

# Occupational Missions

Stories of lone shepherds of the gospel who bring the lost back to the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ.



# **Our Story**

### Lone shepherds lead the lost to The Great Shepherd

The world sees the beauty and strength of Christian faith when your missions give flesh and blood to the gospel truth. That is what Sanma Occupational Missions seek to do. Since 1998 God has worked through Sanma to re-write life stories that were written off by society. This is our story, stories of the lone shepherds of the gospel.

The Kingdom of God is growing outside the walls of church buildings as former child laborers and victims of social or economic injustice live out the scripture;

"He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions." Psalms 107:20 Our method differs from the typical mission organizations because we don't train and send out missionaries to start churches or to establish religious entities. Occupational missions equip born again Christians with the means to earn a living and to display the effects of the gospel through their livelihood. It is sharing the truth on a personal level as the healed blind did; *"I was blind, but now I see."* 

In courage and in tears, the lone shepherds sow the seeds of the gospel. Away in the mountains, and far off in the cold and dark, they call in the lost to the warmth and shelter of The Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. In prayer and support you can accompany the lone shepherds in these missions.

Supporters of Sanma are a unique class. They are people who have experienced the transforming power of repentance and hence, a deep-set conviction to use their power to re-write life stories with the gospel.

Our story is also a story of God honoring the faithfulness of men and women who build the Kingdom of God with their resources; people such as you. When your resources build God's Kingdom, you live in His power.

Thank you for choosing Sanma a channel for your missions.

Respectfully, in Christ,

James George, Missions Director





### Sewing Machines Stitch Lives Back

A Christian approach to human trafficking and social injustice, addressing the problem where it begins.

Mallika was a teenager when her parents dedicated her to the shrine. Girls in her caste and community were to be submitted to the religious authorities.

When she came out of service in her mid-twenties, she was a mother of three daughters. Someone gave her a sewing machine, and Mallika learned to stitch clothes, and earned a living. One day a customer shared the gospel with her, and she accepted the Savior. Mallika became a messenger of the truth that set her free from confusion and shame. Her life was sewn back by the gospel, and her occupation served an avenue to share her salvation story with others. "SANMA gets it! They understand that mission is about reaching others by offering real answers to the real needs of those whom they have a chance to touch. It is about sustainability and presence, not 'dump and run.' And it's all done in the name of Jesus so that His kingdom can be spread in India. SANMA is the real deal."

Pastor Terry Cagle, Arlington, TX

Mallika went on identifying girls in her situation. An independent income would help them defend themselves from unjust social practices. She has trained and equipped more than fifty young women to earn independent income and to resist societal injustice.

At places where ungodly systems deprive people opportunity for a worthy life, Christian missions present sustainable solutions, empowering people with the truth and the tools. People earn a living, and are able to praise God through their occupation.

The sewing machine program is a Christian approach to social injustices, and practices such as human trafficking, addressing the problem where it begins. Sewing machine recipients often lead or host prayer groups. Your gift of a sewing machine can help to sew back a young life, and usher in a lost soul to the Savior from the cold and dark of the world.

#### Sewing Machine - \$95



# **Bible In A Blanket**

A mission that guides the young adults in government facilities to the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ as they face gender dysphoria and confusing opinions.

Government hostels provide orphans and disadvantaged youth shelter, food, and basic education. Young adults become more vulnerable and are manipulated easier during their formative years and puberty season.

Absence of parents and lack of means to obtain necessities such as feminine products add to the dysphoria and confusion of coping with the physical and emotional changes. They feel stigmatized. Young hearts thirst for the truth. Our mission presents the youth a Bible wrapped in a scripture printed blanket/ bedsheet. Members selected by the hostel authorities also receive money to buy personal products.

Prayer groups formed for young adults through this work have grown into church congregations.

"What you gave is more than money, but a sense of being trusted, understood, and listened to. They don't have-even those who aren't orphansa parent figure that listens to them. Thank you."

#### **Hostel Warden**



#### Bible In A Blanket - \$20



### **Freedom Goats**

Replacing the income of child laborers.

Pastors and missionaries in Malawi, Central Africa are living displays of the abundance of joy. We work with about 120 Pastors who preach to more than 110 villages. Their congregations are not capable of providing for the basic needs of their preachers.

Pastor Fred, our ministry partner often walked fifteen kilometers (about ten miles) on Sundays to preach at his two churches because his seven-member household had only one bicycle for transportation. Fred and his fellow pastors could raise goats for a supplemental income. Our mission started with each preacher receiving a set of three Boer goats. The hardy animals reproduce fast and provide quality meat and milk. Preachers earn a significant supplement income through this mission. Supplying a source of food and income for a man who preaches the gospel is a rewarding deed. The Freedom Goats mission helps to build sustainable communities in the remotest hamlets of Malawi. *"Bleating of our goats is music to our ears. Our children check on our goats before going to school. When they return, first thing they do is visiting our goats."* Pastor Fred says.

