



“We Need to Start Churches **Everywhere**”

Earlier this year, around 50 pastors and ministry leaders from Northern Asia gathered for Harvesters Phase A training, focusing on discipleship and spiritual disciplines. What followed was more than a seminar. It sparked a renewed vision for multiplying churches across the region.

For Pastor Aleksandr*, the training provided a clear and practical strategy for those passionate about fulfilling Jesus' command to make disciples. He highlighted the value of the systematic teaching, explaining that even leaders who feel unprepared can grow in effectiveness through the material.

He explained that one of the most significant lessons was a fresh understanding of the Church itself. Whether a gathering is called a home group, a home church or simply a small fellowship of believers, Pastor Aleksandr emphasised, “It’s a church – and we need to start such churches everywhere!”

He was especially encouraged that the training equips not only pastors and leaders, but every believer to play a part in growing God’s Kingdom.

“This material can help every believer realise their potential to preach the Gospel, make disciples and plant churches,” he said.

The enthusiasm was immediate. Following the training, pastors and leaders held a strategic meeting to discuss plans for planting new churches throughout their region – evidence that the vision for multiplication is already taking root. Leaders are now actively planting 49 new churches in surrounding towns and villages.

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Central Africa Embraces a Culture of Multiplication

Across Central Africa, pastors are embracing a disciple-making approach to ministry that is transforming churches, raising new leaders and multiplying the reach of the Gospel. From Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where Harvesters training is already bearing fruit, to newly opened doors in Congo Republic and Gabon, a common theme is emerging: pastors are discovering the power of multiplication.

In Zambia, Harvesters training is helping pastors move beyond maintaining congregations to planting churches and raising up new leaders. Pastor Frank Tembo, a Harvesters Licensed Trainer from Chongwe, shared how the training has impacted his ministry.

"After we had done the Kick Off, it helped me to draw up where I could plant churches," he said. "By the time we were doing Phase A, I had planted three churches. By the time I was doing Phase C, I had planted about six churches."



Pastor Frank Tembo

For Frank, the training has not only resulted in new church plants but has also deepened his understanding of God's Word and strengthened his commitment to helping others engage fully in the training.

Another testimony from Zambia highlights the multiplying effect of discipleship. Isaac Chakupa, a

Student Pastor who travelled long distances by bicycle to attend training shared how he has already planted a church while continuing his own development.

"Now I've opened one church," Isaac explained. "I need to open two more. I have one Student Pastor and I need to make more pastors." His story reflects a key principle of multiplication: leaders being equipped while simultaneously equipping others.



Pastor Isaac Chakupa

The same pattern is emerging in the DRC. In February, 187 pastors gathered in Gemena for Phase A training, with additional pastors joining from neighbouring Central African Republic. The training focused on discipleship and raising leaders who can train others.

Harvesters Regional Director for Central Africa, Reynold Fourie, described it as the beginning of a discipleship movement. Drawing on the principle of 2 Timothy 2:2, pastors were encouraged to train faithful believers who can then train others in turn.

Pastor Jean, who serves in a region bordering the Central African Republic, shared how he had already begun applying the principles from previous training.



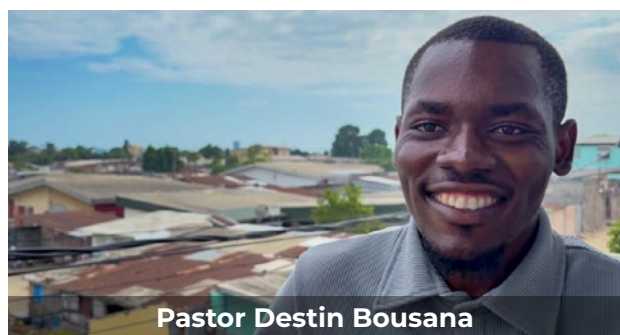
“After the Kick Off training, we returned home and trained 16 people,” he said. “After the training, we challenged and mobilised them to evangelise. Three months later, we planted churches and have about 80 members.”



Other pastors reported similar experiences, including planting churches, training students, and mobilising new believers for evangelism. Many spoke of how practical the discipleship training had been and how it equipped them to multiply their ministry more effectively.

While Zambia and the DRC demonstrate the fruit of multiplication, pastors in Congo Republic and Gabon are expressing a strong desire to begin the same journey. In May, Harvesters conducted envisioning visits in both countries for the first time, sharing the vision of church planting through evangelism and discipleship with key church leaders.

In Congo Republic, many pastors identified a lack of discipleship and leadership training as a significant challenge facing the Church today. Pastor Destin Bousana explained, “Nowadays we have a lot of churches, but people in those churches are not being trained.”

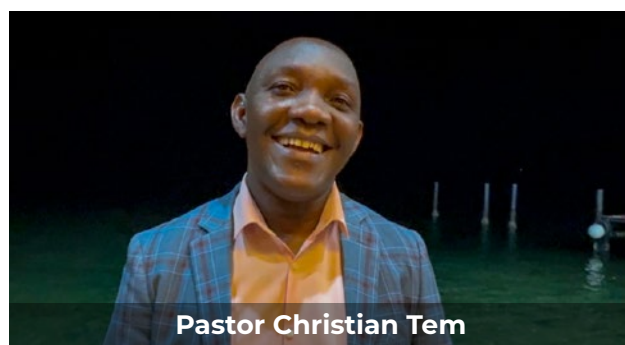


He added that many pastors lack opportunities for biblical training and discipleship, making it difficult for churches to fulfil their mission effectively.

In some instances, he has observed churches being led by pastors who do not have biblical knowledge, which he described as “dangerous”. The Harvesters vision was warmly received, with many leaders eager for training to begin as soon as possible.

A similar response was seen in Gabon. Pastor Christian Tem from Port-Gentil said the presentation renewed his understanding of evangelism and the importance of following the Holy Spirit’s leading in ministry.

“The Harvesters programme is a very good programme for us,” he said. “We believe it can help us move forward correctly and apply the teachings we have received here.”



Local pastors also highlighted the need for mentorship, particularly among younger church leaders seeking guidance and practical ministry training.

Across all four countries, the message was remarkably consistent. Pastors are not simply looking for larger congregations; they are looking for ways to make disciples who make disciples. They are seeking practical tools for evangelism, discipleship, leadership development and church planting.

As Harvesters continues to train and equip pastors throughout Central Africa, a culture of multiplication is taking root. In some places, the fruit is already visible through new churches and trained leaders. In others, the groundwork is being laid for future growth. Together, these testimonies tell the story of pastors who are embracing the call to make disciples, train leaders and expand the reach of the Gospel into their communities and beyond. 📖



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Earlier this year, Harvesters distributed Bibles to church plants in Kenya's Nyandarua region, equipping pastors and believers with God's Word in communities where resources are often limited.

Among those receiving a Bible was Pastor Dorcas. In her testimony, she compared the gift to receiving a jembe – a traditional gardening hoe used for digging and an essential tool for daily work in Kenya.

"These are the jembes that we are given today," she said, holding up her Bible. "I will be opening this Bible and giving people the Word of God."

Pastor Dorcas explained that just as a worker cannot dig without a hoe, those serving God need the right tools to make disciples. Grateful for the gift, she praised God and thanked everyone whose generosity made the Bible distribution possible. 📖



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