

## 2020 年世界願景

一臂之遙地觀看基督

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基督對世界的願景總是觸手可及。正如我們向兒童傳講基督的故事，使他們開始認識耶穌：耶穌用自己的雙手和泥，塗抹在一個出生就失明的人的眼睛上，然後打發他到西羅亞池洗去泥土，他的視力就恢復了。法利賽人詢問他是如何痊癒的，他的見證簡單而有力：『從前我是眼瞎的、如今能看見了。』

馬太福音第八章，有一個長大痲瘋的、來跪在耶穌面前，求主醫治。耶穌讓痲瘋病人走近的事實已經違反了當時的規則，因為痲瘋病人被貼上不潔淨的標籤，不許走近別人，但他求耶穌潔淨他。耶穌伸出手，做了一件不可思議的事：摸了摸痲瘋病人，這個人立刻就痊癒了。

還有一次，記載在路加福音第八章，一個患血漏女人從人群中走到耶穌背後，她不在主的視線之內，但她摸耶穌衣裳縫子，女人就立即痊癒了。耶穌覺得有能力從身上出去，就問：『誰摸了我？』女人就俯伏在耶穌腳前，耶穌對他說：『女兒、你的信救了你、平平安安的去罷。』她也被認為是不潔的，在她周圍人的眼中沒有值，然而基督認可她的價值和尊嚴，在身體上、情感上和精神上治癒了她。

雖然基督帶給人類的真正需要是屬靈的醫治，但祂很清楚人們的身體需要，例如飢餓。在馬太福音十四章，耶穌看見許多人、就憐憫他們、治好了他們的病人。之後，人們繼續前行，因為他們想要聽到和看到更多。門徒建議打發他們去找食物，但基督知到他們的身體飢餓，就告訴門徒讓他們留在那裡，祂用一個孩子簡單的午餐，為 5,000 人提供身體上的營養，使他們不會分心，並能繼續接受屬靈的食物。

作為一名兒童的宣教士，我覺得，基督對世界的異象最奇妙的描述，就是當父母把他們的孩子帶到基督面前，要求給祝福他們時，門徒責備這些父母，而基督卻糾正門徒說：“讓小孩子到我這裏來、不要禁止他們，因為在天國的、正是這樣的人。我實在告訴你們、凡要承受 神國的、若不像小孩子、斷不能進去。於是抱著小孩子、給他們接手、為他們祝福。（可 10:14-16）

當我思想 2020 年的世界願景時，我認為這是擁抱新的虛擬現實的願景，但仍然按著基督待人方式，以愛和尊嚴，在祂伸手可及的範圍內接待他們。這願景，意味著我們可能需要讓人們更貼近我們的心。在這個社會距離和虛擬事工的時代，要如何運作呢？

可以從我們周圍最接近的人開始。在我們的家庭、的朋友圈、住在隔壁公寓或房子的人，有沒有和我們很親近的人而不認識基督？當我們伸出手，花時間去愛，歡迎和肯定那些與我們親近的人時，我們的心就會充滿對這個世界更美好的憧憬。如果我們不關心那些觸手可及的人，我們怎麼能關心這個世界呢？

當我們的家變成工作場所、學校和避難所時，基督對世界的憧憬就可以從家裡開始，祂知道，在愛和祝福中成長的孩子，他們也會以愛和祝福待人。也許世界最大的疲憊的變革推動者現在正和我們一樣，在家隔離。這個在家虛擬學習的季節，實際上可能是家庭門徒的一個巨大的成長期。雖然這一次在很多層面上都是具有挑戰性，但還是要優先閱讀神的話，一起禱告。每天為孩子或孫兒禱告，他們從你那裡學會了相信耶穌，你會發現他們反過來也會禱告並給你帶來祝福。

在這虛擬時期，我們可以隨時隨地接觸到我們宣教夥伴的需要和事工。中宣會的虛擬宣教培靈會使我們有機會更接近世界，聽到宣教夥伴聲音，特別為他們禱告。求神在宣道月，把特定國家或事工的負擔放在你的心上。我們可以花時間在中宣會網站 [ocmchurch.org](http://ocmchurch.org) 上閱讀事工的最新消息和禱告事項，求神幫助我們採取具體行動。一封鼓勵人心的電郵、每周安排時間專門禱告、或者給中宣會的宣教夥伴一份經濟禮物，都是讓事工夥伴更貼近你心的好方法。

我們要學基督樣式，密切觀察他人，以肯定他人的方式作出回應。我們需要在身體上、情感上、和精神上整體地認同他人。基督關心人們屬靈的需要，也提供他們整體的需要。通過讓他人貼近我們的心，真正地認同他們身體上、情感上和精神上的存在，我們就會對世界有更清晰的願景。