In India millions of children work along adults to support their families. A pair of goats replaces the income of a child's labor and let the child go back to a normal life.



#### (set of 3) Freedom Goats - \$240



### Water Wells

### The oppressed meet Jesus at Sanma water wells

Each day thousands of women spend hours just to fetch water for their families' daily needs.

In South Africa a Sanma well boosted the morale of the community so much that women in the church used the extra time to start a Backyard Farm project and fish tank on the church property.

In India neighborhoods that do not a have public water supply, people must travel to the next village for water. Sometimes communal divisions cost Christians access to the water source. This causes the women to become both physicaally and mentally exhausted as they struggle to find water for their families. Sanma wells have served as elements of healing and testimonials of God's provision. "Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony," John 4:39.

Jacob's gift of a water well for the Samaritans supplied water for a village and set the stage for the residents to meet the Savior. The gift of a well makes the gospel tangible. Our water wells take part in turning the people to the Water of Life, Jesus Christ.

Sanma wells have an inscription on them that says, *"Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again:"* John 4:13. People ponder. Some seek to know. They find Him, the *Water of Life*. Their souls thirst no more.



One deep-water-well gives fresh water for up to one hundred families each day.

#### Water Well - \$950

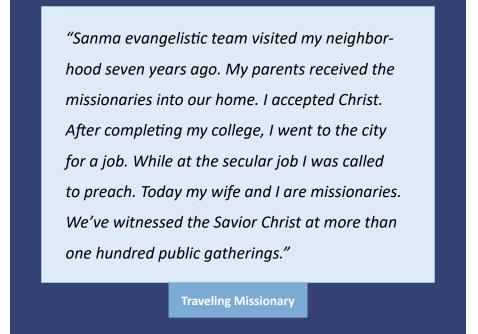


# Mobile Evangelistic Teams (MET's)

Neighbor reaches neighbor with the Gospel.

Mobile Evangelistic Teams (MET's) meet rural India face to face with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is an exciting, rewarding part of our work because it is direct, and often controversial.

The work of a MET member differs from that of a crusade speaker or a conference presenter. He is vulnerable and is exposed to hostile spectators as he bears witness to the lifechanging Gospel at village junctions and marketplaces. MET members take the church to the world and reach where television signals don't.



In India, customs and rituals of ancient religions are woven into the life of the 429 million strong micro-farmer community. A new religion is unwanted, and hence efforts to advance identities of another religion are resisted.

The skeptical audience of a MET member does not see a religious worker. The missionary is one among them, only displaying the undeniable effects of the truth that set the sinner free.

Missionaries that travel on bicycles, mopeds, or minivans get audience with people who have not been to a church and are not inclined to a Christian television program. Souls come to the Savior. A bicycle is a cherished gift, and an effective tool for a MET member.



"My relationship with Sanma has been so rewarding. Visiting their mission fields, I got to know this honorable organization and the people that make lasting difference in lives. Sanma gets the Gospel to the lost souls of India and show the love of Jesus to make their lives productive. I see so many blessed with this and believe God's hand is upon this ministry."

Sharon T. Tucson, AZ



Evangelist K.J. George on the streets of India, distributing gospel tracts and witnessing Christ. He carried on his mission until just a few months before his death in 2016.

James' father, Pastor K.J. George mocked missionaries and disrupted evangelistic efforts in his town till his encounter with Jesus Christ in 1956. During his sixty years of witnessing the Savior across the country and abroad, Evangelist K.J. George always preferred presenting Christ to hostile audiences and personal witnessing than preaching at formal gatherings or organized events.



Bicycle - \$90 Portable Sound System - \$250 Gospel Literature - \$950



### **Shoes for Children**

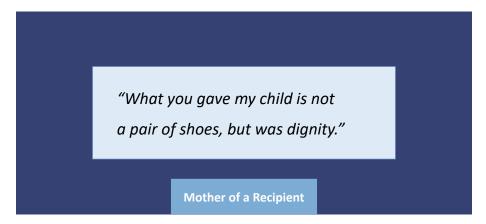
A gift to a child that helps a family.

Sanma's shoes for children mission goes beyond making a child happy or helping a family. When a child is sick, a parent misses work and loses the wages, which equates to food for that very day.

Many parents can't afford such a gift for their children. A pair of shoes protect children from contaminated soil. Children that live in the slums are constantly exposed to harsh chemicals in the soil.

