LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There is an old saying, “Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but God alone can count the apples in a seed.” How true this is to the story you are about to read. To anyone looking on, Vatsa was just an ordinary ‘apple’. No one would have guessed that the Lord had placed the seeds within this ‘apple’ to eventually produce over 3,000 new churches!

Stop and think of that for a minute. When they cross the threshold of heaven, how many people in history will have disciples from 3,000 churches run up to them and say, “I am here because of you!” Now think of how the crowd swells when all the disciples those 3,000 churches brought with them join the throng. It becomes overwhelming!

For those who choose to obey the command, “to make disciples” (Mt. 28:18-20), God doesn’t see apples, he sees orchards!

Thanks for your part in praying and giving to produce those orchards through ordinary apples!

Blessings,

Harry Brown
President
New Generations
NEW GENERATIONS’ GLOBAL CHURCH PLANTING
NON-CUMULATIVE GROWTH TO DATE

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[AFRICA & SOUTH ASIA] TO DATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

As of the end of September 2019, New Generations teams along with their partners have seen God raise up 70,921 new churches, 1,695,692 New Christ followers, of whom, 471,813 (28%) are Muslim background.

New Generations has now seen God launch 126 Disciple Making Movements - 113 in Sub-Saharan Africa and 13 in South Asia.

This quarter, in Sub-Saharan Africa, a people group of eastern Congo reached the DMM threshold with 108 churches to the 9th generation.

Also in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2 new people groups were engaged in the 3rd quarter, both in Kenya. We continue to be amazed at how God is expanding His Kingdom!
3,000+ NEW CHURCHES FLOW FROM OBEDIENCE

We are coaching South Asian believers to start generations of new churches, rather than single churches. Now they are training leaders to be new leaders for the churches their own generation started, hoping that the results you won't. It matters how you start.

Our friend Vatsa has embraced this thinking. When two young women came to his door. He expected them to ask about one of the rooms he rents out to students. His town has several educational institutions. Vatsa and his wife have a hostel where they provide a clean, safe living place for young women who come from other towns to go to school.

But these girls didn't ask about rooms. Vatsa invited them in. As soon as they entered, one of them who is very upper class, asked, “Sir, are you Christian?”

The town had some very anti-Christian elements in it, so Vatsa was surprised and alarmed. “Yes, we are Christian,” replied Vatsa. “How did you know?”

She pointed, “I see the Bible.” Sure enough, there was his Bible, sitting on the table. She quickly got to the point. “Sir, for years my parents have been wanting to know about Jesus. Will you please talk to my father?”

Vatsa said, “I will talk to your father.”

A week later, Vatsa and his wife took the 120-kilometer drive and found a group of the family gathered, ready to learn about Jesus. Neighbors soon joined in, for a total of sixteen people. It was a remarkable open door for sharing the gospel. How would they handle this? Where would it lead?

In this very first encounter, Vatsa demonstrated to the family how they could make discoveries about God for themselves, right from the Bible. He read Psalm 25:8-9 – Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. Vatsa asked, “What do you learn in this scripture about God, and what do you learn about man?”

“I learn,” said the father, “that God is good, and He teaches sinners. And that man has to humble himself to learn from God.”

“And what does it say to you personally?”

Very quietly, the father replied, “I am a man, and I am a sinner. I need to learn from God, to become humble and to follow God’s way.”

Vatsa invited them to come to their church. A week later, Vatsa’s father took the family to the church. He saw that “the church is God’s, and the disciples are His.”
The father was responsive, and eager to learn more, but he had questions about the next steps. “Where will we go to church?” he asked. “Who will be our pastor?” Vatsa’s answer was a surprise. “We will start a Bible study right here in your home. God will teach you and lead you to start a church with your family members and relatives.”

Since that day, not only have six of the family members turned to Jesus, but two more Bible studies have started in other homes. And that’s where “generations” come into the story. What did Vatsa do that was different? First of all, he made the effort to visit the family in their own home. This meant taking a full day to do so. He realized the encounter was not about reaching one man, or even one family, but about how this man, with such obvious fervor to know Jesus, could be an instrument of God to reach a community. Secondly, he showed the family how they could draw from God’s Word and from the Bible. He then coached the father, through phone calls and further visits, to facilitate the family time together in the Word. Vatsa also taught him to release others to do the same thing in new groups.

“In the past,” Vatsa says, “I would not have bothered to visit this man but would have simply invited him to my church. And I never would have allowed him to become a facilitator and leader.” Since he started implementing this new way of doing ministry, Vatsa has seen 3,304 small churches started, and he’s never going back. “I have seen a great change in our achievements,” he says, “and me and my team have moved to a higher level of personal obedience to the risen Lord Jesus Christ.”

“I’ve learned,” he adds, “that making disciples is not about bringing people to church. It’s about starting church at anybody’s home or in any place. It’s about finding a man of peace and releasing him for making disciples. It’s about a lifestyle of following Jesus’ model and having Jesus’ attitude toward the lost.”

A HUMBLE FARMER

A tribal believer from South Asia wanted to buy rice seedlings from an upper class rice farmer for the next season, but the social gap between these two people was huge. The farmer was reluctant to promise seedlings to the tribal man because a storm was headed straight for his rice fields. With not enough time to harvest the crop, he expected his rice to be destroyed. The tribal man said, “Don’t worry. My God will stop the rain.” He did! The storm literally stopped short of the field! The upper class farmer was shocked. He asked to know more about God. After studying the Scripture, the farmer, along with 18 other people from the area committed to follow Jesus and were baptized. Fifteen more are awaiting baptism this month. Praise God!
3RD QTR 2019 DMM OUTCOMES: NEW CHURCHES & NEW CHRIST FOLLOWERS

2019 GOAL: 9,500 new churches with 142,500 new Christ Followers.

Total Q1 Results: 1,931 New Churches and 43,249 New Christ Followers
Total Q2 Results: 2,323 New Churches and 46,156 New Christ Followers
Total Q3 Results: 2,180 New Churches and 40,293 New Christ Followers

2019 TOTAL YTD*: 6,434 new churches with 129,698 new Christ followers

*AS OF 9/30/2019