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# **GLOBAL QUARTERLY REPORT**

**4TH QUARTER 2019**



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Celebration, Sadness, and Hope

By God's grace, 2019 was a very good year. As you will see, for the year overall, the Lord granted 9,588 new churches made up of 177,368 new followers of Jesus. If you do the math, you will find that this breaks down into a stunning 26 new churches and 485 new disciples each and every day! This is truly something to celebrate!

But, as we rejoice over the great things God has done in the past, I can't help but be saddened by the dark clouds I see forming in the future. Building on the great momentum from last year, our goal for 2020 is 11,000 new churches. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is likely to derail that plan.

Over the years, our teams on the ground have responded to famines, floods, typhoons, earthquakes, and Ebola. In the short term, these tragedies dramatically impact our church planting efforts, and that is likely to happen again with the Coronavirus. But in the long term, helping hurting people today has always opened the door for the Gospel tomorrow. Hope is on the horizon!

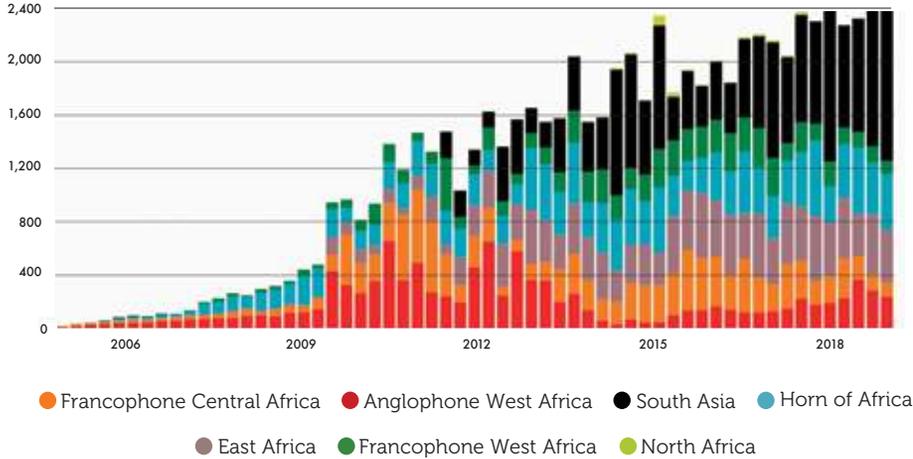
Blessings,

Harry Brown  
President  
New Generations



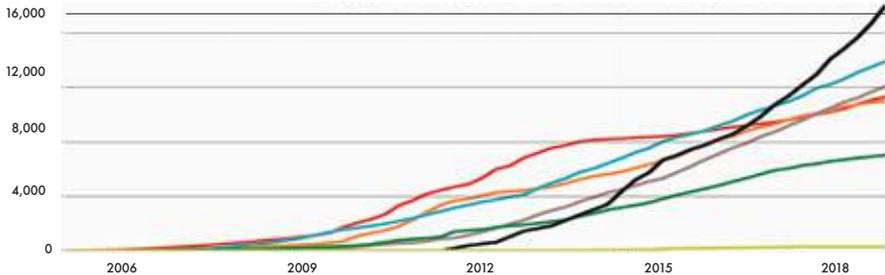
## NEW GENERATIONS' GLOBAL CHURCH PLANTING

NON-CUMULATIVE GROWTH TO DATE



## NEW GENERATIONS' GLOBAL CHURCH PLANTING TRENDS

(AFRICA & SOUTH ASIA) TO DATE



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

From March 2005 through the end of 2019, New Generations teams and their partners witnessed God at work in the formation of 73,729 new churches with the addition of 1,743,834 new Christ followers to His Kingdom. Of these new Christ followers, 482,739 (28 percent) are from a Muslim background.

The Holy Spirit has also worked through New Generations to launch 127 Disciple Making Movements (DMMs)—114 in Sub-Saharan Africa and 13 in South Asia.

