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Improving nutrition

By Gill Ashley-Smith. Russell and Gill visited Nicaragua last year on behalf of OA.

This year's Operation Agri appeal features **AMOS Health and Hope** in Nicaragua, the poorest country in Central and South America. AMOS gives poor villages access to healthcare, improving the health of their whole community. There are now 27 AMOS clinics in remote villages, each with a trained Health Promoter who provides medicines for the most common illnesses.

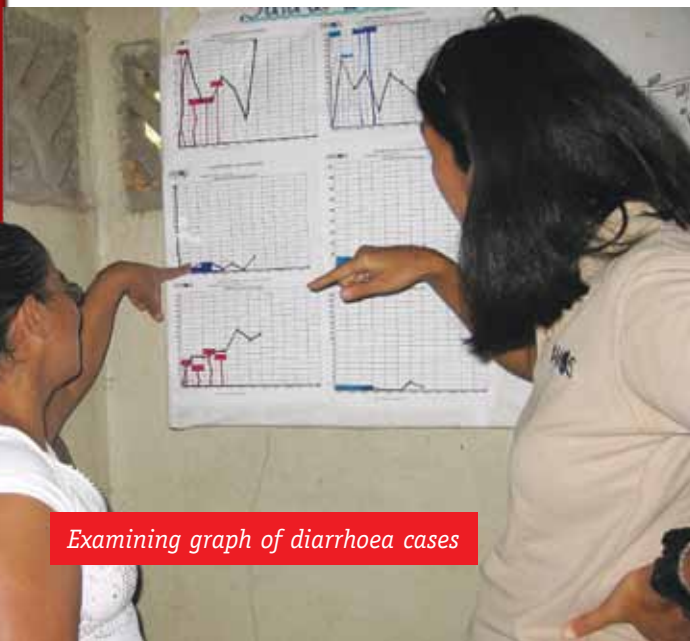
Doctors David and Laura Parajón, who lead the project, gave us a very warm welcome when we visited last summer. They were keen to emphasise that this health project is about much more than just giving out medicines. It is even more vital to help communities to be aware of the causes of ill health, and to find ways to tackle them.

Census based care

The first task they ask each village health committee to undertake is to visit each home to conduct a census. Everyone must be included. From that, they produce charts of numbers in each age group, what the common ailments are, and a map of where the most vulnerable people live – the sick, the pregnant women, the infants and the elderly.

The Health Promoter then keeps detailed records of those coming to the clinic, and makes home visits to check on others. Every statistic, graph and clinic record sheet is both kept by the community, and copied (we saw the AMOS nurse, Rosita, taking photos of each page!) so it can be entered in the AMOS computers at the head office in the capital, Managua. AMOS then analyses the data to compare communities, and chart the effect that campaigns such as improving the drinking water have on reducing problems like diarrhoea.

Credit: Gill and Russell Ashley-Smith



Examining graph of diarrhoea cases

Better off families with worse health

One surprising result in these statistics was that some families in apparently better off areas often had the worst health problems, linked to poor nutrition. They discussed this at the next training week with the Health Promoters, and found links with whether people were employed by a large farmer, or had their own plot, even very small, to grow food. Those employed by others often did not have much choice in what they could produce to eat, and their wages were too easily spent on junk food at the village shop.

So AMOS focussed on training the Health Promoters to understand the nutritional values of different foods, and to teach these to mothers. They emphasised the importance of giving children vegetables and fruit, as well as the staple rice, beans, eggs and maize tortilla.

We visited the village of San Onofre, and met Health Promoter, Timotea. She is actively involved in nutrition education, and has produced her own posters of good and bad food, to discuss with mothers who came to have their babies checked. She had also made up a simple song to teach children, and we visited the local school where we all joined in singing:

"Yo quiero comer verduras y frutas..." (I want to eat vegetables and fruit...)

"Yo NO quiero comer bon-bons y caramelos..." (I don't want to eat sweets and toffees...)

The children were then each given a de-worming tablet to chew. In some areas almost all children suffer from debilitating parasites like intestinal worms, but a tablet every 6 months gets rid of them, greatly improving the children's health.



