LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

After 45 years of professional ministry, visiting 85 countries and interacting with hundreds of ministries, I am absolutely convinced that:

The Only Way to Complete the Great Commission is Ordinary People Multiplying Disciples in Their Natural Networks.

That’s it. Full stop. The number of lost is just too many, the barriers are too high and the limitations of traditional initiatives are just too great. You simply can’t finish the task by depending on paid professionals.

That shouldn’t surprise us. Jesus designed His master plan to revolve around individuals choosing to obey and challenging their friends and family to do the same. And that’s what we are depending on! We call the process Disciple Making Movements (DMM). The idea is to catalyze chain reactions of disciples making disciples that results in cascades of churches planting churches that mature into ‘movements.’

We define a ‘movement’ as at least 100 new churches that have multiplied to the fourth generation. The process of establishing DMMs has been tested and proven. It is working in both urban and rural settings, among literate and the illiterate, and in places of persecution as well as freedom. It is working across many countries and cultures — among Hindus, Hindus, Buddhists and Animists. By God’s grace and to His glory… it’s working!

Privileged to partner with you,

Harry Brown
President
New Generations
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The story of God’s glory is that since March 2005, the Lord has used the DMM process to catalyze 64,327 new churches, with 1,559,692 new Christ followers. At New Generations we have now witnessed God launch 121 DMMs.*

In 2018, 9,137 new churches were planted encompassing 159,987 new Christ followers, with 36,406 (23%) coming from Muslim backgrounds. The total number of churches planted increased over the previous quarter to 2,399 new churches.

This quarter, for the first time, Sudan has not one, but two DMMs—both among 100% Muslim people groups.

*We define a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) as at least 100 new churches that have multiplied to the fourth generation or beyond.
4TH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

South Asia: This region’s 4th quarter was very productive with a growth rate of 9%. Movements from four states have begun to “spill over” into neighboring states and providing the first new churches and new disciples. This reflects a deeper level of ownership and initiative on the part of our indigenous partners.

Anglophone West Africa: The 2018 quarterly average of churches planted (187) was greater than the 2017 quarterly average (128). This reflects a slow but steady emergence from the negative effects of Ebola.

Francophone West Africa: Church planting in this region grew by 2%. Most notably, a historically resistant people in Niger planted 9 new churches with over 400 new Christ Followers.

Francophone Central Africa: Church planting in this region grew by 2%. Two people groups in Chad continue to add churches over the 100 church threshold, (154 and 111 churches respectively).

East Africa: Church planting in this region grew by 9%. The quarter and the year in the region reached a great milestone, for the first time ever, Sudan is now home to 2 DMMs!

Horn of Africa: The 4th quarter number of churches planted was 59% of the 3rd quarter (280 churches). Our team believes the church planting numbers were generally down in the country due to multiple areas of violent ethnic strife.

North Africa: No statistical report was available. However, verbal reports from the coordinator revealed continued growth despite some internal challenges.

Key concern – there is a growing threat to new believers. Please pray for the persecuted believers in the Horn of Africa and in North Africa. You can also join us in standing with those suffering for their faith at newgenerations.org/persecuted.
Drunkard's Lives Transformed Through DBS

In Kumbuno district (pseudonym) found in an African city, a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) group was formed. Many of those attending the discovery group were men who had left their families in the countryside and had come to work in the city. However, the men’s lives were marked by drunkenness, such that they forgot their families back home who were depending on them for survival. The group continued to meet to do Discovery Bible Study for some months though there were some drop-outs and many of the members frequently came to the DBS drunk. But God was faithful. Gradually the men’s lives began to change. Some of them started to confess and repent of their sins. Several of them decided to go back to their rural homes to reconcile with their estranged wives and extended families. Many of them asked for a Bible to take with them so that they could read it with their families.

Ten-Year-Old Church Planter

Rajesh is a DMM Catalyst, in South Asia, who leads his own house church. He has a ten-year-old daughter who heard the stories her father shared from the Bible. She memorized them and the questions that he asked the group. Without him knowing it, she started telling these stories to her friends. Just like her father, she would then ask questions to help them discover truth about God. One of her school friends asked her to tell more stories. Rajesh’s daughter remembered how her father remembered how her father would talk about finding the person of peace. She saw her situation as an opportunity to see if her friend was the person of peace. So, she told the girl she would tell more stories but only if she could come to the girl’s house and share these stories with her parents and family members. The girl and her parents were very open. They also invited two neighbor families to come. After several weeks of hearing and discussing the stories, her friend’s father decided to follow Jesus and be baptized. Rajesh’s daughter didn’t know what to do next. He wouldn’t be appropriate for her to baptize the man. So, she told him to go talk to her father. One day, Rajesh received a visit from a stranger. The man quietly said to Rajesh, “I want to be baptized.” Rajesh drew back from the door in surprise. "Who is this man," he thought, "and how does he know I follow Jesus?" He cautiously allowed the man to enter and invited him to explain how he came and wanted to be baptized. Rajesh baptized him a few days later.
4TH QTR 2018 DMM OUTCOMES: NEW CHURCHES & NEW CHRIST FOLLOWERS

2018 GOAL:
- 8,000 New Churches
- 200,000 New Christ Followers

2018 TOTAL:
- 9,137 New Churches
- 159,987 New Christ Followers

Total Q1 Results: 2,036 Churches and 37,954 Christ Followers
Total Q2 Results: 2,389 Churches and 44,246 Christ Followers
Total Q3 Results: 2,313 Churches and 40,208 Christ Followers
Total Q4 Results: 2,399 Churches and 37,579 Christ Followers

Anglophone West Africa: 194
East Africa: 395
Francophone West Africa: 8,814
Francophone Central Africa: 1,140
Francophone Southern Africa: 4,753
Horn of Africa: 194
South Asia: 227

New Churches: 227
New Christ Followers: 6,283