



Refired Pastors Evangelize in Guatemala

Whose job is it to reach the worst of the worst, the marginalized, those who have been cast out by communities and even the church? Through your giving Harvesters trains the local pastor and student pastors the discipline of sharing their faith through evangelism. They in turn equip their congregations.

This methodology has been effectively planting churches and making disciples for over 20 years. However, the pandemic hit pastors hard and our recent visit to South America found pastors discouraged and overwhelmed.

So, we must pray for pastors in South America! Many are without hope or a plan, and some have even left the church. Thanks to your support, Harvesters is coming alongside to lift them up.

We recently presented Harvesters' vision and church planting methodology to pastors in Guatemala. They fell to their knees praying for a fresh passion for the lost and rose back to their feet refired by the Holy Spirit.

Following time spent in prayer and encouraging one another, the next part of the seminar was highly practical!

Almost 60 pastors boarded a bus heading to Guatemala City, ready to apply their evangelism training. Some "big-eyed" and "shaking".

Armed with tools to share the Good News, the pastors preached to market vendors, truck drivers and passers-by.

"I enjoyed this experience because all pastors forget how to evangelize," says Pastor Samuel, one of the participants whose vision is to reach his community by planting churches.

“The secret of effective, fearless but wise evangelism is training.”

— Francois Rauch,
Global Director for Church Planting.

"The only way for the church to grow is through evangelism," he continues, articulating Harvesters' vision for church planting, "and the second step is making disciples. After that, planting churches."

Twelve people were saved as a result of boldly taking the Gospel to the streets! The pastors are fired up once again, and now they are equipped to evangelize, disciple and plant churches. Pray with us for the pastors and churches of Guatemala! 📧

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As the world recovered from the global pandemic, Harvesters spent 2022 evaluating the progress of hundreds of church-planting networks, refining what had stalled, and encouraging those who were tired. Time and time again we found that vast numbers of churches are not only thriving, but they're also reproducing. As this fruitful year comes to a close, take a look back with us at some amazing events from the last 12 months. Although we couldn't cover everything, here's a snapshot of what your generosity has helped to achieve. Thank you!



Dec 2021 – Pastors in Myanmar went evangelizing in neighbouring villages on Christmas Day, and 10 people got saved! A month later, Open Doors reported that Myanmar sadly jumped up six places on the World Watch List to become the 14th most persecuted country for Christians to live out their faith.



January 2022 – Covert training resumed in China. The 100 house-church leaders also received a Bible each. They reported that 14 new house churches have been planted through evangelism, despite immense persecution and surveillance.



February 2022 – The first group to start the Harvesters' training program in Lesotho graduated! Over 130 churches have been planted by these 65 pastors. This is the fruit of missionary and Harvesters' Country Leader for Lesotho, Francois Snyman, who was tragically murdered during a robbery of his home in late 2021.



March 2022 – In Ivory Coast, Harvesters' church planting model was presented in Yamoussoukro, the capital city, for the first time. This means Harvesters is now training leaders in and around Ivory Coast's three largest and most influential cities. The 86 leaders in attendance were challenged to go and evangelize straight away – and 123 people were saved!



April 2022 – In Kenya, nearly 150 leaders were trained. Currently, 702 churches have been planted and by March 2023 the goal is to double that ecclesiastical footprint. Dylan Agoye, Country Leader for Kenya, has a vision to plant 20,000 churches in Kenya by 2030.



May 2022 – For the first time in two years, a six-week long training trip took place all over India in the unbearable heat. 13 cities were visited in 38 days, and in one northern region 1,000 new believers have come to Christ since our last visit.

June 2022 – Training takes place in South America with 30 pastors in Brazil, 150 pastors in Peru and over 200 pastors in Guatemala. One Guatemalan group reported 39 new churches have been planted despite the Covid-19 pandemic. We were also able to meet local partners working with us in the Amazon rainforest.

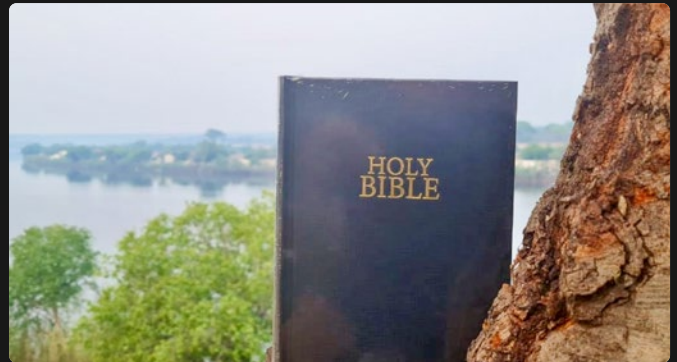
July 2022 – Pastors in Egypt gathered for training. The Church in this country has a vision to reach 1 million souls for Christ, and Harvesters' task is to train 1,000 pastors to help accomplish this.

Aug 2022 – In North America, we are working with Native American Christians to provide training and support the efforts to reach all Native Americans with the Gospel. We had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Indian Falls Creek Conference in Oklahoma to share our discipleship course – a gathering of around 1,500 Native Americans.

Sep 2022 – Harvesters' footprint is being established across Europe. Important connections are being made to begin discipleship training in Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia. Additionally, God is opening the way to disciple international students in the Netherlands. This vision is to saturate Europe with the Gospel as these students eventually return home and become disciple-makers.

Nov 2022 – We are delighted to announce Harvesters' new partnership with Biblica, who share our vision to equip every new church plant with Bibles in the local language! The project is called 'First Church, First Bible' and we know God will use His Word to open the way for the Gospel to reach all the corners of the world. 📖

Oct 2022 – Over 17,000 Bibles were distributed throughout Zambia, where over 100 new churches have recently been planted through evangelism. For many recipients, it was the first Bible they had ever received!



Where No One Has Gone Before

This village, hidden in the hills of Myanmar, is completely unreachable!

Harvesters equips local pastors with tools for strategic evangelism, and they have chosen to bring the Gospel to this remote village.

You see, God's church must grow through evangelism – and evangelism works best when it is done wisely and strategically.


But Christians trying to evangelize are fighting the odds in this predominantly Buddhist country. In fact, in 2022 Myanmar jumped up 6 places on Open Door's 'World Watch List' of the most persecuted nations for Christians.

So, pray with us for the believers and pastors in Myanmar. Pray for the villagers of this remote place, that their hearts will be open to the Good News of Christ.

Thank you for your support which ensures villages like this hear the Gospel and people have the opportunity to secure their eternal future with Christ. ✉



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