



India: The World's Largest Mission Field

India is home to more than 1.46 billion people — almost as many as the entire continent of Africa. One in every six people on earth lives there, making it the world's largest mission field. Yet over 2,000 people groups in India remain unreached with the Gospel, and among many of them, less than 0.1% of the population knows Christ.

Harvesters is working to change this reality. Despite growing opposition and anti-conversion laws in several states, pastors continue to be trained and new church-planting Streams are opening across the nation. Two of Harvesters' Hot Zones – areas where the potential for rapid church planting is significant – are in India.

In one northwestern Stream, forty Harvesters-trained leaders are ministering among twenty distinct unreached people groups. Six new training Streams have been launched in recent months, with plans for twenty-three this year.

A powerful moment during our last visit was travelling through a northern city, marked by a spiritual darkness that we felt heavily in our hearts, to a beloved pastor's home. As we approached, we heard faint voices singing 'Light of the World' – a precious reminder that the Lord brings hope into dark places.

Many in this beautiful nation are lost; trapped worshipping dead gods. Each of them is important to God. Every pastor trained and every church planted represents one more community reached with the hope of Jesus. As Harvesters continues to expand in India's most spiritually dark and densely populated areas, the light of the Gospel is breaking through. 🌟



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“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

– 2 Timothy 1:7

On a sunny day in Bornholm, Denmark, Bent was sitting by a fountain, warming his face in the sun and praying. He was just about to leave when two young men approached and asked, “Is there room here; are you leaving?” It had taken thirteen years for Bent to obey God’s call. This was the moment he had been waiting for. “Sit here,” he said, making room for them.



Bent’s own timidity, the power of the Holy Spirit took over.

THE SPIRIT LEADS US

When the men asked him what he was doing, Bent answered fearlessly: “I am praying.” From there a conversation opened, and he told them about Jesus.

He laid his hands on them and prayed that they would not find peace until they accepted Jesus as their Saviour.

THE GREAT COMMISSION CHALLENGES AND INSPIRES

Throughout Europe, many Christians like Bent are caught in the chains of passivity and fear. The influence and size of the church is declining and the majority of those who still consider themselves Christians have become lukewarm and apathetic to the Great Commission. In Denmark only 10% of the population are church-goers, opposed to 55% of the population that is classified as non-practicing Christians*. But God has called Harvesters and faithful partners to help reignite the flame of faith in Denmark and the rest of Europe.

After attending Harvesters’ Disciple Makers teachings at his church, Bent was both challenged and inspired. A long time ago God had placed a vision in his heart to pray, get on a train and share the Gospel with whomever God sent to sit next to him. Now, thirteen years later, Bent was finally ready to obey this call.

He asked his wife to pray for him, went out and waited by a fountain in town. When two men sat down next to him, he was nervous. He believed that sharing his story and the Gospel with them would never work. But, in spite of

“I’m so happy,” Bent reflected. “I received this push to share the best message ever with others.” The excuses he made in the past – the weather is too bad, it’s too hot, too cold, too windy – disappeared in the face of faithful prayer and fearless obedience.

Just as the Spirit transformed Bent’s faith, Christians all over Europe are being transformed in the same manner. Fear is being replaced by boldness, timidity by determination and passivity by action. Though statistics may suggest decline, Christ is alive – and His Kingdom remains sovereign!



Bent



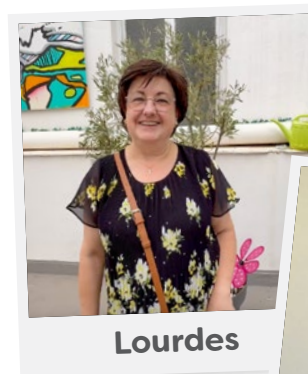
* Pew Research Center. 2018. Being a Christian in Western Europe. <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2018/05/29/being-christian-in-western-europe/>



TRANSFORMATION THROUGHOUT EUROPE

Over in Málaga, Spain, Lourdes attended Harvesters' Disciple Makers training too. She explained: "The Gospel is simple, just as Jesus preached it, for humble, ordinary people. Sometimes we worry too much." Harvesters has helped her to "return to the foundations" and understand the responsibility she has "before Jesus and the calling He has given."

Meanwhile, in Leeds in the United Kingdom, Sangeetha and other Disciple Makers participants have also had their hearts realigned with the Great Commission. "For me, Jesus was my personal Saviour and that's about it. I've never thought about going out and telling people because I'm so scared of losing friendships or what people will think about me," confessed Sangeetha. "But now I know how important this Great Commission is. And Jesus is not just for me, but for other people as well."



Lourdes



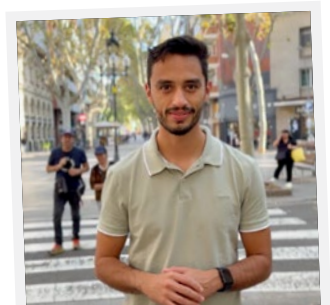
Sangeetha

From Barcelona, Spain, Paul O'Neill, Harvesters Continent Leader for Europe, declared: "Jesus loves these people. And we're working... to transform people's lives, to make disciples and to plant house churches in this beautiful city."

And in Málaga, Rodrigo Hernandez, Harvesters Regional Director for Southern Europe, added: "Jesus can break the patterns, and we know that the Gospel brings salvation, and we are hopeful that the church will take its place... take the power that is at hand for them and transform this city and this region for Jesus."



Paul



Rodrigo

In Leeds, Sangeetha says: "I am going to give Jesus to people and make disciples." And in Bornholm, Bent has made up his mind that he will go!

We trust God to extend this flame beyond Spain, the UK and Denmark – beyond Europe and to the entire world. May we not have "a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind." 📖

Discover more about Disciple Makers from Harvesters on the back page.





Unlocking the Power of Local Leadership

Harvesters is unlocking the power of local leadership to open doors for the Gospel worldwide. God is raising up pastors in every community who are uniquely positioned to reach their own people — and Harvesters comes alongside them to equip, train and release. This is *The Harvesters Way*.

In Nampula, Mozambique, the journey of Pastor Jadreque reflects this beautifully. When Harvesters first arrived in 2018, Jadreque was among the group eager to learn Harvesters' methodology for church planting. Since then, he has grown into a Harvesters Licensed Trainer (HLT) himself, and recently delivered the final Phase of training to his colleagues.

For Jadreque, meeting Harvesters reshaped his calling. "Before I knew Harvesters Ministries, I thought that God had called me... to only be in the local church and keep the sheep. But since I joined Harvesters, my ministry has greatly multiplied with more churches."

The results speak for themselves: "Since 2018, the church in Nampula has grown from 20 to 50 churches. And in Zambezia... from 30 churches into 60 churches." This is the power of local leadership. 📧

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