

LAUNCH OF DIGITAL MISSIONS @ CPC – 02-01-22

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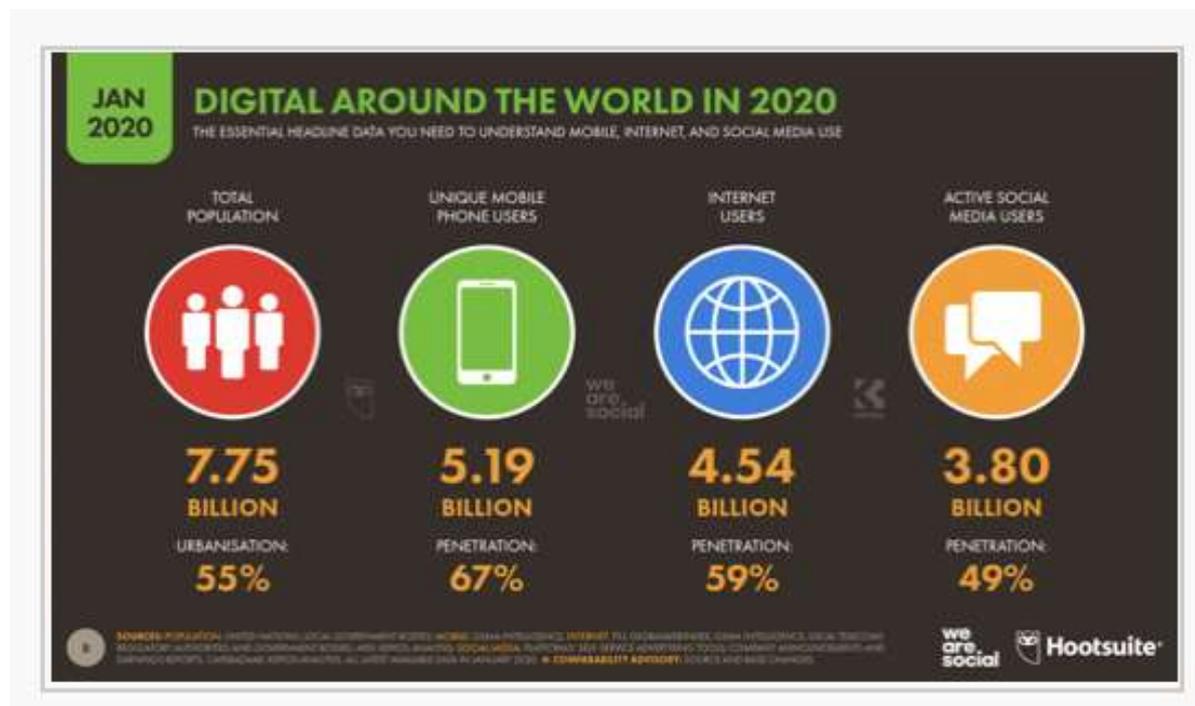
Dear Covenantors,

Since 2020, with the pandemic closing doors to churches, schools, and businesses and keeping much of the world inside their homes, missions was not excluded.

With the borders closed, we have not been able to get into the mission fields to work with our missionaries and mission partners. We have only been able to pray for them and financially support them faithfully in the past 2 years in these difficult times. This, I must commend that, we did well under the circumstances we are all in. Praise God!

In the last quarter of 2021, I felt the Lord impressed on my heart that we need to go further to obey the Great Commission found in Matt 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

The COVID-19 pandemic requires us to operate missions differently. Today I would like to officially launch a new way of doing missions i.e. via **DIGITAL MISSIONS**. What’s that?



First of all, let me share how digitally connected we are around the world. This statistic was published in Jan 2020, just pre-COVID 19. Imagine how much more digitally connected after the start of COVID-19! From the stats, we can see that we can reach billions of people for Jesus digitally. *Digital missions is about bringing the unchanging Gospel to a changing world. Most of the world right now is walking around with smartphones. Right now, 67% of the world's population has a mobile*

phone, 59% has internet access, and 49% of the world — that's 3.8 billion — are active social media users.

