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They **BURNED** the Church. The Pastor Brought Them Food.

In many parts of the world, following Jesus comes at a cost. As the Gospel spreads into new communities, believers can face misunderstanding, hostility and even persecution. Yet time and again, God's people respond not with bitterness, but with the love of Christ.

After receiving Harvesters church planting training, one Student Pastor in Zambia planted a new church that grew rapidly as people responded to the Gospel. But not everyone welcomed what God was doing.

Driven by jealousy, a man set fire to the church building, destroying the place where the new congregation had been gathering.

When Pastor Reuben Mwale returned from travelling and heard what had happened, he immediately went to the village. By then, the man responsible had been arrested and placed in police custody.

Instead of seeking revenge, Pastor Reuben and his disciple did something unexpected. They bought food for the man and visited him in his cell.

There, they shared the love of Jesus with the very person who had burned their church. The police officers could hardly believe what they were witnessing.

Today, the church is being rebuilt.

The building may have been destroyed, but the Gospel was not. In the face of hatred, Christ's love was put on display, reminding us that His Church is built not with bricks and mortar, but with transformed hearts.



Pastor Reuben Mwale

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Into the Mountains

Reaching India's Unreached Communities

India is home to more than 1.4 billion people and thousands of distinct people groups. Yet for many communities, the Gospel has still not been heard. Joshua Project currently identifies 2,033 of India's 2,263 people groups as unreached, representing an estimated 90% of the population.

For some believers in India, the response to this need is clear: go. And sometimes, going means heading into remote and mountainous areas where access is limited, education is scarce and few people have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

One local leader has been serving in ministry for two years. During that time, God has been using the teaching and training he has received through Harvesters to equip him for ministry. He is now training six students himself, helping them grow stronger in God's Word. "My desire is that, in the future, they too will become faithful servants and be used by God," he says. But his vision does not stop with the six people he is training.

His heart is particularly burdened for people living in the remote mountain regions. "One of my heart's desires is that, through Harvesters, the Gospel would reach many villages in the hill areas," he explains. "I pray that the Word of God will reach people who have not yet heard the Gospel, that many families will be saved, and that many people will grow in the knowledge of God's Word."

That is the heart of multiplication: not simply receiving training, but passing it on so that others can take the Gospel further.

What They Receive, They Pass On

In Andhra Pradesh, another local leader is following the same pattern. He was introduced to Harvesters through his ministry and quickly recognised a shared vision: making disciples, raising leaders and planting churches. "This is also God's purpose which is why I really like the Harvesters approach," he says.

Using the books and materials provided through Harvesters, he has been able to preach the Gospel and teach his students. But he is also challenging them to think beyond themselves. "I encourage them not to keep what they have learned for themselves, but to make more leaders and Student Pastors," he says.

He is planning to equip another five people, while encouraging them to raise more leaders themselves. "In this way, I am taking steps toward planting churches and fulfilling this work of church planting."

What begins with one leader being equipped can therefore become many leaders being raised, each carrying the Gospel further. And that multiplication matters in a nation where many communities remain unreached.

India is also a challenging place to follow Jesus. Open Doors ranks India 12th on its 2026 World Watch List, citing intense persecution and discrimination against Christians, particularly converts, alongside violence and pressure driven by religious nationalism. Yet the Church is going.







Into the Mountains

One more local leader describes what this looks like on the ground. “We are making more disciples and training Student Pastors,” he says. “This programme is helping us reach the unreached *at any cost.*”



He speaks of believers reaching remote areas, including mountainous regions where there is little education and very limited access. “Despite these challenges, God is leading us into these mountain areas to share the Good News.”

This is more than training for training’s sake. It is preparation for mission.



God is raising local leaders who can take the Gospel to people in their own communities and beyond.

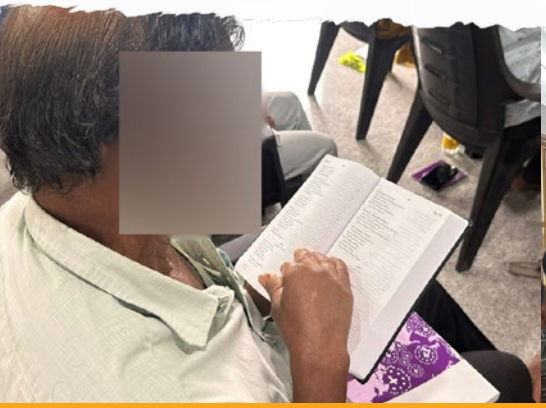


As disciples are made and leaders are equipped, churches can be planted and the message of Jesus can reach places where it has not yet been heard.

The journey into India’s mountains may not always be easy. But these leaders are going – and they are not going alone. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they are taking with them the Word of God, the training they have received and a vision to see others equipped to do the same.

And as one of these leaders put it, “We know that Harvesters is doing a great work in India by reaching people in unreached communities. Thank you so much for your love, your care and your burden for India. We love you, and we are praying for everyone who supports this ministry.”

May God continue to strengthen these leaders, multiply their work and open the way for the Gospel to reach many more communities across India.









Changing the Map

In Asela, Ethiopia, 35 local church planters gathered for training to help them take the Gospel into communities where churches are still needed. This predominantly Muslim area can be challenging for the evangelical church.

Part of the training is learning to map their region strategically – praying, planning and identifying where new churches could be planted.

On a large map of East Shewa, leaders use a colour system to track church planting progress: green for established churches, yellow for new church plants, and white for areas where trained church planters are preparing to go. "In six months when you come back, these white places will be changed to yellow," says Pastor Samson.

Red marks communities that need further prayer and planning. "These villages are very hard and closed... Some are Muslim, some are African traditional witchcraft strongholds. So, we have put it in our prayers, and we are seeking the guidance of the Lord [for] strategy to reach out to these communities."

And God is already at work. After evangelism training, church planters went into Asela and shared the Gospel with 112 people. Twelve chose to follow Christ, most from Muslim backgrounds.







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