

# CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS

*Ecclesiastes 11:1 Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.*

- **Watkin Roberts** shared the gospel of John for just 5 days to the chiefs of some Hmar villages in Manipur, in India. Later expelled from the region, he had no idea of the impact it had on those chiefs and the generations to follow.
- **Rochunga Pudiate.** Translated the New Testament and eventually the whole Bible into the Hmar language. Met Watkin Roberts many years later and was able to share with him the outcome of those few days of ministry many years before.
- **The apostle Paul** (Acts 27-28).  
The outcome Paul's ministry in the middle of a storm and on the island of Malta.

*Acts 28:7-10 There was an estate near by that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcome us to his home and for three days entertained us hospitably. 8: His father was sick in*

*bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. 9: When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. 10: They honoured us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.*

Paul found the opportunity to minister to people in any situation.

He ministered to the soldiers, sailors and prisoners in giving advice, encouraging them and honouring the Lord all through those days of danger and uncertainty on the ship.

How many of those men were impacted by Paul and his ministry to them, that we don't know about?

**We too**, have so many opportunities around us to '*cast our bread upon the waters*'.

**Ministering to people in our lives.**

By offering to pray for people.

By making friendships with others who are outside of our normal group of friends and family.

If we continue to sow by faith into peoples' lives, we will see a return of what we sow.

People seeing and understanding about Jesus according to who He is in the gospel and all that He has provided for them.

**Jesus' ministry on earth** had profound effects on people's lives that only eternity will reveal.

*John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.*