Timotea with her nutrition posters



Giving de-worming tablets to school children

in Nicaragua

Anaemia is common

In Nicaragua many people suffer from anaemia due to lack of iron in the diet, including around a third of pregnant women. The danger is that this often remains hidden, so children grow up frail and small, often struggling in school; pregnant women become sick or easily exhausted, leading to an increased rate of stillborn or low birth-weight babies.



Cooking green patties

The tropical climate produces a variety of edible green leaves, high in iron and vitamins, but the problem is they are hardly used in the kitchen. So Timotea and other Health Promoters are encouraged to hold cookery demonstrations to teach healthy, tasty recipes.

We saw Timotea preparing "tortas de ojas verdes" (green leaf patties) for us to eat – tasty and proving popular with people trying them. They look like beef-burgers, but are green inside and full of vitamins and iron. Many green leaves such as yucca and squash can be used. Timotea uses the quelite leaves from a bush by her house. Homes have corn grinders for making tortillas, which can puree the leaves, or they can be cooked and chopped. Other ingredients are added, including tomatoes, onions, green peppers, garlic, lime, eggs and flour. Once the consistency is right, you can make patties and fry them in oil.

People are surprised how much children like the green patties - including those who don't like tomatoes, or onions, and certainly don't normally like anything green or leafy!

Miracle moringa tree

AMOS is also distributing seedlings of the moringa tree, which grows naturally in Nicaragua, to families of anaemic children. The moringa has been recognized worldwide as a "miracle" tree because its leaves are filled with an incredible amount of vitamins. Even poor families with little land can plant them near their home, and have a free supply of healthy leaves to pick.

On top of being a good source of iron, **one** dessert-spoon of fresh moringa has more vitamin C than seven oranges, more calcium than four glasses of milk, more vitamin A than four carrots, more potassium than three bananas,



Dr Laura explains the value of planting a moringa tree

more protein than two chicken legs - in just one spoonful! When the leaves are dried, effects are concentrated even more - a spoonful has 17 times the calcium of a glass of milk, four times the protein of a chicken leg and twice the iron in a vitamin supplement. The fresh leaves can be eaten like salad, and dried leaves mixed with other food.

Dr Laura was impressed that Timotea had created her own recipe - chopped fresh moringa leaves mixed with lemon juice and salt, served as a tasty sauce, rather like mint sauce.

AMOS will be monitoring the effect of giving families these trees, to see if it has measurable effects in reducing anaemia and improving the health of these poor rural families.

Shared values

Christian values are shared with the diverse group of Health Promoters, some of whom are Catholic and others from Evangelical church backgrounds. Reading the Bible and prayer is a regular part of AMOS meetings with village health committees. They encourage the Health Promoters to use the OPAPA method to explore how a Bible story, such as Jesus healing a crippled person, can relate to their situation:

- O ¿Que Observan? What do you observe in the story?
- P ¿Que es el Problema? What is the problem?
- A ¿Sucede esto Aqui? Does this happen here?
- P ¿Porque pasa esto? Why is this?
- A ¡Accion! What action can we take?

These isolated rural communities are being encouraged to identify their problems, and work together to solve them, with the help of AMOS. They clearly feel valued and cared for by David and Laura and the AMOS team.

This year OA has provided £11,630 for this work in Nicaragua

Encouraging comments from Orissa, India

By Colin Laver (former BMS worker) and Derek Barlow. In November 2011 these two members of Norton Baptist Church, Stockton on Tees, visited the West Utkal Agricultural Centre (WUAC), which is in the Indian state of Odisha (formally Orissa).

"It was clear that the farmers we met were very encouraged by the results they have achieved."

After a long and disrupted train journey across India we arrived in Diptipur to a warm welcome from Mihir Sagar the administrator of WUAC and a large group of friendly farmers from one of the local farmers clubs. It was immediately obvious that they were enthusiastic about the benefits derived from cooperating with each other and under the guidance of WUAC.

During our visit we saw three areas of development supported by OA:

Irrigation: Diptipur and the surrounding district is situated in a drought region, making irrigation an essential. We were shown the benefits of a deep bore well funded by OA. This has enabled several acres of paddy to be cultivated successfully with opportunity to harvest two if not three crops in a year. Through WUAC farmers from 4 villages have asked for help, and OA has agreed to support a project to build large reservoirs, which will store water in the wet season. This water will then be channelled through an irrigation system, which will improve the crops of up to 120 farmers. Upland paddy production will increase and kitchen/market gardening, which is growing in popularity will develop further.

