



# Harvesters Tackled Forgotten Villages as NGO's left

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## There is Light in the Darkness

As most NGO's already left the destruction zones Harvesters moved into these areas to provide much needed help. With cholera, malaria and other diseases spreading fast as clean water and food are scarce.

Thanks to our wonderful donors it was possible for Harvesters to visit Beira to start replacing the training

materials and Bibles that were destroyed. To maximize relief efforts Harvesters partnered with the Global Leadership Summit (Willowcreek, Chicago community) to stretch our help to many hundreds of pastors and families directly influenced by Cyclone Idai that hit Beira and others areas. Mostly food, buckets with supplies, Bibles and training materials were distributed at a local gathering point.

Harvesters helped many believers who lost their Bibles with new Bibles. Although Mozambique still needs a lot of support to replace Bibles that were destroyed, we are privileged that we could help at a crucial time. 🙏

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# Mission organisations are still relevant!

Coca Cola did in 133 years what the Church could not do in 2 000 years.

There are only two countries in the whole world where you cannot buy Coca Cola, namely Cuba and North Korea.

More than five billion people still do not know Jesus Christ, 52 countries have banned the Bible and more than 1 800 languages still do not have a translation of the whole Bible in their language.

What's worse is that 573 million Christians across the globe do not have access to the precious Word of God. Imagine serving the Lord without access to the Bible? How is it even possible to grow in your faith without being able to spend time in the Word?

## What are You and I Doing about this Matter?

Harvesters Ministries is training pastors and student pastors in more than 60 countries. This training material is currently available in 43 languages. We train these pastors and student pastors in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. We also strive to place a Bible in the hands of every pastor, student pastor and new believer in discipleship. None of this would however be possible without the help and support of generous donors.

Thanks to wonderful partners it was possible for Harvesters to have two Bible placements in different regions in Malawi. Why Malawi? Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and many of our brothers and sisters do not own their own Bibles and have no opportunity to get one for themselves.

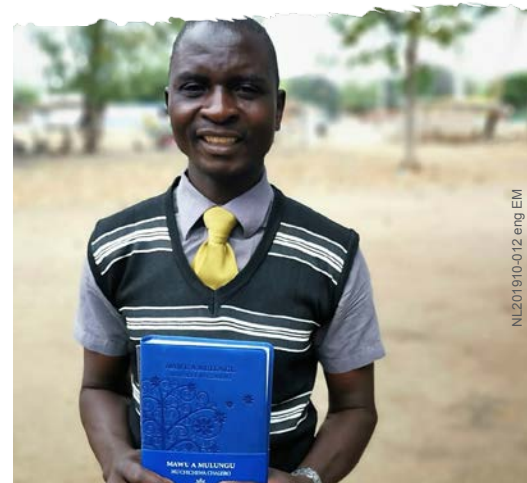
## Monkey Bay Bible Placement

The team of 49 people from Harvesters and the Reformed Church Youth Group placed Bibles in the hands of God's precious children in Malawi. To see someone's face light up when they receive their very first Bible is priceless. When you experience this you truly understand why Christians are the light of the world.

While traveling through this poverty stricken country we kept on hearing believers say, "God is good, all the time!" It is so amazing to see their commitment and to experience what it means when someone lives in total dependency of God. It is so easy to doubt God, even though our circumstances are much better than that of our brothers and sisters in Malawi.

We took God's Word to people who were waiting for us. There where the tar road becomes a dirt road, the dirt road becomes a two track road and then a footpath, there you have to carry the Bibles to a church where God's people are waiting to receive the message that God wants them to have. They must not only be sure of their own salvation, but make disciples for Jesus Christ!

One testimony that stood out to me was the words of Thomas Chiluzi, a student pastor in Mangochi. When he received his Bible he said, "I want to thank God for this Bible that I received. I only had the New Testament to preach the Gospel. It was very hard for me to expand all the Scriptures, because some people asked questions related to the Old Testament. But now I have the Bible and I'll have a better understanding of the Scriptures and it will



*When you partner with Harvesters, you're opening the way for the unreached to know Jesus and – through those who come to Christ – plant churches in some of the most difficult places in our world. Thank you for your gifts and prayers!*





be easy for me to understand what the Bible says and how to make a disciple.”

