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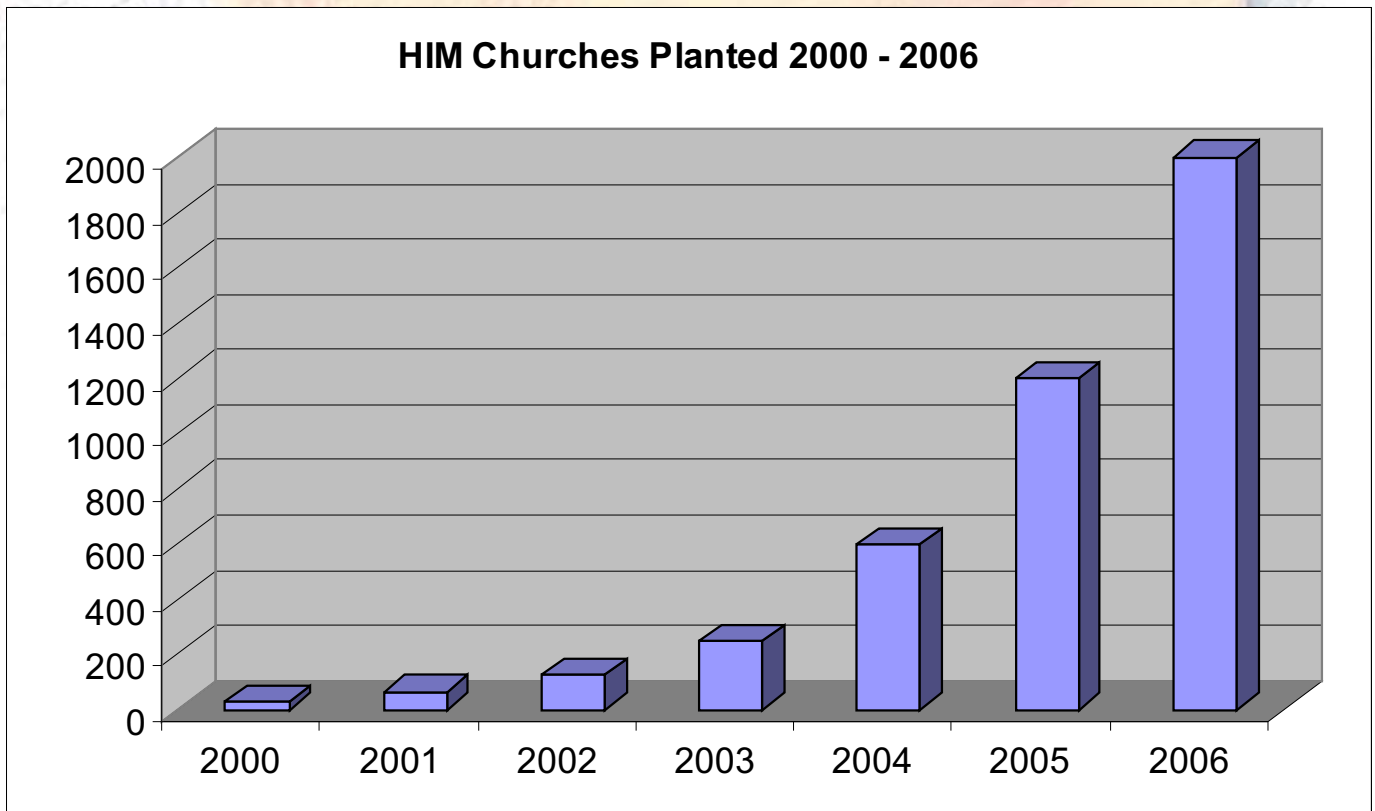
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Harvesters International Ministries

Harvesters International Ministries (HIM) is at the very cutting edge of missions and evangelism today. We are a church planting organization. We believe that saturation church planting is by far the most effective way of fulfilling the **Great Commission**.

Three themes flow through our model, namely: **Responsible Evangelism, Multiplication Ministry and Stewardship** Our church-planting model is applied using **indigenous people**, in areas where the harvest is ripe.