Kitchen/Market garden: A number of groups of farmers with small amounts of land have come together under a planned cultivation programme. Organic farming is being encouraged with fantastic results. As a consequence of the new reservoirs, four new farmers clubs are planned, and through these, ideas will be shared and new agricultural practices introduced. These clubs are beginning to realise the strength and value of working together.

Poultry rearing: At least 10 farmers have taken up poultry keeping. We saw four of these during our visit. The main purpose is to take day old chicks and prepare them for market. This takes up to 5 months and gives a good profit, which can be reinvested. It was clear that the farmers we met were very encouraged by the results they have achieved.



Market gardeners work together to grow organic food.



WUAC poultry project.

Livelihood development project

The work being developed by WUAC, is encouraging. However they realise that there are underlying problems, which also need to be tackled. Low literacy rates, poor knowledge of good agricultural practices. (Broadcasting is still a preferred method as

£10,000 has recently been granted by OA to support these two projects

opposed to the line sowing of paddy). There continues to be discrimination, and marginalisation of the poor, of women and children. Access to government support is not taken up due to ignorance of official procedures. As a result of these and other difficulties people suffer food scarcity and social discrimination. WUAC have asked OA to help them set up a project which will begin to tackle some of these issues.

WUAC plan to extend the development of the schemes mentioned above; they wish to encourage women's groups, giving them the same skills and ideas from which the men benefit. There is a proposal for what are termed 'Exposure Visits,' which will bring people to see examples of good skills and techniques, providing a platform for the sharing of experiences, and an environment of support and encouragement.

It is planned to use the WUAC offices as a centre for disseminating information and for counselling in its broadest sense, to help guide people in their day-to-day living. This will include literacy classes, how to deal with banking, how to access grants and much more.

It is our hope and prayer that the WUAC family, through the recently extended support of OA, might continue to build on the good work we saw.

Credit: Colin Laver.

Irrigation lake at Diptipur.

Water in a Needy World

By Dr Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, Development Economist and Adviser to OA.

March 22nd marked International World Water Day – a day to focus attention on the importance of fresh water and advocate for the sustainable management of fresh water resources. Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of fresh water. This year the theme was Water and Food Security (<http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/>). There are 7 billion people to feed on the planet today and another 2 billion are expected by 2050.

Statistics tell us that we each drink 2 to 4 litres of water daily, but most of the water we 'drink' is hidden in the food we eat: producing 1 kilo of beef for example consumes 15,000 litres of water while 1 kilo of wheat 'drinks up' 1,500 litres. The population of many of the world's poorer countries continues to rise. Changing weather patterns throw farming into disarray. And ever more water is required to satisfy the world's appetite for meat. All these factors and more contribute to a catastrophic shortage of water in many places. Although the Millennium Development Goal to halve the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water has, remarkably, been achieved, 780 million people are still waiting. And 2.5 billion have no safe sanitation.

Operation Agri recognises the fundamental importance of water - access, supply, quality and politics – to poor people's lives and supports a range of projects that aim to connect people to physical water, with the ultimate goal of connecting them to spiritual water!

In Nicaragua, AMOS Health and Hope is involved with clean drinking water supply by providing water filters for remote villages, which greatly reduces sickness and diarrhoea. Teams from churches in USA come to help make filters, and also donate the cost. AMOS gives training, with OA's support, to village health promoters, who then organise sessions in their villages to train people how to maintain the filters. AMOS also helps them test and compare their source and filtered water for purity, as well as the stored filtered water, which sometimes gets re-contaminated. To solve the latter, they provide chlorine kits, which run off a car battery, and turn a mix of salt and water into chlorine, a small amount of which is added to the stored water.



Domestic water filter in Nicaragua.



Testing the quality and purity of the water.

In India OA has supported a wide range of water projects, from water capture from church roofs in Nagaland, to agricultural water supply provision through drilling of borewells and installation of submersible pumps in Diptipur, Orissa.

