



## Accelerating the Gospel

Harvesters is partnering with pastors to reach the lost in remote places that are often difficult to access. **And God is working powerfully.**

But until a pastor physically reaches a village, there's no way to evangelise, disciple believers, or plant a church there.

A pastor can only reach one village per day on foot. With a bicycle, they can maybe reach two. **But with a motorbike a pastor can reach as many as six remote villages in one day!**

Myanmar is a country where Christians are often persecuted for their faith, but where we are seeing a real spiritual harvest. However, there are many parts of Myanmar that have never heard about Jesus.

Pastor John\* has courageously travelled into some of the most remote parts of this country but has been limited in his ability to reach the most remote villages having to travel by foot.

Then he was given a motorbike, and in just one day he was able to reach three remote villages where he unashamedly shared the Gospel – and lives were immediately transformed!

The new believers publicly demonstrated their faith by being baptised in a nearby river and new churches were planted. Praise the Lord!

In the DR Congo, Pastor Decoster Simbi was also provided with a much-needed motorbike. Overjoyed, he expressed how this gift has set the work "on fire".

Over 450 churches have already been planted in DR Congo, and the pastor has scouted out new regions to go and preach the Gospel.

"We are not going to be idle; we are going flat out planting more churches," he said. "We who are here on the ground are ready to move, to go wherever the Word is needed. Receiving this motorbike means the work will accelerate more than ever before. We will respond to see that the Kingdom of God is reached."

\*Name changed for protection. 🇇🇵

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# The Importance of Discipleship

## The Great Commission

“Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

Jesus left us with a Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 to go into all the world and make disciples. As believers, it's important to live and grow as disciples of Jesus by being strengthened, nurtured, and maturing in our faith. However, it's also vital that we become disciple-makers ourselves.

While it can seem daunting, it's a mandate for all believers.

Jesus himself modelled how to make disciples during his earthly ministry. He spent intentional time with his

followers, teaching them about God's Kingdom, training them to serve and minister to others, and instructing them how to live an obedient life. Each of us is called to do likewise.

Which is why Harvesters trains every new believer to become a disciple maker. As we are supported to grow in our faith, we in turn should help others to do the same.

Patricia de León from Guatemala, who recently completed Harvesters' Phase A training, is a prime example of the programme's impact. With 26 disciples

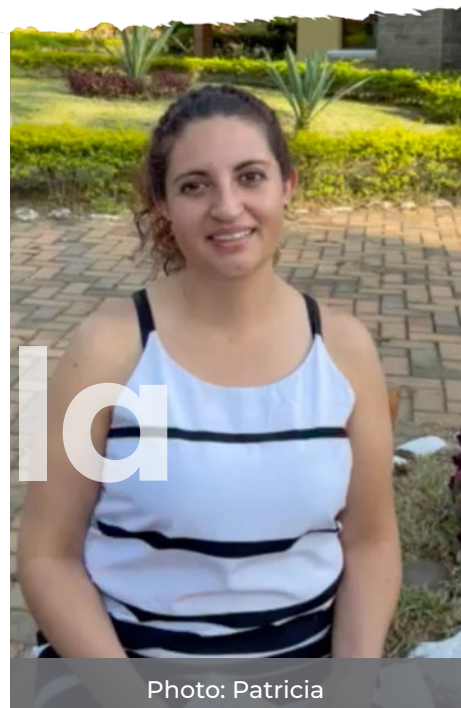
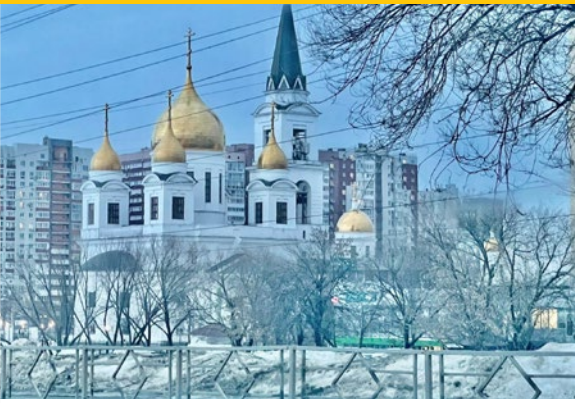


Photo: Patricia



already, she emphasises the importance of personal growth and discipleship to create a ripple effect of transformation and multiplication.

“During our lifetime we have to learn how to grow and transform our attitudes daily to live in this hard world,” she shares. “But the important thing is not only to grow and develop ourselves, but to multiply the impact by discipling those around us.”

Patricia is so grateful to Harvesters for coming from a “far-off place” to help the people of Guatemala. “Harvesters has helped me in an awesome way because it has come to develop and transform my attitudes, daily,” she said. “My relationship with Christ has been strengthened, and Harvesters has given me useful and effective tools.”

The tools that have helped Patricia are available for you too. You can invite Harvesters to come to your church and present our Disciple Makers course. The principals that we teach are fundamental Biblical concepts applied in a practical, strategic, and systematic way so the Great Commission can be fulfilled.

These principals of evangelism, discipleship and church planting are already being actioned every day in more than 65 countries where we work. Christ is building His church, and we regularly hear incredible testimonies demonstrating the amazing power of God at work in the most unexpected places.

For example, we recently had the opportunity to visit a closed nation in Eurasia. Life there is hard for Christians due to restrictions against Protestantism, including bans on public worship and evangelism, raids on local churches, and confiscation of materials.

As we were covertly presenting Harvesters’ evangelism strategies, a young 21-year-old man shyly approached to say that he has 20 disciples whom he has led to Christ. We were overjoyed to hear his testimony and amazed that someone so young could have so many disciples.

He remained close by for the four-days of training, learning all he could. We taught him to plant a church and make disciples who will make disciples.

He shared, “The fire in me cannot be quenched... I have been touched by Jesus!”






Both this young man and Patricia serve as inspiring examples of the transformative power of discipleship. They understand that discipleship is not just about personal growth but also about impacting the lives of others. As Christians, we are called to make disciples of all nations and to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Let us follow in their footsteps and make disciples who will make even more disciples, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who will listen. ✉



# Did You Know?

- Harvesters Ministries is active in over 65 countries.
- Your support is helping to plant 100 new churches every day.
- Our training materials are available in 55 languages.
- We have added a new Phase to the curriculum and now provide 7 modules.
- We have 34,000 student pastors learning to evangelise, plant churches and disciple believers.
- Each student pastor plants on average 3 churches.
- We have planted over 85,000 churches to date.
- Our goal for this year is to plant 35,000 more and to reach 1 million churches planted by 2030. 🇬🇧

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