



On a recent trip to Slovenia, I was reminded of the simplicity of planting Gospel seeds. Our team was granted the opportunity to help lead a children's club event one evening. The trip was positioned around the celebration of Reformation Day, October 31, which is a national holiday in Slovenia. They celebrate the



The team in Slovenia purchased more Bibles than the company had ever sold at one time!

establishment of their language by a Protestant reformer who developed an alphabet and then wrote down the language for the first time. His motives were anchored in translating the Bible into the local language. Up to this point in history, the Slovene language was known only as a peasant language spoken by the poorest class in the rural farms and fields. Primoz Trubar became a critical link for the Slovene people into the modern era. He provided a vital resource, the Bible, in the local language to help establish the Protestant church in Slovenia.

With this national holiday providing the background, we were able to talk about the Reformation without much reservation. For the children we were able to help simplify the entire reformation through the five solas of the Reformation.

*In Scripture Alone
In Christ Alone
In Faith Alone
In Grace Alone
For God's Glory Alone*

With these five simple phrases we made a craft that used the Luther Rose, a symbol representing Martin Luther and his stand to clarify faith as a grace, as the primary teaching tool. The idea contained simple

colors and shapes that represented each of the five solas. Even in the middle of a culture that does not embrace Christ, the Gospel is planted in truth through crafts.

This event reminded me of the need for simple Gospel truth to be spread like seed in a field. The Lord has not called us to do all the work of saving this world. He has simply asked us to spread the seed. The command of Jesus involves us following Him and acting like we belong to Him. He promises to do a work in us that will draw people to Himself.

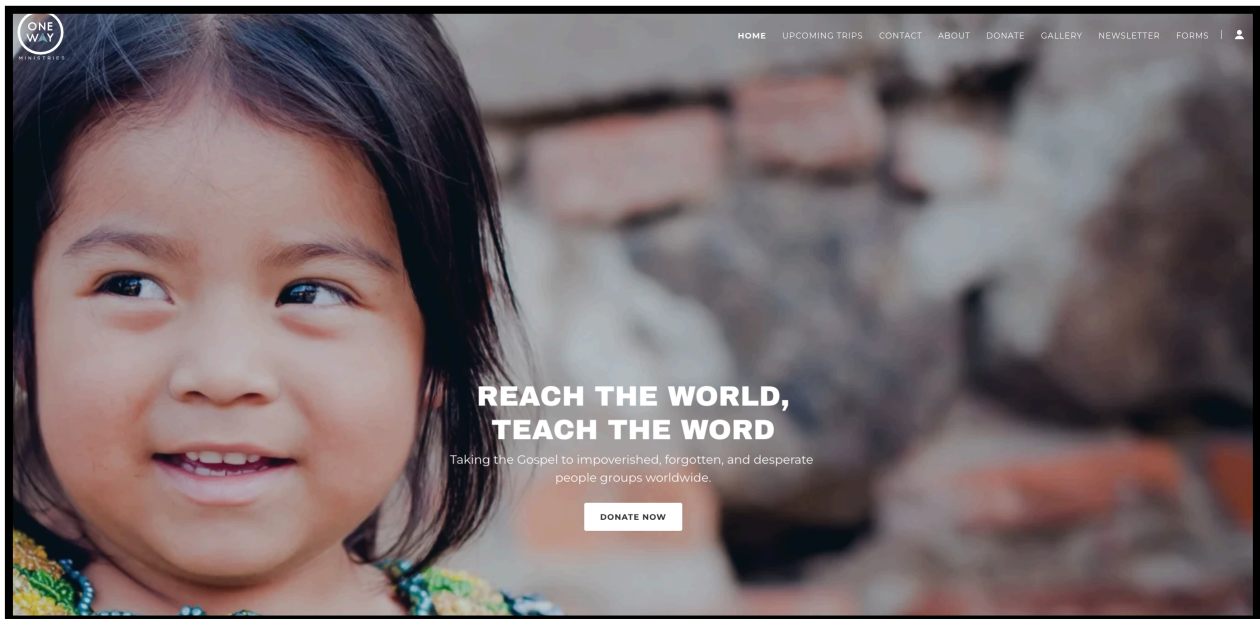
Each year we share dates for trips. These trips are opportunities for you to journey with us for a week or so in another context. While walking alongside other believers, we have the opportunity to spread Gospel seeds, nurture young believers, encourage those working daily in these fields and sometimes celebrate the harvest when souls are saved. These short term missional experiences help us step out of our normal routine and home context for a week of focused work and training. We work with churches in these



The Slovenian mission team shared the Gospel in the marketplace.

locations to do the good works of ministry of sharing and showing the Gospel. We also make these journeys to challenge and stretch ourselves in regard to our own faith and obedience to the Father. The struggles of ministry among dry bones around us needs a boost every now and again that help us refocus and regain the inspiration we need to be light and salt right where we live. The year 2024 holds some amazing experiences for us all. Our desire is to REACH our World and TEACH the WORD with boldness and passion in every opportunity the Lord provides. Will you consider joining us for a short term missional experience where we spread Gospel seeds, share Biblical truth, and challenge our own faith journey? Join us and let's see what God will do!





New Website

The new website, www.1wayministries.org, is up and running! Trip locations and dates, photos, forms, and payments are all available on the new site. In addition, archived newsletters can be read and NEW stories from the mission field will be uploaded over time. We would love to have your snapshot from a particular trip and feature your story of how God worked in your life. Send your stories to outreach@1wayministries.org.

In the coming months, look for One Way newsletters in your inbox as we are transitioning to an online platform to streamline our efforts. If you would like to change your email address with us, please contact sheryl@1wayministries.org. The full transition to online communication will occur on December 31st of this year.

TAX RECEIPTS

All donations to One Way Ministries are tax deductible. Any gifts postmarked by December 31, 2023 qualify for a 2023 tax receipt. Donations can be made through the following mediums:

Check - mail to 3301 Tartan Lane, Birmingham, AL 35242

Paypal - send to donations@1wayministries.org

Please contact Sheryl Turner (sheryl@1wayministries.org or 205.706.8173) if you need assistance with your tax receipt or have a question about donations.

2024 Mission Trips

March 23-30	Peru	Children's/Community
March 30-April 6	Peru	Children's/Community
April 19-27	Slovenia	Community Outreach
June 1-8	Guatemala	Community Outreach
June 15-22	Mexico	Community Outreach

Sign up to join a trip at www.1wayministries.org!