So what can we in the West do to ensure access to nutritious food and water for everyone? As recommended by UN water we can:

- follow a healthier, sustainable diet;
- consume less water-intensive products;
- reduce the scandalous food wastage: 30% of the food produced worldwide is never eaten and the water used to produce it is definitively lost!
- produce more food, of better quality, with less water.



The results: safe, healthy water for the community.

Case Study:

In Nepal, Indra Pun, the president of a village drinking water system committee, says that he has been evaluating the situation before and after MCDS, CHEST (OA Partner) started working with the local community and he has seen tremendous changes in a very short period. He adds that the development work in their village has united the people and he is very thankful to MCDS, CHEST for bringing them together and guiding them, as the various procedures of water installation and other inputs are carried out.

Leading the way in Sri Lanka

By Gill Ashley-Smith and Nadeesha Rajakaruna of LEADS.

LEADS is a Christian organisation in Sri Lanka that empowers poor communities. Having worked with a poor village for three years or so, they leave them with a thriving CBO (Community Based Organisation) that has successfully brought improvements to their own village, and is running a local savings and loans fund.

Home gardening

Mr. Dharmadasa, an elder in his community, Oryanwatte, was keen to be involved with the LEADS staff, developing the CBO and improving his village. He has much experience of agriculture and enjoys his gardening. He is pleased to feed his family with nutritious food, free from chemicals and diseases, and also sells vegetables at market.

He is innovative, utilizing all available resources. He successfully cultivated rocky ground where access to water is a challenge, and specifically did this to prove to the villagers that anything is possible with a bit of effort! He says, "My aim is to share my knowledge."

Toilets and clothes

LEADS often helps communities to build toilets. Swarnalatha is very appreciative that her family received support from LEADS and the CBO to construct a latrine, making their home much more hygienic. Her husband is a daily paid worker at the Transport Department. "The income was hardly enough to maintain a family especially with three daughters at home," she says. As the family burden increased so did the problems of debt.

Years ago Swarnalatha worked in a garment factory which sadly closed down. She joined the CBO and was delighted to have a loan of Rs.20,000 to buy a sewing machine. Today she happily supplies the orders of her neighbours and sews school uniforms and other clothes for her children. She says the CBO has helped give her children a future as their family can lead a better quality life freed from the burden of debt.

Goats and growth

Sandya is a housewife with three children at school. Her husband grows good quality manioc, fertilising it, and protecting it from wild boar! But his income was not enough for all their needs. LEADS provided Sandya with



Sandya's goats

two goats. The goats are well looked after and selling goat kids helps pay the children's school costs. The goats have an added benefit: their droppings provide manure for the manioc, which is growing tall and healthy. This helped them save Rs.20,000 on fertilizer, increasing their profit on this, their main income.

Tea Nursery

Udeni, mother of two children, lives in a small house in this tea estate area. In her garden are tea plants bagged and ready for sale. Their income from agriculture was not enough for the growing family. So she started a tea nursery business, but a severe drought destroyed the plants and her financial loss made it impossible to re-start. It was a hard time for the family.

Udeni was among the first to join the CBO. When the income generation loan scheme was launched, she was determined to apply.

A loan of Rs.5,000 was approved

and a year later her tea nursery has grown, with good demand for her plants. "LEADS has helped us in many ways to ease our burden and we are here today thanks to the good work they do," Udeni says with great satisfaction.

Earlier this year an OA grant of £6,696 was provided for LEADS activities



Swarnalatha's toilet



Udeni with tea seedlings

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Towards Life in all its Fullness

By BMS worker Martin Butterworth, Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor, Programme Team, United Mission to Nepal. This article is a follow-on from that which appeared on pages 4 and 5 of our spring issue under the title "That they may have life..." We apologise that this item was attributed to the wrong author.

In the last edition of Outreach Abroad I used the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) concept called "Fullness of Life" to write about the work of OA partner MCDS. An obvious question would then be "what is UMN doing about Fullness of Life?" So here's the answer!

UMN's intention is that the Fullness of Life concept will help us see wider implications of our work and further improve what we do. When we work with a community there is often a focus on one or two of the six Fullness of Life aspects, but shouldn't we ask how the others will be impacted?