We are currently experiencing explosive growth, so much so that our success is outstripping our capacity. We need partners to come alongside us, and to join us in this exciting time of harvest and development. Over 3,000 churches have been planted (Oct 2008).



Our vision is to plant over 30,000 churches in the countries of Mozambique, Malawi and Zambia, Congo and Zimbabwe alone. To do this we need your help. As other countries open up to the Gospel we hope to apply our model there also.



Included for your information is an overview of what we do and how we do it.

The HIM Model

The HIM Model stands on three legs namely:

1. The Church-Planting Structure
2. The Pastoral Training Program
3. Discipleship of New Believers

Each of these elements has been used by a variety of mission agencies and/or denominations, but not in the same way or the same combination that HIM is attempting to do. We believe in **responsible evangelism**. Scripture tells us to make disciples, not mere converts. We therefore believe that **'hit-and-run' evangelism is often more harmful than good**. Any good outreach model must include **discipleship**. Training pastors is a vital element of our program. Furthermore we believe that the needs of Africa call on us to teach new churches **Stewardship** so that they can support their new pastor.

Overview

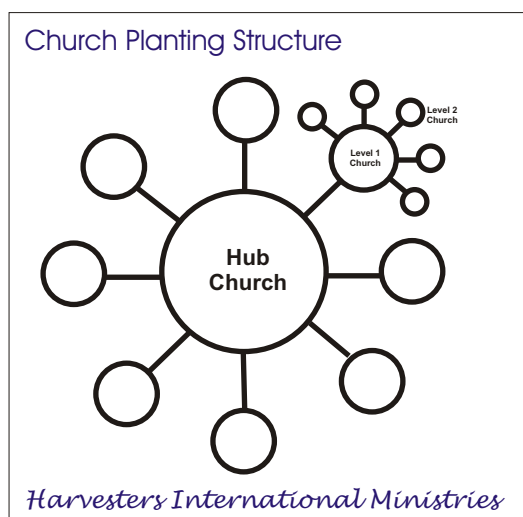
HIM has a vision to do evangelism and plant churches in those areas we consider to be the **ripest harvest fields**. The project has started in Southern Africa, more specifically, in Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Zambia and along the Congo border. In time we believe this ministry will spread to other areas of the world. This is a growing and developing vision, strategy and methodology.

Goals

Our goal is to plant as many **viable churches** as possible in as short a period as possible. Viable churches are those that are growing in numbers and in spiritual maturity and are able to support a pastor within a certain timeframe. The timeframe differs depending on the type of church and its location, e.g. rural or urban, and the economy of the region.

Hub Churches

HIM identifies areas where “Hub Churches” can be planted. These are churches with the potential of planting other churches. A full time church planter/trainer is placed at these hub churches.



Hub Churches:

- Initiate and coordinate church planting in a region
- Provide for new churches planted in their area
- Are training centers

Each hub based **church-planter** must plant at least ten new churches around the hub church in a two- to- three-year period. He must also teach and assist these new churches to plant at least three new churches. Hubs should produce between twenty and forty new churches in a three-year period. It is vital that these should be churches and not mere preaching points.

Pastoral Training

Training of new pastors in Africa has always been a challenge. Traditional Western methods of going to Bible College for several years are not always very practical. Often when someone does feel called, and can somehow find the funds needed to go to seminary or Bible school, they almost **never return** to their village.

Training must be provided on the job and teaching must take place close to home. Our Church Planters/Hub Leaders and the Coordinators provide training **at the hub churches**. This takes away the problems of travel, accommodation and high expenses.

HIM, through the **Harvesters Bible School**, provides pastoral training at the hub church. This enables the new trainee pastor to do 'on-the-job' training. He can live at home and serve his people while he completes his studies.

The course takes **three years and covers 30 modules**. Each is practical, culturally relevant and soundly Biblical. The hub leader acts as tutor/ mentor. The distance from the hub to the new church is **no more than one day's bicycling distance**. Students come to the hub for 3-5 days at a time and then go back home to apply what they have learnt for 4-5 weeks.

