

Outreach Abroad

Supporting rural and urban development projects in Christ's name

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Kernal Corn here again! In this issue will be challenging ourselves to support OA.
We hope this story from the early days of OA will inspire you!

Personal Challenge – Alan Casebow

Alan and Jean Casebow followed John and Jean Smith to Diptipur, Orissa State, India in 1965. Alan later wrote:

"I give thanks to God that He took Jean and me to Diptipur for twelve years. Drought was a recurring theme for local farmers and we found ourselves involved in a number of famine relief schemes and the construction of run-off tanks and irrigation works.

"Between 1975 and 1977 we organised the construction, using manual labour, of an irrigation project in eight villages surrounding Diptipur, giving work to 1,500 men from ten villages. I believe this still functions in the rains today.

"OA helped me in so many ways over the 17 years I was with the BMS (now BMS World Mission).

"During my stay I was urged to spend as much spare time as possible reading recommended books in the agricultural department library. OA subsequently bought several of the books and they became a valuable and constant reference for me while in India and also in subsequent years."

Youth Page

Gap Year

I would like to mention the gap year opportunities that OA are offering for 2020 and beyond. For those who don't know me, my name is Josh and I am currently on my own Gap year.

I've found my gap year a real time of growth and development in my personal walk with Jesus.

OA is offering a placement in a community we support where you will be helping to improve the quality of life of the community.

If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to email me at YP@operationagri.org.uk

Here's our Challenge!

Next year is Operation Agri's 60th anniversary, so we would like to hear from you as to what you will be doing to celebrate this occasion.

It could be a sponsored walk or a car wash to raise funds for OA's vital work.

Whatever you choose to do, I would love to hear from you so please email me at

yp@operationagri.org.uk - *Thank you, Josh.*

Children's Competition

By Janet, a friend of Operation Agri



Oppy has retired to Didcot but is supporting a Children's Competition – with prizes. Next year OA will celebrate its 60th birthday so the competition is to recognise that event. There will be three categories: (i) if you are under 5 years of age, (ii) if you are 5-7 years of age and (iii) if you are 8 years of age to School Year 6.

Entries need to be a colour artwork in pencil or paint that celebrates 60 years of Operation Agri. It must be on white, unfolded, A5 paper, have your name, age, address and your Presents with a Purpose choice clearly written on the back. You must also have your parent or guardian put their name and signature on the back to signify that it is your own work. Send your entry to Janet at CBBFC, Banstead Road, Carshalton, SM5 3NL to reach her no later than **Wednesday 3 June 2020**.

Please choose one of these:

- Educational Materials for Uganda
- Medicines for Children in Nicaragua
- Five Chickens for Tanzania

Winners will receive certificates and the present will be sent to Uganda, Nicaragua or Tanzania

Winners will be notified by the end of June and the artworks will be in a future magazine.

People in Uganda, Nicaragua or Tanzania will receive the Present.

Entries cannot be returned. OA reserves the right to use the artwork and first name of the winners in future publicity materials. All details of entrants (except the winners) will be securely removed from OA's records one month after the announcement. The details of all winners will be securely removed from OA's records by March 2022. The panel to judge the artworks will consist of Janet, The Editor and a local artist. The judges decision will be final.

To start the celebrations please work on the puzzle below. The word for SIXTY is given in four different languages. Three are in the official language of a country where Operation Agri supports projects. Can you identify the language and country of the '60s' words and find the odd one out?

Word	Language	Country
Sessenta		
Sitini		
Sechzig		
Sesenta		

The odd one out is: _____

My Visit to Pakistan – Light for the Nations

(Part 1) By **Linda Nevin-Drummond**

Mugal Forts and Cricket!

Pakistan and in particular Lahore, which I visited, is the land of Mughal forts, cricket, traffic, chicken biryani, and Islam. This shows in all aspects of life from Sufism which involves mysticism, to the visiting of shrines dedicated to Muslims in support of their strict blasphemy laws. Christians make up just 2% of the population of Pakistan, but Lahore, in the Punjab, has more Christians than other areas. They consider that



Keeping warm in the Pakistani winter

Christianity came to Pakistan long before Islam! On the whole, Christians tend to be in the lower social economic bracket, have less education, and are employed in the least favoured

jobs, such as working in the brick kilns. This applies even more to Christian women many of whom face harassment, (or worse), if they take work in Muslim homes.