Over the last year in UMN we've been introducing our staff to this way of thinking. We looked at stories about our work and asked ourselves which of the Fullness of Life aspects were there. Then we forced ourselves to think about which others might be involved. We asked ourselves what we thought would be evidence of each aspect. What are the things we'd expect to change, and what about the relationships between them?

Now it's time for UMN to take this further. It's great for the concept to expand our thinking but we need to apply it so that poor communities we serve see some benefit. This



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A group of UMN staff discussing Fullness of Life.



Credit: Martin Butterworth.

year we're going to start looking at what UMN is going to do as well as what we've already done.

Can UMN have some sort of "checklist" for each Fullness of Life aspect? It could help us see where our work is bringing change, and perhaps where we need to give more attention.

Can we apply the Fullness of Life concept to project planning, so that from the start we're making as broad an impact on people's lives as possible?

Finally, as Christians what does this intentionally "neutral" model mean to us? Does our insight into the "Fullness of Life" concept used by Jesus in John 10:10 give us a different perspective?

We'll never understand completely the full or abundant life that God intended for all of us. But let's pray that our discussion can move us in the right direction.

News in Brief

Farewell Brazil...

Mike and Daveen Wilson (BMS workers in Brazil) have come to the end of 23 challenging years in Trapia, spreading the Good News in a variety of ways. They will be back in the UK by the time this item is published. OA has been privileged to support them for most of this period through the supply and maintenance of a vehicle and through medical and other development inputs. With the time for departure drawing near Daveen put these reflections together as they met in Trapia with family and friends and a team from their home church:

- *The last Lent meetings, singing "Amazing Grace" in Portuguese and English, hugging, and eating together.*
- *Singing, instrumental, art, fitness, drama workshops.*
- *Linking hands and encircling the school we are building in Nova Trapiá, then praying all aloud together for this project.*
- *Forty or so of us completing 24 hours of prayer and fasting together on Good Friday.*
- *Staying up all night on Holy Saturday, worshipping, dancing, eating, playing games.*
- *Seeing the dawn come up, sharing communion together,*

at the water hole, celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

- *Our last day together as a family in the home we've made here, talking and talking – all the team spending the day in local homes. Hugs, tears, good-byes, folk who have learned to love.*

Making life different in Bangladesh

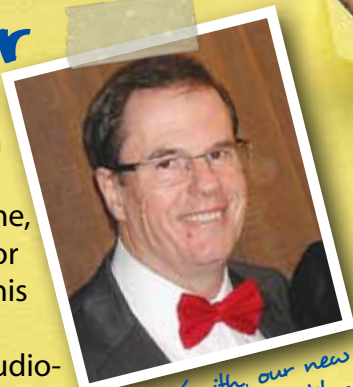
In a report from the Bangladesh Children's Education Project which OA supports, this success story is recorded:

"Noyome Mitra and her family live in a tin shed with a mud floor. Her mother is a school teacher and her father is a farmer. When she was 4 years old Noyome was admitted to one of the SHED Board pre-schools. She was very attentive and punctual in her classes and obtained very good results in the final exam. Her dream is that after completing studies in this school she will be admitted to a nearby primary school. Noyome wants to be a doctor and serve the poor and needy people in their villages. All the teachers love this little girl and hope that, one day her dream will come true."

Notice Board

new editor

We are pleased to welcome Andy Smith as Commissioning Editor of this magazine, and grateful to him for offering himself for this important role. Andy worked in the BMS audio-visual department for twenty years before moving into prison education. He is a Senior Street Pastor in his home town of Wantage and has been co-opted as a Trustee of Operation Agri.



Andy Smith, our new commissioning editor.

Requests

Since January 2012 we have gratefully received bequests from the estates of: Mrs M Houghton, Mrs E Kew and Mr H Woodley. We thank God for their foresight and hope that they may be examples to other partners of Operation Agri. We are also grateful for gifts in memory of Mr A Mitchell – donations such as these can also provide a positive example.

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Prayer Points

Please use this page in conjunction with other information in the magazine

Zimbabwe

- Praise God that funding difficulties are being overcome enabling completion of the Youth Training Centre at Gulati. The planned training courses can now commence.
- Pray for peace and security in the months leading up to the anticipated elections and for the peaceful rights of individuals to vote without intimidation.

