

Your Gifts In Action

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Pastor Journal is an exceptional Church planter. He is one of Harvesters International Ministries' (HIM) most successful Hub Leaders. Over the past few years he has planted over 50 new churches. Through his mentoring most of his new churches have identified leaders and many are in training through the Harvesters Bible School (HBS).

With very few resources, life and ministry are difficult for Pastor Journal, despite this, his dedication and passion is exemplarity. His desire is to see many more come to Christ, more churches to be planted and for each new believer to grow into a disciple of Christ.

Bibles for Believers had the great privilege of providing many of Pastor Journal's new churches with Bibles during the September school holidays. Bibles for Believers (B4B) and HIM again joined hands to ensure that believers who have never had a copy of God's Word would receive their first ever Bible.

Over 30 South Africans, from as far as George, teamed up for this Outreach / Bible placement. Due to very limited time (very short school holiday) everything had to be done in just a few days. The teams drove from Krugersdorp and Benoni after the George group had flown up to Johannesburg. After almost 36hrs on the road they arrived at Nhamathanda (about 100km from Beira)

The outreach started on Sunday and by Monday morning the Bibles for Believers team was on its way to Beira to pick up the Bibles we had ordered.

For the next three days Andre and Hannalie, ably assisted by Israel and Shane visited several churches to hand over Sena and Portuguese Bibles that the churches had asked for. The other team members took out Bibles to the churches they teamed up with during the outreach.

Once again, the staff of Bibles for Believers and the volunteers were amazed at how few people had their own Bibles. Equally amazing was the fact that the Gospel has spread, people are committed and churches are being planted. Student pastors – some who themselves have no Bibles – are doing their best to grow their churches and teach their people. As always, recipients of the Bibles were overjoyed. At some churches they were met by dancing and singing congregations. The welcome deeply touched our staff and the volunteers. Young and old received their own copy of God's Word. God was praised. We were thanked, and again and again people asked our team to thank those who donated the funds for the Bibles.

In all over 1100 Bibles were placed and we can safely say that many churches have been touched in a way that will only be measured in eternity.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who made this placement possible and to all the team members who participated and made the logistics a pleasure. We praise God for the thousands of people who came to Christ during this week and for the eight new churches that were planted.