LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The advance of the Kingdom of God always comes at a price. During the last few months, we have seen the tragedy of evil countered by God’s redemptive power in some very difficult situations.

In one region, our leaders faced very serious persecution including the murder of one of our church planters. In Matthew 5:43-45, we see the words of Jesus, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

This is exactly what Christians in that community did. When a severe flood hit the home area of the attackers, they not only forgave those who hurt them, but they showed love in tangible ways by providing food, resources, and household supplies.

As a result, God moved in a way that was greater than anyone could have imagined. At this point we know of 65 people who have come to faith. God is transforming this community, building His Kingdom from the ruins, and drawing the persecutors into the Kingdom of God.

Thanks so much for your part in making these things possible.

Blessings,

Harry Brown
President
New Generations
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

New Generations teams, along with their partners, planted 2,202 churches in the 3rd Quarter of 2020. These churches are comprised of 42,326 new Christ followers. 15,043 of the new Christ followers are from Muslim backgrounds.

This result is incredible when you consider that our adjusted goal for this COVID period was to plant 1,445 churches per quarter. We exceeded that goal by 757 churches! But even more astounding is that we not only exceeded our adjusted goals, but also our original (pre-COVID) goal of 2,091 per quarter by 111 churches!!

Since March 2005, we have seen God raise up 79,862 churches, with 1,858,531 Christ followers. 599,172 of those new Christ followers come from Muslim backgrounds.

Despite COVID-related restrictions on travel and gatherings, our DMM teams demonstrated creativity, flexibility, and persistence in carrying out the command to make disciples who make disciples.
COMPASSION WINS THE HEART OF A CHIEF

60 years ago, a hospital was built to show the love of Jesus in one of West Africa’s most dangerous regions. But after all these years of Christian presence, many villages still have never heard the Gospel. Islam has radicalized the area, and people fear sharing their faith in such a dangerous and remote location. This is the story of the village of Timeo (pseudonym), where a man of peace was visited by our church planter.

After a week of fasting and prayer, the church planter discovered no machine for grinding grain was available within 20 kilometers around the village. The church planter reported this to his leadership, and a grinding machine was installed in Timeo, in the home of the man of peace. The church planter was the one in charge of the grinding machine. The machine was so popular that women were coming to use the device from 10 of the surrounding villages.

The church planter decided to start an oral Discovery Bible Study (DBS) every day before the women started the work of grinding their grain. The women and children became so captivated by studying the Bible that they came even when they had nothing to grind.

The village men sent the chief to thank the church planter for helping their women because now, they were experiencing more rest and more time with their families. The chief also asked about the secret the church planter teaches to the women because they are becoming more cooperative.

The church planter took that opportunity to explain that the secret is the Word of God. The chief begged the church planter to start a men’s DBS in his house too. As a result, today in Timeo, there are two churches.

These churches are planning to take the Gospel to the other 10 neighboring villages. Please pray this initiative will grow despite some persecution that has started. The village chief is risking his place as the leader, but our church planter says, "No worries, because he is already firm and grounded in the Word of God." The village chief said, "The Gospel is the solution to the social and spiritual problems of my people."
LEARNING TO TRUST GOD IN EAST AFRICA

James is a security guard and a church planter who has participated in Disciple Making Movement training. After learning the importance of mentoring a new leader, he asked brother Thomas, a new disciple in his network, to pray with him for people in Rongona (pseudonym). James believed that this was a potential place to launch a new movement. Thomas was so happy that they would go to Rongona because it was home to one of his friends.

But James told him that they needed to trust that God would connect them with a person of peace in Rongona. When they arrived, Thomas called his friend, but he was out of town. Thomas was quite discouraged because he hoped that his friend might be the person of peace.

While they were chatting, a motorcycle taxi driver approached and asked them where they wanted to go. James replied, “Take us to your place.” The driver thought maybe James knew where he lived, so he complied. His village was an hour and a half away, so on the way, James shared the story of the Good Samaritan while asking standard DBS questions.

When they arrived, the driver asked for his fare and the specific family they wanted to visit. James told him that they wanted to see his family (the driver’s).

So the driver called up his family and friends and told them they had visitors. As the family gathered, the driver’s father told James that he believed God had sent James to him with a message. James started sharing the story of Jesus with them. Later that night, brother Thomas was in tears and asked James to pray for him because he hadn’t trusted God to connect them with a person of peace. Since that time, the driver’s family has already planted three new churches and baptized 51 new believers.
3rd Qtr 2020 DMM Outcomes: New Churches & New Christ Followers

New Churches
- 102 Francophone Central Africa
- 290 Francophone West Africa
- 712 Anglphone West Africa
- 411 South Asia
- 534 Horn of Africa
- 153 East Africa

New Christ Followers
- 1,890 Francophone Central Africa
- 13,555 Francophone West Africa
- 10,145 Anglphone West Africa
- 7,550 South Asia
- 6,870 Horn of Africa
- 2,316 East Africa

2020 Goal
- 8,785 New Churches with 104,060 New Christ Followers

2020 Total YTD
- 6,282 New Churches with 116,910 New Christ Followers

Total Q1 Results: 2,221 New Churches and 39,961 New Christ Followers
Total Q2 Results: 1,859 New Churches and 34,623 New Christ Followers
Total Q3 Results: 2,202 New Churches and 42,326 New Christ Followers