Skills for Economic Independency

Learning skills to make them more economically independent is vital for the women. A Pakistani woman, Nargus Azhar, began literacy and sewing groups to help address this need.

I originally met Nargus over two years ago when I first visited Pakistan, and was so impressed with her projects that I helped her to link with Operation Agri when I returned home. I went back again in December 2019 to see how the projects were going.

Visits to Women's Sewing Groups

One project I visited is situated in a Christian village to the North of Lahore. The house we were in reminded me of a village from the Bible, with an open staircase to the roof. From there, we could see the various churches in the area; there were several



Beautiful embroidery from one of the sewing groups

denominations, including Baptist. As it was nearly Christmas churches in Pakistan stand out, as they have a lighted star mounted on their roofs. Another link to Christmas was in the portfolio of work that the students had completed; each had crocheted a Santa!



Village home

Part 2 of Linda's report on her visit to the Light for the Nations project in Pakistan will be published in the July issue of Outreach Abroad.

Editor's Note: If you are planning a trip to the area where Operation Agri supports a project and would like to write a piece for the magazine please let me know – nigeljones@operationagri.org.uk

Apology:

The article on pages 2 and 3 of the last issue of Outreach Abroad (New Year) was incorrectly cited on the front page as 'Oasis Africa' whereas it should, of course, have read 'Oasis India'. My full apologies to all concerned – Editor.

Operation Agri seeks a New Chairperson

Is this your Calling?

Operation Agri is seeking to appoint a new Chairperson to lead the Charity through the next phase of its life. It is expected that the right person will be in good standing with their church, and have some experience in leadership, charity work, and overseas development, but all applicants will be considered on what they would bring to the role.

The Chairperson leads the Trustees, guides the organisation, reviews the charity's policies, and discusses with the Trustees where change might be desirable. When Trustees join OA they inevitably and happily bring their own mix of gifts, abilities and hopes. The Chairperson seeks to encourage Trustees to use their gifts and abilities, and their views on the future of the work, to the best advantage of the charity and the people we serve.

Operation Agri (OA) has shown the love of Jesus to many thousands of people directly, and to millions of people indirectly since 1961, by supporting Christian-led, long-term development work overseas through local Partners. OA's objects are: The prevention or alleviation of poverty anywhere in the world, by providing or assisting in the provision of agriculture, livelihoods, health and education projects, for the benefit of people regardless of their religion or belief, ethnic and cultural background, and based on the Christian principles of loving, caring and standing with those most in need.

For more information about this voluntary, part-time role please email the Secretary by Thursday 30th April 2020: NigelJones@OperationAgri.org.uk

Children's Page Answers:

The answers to the Children's Page puzzle in the New Year issue are:

Straw, Earth, Wood, Water, and Corrugated Iron, all of which can be used for building in Africa.

Well done if you got all those answers.

Operation Agri Day – 22nd April

Farmers in the UK lost valuable agricultural land due to the storms in February of this year and that's not the first time in recent years. **Climate change and weather cycles** result in huge losses from which only those with enough resources can recover.

Operation Agri Day is an opportunity for us to make an **extra donation to OA** enabling us to resource farmers in parts of the world where the loss of a crop is a reality from which they cannot otherwise recover.

Please send the price of a coffee and cake – £4.00 – to OA using the information on the RESPONSE FORM, going to

<https://www.operationagri.org.uk/donate/> or by using the QR Code



In her article, 'Faith Matters: The Double Discrimination faced by Christian Women', Marisa referred to a United Nations publication. It can be downloaded from this website: <https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Religion/A.68.290.pdf>



Pader School Feeding Project children's access to education

Greatly Improved Community Livelihoods

The school feeding project implemented by Oasis Uganda, with funding and capacity support from Operation Agri, commenced in April 2018 in Pader district (Northern Uganda). This agricultural project has greatly improved the livelihood and welfare of children in school, while also contributing to the economic stability of the neighbouring communities. Since its inception in four primary schools in Pader district, the project has boosted food security and nutrition welfare of children, primarily through providing mid-day meals. Additional benefits have included increase in enrolment and retention of children in school, simply because they are guaranteed a meal while at school.

