

## Zambian Pastors Fuelled by A PASSION for the Lost

n Zambia, over 120 church leaders gathered for their next phase of Harvesters training, focussing on spiritual disciplines. They were also blessed with Bibles donated by our partner Biblica, enabling them to deepen their own faith and disciple others more effectively. It was remarkable to see their passion and commitment to grow God's Kingdom.

Pastor Moses Piri, who travelled over 3.5 hours to attend the training in Chongwe, recognised that many churches in his region were growing only through addition, with pastors often carrying the load alone, leading to burnout and discouragement. However,



Harvesters' Model, rooted in 2 Timothy 2:2, has demonstrated how to create a cycle of multiplication, where every disciple is equipped to be a disciplemaker. Through this, pastors like Moses are discovering a sustainable path to Kingdom growth. For Pastor Frank Tembo, the Great Commission call to "go and make disciples" drives his ministry. Since his initial Harvesters training just five months ago, he has already planted three churches and begun training the new leaders he's identified for



each. Driven by a deep desire to reach the unreached, Frank immediately started mapping and surveying his region. "From there, I began evangelising using the process that you taught us," he said. "We shouldn't just be listeners, but we should take action."

Let's pray for each of these 120 pastors who are dedicated to fulfilling the Great Commission by sharing the message of Jesus, planting churches and training others. With every leader equipped and every Bible placed, the church in Zambia is growing stronger.



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# Miraculous Moves of God in Eurasia

n regions of Eurasia where the Gospel is restricted, God is working in miraculous ways to build His Kingdom. Despite immense challenges, doors are opening wide and people are responding to the message of hope found in Jesus. The powerful testimonies below reflect not only the incredible power of God but also the growing need for training, discipleship and church planting.

Bold Evangelism and Community Astonishment

In one town, devoid of any Protestant or Evangelical churches, a courageous pastor stepped out in faith. He and his church members took to the streets to share the Gospel with those who had never heard it before. Their efforts, however, soon caught the attention of some who were less receptive. Alarmed, a group of locals reported the evangelistic activities to the city authorities, prompting an investigation by the police.

The pastor was questioned by local officials, and it seemed as though the outreach might be stopped. However, after lengthy conversations, the prosecutor came to an astonishing conclusion: the pastor and his church had done nothing illegal. In fact, the prosecutor announced to the surprised community that Protestant churches were allowed to function and preach God's Word.

With this newfound understanding, hearts began to soften. The community became open to hearing and receiving the Gospel. The pastor was even able to share the Good News with the very authorities who had questioned him. Today, a new church has been planted in this town – a powerful testament to how God can turn adversity into opportunity.

**Two Elderly Women and a Snowbound Journey** In another town, two elderly women from an unreached people group have made a remarkable impact. After accepting Christ, they were burdened by the fact that their own people had never heard of Jesus. With no formal training, but with hearts ablaze for God, they began sharing the Good News with family and friends. As a result, a church has been planted among this unreached people group.

Yet, these women felt called to do more. Undeterred by their age or the harsh winter conditions, they embarked on a 500-kilometre journey north, through snow-covered landscapes with no roads, to reach a remote village. It was here, in one of the most isolated places imaginable, that they planted another church. Their story of perseverance and faithfulness shows how God can use anyone, anywhere, to expand His Kingdom, even in the most unlikely circumstances.

#### The Miracle of the Pamphlets

At the same time, another team of believers felt the call to reach even more remote areas. They decided to send boxes of the Gospel of John by helicopter to a distant, snowbound village. However, during the flight, the pilot had a sudden change of heart. Instead of landing, he turned the helicopter around and tossed the boxes from the sky.





Although the team soon realised that the literature never reached the intended village, they ventured on, determined to bring the Gospel in person. Continuing their journey by snowmobile, they discovered several hidden communities along the way.

As they shared the Good News, they were met with an unexpected response – these remote villagers already knew of Jesus. The community excitedly reported how pamphlets had mysteriously fallen from the sky, filled with information about a man named Jesus. These people, once cut off from the Gospel, were now eager to learn more, and soon a new church was planted.

#### A Change of Heart

Not all stories begin with immediate enthusiasm. While presenting the vision and strategy of Harvesters to local pastors, one leader was admittedly sceptical, dismissing the idea that his country was ripe for the Gospel. That was until the Lord opened his eyes.

As he walked home that night, a woman approached him and his wife, asking for a light for her cigarette. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, the pastor replied, "You don't need a light, you need God!" To his surprise, the woman responded with tears in her eyes, "You're right. I do need God, but no one has ever told me how to find Him."

After the pastor and his wife shared the Gospel with her, the lady immediately accepted Christ. The next day, the pastor returned to the meeting with a transformed heart, committed to evangelise, plant churches and disciple new believers. Today, he is an integral part of the movement to bring the Gospel to his city.

#### The Need and Impact of Harvesters' Work

Testimonies like these are just a glimpse into the incredible work God is doing in closed nations – but they also

highlight the urgent need for further support. In regions where believers face opposition, isolation and harsh conditions, the training provided by Harvesters is crucial.

Pastor Sergey from northern Russia testified, "I praise God for what He is doing in our region. Some of our leaders went through Harvesters' training and they have already started about 15 churches in small towns and villages. Thank you, Harvesters, for awakening in our leaders' hearts a passion for evangelism, discipleship and church planting. We believe it's a harvest time for Russia!"

And Gulya from western Russia said, "The training... had a strong impact. Now, churches and evangelism teams have started to evangelise in the towns and cities and villages. People are coming to Jesus, and we can see that a church planting movement has really started."



With God's guidance and the ongoing support of Harvesters, the Gospel will continue to reach the furthest corners of Eurasia, bringing hope and transformation to all who hear it. In the words of Ilya, a worship leader and Harvesters' coordinator for southern Russia: "We want to see great movement of God!"











## Is Our Answer "Yes" to His Call?

Sadly, in many areas around the world becoming a Christian requires profound sacrifice and personal risk. This was exemplified recently in one Southeast Asian nation. To determine their readiness to follow Christ, a church planter asked new believers a set of challenging questions before baptising them. Among these were:

"Are you willing to leave your home and lose the blessing of your family?" "Are you willing to forgive those who persecute you and share Christ's love with them?"

"Are you willing to go to prison or even die for Jesus?"

In that country, faith in Jesus may cost everything, from jobs and relationships to physical safety. Their bravery challenges us: Could we boldly answer "yes" to those questions?

Would we, too, be willing to sacrifice for His Kingdom? 🜌



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