









### The Importance of the Word of God

During this COVID-19 pandemic we were reminded of the importance of having access to the Bible.

While billions of people were forced to stay home while their governments enforced national lockdowns it became apparent that people will have way too much time on their hands. What better way to spend your time than in the presence of God? People had the opportunity to spend time in God's Word, be quiet and get away from the normal hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Hundreds of our pastors received their very first Bible just in time for the lockdown in their respective countries. This was all thanks to open hearted donors. If these pastors did not receive their Bibles in time they would not have had this golden opportunity.

More than 550 Bibles were handed out in Angola two weeks before all of Harvesters Ministries' international travel was halted to protect our pastors and workers in the field.

A beautiful pastor came up to us during this last Bible placement and

said, "I have been in ministry my whole life. My church was suffocating and sick. It was filled with people but no disciples. A fresh wind blew through my church. I never thought I would see this in my lifetime."

These are the people who are building God's Kingdom. They are God's hands and feet in Angola. Please continue to pray for these pastors on their journey. ➤



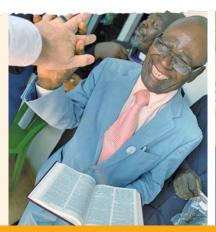
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# Untold Stories of Uganda

Many people are completely unaware of the terrible persecution that Christians in Uganda face on a daily basis. Unfortunately, this is a true and sad reality.

Pastor Josefat, is one such believer who has personally experienced persecution. He loves the Lord and he shares the Gospel with the unsaved and plants new churches in nearby villages. New mosques are being built in many villages across Africa. Mayuge, Uganda is no exception. It is a known key Muslim area in Uganda with 93% of the population being Islamic.

One Sunday morning, Muslim extremists surrounded their church building while they were gathering and enjoying fellowship. Once the service was over, the entire congregation was chased out of the building. The building was set alight and the mob threw stones at the believers. Added to this, Josefat received numerous death threats from the Muslims in his community.

These things are not only happening in the Middle East, but also in Africa. This is the harsh reality that Pastor Josefat and his community faces daily.

Why would they keep on evangelising the lost and making disciples if their lives are already threatened?

This is what Jesus expects of us: obedience to the Great Commission – to be faithful witnesses and not fear death.

Pastor Josefat's story reminds me of Matthew 5:15 – 16 that says, "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

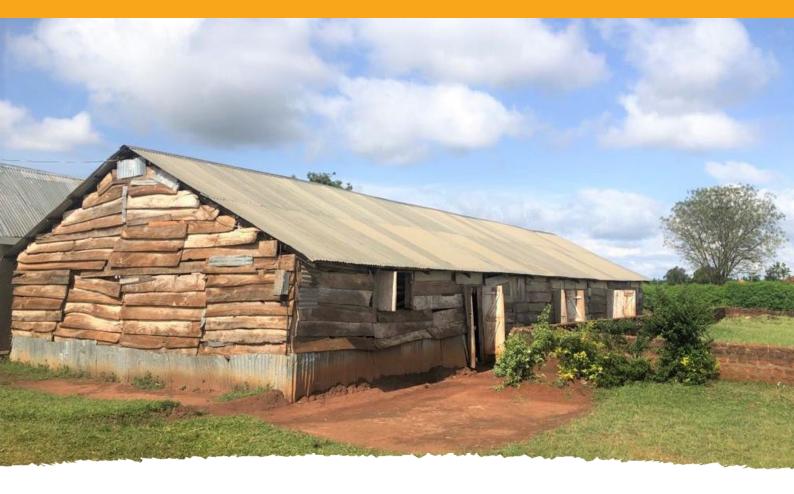
They are shining lights in their community and sharing the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ with the lost. Thanks to your prayers, it was possible for pastor Josefat to build a wooden structure that is serving as their new church building. We praise the Lord for His mercies and provision.

People might wonder why Josefat does not simply take his family and move to a "safer" environment. The answer is quite simple: he believes that the Lord has





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placed them in Mayuge to make a difference and an impact in this area.

Even now, during the life threatening COVID-19 pandemic, Pastor Josefat has not stopped. He continues to reach out to his congregation, encouraging them with the Word of God.

Pastor Josefat is grateful for the Harvesters Ministries curriculum and support structure that you have helped

put in place for him. Through your generous donations it was possible for Harvesters to start a church planting stream in the heart of Mayuge. Several pastors are receiving training in evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

Your gifts have eternal value. Your prayers are carrying pastors during their hour(s) of need. ❖

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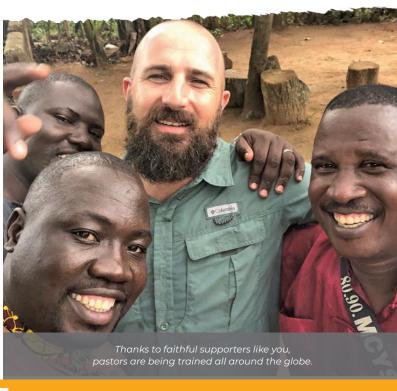
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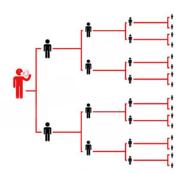
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# The Importance of Multiplication Explained



The recent COVID-19 pandemic had devastating consequences for millions of people all across the globe. The one thing that this terrible pandemic proved to the world is that multiplication is most certainly effective.

On average every COVID-19 carrier infected two more people with the virus and those two people would infect two more. This led to an extremely fast spread of the disease.

Harvesters Ministries uses exactly the same model to multiply church growth and disciples across the globe. Every pastor who is part of the Harvesters Ministries program has the potential to plant 40 churches with the help of student pastors. They train a student pastor for each church and each student pastor goes out and plants three more churches for which they train more student pastors. This model effectively leads to discipleship where we have disciples who make more disciples.

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### **Evangelism**

Evangelism training at a local indigenous church.



### Discipleship

A free discipleship course opens the way for people to read and understand the Bible for themselves and become grounded in their newfound faith.



### **Pastoral Training**

Training and mentoring to grow sustainable leadership is provided through a three-year course at the Hub Churches.



#### **Bible Distribution**

Bibles written in local languages are distributed to new churches in areas where there is a dire shortage, so new Christians can grow in their faith.



### Exponential Church Growth

Churches that have the potential to grow to 30–40 churches in 8 years.