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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Partner with VVMI,

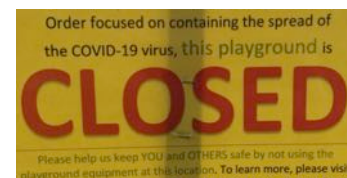
A person's being able to see with normal clarity is considered as their having "20/20" vision. The global happenings of the past year may have caused some disruptions and undesirable waiting. One result could have been blurred vision for VVMI and its ministry partners, prayer partners, and financial donors. The Lord, however, showed Himself faithful as we waited on Him and trusted for His guidance and provision. I hope the following review of 2020 will provide you with a "20/20" view of what God has been doing in the midst of the ever-present chaos and changes happening at all levels of life. As always, *the Lord* deserves all praise and glory for expanding *His* Kingdom to more and more tribes, languages, peoples, and nations. How humbling yet exciting to be included in this amazing work!

In Christ,

Colin

Colin J. Edwards
VVMI Executive Director

*In 2020, Kingdom work
continued in spite of disease,
fear, edicts, and shutdowns*



One Trip in 2020 but a Large and Ongoing Impact

In late February into mid-March a VVMI short-term trip team was blessed to visit partner ministry **Vernacular Video Ministry – Church Mobilization Initiative (VVM-CMI)** in the Philippines before COVID shut the world down. Executive Director Edwards, Board Chairman Gioja, and Board Director Yungner were granted a timely window for visiting several CMI Teams to:

- Deliver two new projection systems (projector, generator, speaker, DVD player, microphone, backpack, cables, etc.);
- Deliver projection system replacement equipment (i.e. speakers and microphones);
- Deliver print and audio Bibles (136 units in 8 languages), and Bible microSD cards (84 units in 7 languages);
- Assist with the "mobilization" of new ministry teams for two regions;
- Meet with key CMI team and regional leaders to hear their reports and testimonies, and for mutual encouragement; and
- Generally encourage the Saints ministering in local churches and with CMI teams, and validate God's working in and through them.

Weeks after the trip, we heard testimony of how the audio and print Bibles delivered by the VVMI team were not only being used, but have also led to a good number of people—and more than ever before in groups considered unreached—coming to faith and wanting to grow in the Lord. *"Please send more Bibles, especially audio units,"* they're asking; and no wonder, since many people there are not able to read. The Bible says faith comes by hearing, and these are oral cultures where information transfer and learning best happen via oral means. **Praise God** His Word is alive and powerful!

Photos (top to bottom): The team arriving in Masbate; being greeted by some members of one of the 5 CMI teams in the province ♦ A showing of dubbed "Deditos" Bible story videos in a remote tribal village church on Palawan Island ♦ The team at a jail with Board Director Yungner encouraging prisoners in their new-found faith in Christ

God Keeps Growing His Church!

Some of the most encouraging testimonies from 2020 came from previously organized and equipped teams partnered with the **VVM-CMI** and also ministry partner **Vernacular Media Network (VMN)** in the Philippines. They served and ministered holistically (through the Word and deed) in their communities and beyond regardless of the pandemic. Faithful national evangelists, pastors, missionaries, and lay people kept sharing and living out the Gospel. Because of this, new Bible studies and churches were planted as people came to faith and desired to be disciples of Jesus. **Praise God** our brothers and sisters are traveling to remote islands – even in small boats -- so people can hear truth and come to know the Savior!



Baptisms!



Bible Studies!

Deditos Unleashed!

The unusual dynamics of 2020 created demand for digital and on-line ministry resources as never before. The creator of the Deditos Bible story series videos and lessons, **Viña Association**, found not only increased interest by additional language groups worldwide for dubbing Deditos, but also had new opportunities brought by language groups already possessing Deditos. Suddenly, Deditos was being live-streamed, placed on websites, and shared by parents via DVDs with children who had been disallowed from attending regular children’s activities at church. Other resources simply weren’t available! Soon after, Viña had many opportunities to invest in parent and teacher training for using Deditos effectively. Facebook presentations and video conferencing training classes were used to good effect. **See how God can use a pandemic?**



More About Audio Bibles

Another praise regarding audio Bibles besides the deliveries to the Philippines in February needs to be mentioned. In November, the VVM-CMI requested **another 180** units for 8 language groups. These units were **funded (\$9K)** before the end of the year, and in the first weeks of 2021 are in the process of being ordered and shipped!