The four primary schools of Paipir, Lupwa, Ogom Telela and Pader Ogom are now growing and harvesting a variety of crops including; maize and soya beans, egg plants, and different varieties of collared greens (a type of cabbage that does not develop a heart). From the maize and soya, a nutritious blend of porridge is prepared for the pupils on a daily basis. A percentage of the egg plants and collared greens are also provided as food supplements while the rest is sold to the community and the income generated used to facilitate the monthly wages of hired cooks, pay for any threshing and milling expenses, and cover post-harvest storage costs. By working directly with the local community, the project is also providing employment, contributing to the economic base of the community, and subsequently improving household livelihoods.

Food or School?

Before the commencement of the project children walked back home during lunch time to find food to eat. In many cases they would return back to school hungry not having found any food at home. Some would resort to roaming around the communities trying to find something to eat, including resorting to fishing in local streams. This meant that they either returned to class late or missed out on afternoon learning sessions completely. Since the provision of nutritious porridge in schools, there has been an



Pupils preparing a nurse bed for egg plants



A pupil checks the egg plants



Cosma Opira

Project – Increasing Nutrition

By **Mary Nokrek**

Oasis



A pupil carries the harvested egg plants



Parents carry the soya from the garden to the school.



increase in the number of pupils staying in school and also an increase in new enrolments. Learner performance, confidence, and positive outlook have also grown, as we see more pupils completing school cycles and graduating to new classes. The younger children in Primary One and Two (6–9 years) get an extra snack at the end of their school day before, returning home.

The Impact

Through this project we have seen significant progress in different areas. In Ogom Telela primary school for example, their special needs project has registered an 85 percent increase in enrolment between April 2018 and December 2019. In Paipir primary school, the school now has 1,265 pupils, up from 1,200 in 2018.

Schools are beginning to see the economic benefits of investing in providing school meals. Lupwa primary school has now made a decision to expand its acreage of maize and soya from 11 acres to 17, so they can sell the surplus to cater for other administrative expenses. While still anecdotal, school head teachers are also mentioning an improvement in student concentration, participation and comprehension abilities, simply because they do not have to study on an empty stomach or worry about where their next meal is coming from.

Whole-Hearted, Long-Term Commitment

Mr. Okot Justine, the chairperson of the school management committee at Lupwa Primary School, was so impressed by the School Feeding Project in his school that he has committed whole-heartedly to ensure that the project grows and is sustainable. *"In 2018, we started the school feeding project with support from the parents, and produced cassava and beans. That year, some of our pupils were among the best performers from the district at the National exams. This was evidence enough for us, that investing in providing school meals was the best approach to improving performance of our pupils. We are therefore committed for the long term to expand this project in the school".* Mr. Okot has since been able to expand the project in the school by increasing the acreage, planting more food, and, as a result, feeding more children.

Operation Agri Annual Appeal Time for Trees in Tanzania

By **Gill Ashley-Smith**,
OA trustee

People Feel Helpless

Trees are in the news – the world needs more trees to help absorb carbon in the atmosphere. In Tanzania, people see forests reducing, due to timber needed for building work and fuel-wood for cooking. They are concerned when crops suffer with unreliable rain, and believe that lack of trees is changing the weather, but many feel helpless to do anything about it.



Ephraimu in the tree nursery



Crop of seedlings



Nurseries – For Trees!

The Imarika project in Tanzania features in our Appeal this year. OA's Partner, Emmanuel International, has started tree nurseries in villages in Iringa, central Tanzania.

Already hundreds of trees have been planted:

- quick growing trees for timber
- long lasting trees for fruit
- trees to plant in fields to shade and fertilise crops.

'Imarika' means 'strengthen' in Swahili, aiming to strengthen the environment, farming livelihoods, and the local churches – giving them the vision to work with their communities.

Productive Communities

Village Community Banks (VICOBAs) have brought people together to save money and for them to invest in productive initiatives. Training from Imarika has taught them how to graft fruit trees, protect and fertilise crops, and work together on projects like poultry keeping, or building fuel-saving stoves for cooking.



