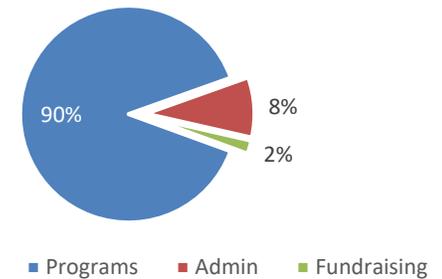




Hope Builders Ministries

Equipping disciples to make disciples who make disciples

HBM Expenditures Year 2018



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Annual Report - 2018

Thank you to every Hope Builders Team member (Board, Field staff, Management and Supporters) in Rapidly Reaching Communities for Christ through Indigenous Leaders. **God has used each one of us to reach the goals set out in our outreach plan for 2018 – thank you for PARTNERing IN OUR MINISTRY.**

The Team

The composition of the entire Team has stayed remarkably stable over the past years (with the exception of the increasing numbers of field trainers to accommodate the growth in our students). **The Board has served in guiding our progress since the structural changes were made to establish Hope Builders Ministries as an Independent organization in 2010.** Please continue praying for our Board Members - Dwight, Mike, Lawrence, Jeff and Johan for wisdom and sensitivity of spirit as the challenges of 2019 are addressed.

The **Management Team** overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan has grown in experience and ability to overcome different challenges prevailing in the six African countries and two states in India. These range from government instability/corruption to outright persecution of Christians – not to mention poor infrastructure, long distances with battered vehicles, harsh weather conditions, etc. Each Project/Country has a Coordinator responsible for keeping everything on track. **Please pray for Steve, Gerald, Blaine, David, Mike, Lida, Dana, Jeff and Johan** who are on the frontlines in this spiritual battle – all living in the US and traveling to the different territories to inspire nationals to fulfill their calling – reaching their own people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Laboring in the mission field are the 300 + indigenous mentor/trainers who serve their districts/communities diligently in providing the much-needed Biblical Education, Bibles for outreaches and other “tools” necessary to bring the Gospel in the language of the region while avoiding the cultural pitfalls that foreigners so easily stumble over.

And, of course, **our supporters** — donors, prayer partners and volunteers. We thank God for each person in this category who makes it possible for all the other team members to step out into the Mission Field “in a way worthy of God, receiving nothing from the gentiles.” 3 John vs 6 & 7. We are thankful to report that the Budget was met to the level of 98.25% in 2018 – and we were again able to uphold the promise of sending 90% of your gifts into the field.

Although Hope Builders Ministries experiences losses of students, trainers, widows and leaders every year (as part of life), 2018 delivered two extraordinarily heavy blows in quick succession with the passing of Pastors Paulo Roberto and Sinoya Sakala. They each played a pivotal role in mentoring the most senior of our Indigenous Trainers in Mozambique and Zambia respectively. **Their legacy lives on in many younger students they inspired by their faithful daily witness for and walk with Christ.** Emulating these two giants of the faith calls all of us to consider our own walk through this life – fruitfully using every opportunity God gives us.

Outreaches

The **Disciple-Maker Program (DMP)** is now fully deployed as the leading edge of our Outreach. **Our GOAL: Producing and MULTILYING Disciples** to respond to local opportunities as Evangelists or Church workers under their Pastor’s supervision. The benefits of following the Biblical model (1 Disciple-Maker training 3 Disciples to become Disciple-Makers, and to do the same to the 4th generation) is yielding exceptional results. In this way faithful church members participate fully in reaching their own communities while allowing the Pastor to concentrate on the tasks he is called for — Equipping members for their works of service (Eph 4:12).

Pastoral Training: The benefits of implementing restructured intake criteria through the DMP, only vetted candidates are allowed into the three-year **Diploma program**. Although the number of Pastoral students has gone down the effective service to local communities has been improved substantially when evaluated together with the DMP. During outreaches into local (and adjacent) communities the Pastor gives his disciples opportunities to participate meaningfully — thus multiplying the workforce and the resultant numbers of people reached with the Gospel.

Life Conferences: Bible training (primarily) for leader's wives and church officials is proving to be a great asset in reaching the rural, "left behind" population through their own people and in their own languages. Lida and Beverly undertook the 7-week summer trip (Regional Seminars) while Mulenga and Lydia Nkole continue presenting the training seminars at local congregations. Since women form the largest group in church membership (also the least formally trained) and mothers having the strongest influence over the upbringing of the younger generation our calling and goal, of reaching the next generation is being fulfilled. **The field demand for Life Conferences is so strong that we will have to expand this program in the very near future.**

Dignity Project (including Nongo Farm): For 5 years the Paalmans have built the Nongo Farm from bare, untilled soil to a self-sustaining, operational unit able to serve subsistence farmers with training in better agricultural practices (improved crop yields) and supplying basic staple food supplies to widows and orphans in their immediate area. Hope Builders was also instrumental in assisting the Isoka, Mphulungu and Livingstone orphanages. Simoonga School project: HBM invested in **providing the school with every desk for 250+ students and upgrading class-room and toilet facilities.** This has opened the poverty-stricken community to the Gospel — teachers have become DMP presenters to parents and the Christian books & Bibles we supplied are used as curriculum at the school (for parents after hours also).

Bibles and Literature for Disciples: Supplying the Bibles and printed training manuals remains our biggest budget item. Although HBM has been able to forge partnerships with publishers, printers and shippers this remains an annual pressure point. **A special effort to increase the number of churches presenting Bible Days has been launched and we trust that we will be able to get ahead of the curve in 2019.**

Conclusion: With all the above said I cannot overemphasize the impact that HBM has in the 6 countries and 2 Indian provinces. Thank you for your participation in our Ministry. It is a privilege to bring this Report and echo the many thousands of expressions of sincere gratitude from students and pastors to each teammember. **We would appreciate your prayers and continued support in the future as we labor together in God's vineyard.**

Sincerely



President
Hope Builders Ministries.



P.S. As requested by the HBM Board Johan wrote up an account of the Ministry history and notable events therein. The book, "Witnesses Wanted — living an unexpected adventurous life" has been published. Although it will only be launched to the public in July 2019 you can get it directly from HBM right now. Because HBM does not use designated donor funds for purposes of supplying materials in the US we do ask for a donation of around \$10 to send a copy to you.

We have received the following review from a supporter: *"In 2 Cor 11:24-27 the apostle Paul listed his many trials and tribulations during his years of spreading the Gospel. In "Witnesses Wanted", Johan Gous similarly details his life of missionary work. Interwoven throughout is his personal story of the hardships, dangers, and challenges that he and his wife have faced in taking the Word to the "uttermost parts of the world". The book is a captivating first-person account that grabs the reader early on about what is involved in obeying the Lord. It lays out the groundwork for a modern Christian to be actively involved in fulfilling the Great Commission. The book is informative, a quick read, and convicting in what our individual role should and can be in telling people about this man named Jesus Christ."* Donn Kraemer, Hohenwald, TN

