

SERVING
GOD
IN



AFRICA



ASIA



EUROPE



SOUTH AMERICA

ASIA

INDIA

Living Hope saw doors open into India. This led to good friendships with pastors in India, Pakistan, the Philippines and Nepal. The hunger again for God's word has been seen particularly in Andhra Pradesh. After a season of crusades and Gospel ministry, Living Hope is now working primarily with our friend SJ who has a good network across the whole country. He also opened a door for our TV programmes which can be seen

not just in India but also in Bahrain, Israel, Aden and Kuwait. SJ is also responsible for translating our monthly Bible study into Hindi and from time to time Living Hope is able to support with some Bibles for those who need them.



SJ, Richard, Elaine & Ratna

PHILIPPINES

Living Hope is grateful to continue to provide teaching programmes for Mutual Faith TV. Johnny and Josephine serve the Lord in a country often beset by storms and cyclones but press on sharing the Gospel.

NEPAL

Again through the Internet, Richard was contacted by Pastor Dhan. Dhan had a similar vision to train pastors. One of our associate churches visited him in Nepal last year and will continue to do so as they can.

PAKISTAN

Through the Internet Richard was contacted by a pastor called Rasheed; this friendship has grown and developed. He has contacts in many parts of the country. He has also established Bible study groups and translated LHM materials into Urdu. Living Hope has regular teaching calls and is very grateful to see the Gospel shared and having impact through Rasheed.



SOUTH AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

When attending a lively meeting in New Zealand in 2008, a word was shared about a door opening in Ecuador. Richard has never forced a situation but waits for the Lord to lead. The Lord did open a door to Ecuador and to a very fruitful relationship with Antonio, who now leads a movement of over 50 churches. Antonio asked Richard to help in the training of his leaders and now Living Hope has been to most areas where he has churches.

Antonio now helps Living Hope in the vision to reach more of South America and accompanied teams to Colombia and is scheduled to be part of the team going to Peru in 2019.



Jose, Richard & Antonio

Another key figure in that team is Jose. He is part of a church in the USA: Meadow Grove.

A very special friendship with his senior pastor Steve has been growing steadily and their involvement is vital as Living Hope looks to see the Gospel flourish in that part of the world.

We have good links with New Zealand and rejoice in longstanding friendships with John and Delyse and David and Claire. David and Claire have an intercessory group who pray for us and in particular, support our work in Malawi.

25 years

LIVING HOPE MINISTRIES



THE STORY OF LIVING HOPE

Richard was brought up in a non-Christian home. Richard became a Christian at the age of 13. Richard quickly became involved in sharing his faith and preaching in the open air. When he was 17, he was called into full-time Christian ministry. Richard married his wife Elaine in October 1973. They have 5 sons, Paul, Phil, Matt, Steve and Jonni.



Richard & Elaine Brunton



Richard pastored a church in West Hoathly, Sussex in his spare time, and later led one of the 10 congregations in Clarendon Church, Hove.



At the age of 40 Richard stopped school teaching to study for a year and take on full-time leadership of Grace church. In 1994 Richard felt the Lord say He would do a "New Thing". Richard had a phone call with a Nigerian friend Simon. The conversation with Simon was encouraging. Simon said "You know, Richard I feel the Lord is telling you to go to Kenya". This was the first of many trips for Richard and from this trip, Living Hope began.

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE

P2 Africa

Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda

P3 Europe The Media

Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Latvia, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Ukraine

P4 Asia South America

Colombia, Ecuador, India, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru & The Philippines



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AFRICA

The first visit to Kenya was in 1994. Richard visited tremendously poor areas and also preached in the largest church in Nairobi with a capacity to seat 6000 people. Proclaiming Christ as the only Saviour was such a joy and the response was quite overwhelming. A follow-up visit in 1995 brought into view that many of the pastors had good congregations but very few had received any

theological training so the task of bringing seminars with clear Bible teaching and seeking to feed the pastor who in turn would feed the flock, was laid on Richard's heart. Encouraged by a new-found friend, Pastor Joseph, Living Hope began seminars offering a slice of bread and a bottle of coke.



Go wherever God sends! Make teaching God's word the priority! It was the special friendships developing which have made all the difference.

As the ministry developed, so opportunities into Sierra Leone and Liberia grew as well. Around this Richard had seen a ministry through the telephone develop. This takes place as people gather in crusades, seminars, and Bible study groups. Gatherings of leaders pause to have a live message translated into their language. Today Living Hope has many groups in Kenya, a group in Uganda, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, D.R.C, and Burundi.

God then led Richard to Nigeria. By now Richard had some TV programmes which were aired on a secular channel in Minna. Living Hope was then seeing doors open into Burundi, Congo, Ethiopia and Malawi.



It was clear those who came would be coming for the word of God not the lunch!!! An early lesson to learn was that if one were willing to go into very rural poor parts, you would be reaching people generally unreached. God had plans for Richard beyond Kenya as Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda very soon opened up and the same principles were applied.



Nearly every day the team assists Richard with various telephone calls sharing the word of God. Today there is a growing team of people who visit the countries which Richard pioneered.

Many have professed Christ as Saviour, churches planted and remote areas visited with the Gospel. Many pastors taught and wonderful friendships established.

EUROPE

In 1998 The Lord spoke in a prayer meeting in London that He was going to open the door for Richard into Eastern Europe. Within a month Richard found himself in contact with a charity called European Partners in Christ. Richard sensed very much this was the door to go through and visits to Poland, Romania and Bosnia began.

THE MEDIA

The media ministry in the work of Living Hope has grown. Living Hope has made its 1,000th radio programme with the help of Patrick. These programmes can be listened to worldwide through Christian Voice, Zambia.

With the help of Adrian, Jenny, Matt & Paul, Living Hope is producing 52x27 minutes TV programmes per year. These are shown in Kenya, Uganda, Philippines, Sierra Leone and India. Living Hope also has monthly Podcasts which you can download from the Living Hope website. Living Hope also has a YouTube channel and programmes are being developed with Spanish subtitles. Living Hope is producing literature, a Pastors' Handbook, monthly Bible studies, as well as First Friday prayers. They have become key elements of the ministry.

The emphasis is very much to build friendships and bring encouragement to leaders and churches, to press on with God despite some very big challenges. Seminars in Poland supported by Pastor Andrzej, opened the door to meeting Christians in the Ukraine, Moldova, Germany and Bulgaria. It was exciting to see the Lord working. The Bosnian link with Zeljko opened many more doors. Contact has been established with Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Macedonia.

SUPPORT

Richard is greatly indebted to many who sacrifice time, prayer, finance and effort to make Living Hope work. All of the family are very supportive but of course special thanks must go to Richard's wife Elaine who has stood by him during all the travels and challenges of Living Hope.



The administrative support of Paul and Charlene along with the Trustees and Council of Reference, is vital. The team members picking up various countries give much hope for the future of the ministry.

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Living Hope have teams from the UK visiting several of our European friends teaching pastors and supporting churches. During the last 25 years there have also been opportunities in Southern Ireland and Spain.



Andrzej & Zeljko

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you – because of your partnership in the gospel!"

Philippians 1:4

"The word of truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world, it is bearing fruit and growing"

Colossians 1:5-6

Jesus was obedient even to death on the cross but God has highly exalted Him and given the name above every name.

Philippians 2:7-11

May the ministry of Living Hope always lift up Jesus who died and rose for us. Hallelujah! Thank You!