我們為 2020 年世界願景而努力，在家的隔離時期可以重新設定目標，在家裡，門徒可以得到培養與成長。認識宣教夥伴和他們的同工，會幫助我們有更清晰的目標與願景，在本國和世界各地拓展神的國度！正如基督把人帶到自己身邊，即使在這個社交距離時期，利用我們在家裡的機會和技術，我們也有機會這樣做。

## A 2020 Vision for the World

### The Arm's Length View of Christ By Deb Carey

Christ's vision for the world was always within his arm's reach. As we teach the stories of Christ to children, they come to know Jesus who mixed mud with his own hands to put on the eyes of a man blind since birth. After Jesus sent him to the pool of Siloam to wash off the mud, his sight was restored. When questioned by the Pharisees about how he was healed, his testimony was simple and powerful, "I was blind, and now I see."

In Matthew 8, a leper comes and kneels directly in front of Jesus and asks to be healed. The fact that Jesus let the leper come up close was already breaking the rules of the day. The man was labeled unclean and unfit to come near others, but he asks Jesus to make him clean. Jesus stretches out his hand, and does the unthinkable, he touches the man and immediately the man is healed.

Another time in Luke 8, a woman came up to Jesus in a crowd. She was not in his line of vision, but she touched the hem of his garment and the power went out from him and she was immediately healed. Jesus asked, "who touched me?" and she revealed herself and Christ affirmed her, "your faith has made you whole". She too, had been considered unclean, unworthy in the eyes of society around her, yet Christ acknowledged her worth and dignity, healing her physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Although spiritual healing is truly what Christ came to give, he was well aware of human physical needs like hunger. In Matthew 14 we see him have compassion on a large crowd and after healing many sick, the crowds continue on because they want to hear and see more. The disciples suggested sending the people away to get food, but Christ sees and acknowledges their physical hunger and tells the disciples to let them stay right there. Christ uses the simple lunch of a child to provide physical nourishment for 5000 so that they are not distracted and that they can continue to receive spiritual food.

As a minister to children, perhaps the most wonderful account to me of Christ's vision for the world is his reaction when the disciples scold parents for bringing their children to Christ to bless them. When Christ saw what was happening, he corrected his disciples and said, "*Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.*"<sup>18</sup> *Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.*

As I think upon a 2020 Vision for the world, I think it is a vision that embraces our new virtual reality but still views all individuals as Christ sees them, with love and dignity and within his arm's reach. To have that vision, it means we probably need to bring people closer to our hearts. How does that work in this time of social distancing and virtual ministry?

We can start with those who are the closest to us physically. Is there someone close to us that doesn't know Christ in our family, in our circle of friends, living in the apartment or house next door? As we reach out and take the time to love, to welcome and affirm those close to us, our hearts will overflow with a greater vision for our world. How can we care about the world if we don't care for those within our reach?

As our homes have turned into workplaces, schools and havens, Christ's vision for the world can start right at home. Christ knew that when a child was loved and blessed, they would grow up to love and be a blessing. Perhaps the greatest change agents for our weary world are right now sheltered at home with us. This season of virtual learning at home can actually be a tremendous growing period for family discipleship. Although this time is challenging on so many levels, make it a priority to read God's word and pray together. Pray blessings over your children or grandchildren each day and you will find that they in turn will pray and bring blessing on you as they learn to trust Jesus from you.

During this virtual time, we can travel and be in touch with the needs and ministries of our missionary partners anywhere and at any time. Our Virtual Mission Conference gives us the opportunity to bring the world closer to us as we hear from our mission partners and as we pray specifically for them. Pray that God places a burden on your heart for a particular country or ministry highlighted during our mission month. We can take the time to read the ministry updates and prayer requests on our church website [ocmchurch.org](http://ocmchurch.org) of our partner ministries and ask God to help us take a specific action step. An encouraging email, setting time to pray specifically each week, or giving a financial gift to an OCM mission partner are great ways to bring a partner ministry closer to your heart.

Like Christ, we need to look at others closely and respond in ways that affirm others. We need to acknowledge others in a holistic way, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Christ met those needs as well as the spiritual needs of those he touched. By bringing others close to our hearts, and truly seeing them as physical, emotional and spiritual beings, we will have a clearer vision for our world.

As we work on a 2020 Vision for the World, our time at home can have renewed purpose as we grow at home disciples. Getting to know our missionary partners and the people they work with more closely, can only help us have a clearer focus and renewed vision for growing God's Kingdom at home and throughout the world! Christ brought individuals close to himself, and we have the opportunity even during this time of social distancing to do the same, using the opportunities at home and the technology that we have been given.