



## Good News is spreading fast

as you help sow God's Word and plant new churches to open the way

Generous friends like you have helped plant nearly 55 000 churches in over 60 countries by supporting Harvesters Ministries — and over 35 new churches are being planted every day!

The growth has been amazing since Harvesters began in 1998 with a vision to plant churches through evangelism,

discipling new believers, training pastors and distributing Bibles. Just two years later, 27 *new churches* were planted in Malawi and Zambia. By 2006, the need for Bibles was so great that Harvesters started *Bibles for Believers* as a project to equip the newly planted churches.

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Pastor Journal and his congregation received copies of God's Word through *Bibles for Believers*, thanks to friends like you. That opened the way for more than 50 new churches to be planted in his area in Africa, and many of these church leaders are now training at Harvesters Bible School.

In addition, millions of people have come to Christ through Harvesters' evangelistic church-planting model! In any given week, as many as 6 million people who have been won through evangelism efforts are being disciplined using the Harvesters materials and Bibles you have helped provide.

Your support also makes it possible to continue joining hands with Pastor Journal — and many other church

leaders — to distribute Bibles for believers. It's crucial because in many countries worldwide, many Christians are still without a copy of God's Word.

In fact, during a recent visit to Uganda, the Harvesters team was amazed at how student pastors were doing their best to grow their churches, even before receiving their own Bible.

Thanks to faithful supporters like you, the team distributed 1 100 Bibles to believers in Uganda who were overjoyed and deeply grateful. But there's still a pressing need for Bibles, as was revealed at a recent pastors training event...

*"We had a great number of pastors from different regions," says Pastor Charles from northern Uganda. "They were really blessed because they'd never had something like that before. Pastors rode bicycles 75 km — and they're old men! They were very tired, but they came to get knowledge.*

*"People were empowered to go forward in the north and plant churches. We're going to have thousands and thousands of churches opening up in this land."*

But one of the biggest issues raised was the need for more Bibles. *"They want to reach the field, but they don't have Bibles," explains Pastor Charles. "If you can reach them with a Bible, it will be a beautiful achievement."*

Please pray for believers like Pastor Journal and Pastor Charles who have a love for their people and a strong desire to plant churches. If you'd like to help provide them with more Bibles, you have that opportunity on the enclosed reply form.

Thank you for helping sow God's Word and plant new churches!



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# Q&A with Steven

Steven Loots is the founder and CEO of Harvesters Ministries. He answers some questions below to explain how your support makes a powerful difference...

## Steven, what's the main focus of Harvesters Ministries?

Harvesters is a church-planting organization applying biblical principles of evangelism and discipleship to fulfill a biblical mandate. The Word of God clearly laid out the master plan: to go to the ends of the earth and make disciples. The principles we use are evangelism, discipleship, pastoral training and multiplication church planting. We've developed the Harvesters Hub Church Planting Model that's led to exponential church growth since 1998.

## How does the Hub Church Planting Model work?

A Hub Church is led by a full-time pastor who is tasked to strategically plant at least 10 new churches in a two- to three-year period. He will then teach and assist these new churches to plant additional churches through evangelism, opening the way for the Good News to spread fast and change even more lives.

## How are the pastors of new churches equipped?

We trust God to call a local person from the new church to be the pastor. This student pastor is then trained within one day's travel at the Hub Church. They're taken through an entire three-year curriculum led by the Hub Leader at the Hub Church. Each student pastor is then required to plant three new churches, with the support of their Hub Leader, during their three-year studies as their "tuition" for the training. They meet for three days every five weeks, for three years.

## Why is my support crucial?

Harvesters is completely dependent on the generosity of Christians who are passionate about fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission. That support has led to planting over 35 churches per day in more than 60 countries. Millions have been reached with the Gospel, and many of those have become disciple-makers who train others to do the same.

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. **There's a direct link between your gifts and actual people saved, churches planted and communities transformed.** Thank you!

