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Pastors in India Persevere

You have helped to start training pastors in Maharashtra in central India

Thanks to generous donors, Harvesters Ministries could start to train pastors in Maharashtra in central India. There are 65 Hub-leaders who are part of this church stream.

On one specific day, there was a sense of great excitement in the room where the training took place. Everyone was humbled as they realised who was present in the room. There was one pastor who is working amongst prostitutes; as well as ordinary Christian ladies who go from door to door doing Evangelism in villages and pastors who desperately want to do something new for God.

GOD CALLS THE YOUTH

There was a lady as young as sixteen years old, *Shanti, in the group. She just finished her school career and the Hub-leader started training her in Evangelism and Discipleship. She was so inspired after the training session.

She now openly confronts people with the Gospel. Despite the fact that Christians face terrible persecution in India, she does not live in fear. She trusts the Lord to protect her.

TRAINING IN RURAL INDIA

Harvesters Ministries training was also presented in a more rural and remote region, Andhra Pradesh, in India. 113 Hubleaders attended this training. These pastors usually do not consider a gathering with less than 12 baptised believers to be a church, but thanks to the working of the Holy Spirit, they started to understand the message of Matthew 18: 20 that says, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

From this group, eighteen pastors reported that they have planted 41 new churches already. There are now 41 villages which have access to a church and the Gospel. Before they had no opportunity to hear the Good News. It is really inspirational to see how these pastors persevere despite the fact that believers in India cannot live out their faith freely without the danger of persecution.

None of these victories would be possible without the prayers and donations of believers like you. \blacksquare

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Ethiopia --one of the Oldest Churches in Africa

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About 18 months ago the Lord opened a miraculous and wonderful door for Harvesters Ministries to start working in Ethiopia. Harvesters Ministries partnered with the Emanuel United Church in Ethiopia to train pastors in Evangelism, Discipleship, Pastoral Training and Church Planting. The wonderful thing about working in Ethiopia is the fact that the Gospel and the effect of the Harvesters Ministries program crosses the borders into Djibouti, Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan and Somalia. These are some the most hostile countries for Christians to live in.

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In Ethiopia it is absolutely normal for new believers to be baptised during mass water baptisms. These people have never heard the Gospel before and are radically transformed for Jesus Christ. During these baptisms anywhere between 500 and even up to 1 500 people show their commitment and obedience to God. The Gospel is truly spreading like a wild fire through Ethiopia – all the glory to God!

The Effect of Harvesters Ministries

From delivering Oromo Bibles to remote and rural villages to securing food parcels to those in need – Ethiopian pastors lead by example and serve their congregations.

However, despite the fact that Christianity is very well established and known in this precious country, believers in Ethiopia face terrible persecution at the hand of Muslim extremists. Islam makes up more than 30% of the population.

The fact that Ethiopia is situated in the Horn of Africa, one of the most dangerous places on the continent, has a huge impact on the severity and brutality of attacks on believers. **The Horn of Africa is notorious – some of these countries are completely unreached with the Cospel**. The Horn of Africa has a population of approximately 160



When you partner with Harvesters, you're opening the way for the unreached to know Jesus and – through those who come to Christ – plant churches in some of the most difficult places in our world. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!



million people and the potential to build God's Kingdom here is endless!

Why did Harvesters Ministries reach out to Ethiopia?

The Church in Ethiopia has a heart to not only reach the lost in their own country but also in the other countries that make up the Horn of Africa.

The pastors who are currently enrolled in the Harvesters Ministries program have planted more than 500 new local churches. Communities who did not have access to churches, now have access to churches.

It is extremely important to ensure that all new believers are absorbed into churches where they can experience fellowship and grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus. **The Church is an agent for change**. A person who loves Jesus Christ will not brutally attack and murder someone. Harvesters Ministries has a very strong Discipleship ethos which leads to true transformation of people's hearts.

Your Gifts make a Difference

You can partner with Harvesters Ministries and enable even more Ethiopian pastors to complete the Harvesters Ministries program. The more pastors who are enrolled in the program the more churches will be planted and the more unbelievers will turn to Christ.

Your gift of £100 (or £10 per month) sponsors a pastor's full three-year curriculum. **This pastor will receive**

a Bible in his mother tongue, three years of training and complete all six of the Harvesters Ministries modules. Your gift has the ability to save lives and to lead the

lost to Christ. Your gift has eternal value. 🖾



Thanks to faithful supporters like you, Oromo Bibles could be delivered to churches in Ethiopia.





You helped to reach Needy Families

M illions of families were unable to earn an income. Due to COVID-19 they lost their livelihood and had no means to feed their families. Unfortunately, **many Harvesters Ministries pastors were affected terribly by this pandemic**. Church meetings were cancelled in the majority of countries.

Thanks to loyal donors, Harvesters Ministries could reach out to families in Philippines, Lesotho, Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, India, Tanzania, Myanmar, Cambodia, Madagascar and Mozambique with much needed food parcels.

None of this would have been possible without the help of generous donors. There are still however thousands of families who need your help. Prayerfully consider making a donation today by following this link:

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