In East Africa, 4 new people groups were engaged in the 4th quarter. One of them reached the Movement threshold (100 churches comprised of at least 4 generations), with 109 churches that have reproduced themselves over a total of 6 generations.

## A LIFE TRANSFORMED

Just over a year ago, Umar in West Africa was an alcoholic disliked by everybody in his village because of his bad behavior. All of that changed one night when he met Christ.

He followed an old friend to a Discovery Bible Study (DBS). After listening to their discussion, Umar's eyes were opened, he met Christ, and he was convicted by the Holy Spirit to change his sinful lifestyle. He became so faithful in following the principles of outreach established by the group that after six months, with the support of the first group of believers, he began a new group in his home village.

Umar now leads his church, boldly helping people discover the God of the Bible through obedience to the Word of God, and reaching out to those in need. He is a respected leader in his village because of the Gospel, and even baptizes new believers.

Please pray for Umar, and that God would raise up more people like him. We need more leaders like Umar in this land of unreached people.

## A NEW SCHOOL STARTED

Despite the ongoing instability in East Africa, and the danger of going regularly into high-risk areas, our Disciple Making Movement (DMM) coordinator for East Africa continues to conduct his training in an equipping center near his home.

Abdela was trained at this equipping center. He went back to his village and started a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) with four people, meeting in secret. Through the discovery process, they explored the Scriptures, and all four men became followers of Christ and were baptized.



Now, each of these four men has started a DBS group in his own village. Abdela is very much encouraged by the boldness of these brothers, and prays that this momentum will continue to grow so that everyone in the surrounding area may know Christ.

After Abas took DMM training at the equipping center, he decided to go to a region to the North of his village, where he started a school. His school primarily teaches children, but adults are also taught how to read and write. Through this process, he was able to meet persons of peace and start three DBS groups, which eventually turned into active churches.

Please pray for Abdela, the leaders of these groups, Abas, and for the three churches to continue to multiply.

## DMM IN ORAL CULTURES

The current global conditions in which we work require us to find creative techniques to ensure all people hear the Good News of Christ. Because faith comes from hearing, New Generations recently took on the challenge of making sure the unreached and unengaged people groups they work with have audio recordings of God's Word and worship music in their own language—especially important for oral cultures.

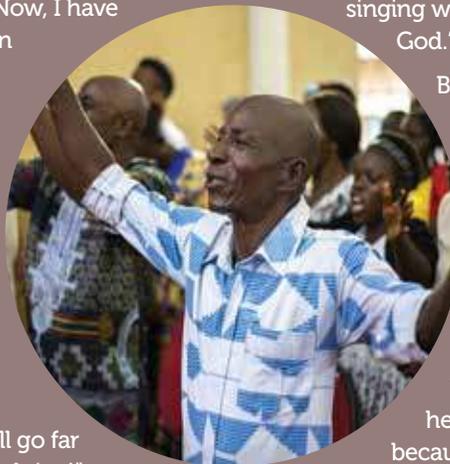
A team of two ethnomusicologists toured Africa with the goal of teaching people how to create worship music in the style of the local culture. They also trained local leaders how to produce audio recordings of Bible stories, especially those used in Discovery Bible Studies (DBS).

Jimmy, a West African participant said, "This is the first time I ever heard the Bible in my language. This has never been done in our church. We always read the English and translate it into our language and my people do not fully understand it."

This process of reading then translating has made preaching difficult. Elizabeth, a non-literate mother of four, agreed. "Until now, they have been reading the Bible in English...but I have never understood Psalm 139:14-16. Now, I have heard it in my own language, and I understand very clearly that 'God has known me from my mother's womb.'"

At the same training, Moses said, "It is easy to hear the Bible straight in my language! This will go far and wide. I feel such joy!"

David noted with enthusiasm, "We like audio DBS because not all of us can read. Now we can all hear and do the Discovery Bible Studies."

