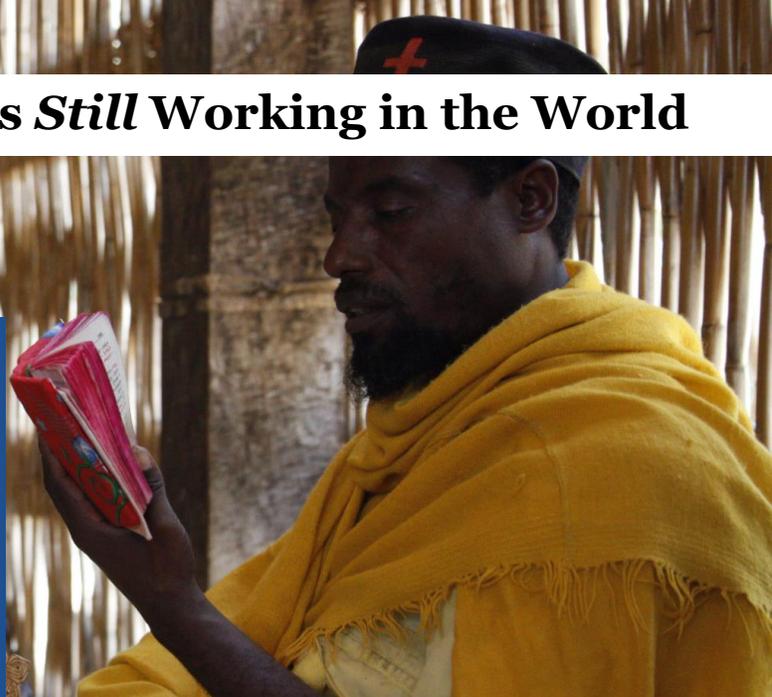


# 8 Hopeful Stories of How God Is *Still* Working in the World



1 / When the coronavirus lockdown ended in an East Asian city, masks were still required outside. This gave a local believer an idea. He bought 65 masks, then “I shared the gospel with each individual and included a gospel tract with each mask,” he said. “It was amazing how curious people were to hear about Jesus.”

2 / As Madagascar is a poor country, people could not “stock up” in preparation for the lockdown. And for many, if they can’t go to work one day, they won’t eat that day. Praise God for local pastors and church members who carefully ventured out to drop off gifts of rice and vegetables to those in need.

3 / As the doors of Kenya Baptist Theological College are closed to contain the spread of COVID-19, students are still shepherding churches across Kenya. Praise God that one student went to a local tea village and gave soap, bleach cleaner, and other supplies to the residents. But most importantly he proclaimed the gospel to 70 people!

4 / In the past, two women of a UPG hadn’t been open to receive a visit from anyone from the new, local church. But their fear of the pandemic caused each of the women to allow a visit from church members. Praise God the visits went well! Shortly after, local authorities implemented social distancing rules. God blessed the church’s small window of opportunity to share His love and truth with these women!

5 / An 8-week Bible storying group in Madrid that focused on emotional healing continued until Spain enacted a nationwide quarantine. Still, the group was able to finish their last session online. Now as Spain continues to recover from this global pandemic, all six of the group’s participants are equipped to share these biblical stories and strategies for healing with others who need peace and emotional healing.

6 / A Muslim man in India owns a shop that sells chickens. With the rise of COVID-19, such shops have been hit hard by low sales, as many locals believe that the virus originated from eating contaminated chickens. Recently, believers shared the gospel with this man, and he expressed repentance and a desire to believe in Jesus. Praise the Lord that this man has found faith that can carry him in this time of uncertainty!

7 / After five years of praying, planning, and filming Bible stories, the new Deaf Way Bible app has launched! The new app was specifically designed for the Deaf and launched in March 2020 – just in time to offer hope in a season of global isolation. The team who works to reach Deaf peoples in Southeast Asia is overjoyed to finally have access to Bible stories in their heart sign language through this Deaf-friendly app.

8 / In this time of isolation, Iranian refugee fellowships in Turkey continue to be a beacon of hope and love both in their communities and toward one another. Recently, leaders of fellowships met virtually to encourage one another in teaching biblically rooted theology. Praise God that these brothers and sisters initiated this type of community with one another when so often, in their culture, this is not done!