Each student is required to plant a new church every **year**.

Discipleship

The Church in Africa is often accused of being a “mile wide, but only an inch deep”. Sadly this is true. For decades missions has produced millions of converts, but very few disciples of Christ. HIM has introduced a paperless discipleship course to address the problem within the churches we plant. The goal is to teach people to read and understand the Bible for themselves. We have seen huge success wherever this has been introduced.

Unfortunately many do not have **Bibles** and can therefore not study God's Word for themselves. In partnership with **Bibles for Believers** we are addressing the acute shortage of the Scriptures.

Identification

Each new church is given two identities, namely:

1. It's denominational identity and
2. The HIM identity.

The HIM identity is very simple and is taught from day one.

We teach that:

- a. Every believer is a witness, and
- b. Every church is a church-planting church. (Churches are required to identify an area where they will plant a church within two months of being established themselves)
- c. We teach churches Stewardship

These concepts are built into the very **DNA** of the new believer and church. The results have been staggering!

Opportunities for Partnership

There are several areas of need where we are seeking the help of churches and individuals:

1. Adopt a HUB

- A hub can be supported at **R1,500 per month**
- This will mean being directly involved in planting between 30 40 new churches over a three year period and in the training of 30 40 pastors over a six year period
- You will help win and disciple between 4,000 and 10,000 people

2. Adopt a District

- A District can be supported at **R15,000 per month**
- This will mean being directly involved in planting between 300 400 new churches over a three year period and in the training of 300 400 pastors over a six year period
- You will help win and disciple between 40,000 and 100,000 people

3. Bibles

- Our current need is for **250 000 bibles**. We can acquire and deliver bibles in indigenous languages at an average of **R100**.
- Host a Bibles for Believers **Bible Day**

4. Support of Staff

- As we grow, so does our need for skilled staff. We need to appoint someone to handle all our communications. This includes newsletters, website management, etc.
- Administrative Staff
- All of these need **monthly income**

5. Financial Accountability

❖ HIM has a board of directors in each of the countries where it operates. Each board is compelled by their constitution to acts within the guidelines of acceptable financial management and must submit fully audited annual statements. Each board is bound to the general constitution of HIM International.

❖ In the USA, Hope Builders International receives and disperses our income as designated by the donor. They issue Tax receipts and are able to supply annual statements. HBI is a member of **ECFA**.

❖ In the UK HIM falls under the charity number of The Dove Trust and can receive Gifts under the Gift Aid rules and supply tax certificates.

Your help with any of the above or a portion thereof would be greatly appreciated.

We hope that we can develop a partnership with you and your church. If possible I would love to visit your church.

Benefits of Partnering with HIM

1. Good Stewardship

In a world filled with opportunity, not all things done in the name of “missions” are fulfilling the Great Commission. HIM is dedicated to making disciples in the most effective and financially responsible way possible, balancing rapid church planting with solid training and discipleship. As good stewards of God’s money and God’s Commands, each church should seek out mission opportunities that are accountable, measurable and effective. Partnering with HIM will fulfill all these criteria.

2. Short Term Mission Trips

HIM enables direct contact between the supporting church and the Hub/s supported. Opportunities to visit the hubs, do outreach training and plant new churches are available. HIM trains participating churches in the “Hub Model” to ensure the most effective use of time and resources. Your church members will be able to experience the Harvest for themselves, interact with people your church is partnering with, train locals in evangelism and see for themselves what God is doing in Africa.

HIM does the preparation as well as the follow up.

3. Measurable Results

Every six months the church will receive a graphic depicting the churches that have been planted in the hub as well as a list of the pastors in training for those churches. A biographical report of the Hub Leader is supplied and reports and testimonies from the Hub are included in the updates. Seeing the Hub grow is extremely exciting for the church and encourages mission giving.

Current Hub Sponsors have seen their hubs grow from 2-3 churches to as many as 60 churches.

We want to sponsor: 1 Hub (R1500) 2 Hubs (R3000) _____ Hubs (R_____)

This Month: Monthly:

Send me a Debit Order Form:

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