Gestures of caring open the door for the children to know that God loves them. We understand the sufferings. We also know, the real solution to the problems of our suffering world is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:" Luke 15:22

In Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, putting the shoes on the feet of the returned was a gesture of re-admission to the family. Sometimes, the gift of a pair of shoes serves as a channel for a young life to know the Savior who waits for the lost to come home.





#### Pair of Shoes - \$8



# Backyard Farms Grow the Kingdom. Vegetable Carts Deliver the Gospel.

A Christian approach to welfare; a departure from building complacent lifestyles.

Undue welfare can make a person complacent with needy routines. Try empowering Christian women with the means to make independent income. And you get to watch them break the chain of poverty, live out the gospel, and bring people to Christ.

We have been witnessing this statistical reality for two and a half decades. In India and in Africa, widows, and financially weak sisters in our family in Christ became powerful builders of the Kingdom of God. And they bless the people around them. Estheramma, a Christian widow from Guntur, India earned a living selling fresh vegetables door to door to families that are too busy to shop. She carried her merchandise in a basket on her head. When a neck injury halted her business, Estheramma trusted God. Sanma was a channel for the Lord to provide her with a pushcart and supplies that restarted her business. Her business exhibited Christian principles of integrity and abundance, where customers receive more than expected. Estheramma witnessed Christ as God brought her family out of poverty, and into abundance.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

In a society that sees widows and female children as liabilities, Estheramma and her daughters became what God made them to be; contributing citizens, givers. A home prayer group is hosted and supported by her family today. Yes, Occupational Missions illustrate the beauty and strength of Christian faith.

In South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Malawi families of missionaries and Pastors enjoy fresh food and earn supplement income through Sanma Backyard Farm mission. Widows and women in the churches received broods of chickens, vegetable seeds, professional advice, and access to water. More than 2,000 families bless the Lord through a newfound occupation that empowered them to bless others.



Small Business Startup - \$90 Backyard Farm - \$60



### Sanma Bible Press

A Bible distribution method that affords missionaries in India and Africa an occupation

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." Revelation 1:3

Sanma Bible Press ministry prints and delivers Bibles worldwide at subsidized prices for ministries and organizations that seek to make God's Word available for all.

Sanma Bible Press imports paper from the finest mills around the world that specialize in producing Bible paper.

The press is exclusive for Bible printing. God is honored at every aspect of production and distribution. Bibles in various languages and sizes are printed and delivered across India, South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and other places where ministries need them.



Missionaries and home-based businesses re-sell hand-bound Bibles they buy from Sanma. In places where jobs are scarce, this mission creates jobs. Customers get to connect with the people that made their Bibles. Hand-bound Bibles are hardly stored. They are sold quickly.

One of our former missionaries, Pastor C.H. Joseph has constructed two church buildings in the hamlets that he ministers from the proceeds of selling hand-bound Bibles. These two rural communities in eastern India had no knowledge of the Gospel when he started the work in 2012. Today both have congregations that worship the living Savior and people who read the Bible. Pastor C.H. has worked with Sanma since 2001.

Pastor Izak and his wife Linda reach the remotest parts of Mozambique and South Africa. Their ministry too, is supported through the resale of Bibles they purchase from Sanma.

God's Word has healing power. And it brings people out of destructed lives. Let the Word be read and heard in every household.

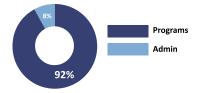
#### Full Bible - \$3



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### **Gift Form**

Thank you for your gift. We receive your gifts with much gratitude and accountability. May God bless and nurture the seeds you sow for the Gospel, to bring much fruit!

Mission	Item Cost	Gift Amount
Bibles	\$3	\$
Pair of Shoes	\$8	\$
A Bicycle	\$90	\$
A Pack of Gospel Literature	\$1	\$
Bible In a Blanket	\$20	\$
Water Well	\$950	\$
Backyard Farm	\$60	\$
Small Business Startup	\$300	\$
Freedom Goats (set of 3)	\$240	\$
Portable Sound System	\$250	\$
Sewing Machine	\$95	\$

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"What impresses us is the way Sanma uses the missions to empower people... We have been partners for more than 20 years. Our relationship gets stronger because we reach people with the Gospel through this work in the most practical way."

#### - Dr. Jeff Hill, Ball Ground, GA

"The most common sense missions. Christ centered. We should know this before setting out for international missions."

– Pastor Ken Goode, Tyler, TX

"Poverty is a problem our government is concerned about. And they try to solve it. Occupational Missions reach where the problem begins. Now we are agents of solutions through missions."

- Pastor Fred Chimbe, Chikwawa, Malawi, Central Africa