See His Face?

VVMI has never had full-time expatriate missionaries in the field. Rather, **we invest in energizing and equipping nationals** for ministry. The benefits of this practice were evident in 2020. The brother shown at left is one example of an empowered national who has been entrusted with equipment, video, and Scripture resources. Here, he is sharing testimony of God’s working with co-workers in the harvest during a VVMI-assisted event.

A Brother Gone to Be with the Lord

VVMI was saddened in 2020 to learn of the home going of Don Nemcek on November 21. He served on the Board of Directors from 2005-2019, including as Vice-Chairman and Chairman for several years. Don’s passion for missions, his commitment to prayer and ministry partner communications, and his expertise working with people and non-profit boards will be missed.



2020 PROJECT SUPPORT SUMMARY

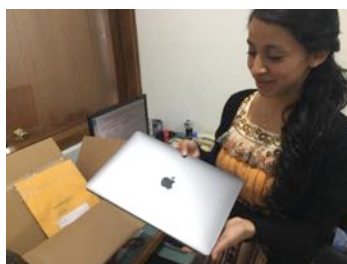
The tables below summarize the type and number of VVMI partnership *projects* supported by VVMI donors in 2020, and the outflow of those and earlier donations during the calendar year for specific project purposes. Please see the “VVMI 2020 Annual Financial Report for Donors” for total VVMI income and expenditures. Note that VVMI operates on a cash basis, so income does not typically match expenses during a calendar year. For example, in 2020 gifts received for VVMI replacement equipment show up in the first table (*), but since those gifts will not go to work until calendar year 2021, they are not shown as 2020 expenditures in the second table.

BREAKDOWN BY PARTNER ORGANIZATION OF GIVING TOWARDS PROJECTS

Organization	Fully Supported	Partial	Ongoing	Un-sponsored	Project Giving in 2020
VVMI (*)	2		1		\$5,873
VVM-CMI	3		8	2	\$52,693
VMN			1		\$600
Viña	3		1		\$9,138
AE-ILMAV	1				\$5,500
OC AFRICA		1		1	\$50
TOTAL	9	1	11	3	\$73,854

NUMBER AND TYPE OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY DESIGNATED & UNDESIGNATED GIFTS

Project Monies Expended by Type	VVM-CMI	VMN	Viña	AE-ILMAV	OC AFRICA	VVMI	Expenditures
Productions			1	1			\$8,630
Production Equipment							\$0
Projection Related	4					1**	\$3,871
Training Nationals							\$0
Facility/Studios	1						\$4,868
Print Bibles	1						\$19,812
Audio Bibles	1						\$752
Ministry Expansion	1						\$4,844
Ministry Field Staff & Oper's	1		3			1	\$20,834



Photos (left to right): The dedication of the VVM-CMI's Aroroy Team projection system in February ♦ A new laptop for Viña Director José Abel de la Cruz arriving at Viña headquarters in October ♦ ** New solar powered projection system technology tested in 2020 was a disappointment ♦ Solar powered audio Bible players

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON VVMI OR DETAILS ABOUT A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT?

Please visit our website at www.vvmi.org; or, if you have questions or would like to get hard copies of VVMI informational resources, please contact Colin Edwards by email at cjedwards@vvmi.org; by mail at VVMI (address at the top of this report); or by phone at 309-338-1367. **WANT TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER?** Colin will be happy to email or mail you VVMI's bi-weekly prayer bulletin, "The VVMI Phalanx," upon request.

VVMI's 2020 Annual Financial Report for Donors follows as the final sheet of this report.