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Caroline Nyaburu and her son Destiny Loyo near their house

Photo by Jonathan Torgovnik/Reportage by Getty Images

Faith Matters: The Double discrimination faced by Christian women

By **Marisa Rawlins** – Advocacy and Policy Lead and OA Trustee

The Central Role of Women

Operation Agri supports many grassroots projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, which often focus on improving the health, education, skills and economic empowerment of women and girls. Many of these women and girls inhabit multiple roles including taking care of family, responsibility for most of the domestic work, and earning money through employment in agriculture or by running small businesses. The central role of women is crucial to the success and sustainability of development projects which lift communities out of poverty. Within development discourse, women's involvement in the planning and implementation of projects is key. Integrating a gender perspective into each stage of the development process

from design to evaluation, has become increasingly important. However, how faith and belief intersect with gender has been much overlooked.

The Intersection of Gender and Faith

Over three quarters of the world's population live in countries where freedom of religion or belief is restricted. In North Korea, Sudan, Pakistan, Syria, India and Somalia, Christians suffer some of the worst incidents of discrimination and persecution. Additionally, women face discrimination based on religion or belief. The former United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Dr Heiner Bielefeldt, notes that both gender stereotypes and stereotypical ideas of believers, disproportionately affect women

from religious minorities. He says, "Many women suffer from multiple or intersectional discrimination or other forms of human rights violations on the grounds of both their gender and their religion or belief."

Faith Matters

In countries where patriarchy is dominant, women cannot access the same opportunities in education and employment as men, nor can they access the same resources. When faith or belief are involved, women suffer an even greater disadvantage. Open Doors, a charity that monitors the global situation of Christians, recently reported that Christian women often face, "double persecution", due to their gender and their faith. They add that every day, six Christian women are reportedly raped, sexually harassed, or forced to marry under threat of execution – due to their faith.

The Reality of Discrimination of Christian Women

In some Islamic countries the situation for Christian women is particularly bleak. They face systematic and widespread discrimination and human rights violations in every area of life. They are falsely accused of blasphemy and face targeted violence. Those who converted from Hinduism after the Partition of India are referred to using derogatory terms such as, 'kafir', (infidel), or, 'chura', (sweeper), since many took up jobs in the sanitation sector.

Deliberately Targeted

Christian girls and women are deliberately targeted, abducted, raped, and forced to convert and marry their Muslim abductors. During my time working in South Asia, I interviewed parents of Christian girls as well as several girls who had been abducted and

married to Muslim men. In Muslim majority countries the girls are easy targets, because many come from poor and less educated backgrounds. Once these girls are married, they automatically become Muslim, are given Islamic names, and are prohibited from seeing their parents. Christian parents are actively discouraged by the police from filing a complaint. Families trying to rescue their daughters through the courts, face biased judges, while the girls and their families are severely threatened by the abductor and his supporters. Legislation to protect women and girls is poorly implemented and Christian girls and women are failed by structural prejudices in the system that should protect them.

The Church and Government Must Have the Will to Act

In Nigeria, Egypt and Iraq, sexual violence, forced marriage and forced conversion are used as weapons against Christian women and girls. Greater protections and interfaith initiatives must be implemented by the church, communities, authorities and governments to protect and educate both women, (and men), in terms of gender equality and religious literacy to ensure Christian women do not suffer because of their faith.

The photos do not necessarily represent people affected by the issues addressed in the article.



Shakuntala Rameshman makes brooms at her roadside stand

Visit to Two Projects in Uganda

By **Julian Durbin**, Operation Agri Trustee
Part of the same trip Julian wrote about in the New Year issue of Outreach Abroad.



Julian and Julia Durbin

Kampala, Uganda – Setting Development and Keeping the Foundation (SDKF) Vocational Training

Students Become Trainers

My wife, Julia, and I, spent a day with Pastor Dennis Ssettaala, who runs the SDKF vocational training programme in Kampala. The tailoring and hairdressing classes are held in a small building across a busy road from the slum where the students live. Being on the other side of the road from the slum discourages theft of sewing machines, which had previously been a problem.

There were 15 teenage girls in each class. The two teachers/trainers were ex-students of the courses. Most of the girls had lost at least one parent through HIV/Aids. Others had moved to the city to find a better life. They were very poor and found accommodation with local people, but often had to walk long distances to get to the course. The girls are recruited through

referrals from church leaders, and must pass an entrance interview.