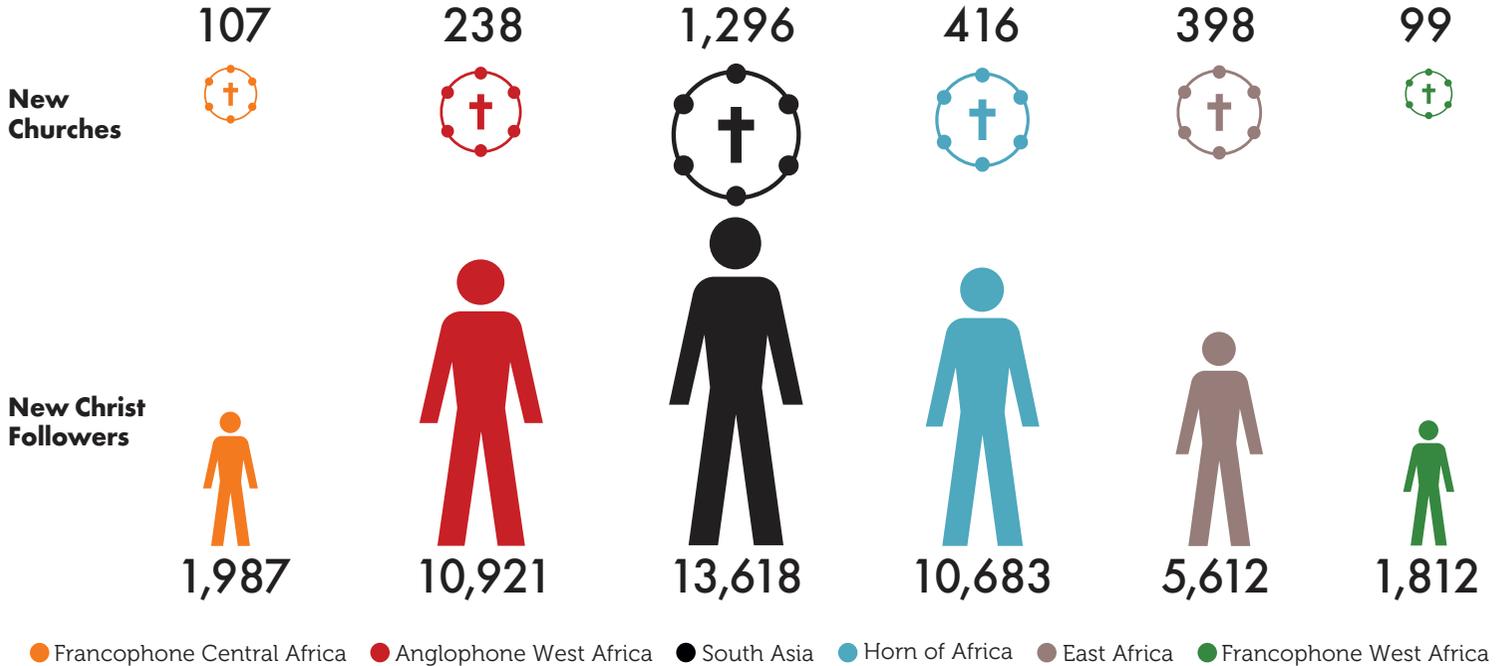


The Bible tells us that Christian worship should involve singing. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom by means of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with gratitude in your heart to God." (Colossians 3:16—MRI).

Bible stories produced and recorded in the local language are powerful. After learning the technical skills involved, one trainee said, "This is not academic. We quickly learn skills and do them right away."

Paul said, "I am a pastor. But today many things hit my heart (through the Scripture) because I heard it for the first time in my own language. I was up praying early this morning. I sensed from the Lord that what we are doing now, partnering together to make audio Bible passages and Scripture-based songs, will make a huge impact for the Kingdom of God—more than we know."

# 4TH 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**

**Total Q4 Results: 2,554 New Churches and 44,632 New Christ Followers**

## 2019 TOTAL

**9,588 new churches  
with 177,368 new  
Christ Followers**