Uganda

- **Beersheba** Pray for the early help being provided for girls in primary level four to enable them to complete their education. Praise God for the encouragement and advice being provided within the self help programme. Pray that this will enable carers to access small business loans and break the chain of poverty for their families.
- **SDKF** The skills training programme teaches design and tailoring to girls in a slum area of Kampala and provides them with skills that will enable them to contribute to their family budget. All of their profiles reveal harrowing stories of difficulties. Thank God for the hope that this course is giving them.
- **Gulu** Pray for Paul Kyalimpa as he travels to and from Gulu in the north of the country and to other places, providing training in sustainable organic agricultural practices. Remember the farmers in Gulu as they receive this training – that they may be able to apply it and so improve their crop yields and family food security.

Tanzania

- Pray for the farmers around Karagwe as they apply the principles of sustainable farming that they have been taught. Many have received loans enabling them to purchase a dairy cow bringing the benefits of milk and milk products to their families and enabling repayment of loans.

Bangladesh

- **Duaripara** The project office has recently moved to new buildings from a very inadequate place. Praise God for his provision and pray that they may settle well in the new location and that the work will prosper there.
- Pray for the girls who attend the project that they will be able to continue their education and be kept safe from any family desire to take them out of school, send them to work or to arrange marriages. Give thanks for the influence they have on their families and for their potential and wonderful desire to study, do well and have a future.

Thailand

- Pray for wisdom for Mike Mann as he looks after the affairs of the Thai Coffee Co-operative and plans for the future of this activity. Give thanks for a good coffee harvest in the hill villages.

India

- **Borivali, Mumbai** Building on the Oasis India team's effective work in the slums of Mumbai, a new programme of activities in the slum area of Borivali is seeking to respond to specific identified health and education needs. Pray that the team are able to engage community members effectively in giving the vulnerable women and children a more secure future.
- **WUAC, Orissa** Two new projects have recently been initiated by Mihir Sagar and his team in villages around Diptipur. A water project in the nearby villages of Matiamahul and Kurlubahal is focussing on building water retaining dams and renovating previously constructed reservoirs to help maintain water supply to local farmers. A new livelihood project is working in these and two other villages to support individual livestock and agricultural initiatives which form the only source of income of many families. Pray for the success of these ventures.

Nepal

- **CHEST** Several districts of Nepal have suffered heavy rainfall and floods during recent months. In one area close to the CHEST project (Machhapuchhre) many lives were lost and much damage has been done to property and communications. Remember those who have suffered in this tragedy and pray that Christians in these communities may be able to bring help and encouragement to those in most need.
- Praise God that in spite of heavy rainfall communities were excited to contribute and carry-out the construction without any kind of complains and hesitation. With their active participation construction work is expected to be completed on time.
- **CHEP** Give thanks to God that at the Triveni based CHP project of MCDS, eight Village Voluntary Health Workers have spared time from the busy schedules of farm and house work for training and are busy teaching their community the importance of health care. Over 1200 people have benefited from their recent activities.

Home

- Give thanks to God for the appointment of OA's new secretary Rev Elgan Evans. Elgan with his wife Wendy and family will be visiting Sri Lanka in August, gathering resources for the 2013 Annual Appeal. Pray that they will enjoy good health throughout their stay and that travel plans, meetings with project staff, relationships with local people and the filming will all be satisfactorily accomplished under God's guidance.



OUR APPEAL FOR 2012.

This year's appeal focusses on the work of AMOS Health and Hope in Nicaragua. The resource pack is now available for use in your church or group. There is an order form on page 7 as well as on our website, where you can see one of the new videos of this vital work.

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The wording for Gift Aid declarations has recently changed. If you have an existing Gift Aid declaration with Operation Agri you don't need to sign a new one, but we have been asked to draw your attention to the new form of words used on p.8. Please get in touch if you have any questions about the new form of words.



Front Cover Photograph:

A mother brings her baby to an AMOS health clinic in Nicaragua (see pp. 2-3).

Photo: Gill Ashley-Smith.



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