Jesus called us to “go and make disciples of all nations,” (Matt 28:19) so as Christians, we go where people are to bring them the Gospel. And where are people? Online, on their mobile phones, on social media.

Engaging in digital missions is about bringing the Gospel to those digital spaces. It's about bringing the Gospel to social media platforms, to people's email inboxes, to podcasts and YouTube videos, to text messages and Messenger. It's about doing your part to reach every tongue, every tribe, and every touchscreen. (Indigitous Sg)

We don't need to sit back and wait for VTL nor for COVID-19 pandemic to come to an end to travel for missions. So how do we reach people online? How do we disciple people online?

For starters, it's something that any follower of Jesus can do. You don't need to be ordained, work for a church, or work in vocational ministry. If you have faith in Jesus and a phone or a computer, you can be a digital missionary.

Many levels of Digital Missions Outreach

- Zoom
- Digital Resourcing
- Foreign language exchange
- Using Social media – FB, Instagram, ...

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There are many levels or ways of doing Digital Missions. CPC's Jeremy & Jacqueline have already begun the weekly Zoom teaching sessions with Cambodia's children @ Hope Orphanage for over a year since the lockdown. We had Zoom sessions with our missionaries and mission partners 3 times in

2021 for prayer meetings. And there are other ways of doing Digital Missions too – Digital Resourcing for missionaries on the ground, doing foreign language exchange, and using social media like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, etc. to connect.

DIGITAL RESOURCING

- Rev Engkiat & Anong's co-partners in Thailand - **Hang & Vung**
- They have moved into a new village
- Requested for digital resources for children outreach

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We asked our own missionaries, Rev Engkiat & Anong, if Digital Missions, in any form, could help them. Because they were returning home for furlough already by late 2021, they connected us with their co-partners in Thailand mission field – Hang & Vung. This couple just moved into a new village and when told that CPC is keen to activate the Church to obey the

Great Commission, they gladly accepted our offer and requested for digital resources for children.



This photo on the left shows their recent Christmas outreach to the village children in their home. They used their TV to project the lyrics of the songs. They can do the same if we could video record ourselves telling bible stories for children and share a personal testimony related to it. This will be a huge help to the missionaries' work when we can all video record and

send them these digital resources of storytelling, verbally or drama. If successful, we can potentially share this with other nations as well.

The Story of Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10



Here's an example of our 1st video recording where we used a previously recorded skit at our 2019 East Timor Mission Trip. The story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10.



Adeline's testimony follows after the skit – she testifies how she relates to Zacchaeus. He was short but she said she was fat and had a difficult time making friends... It's HIS-TORY.

We submit both the story telling via Skit with the Testimony and that will be one resource the missionary can use anytime.

So here's what we can do:

- Digitally resource the missionaries with videos of Bible stories told by Covenantors
- **Show, tell, sing, dramatize, etc. a bible story or use a verse, followed by sharing a personal testimony related to the lesson learned**
- **Video record it in English – speak slowly, record in landscape orientation preferably.**
- **Involve your family, as a small group or individually in global missions**
- Don't stop at just one recording! We welcome more!
- Send in your recorded video & script to Ps Lionel or Ps MuiFong for review.
- The final video will be placed together with the others in one common Google Drive.
- The Launch has begun! 1st run from January – March 2022, followed by an Evaluation.
- If successful, we can RESOURCE other nations!

I believe Digital Missions can have a WIDER REACH AND GREATER IMPACT!



We have started one video resource so far and it's sitting in our new Google Drive. We hope each of you can contribute at least one video to tell HIS-TORY! We hope to receive many videos from you and have a wealth of digital resources collected this year! You, your family, your small groups can all participate and answer the call to make disciples, closing the gap of the distance.

Reach out to the children in the mission field in such an unprecedented way!



So let me be clear of the Purpose of Digital Missions...



**SIMPLY – TOUCH TO BEGIN
(recording)!**

Do send us your video recording and script. Someone needs to hear History! **The Time is NOW! It is HARVEST TIME!**

For more info, do contact Ps Lionel Neo or Ps Mui Fong.

May we be faithful to God's Great Commission to the ends of the earth!