A total of 3 106 Bibles (802 English and 2 304 Chichewa) were distributed by the team and regional leaders to student pastors and members of 380 Harvesters affiliated congregations in Eastern Malawi, such as Monkey Bay, Cape McClear, Mangochi, Balaka, Machinga and Zomba.

### **Bangula Bible Placement**

God blessed us tremendously and we were able to visit Malawi for a second time. This time we travelled to the Bangula region.

Some of these pastors who received Bibles for their congregations have planted more than 50 churches in their region. Praise the Lord for their commitment! Pastor David Morishu, Chididi Hub-leader, blessed us with the following Bible verse: 2 Timothy 2:10 *“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.”*

This verse motivated us to carry on with our journey. We travelled more than 43 hours just to reach our first destination in Malawi – after struggling with punctures along the way. God just sent the right people to help us to reach Malawi safe and sound. To Him be all the glory! We do this work to honour Him.

One of the areas we visited is Chididi. Chididi is in a mountainous, remote area, where travelling is difficult. Our team made the sacrifice and did not consider the condition of the roads. This community was so excited to receive their Bibles and testified to us that they have been waiting such a long time to receive the precious Word of God.

We handed out a total of 2 400 Bibles to believers in need. None of this would have been possible without the Lord's grace and the donations that were made by our loyal partners.

### **God always provides!**

We thank God for our loyal and generous donors who make it possible for us to travel and deliver much needed Bibles. If you would like to place a Bible in the hands of a believer, you can do so by sponsoring a box of Bibles for R3 000 or by donating a gift of R150 you can place a Bible in the hands of a believer. 🙏

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*Thanks to faithful supporters like you, the team distributed 2 400 Bibles to believers in Malawi who were overjoyed and deeply grateful.*

# Get Involved with Harvesters!

We have various platforms where you can get involved with Harvesters.

## Facebook

Like our Harvesters Facebook Page to stay updated with the wonderful work of Harvesters. Follow this link to visit our Facebook page and get more involved with Harvesters today: [www.facebook.com/harvestersmin/](http://www.facebook.com/harvestersmin/).

## Instagram

Follow Harvesters Ministries on Instagram and receive regular updates from the field. Follow this link and follow us on Instagram: [www.instagram.com/harvestersministries](http://www.instagram.com/harvestersministries).

## Website

Visit our website [www.harvestersministries.com](http://www.harvestersministries.com) today and sign up for our monthly prayer updates and newsletters. You can read the latest blog articles on our website, watch videos from the field and stay informed about what Harvesters is doing in the field.

## Disciple Makers Course

Exciting News! Your church can now benefit from the knowledge and experience that Harvesters Ministries gained from planting churches, and training in evangelism and disciple making over the past 20 years. ***The Disciple makers course is a new project, written specifically to empower local congregations to grow through effective community evangelism and making disciples of their members.*** This course has already been presented with great success at congregations in Cape Town and Gauteng. Harvesters Ministries is presenting this course at no cost to interested congregations. For more information or to arrange for one of our experienced presenters to present the Disciple Makers course at your congregation, contact us at [info@harvestersministries.com](mailto:info@harvestersministries.com).

## Prayer Calendar

Download our monthly prayer guide on our website and pray with us [www.harvestersministries.com/prayer-calendar/](http://www.harvestersministries.com/prayer-calendar/) There is so much power in prayer and it will mean the world to us if you pray with us and help us to enlarge God's Kingdom across the globe.

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## The Pillars of Harvesters Ministries



### Evangelism

Evangelism training at a local indigenous church.



### Discipleship

A free discipleship course opens the way for people to read and understand the Bible for themselves and become grounded in their newfound faith.



### Pastoral Training

Training and mentoring to grow sustainable leadership is provided through a three-year course at the Hub Churches.



### Bible Distribution

Bibles written in local languages are distributed to new churches in areas where there is a dire shortage, so new Christians can grow in their faith.



### Exponential Church Growth

Churches that have the potential to grow to 30–40 churches in 8 years.