Dennis Keeps in Touch

The classes include instruction on how to set up their own businesses. Some graduates do this, while others take employment in larger businesses. Potential employers come to the classroom to recruit. Dennis keeps in touch with most of the graduates for up to four years after they complete the course.

Dennis expressed an ambition to start a motorcycle maintenance class for the young men. Since the visit this course has begun, with all three courses funded by Operation Agri.

Oasis Mbale Community Empowerment Through Self-Help Groups

Supporting Vulnerable People

We met Mary Mugaba, who runs the Mbale community empowerment project, funded by Operation Agri. The project aims to see vulnerable people become financially self-sufficient and equipped to provide for their families and communities. The Self-Help Groups (SHGs) began in 2016, in consultation with community members, drawing on experience in the wider Oasis family where SHGs have been successful. There are currently 48 SHGs in place, with a total of 720 members, indirectly benefitting approximately 7,310 family and community members. All but two groups are women only. Some group members are given training in numeracy and literacy to improve their book-keeping skills for the saving groups.

The Power of Numbers

Five Cluster Level Associations (CLA's) have been formed; each a network of 8–10 SHG's that share common interests. The CLA has the "power of numbers" to mobilise resources and demand services from



Tailoring Students



Hairdressing Students

duty bearers. This is crucial in promoting ownership and a sense of responsibility among SHG's. The larger CLA's attract the interest of local government departments, who have supplied them with seed, livestock or money to start businesses, which include a brick making facility, a piggery, vegetable growing and bee keeping.

Oasis provides input to the SHG's in areas such as parenting, life skills, business management, health, nutrition, water sanitation and hygiene.

The Story of Margaret, a Member of a SHG

Margaret shares her story:

"Before joining the Self-Help Group, I resigned myself to bearing abuse silently. I didn't know how to reach out for help. However, in the SHG, everything changed. During training,

the group had scenarios about gender-based violence, and I learned how to address it.

"These sessions gave me the courage to speak up about my husband's behaviour. I shared my story with my group and asked them for help. After discussion, the SHG members visited my home to talk to my husband about his alcoholism and domestic violence. My husband didn't heed their request; he continued to drink every night and beat me regularly.

"The group didn't give up. They shared my story with the other SHGs at Cluster Level Association. With a large part of the community supporting them, including many men, they returned to my house and demanded my husband stop drinking and abusing me. Following the confrontation, my husband started drinking less and stopped beating me."



Julian Durbin

Leadership and Initiative

Mary Mugaba explained that the leadership and initiative shown by the women in the groups has far exceeded her expectations, as they take care of the groups and form new ones. There are challenges that need intervention, however, including poor record keeping, conflicts, sickness, and poor hygiene, if the income and savings of the women are not to be eroded. However, Mary is increasingly confident that the project can become self-sustaining.

Competent and Compassionate Care in Rural Nicaragua

By **Alyssa Luisi**, based on an interview with Silvina Lainaz, conducted by Lydia Caldera – AMOS



Alyssa Luisi

Trained Community Health Promoters

At AMOS Health and Hope, we are inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus to imagine a world where there is health and hope for everyone. As a Christian non-profit making organisation dedicated to reducing preventable deaths, and improving the health and well-being of families in rural Nicaragua, we believe in the importance of health care **for the community, by the community**. We train Health Promoters and other community volunteers across 23 communities, to prevent and treat common illnesses, and life-threatening health conditions. Thanks to the support of Operation Agri, our Health Promoters have the capacity to recognise and respond

rapidly to signs of danger when their neighbours are at risk.

Promoter Silvina Lainaz Recounts Yedri's story:

Yedri, a pregnant woman living in the community of La Pimienta, Chinandega, had just completed her last pre-natal check-up. She knew that it was time for her to travel to the Casa Materna – a childbirth centre where women in rural areas go to be attended by doctors in the absence of accessible hospitals. She needed to prepare for the birth of her child, but she felt she could not leave home. Her husband was away, and there was no one to watch the children. She decided to wait and travel in a few days.