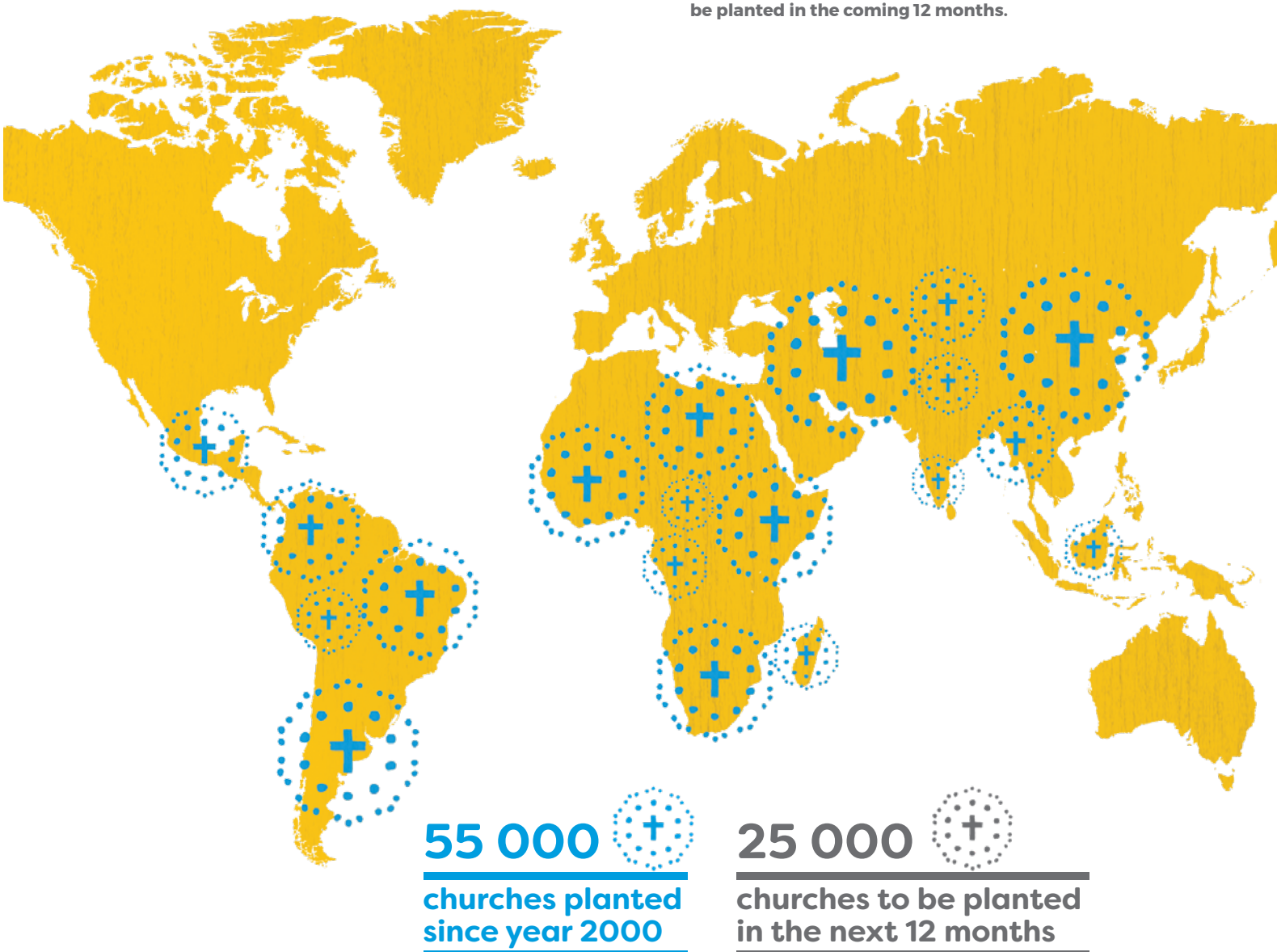


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# Countries where you're helping plant churches

Through your support, you've opened the way for millions to come to Christ and nearly 55 000 churches to be planted through Harvesters Ministries. And that number is growing all the time.

Please pray for the churches in these regions and for potentially more than 25 000 new churches that will be planted in the coming 12 months.



## Please pray for the churches!

Your prayers are vital to strengthen pastors and their churches all over the world. Please join us in praying for the following prayer requests...

- With the help of friends like you, more than **25 000 new churches will be planted** over the next 12 months. Pray for the pastors of these churches and for the growth of each congregation.
- Pray for the **student pastors** who are currently attending training and engaging in ministry activities in their local communities.
- Pray for **God's protection for church leaders and believers**, especially in areas that are hostile to the Gospel.
- Pray for **more Bibles to be provided for believers worldwide, opening the way** for families and communities to be transformed by God's Word.
- Pray for **openness to the Gospel** in the areas where our churches are serving and for **new converts to be firmly established** in a new church.



# Let's celebrate these milestones – and achieve this goal for 2018!

**1998:**

Harvesters Ministries founded  
by Steven Loots

**2000:**

27 new churches had been planted  
in Malawi and Zambia

**2004:**

500 new churches had been planted  
in East Africa

**2006:**

*Bibles for Believers* project launched

**2012:**

100 000 Bibles in local  
languages had been distributed

**2018:**

54 700 new churches  
had been planted

**Goal for 2018–19:**

25 000+ new churches to be planted!



# A note to you from Steven



**Dear Friend,**

It's a great privilege to see God using Harvesters Ministries to open the way for people to know Jesus... with friends like *you* playing an integral role in that.

Harvesters is only one small part of what God is doing to reach people with the Gospel around the world and to see His Church advance. However, He's shown that He can use a small thing to do BIG things!

Through your faithful support, you're helping take new ground for the Kingdom of God. You're helping saturate nations with the Good News and then grounding new believers in God's truth by providing Bibles and planting new churches. And as a result, many lives and communities are being transformed!

With this growth, one of the continuing needs is for Bibles. Please pray with us for the funding to provide more Bibles. The current need is for 150 000 Bibles in places like Central Africa and the Middle East.

Should you want to help provide more Bibles, remember that a gift of just R750 provides five believers with a Bible. A full box costs R3 000.

Please know that I'm deeply grateful for your generosity and prayers — as are the many thousands of people you help impact through Harvesters Ministries, as you help open hearts to the Gospel.

God bless you,

*Steven Loots*

Steven Loots  
CEO & Founder

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## Four Pillars of Harvesters Ministries



### Church Planting

Our goal is to reach people with the Gospel and plant as many viable churches as possible in a short period of time to help them grow in their faith.



### Training Leaders and Pastors

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



### Discipleship

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



### 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 the faith.