

Opening the Way







## You are making a Difference in Nicaragua and Guatemala

The COVID-19 global pandemic has changed life as we know it. Unfortunately, third world countries were hit the hardest. Countries like Nicaragua and Guatemala in Central America were hit especially hard by the virus.

Most Harvesters Ministries' pastors were unable to host church meetings, generate an income and provide for their families. Many of them were left hopeless, no way of earning an income and on the brink of starvation.

#### **TEARS WERE SHED**

Not only did pastors, their wives and children starve, but many pastors, mostly from Guatemala sadly succumbed to the virus. Their families are left without a beloved father and their congregations are left without a shepherd.

One such pastor, was Pastor Mario Ramirez Dias. He was a phenomenal church planter, especially in rural Guatemala. His family continues to need your prayers. Guatemala as a nation is suffering due to a lack of hospitals and medical treatment.

#### FOOD PARCELS AND THE GOSPEL REACHING THE NEEDY

Your gifts made it possible for Harvesters Ministries to hand out food parcels to hundreds of pastors and their families from Nicaragua and Guatemala. Pastors shared

the food that they received with the lost and suffering in their villages and communities.

They not only handed out food, but they also shared the Good News of the Gospel with those who do not yet know Jesus. People are now accepting Jesus. Families and communities are changing – this was all made possible by your generous gifts.

#### WOMEN OF GUATEMALA NEED YOUR PRAYERS

Guatemalan women, who live mainly in rural areas, have always been neglected. They carry the triple burden of being poor, female, and indigenous. Now, they fear that the pandemic will exacerbate the maltreatment and neglect that they have already been facing.

Mothers are worried about their children. Schools were shut for months on end. Furthermore, indigenous children and young people lack the economic and technological resources to continue their studies independently.

The longer the pandemic lasts, the more families will struggle to survive. They are especially struggling with unemployment, fear, the number of people infected, and deaths rising.

The future in both Guatemala and Nicaragua are still rather uncertain. Continue to keep these communities in your prayers. Pray that communities will be changed.

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# Opening the Way in Rural South African Communities

Currently you are helping Harvesters Ministries to work in more than 60 countries around the globe - including in South Africa

over the past few years, the ministry has established many successful partnerships with *Harvesters Licensed Trainers* (HLT's).

These HLT's are trained to become Discipleship, Evangelism and Church Planting mentors and trainers using the Harvesters Ministries curriculum. This is the same curriculum that is used to train pastors and student pastors around the globe. By the Grace of God this training happens in 43 languages globally.

#### MBOZA IS A SUFFERING COMMUNITY

Danie and Erika Pelser are HLT's who have a passion for the people of the poverty-stricken community of Mboza in the northern part KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Mboza is a large informal settlement which is surrounded by many rural villages.

Mboza borders Mozambique and Swaziland. There are more than 1 million Zulu speaking people in this remote area. The average income for a family in this region is approximately £79 per month.

Beyers Brink, Harvesters Ministries Regional Director for Southern Africa, explains, "To make things even worse is the fact that 42% of the population is younger than 14 years. Just imagine a family of five people who must survive on less than £2.50 per day." When you take the





When you partner with Harvesters, you're opening the way for the unreached to know Jesus. Recently, you also helped to change communities in rural South Africa. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!



cost of living in South Africa into account this looks like an impossible task.

In Mboza, young children are often cared for by their older siblings because their parents died of AIDS. These children are forced to leave school so that they can take care of their younger siblings. In other cases, the parents work in the city and send money home for their children. The future for these lost youths will never get better if they do not hear the Good News of the Gospel.

#### THERE IS HOPE FOR MBOZA

Three years ago, Danie and Erika Pelser had the vision to start mobilizing and equipping the local pastors with the Harvesters material. Today there are 97 new churches being planted and through this many new disciples were made. There were also new pastors trained for every church.

We expect the number of churches to increase to about 200 and this means that every pastor will plant at least one church in the next year.

Harvesters Ministries is thankful for HLT's like Danie and Erika Pelser who took ownership. Through their hard work and dedication, they have accomplished this huge milestone. "I want to thank every prayer warrior and donor who prayed and gave in whatever way for this project. You made it possible. I want to challenge everyone today to continue supporting this work in Mboza so that God's Kingdom will be extended by 100 new churches over the next year in Mboza," said Beyers.

#### YOUR GIFTS ARE WINNING SOULS FOR JESUS

Your gift of £150, or £12.50 per month, will equip and empower a pastor in Mboza to plant at least three new churches in his community over the next three years. Each pastor will receive a Bible in his mother language, six

Harvesters Ministries modules and three years' worth of training.

Your gifts will lead to change in rural Mboza. Where once was sadness there will be joy. Your gift will open the way to win souls for Jesus, make disciples and change the lives of hundreds of thousands.



Thanks to faithful supporters like you, church members in the Mbosa area were equipped to be disciple makers.







#### **Help Change Communities in Peru**

You have recently helped to facilitate a very successful Kick-off in Peru.

Praise the Lord for Joel and Lucia who are leading and training this group of pastors in Latin America. Trust the Lord that soon it will be possible to not only plant churches in Peru, but in the whole of Latin America.

This unprecedented year changed everything. Churches could not gather. Pastors and their families were suffering. It was impossible for Harvesters to continue with training during most of 2020. This special training session at the end of 2020 has certainly ended off the year on a high note and with new hope.

Your gifts are making a difference in some of the most rural communities in Peru. Churches are being planted where there once was no access to churches. God's Word is transforming many remote rural communities in Latin America.

There is an urgent need for the Church to rise and grow in Peru, especially now as an increasing amount of youth are breaking away from the church. Church attendance is also not what it used to be. Continue to partner with Harvesters and open the way to see the whole of Latin America being saturated with churches.

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