Photographer: Elvis Salvatierra

Two days later she began to experience labour pains. Her husband, who had returned, went for help. Unfortunately, the river at the entrance to the community had risen, flooding the road. He called the health centre, hoping that an ambulance could traverse the river, but no ambulance was available.

Home Delivery

With no option, Yedri delivered the baby at home, attended by a local midwife. Soon after the birth a Health Promoter, trained by AMOS, came to tell Silvina that the baby was not breathing very well. Silvina, worried about complications from the birth, tried to arrange for a Health Centre ambulance



All Promoters

to pick up Yedri and her child as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the river continued to rise, adding to the urgency of transferring the mother and new-born into higher-level care before the road became completely impassable. However, when the ambulance finally arrived, Yedri's husband turned it away saying that his wife had already given birth, and that it was no longer needed. Upon hearing this, Silvina felt alarmed, and left at once for the woman's home.

The Baby Needed Treatment

Silvina said, "When I arrived, I saw that the baby needed to be treated in a Health Centre, as did the mother. I used manoeuvres to help the baby breathe better, but she still needed to go to the centre. The mother was having pain in her belly, and I recognized that this could be a sign of danger. There could be placental remains in the uterus, and that is dangerous. I told the husband that they should go to a Health Centre, but he said no, it wasn't necessary, and that I should attend to her at home. "I had to put my foot down and explain to him that they could die here. Finally, he agreed, and said that if there was no other choice, we could take them."

The whole time Silvina remained in communication with the doctor at the Health Centre, and she managed to get him



Lydia Caldera

to send the ambulance to La Pimienta once again. The ambulance crew were able to reach Yedri and her daughter and take them to the Health Centre, where they remained for 8 days. The doctors informed Silvina that Yedri indeed had a retained placenta, and that the baby had been born with fluid in her lungs.

Safe and Sound

Because of AMOS's Health Promoter training, funded through Operation Agri, Silvina knew how to recognize the danger signs in postpartum women and new-borns. Confident in her knowledge and ability to assess risks, she was able to convince Yedri's husband of the importance of taking his wife and baby to the Health Centre. Thanks to God, they are now home safe and sound in their community of La Pimienta.

For Your Prayers

Nicaragua: AMOS

- Pray for the 74,000+ vulnerable people we serve in Nicaragua, that they may experience God's love through the health and education projects you support.
- Praise God for the passion and commitment of the community health workers in the 25 communities we serve. Ask Him to strengthen their spirits to continue serving with love.

Tanzania: Emmanuel International

- Pray that the village communities who join the new three-year project will really benefit from the training.
- Give thanks for all the improvements experienced by the groups already part of the project.

Malawi: African Pastors' Fellowship (Farming)

- Pray that those who have completed their training in the Growing Greener project will continue to follow the conservation agriculture techniques they have learned.
- Pray that God will bless those just beginning to use the new methods they are being taught.

India: Oasis India

- Pray for the new three-year Operation Agri supported initiative in Kalwa, a poor community in Mumbai.
- Pray for Oasis India to be alert to the ongoing demographic changes and adjust their strategy for working in the 'red light' districts of South Mumbai.

Bangladesh: Christian Ministry to Children and Youth (CMCY)

- Pray that the project in the big slum of Duaripara will be able to develop sustainable services for the girls who need the education that the project provides.

Sri Lanka: Lanka Evangelical Alliance Development Service (LEADS)

- Pray for peace and stability in Sri Lanka following the Presidential election and the forthcoming general elections in April or May.
- Pray that LEADS will be able to make an impact in the lives of children we minister to, and to create opportunities in advocacy to have an impact at National level.

Nepal: Multipurpose Community Development Service (MCDS)

- Pray that the Self-Help Groups will have confidence and good leadership.
- Pray for good ongoing relationships between the project staff and local leaders as MCDS starts to handover the benefits of the project.

OASIS: Uganda

- Pray for the parents of vulnerable girls attending the Creative Learning Centre, to find financial solutions to provide for the educational needs of their children.
- Pray for the child mothers attending vocational skills training in tailoring at the Creative Learning Centre in Kampala, to be able to find job placements or set up their own businesses.

General

- Pray for those affected by the Corona Virus and that it will be contained.
- Pray for the farmers in Uganda, Tanzania and Pakistan troubled with locusts.

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