Dear Partners in Ministry,

As we near the end of the first quarter of 2019 we rejoice in being able to report back to you that, on all fronts, God is blessing our work — the annual Audit reflects that we were again able to meet our goals of ensuring that (at least) 90% of your donations reach the Mission field; efforts to supply and deliver 40,000 Bibles are progressing well; numbers of students in both the Disciple-Maker and Pastoral training classes have grown; ministry trips planned for the summer are all focussed on growing the Indigenous Leader group to accept more “ownership and responsibility” for the Disciple-Maker Program (DMP), Pastor Training (PT), Training of Church workers through the Life Conferences and the care of Widows & Orphans (Dignity Project).

Thank you for your diligent Prayers, Partnership and Support — without it we would not have been able to do it.

By Equipping, Empowering and Engaging local indigenous leaders to reach their own people, we are fulfilling our calling, together with you as partners.

New Project
Musenga Conference Center

Since the door opened for HBM to work in the Democratic Republic of Congo (has been plagued with unrest and civil war for years) it has been necessary to bring leaders from the southern provinces into Zambia for Equipping and Training. For this purpose and other meetings, the Musenga Conference Center was rented. It has proved to be very convenient and successful venture. The current owners have disclosed to us that they are wanting to put the property on the market and that HBM would have first option to make an offer—they have however given an indication of their bottom-line $350,000.

Hope Builders needs financial assistance urgently to decide whether to make an offer or to decline. Would you please consider whether you want to participate in this venture and indicate your response on the Reply Slip?

This is a big step for HBM as we have concluded that such a FACILITY will be crucial going forward.
Ministry Trips: It is our privilege to support team members with finances to serve the growing numbers of **PASTORS** and **DISCIPLE-MAKERS** in training.

HBM has as it’s goal Equipping & Empowering indigenous leaders. The training and mentoring needed has a layered structure — seasoned ministers of the Word travel from the US and other countries presenting “refresher Conferences” to the Regional and District leaders who in turn are responsible for training DISCIPLES.

Each of the trips planned will serve with primary African Leaders who organize, accompany and translate their lessons into the local languages for them:

Beverly and Deborah — Life Conferences: Joseph has set up six Conferences and three congregational meetings for the 4 week (12 June through 9 July) trip for these ladies from Tennessee. The area in which all their work will be concentrated is in the far eastern side of Zambia on the Malawi border.

Rev. David (from South Africa) will officiate at two Graduation Ceremonies and Leadership Conference in conjunction with Rev. Joseph (Evangelical Rural Mission), during May. A motorcycle and 4 bicycles will also be given to new leaders to handle the expanding ministry activities in Zambia.

Pastors Jeff & Mike are scheduled to be in Zambia with Past Matthew in May and June. Their focus will be on managing the changes and growth within HBMZambia to ensure that all the projects are provided with necessary curriculum and other “tools” to effectively reach out in the rural communities and accountability structures function. Four motorcycles and ten bicycles will be put into service on this trip.

Rev. Steve, Lida & Johan are praying seriously about their trip as there are documents that are required before any trip can be planned. God willing the trip may still be possible if “final acceptance” is received soon. Please pray for a smooth resolution of the problem.

Pastor Blaine will be leading a group to Zambia where Equipping and Empowerment of leaders from the Democratic Republic of Congo will be the focus. The work across the border into DRC is necessary because of political instability in DRC. The use of the Musenga Conference Center has made it possible to mentor indigenous leaders to impact the Christian communities in southern DRC without exposing anyone to “foreign influence”.

The DRC Ministry is growing at a rate higher than surrounding areas—Hunger for God’s Word.

Pastor Gerald had a very successful trip to northern Mozambique in March and is scheduled for another in early November. During his time there Cyclone Idia made landfall at the city of Beira (South of where he was) with devastating effects. Some of our students & families did suffer losses but we are thankful that we did not experience life loss in our HBM family. Portuguese is the language in which the leaders are served and Gerald (generally) gets his trip companions from Brazil or Brazilian congregations in New York.

The Makua people group is responding to the Gospel enthusiastically creating a Disciple-Making movement that is reaching into the most rural areas with great results.
**India:**

As reported before our faithful DMP Leaders in India are constantly harassed and even evicted from their rented homes when the landlord (mostly Hindu) discovers that the home is being used as a place of Christian worship. Over time Stephen built his own home and welcomed the growing body of believers — now, with a little input for HBM’s side, he is adding a worship hall above his home. The result of our partnership is that many of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ will be so much safer to serve God, in such a hostile environment. “Thank you for participating.”

HBM’s goal is to assist in other locations where an addition to the homes of faithful believers could serve the same purpose — careful selection and agreement with such “candidates” is needed for their safety also.

Both Prabu and Stephen (& families) are courageously and diligently working to produce Disciple-Makers under difficult circumstances. Jeff is wanting to bring another laborer onto the team — **Please consider helping him to bring in more of the HARVEST by sponsoring this “LABORER”**.

**Community Project: Simoonga School**

Praise God for His BLESSINGS. When Don, Donn and Johan returned from a short-term Evangelism/Disciple-Maker trip last summer we were inspired by what we saw (and shared) about a group of (basically) volunteer teachers serving kids from a severely impoverished community. HBM entered into negotiations with suppliers/owners and were able to facilitate: 1. An enlargement of the school property where needed expansions could be made; 2. Provide the desks required for the 205 kids who sat on the concrete floors in the classrooms; 3. Provide Curriculum for the school: 100 English, 200 Children’s Bibles; 1,200 different Christian reading books.

Now the BUILDING projects are in process: 1. The pit latrines for 400 children; 2. Three classrooms are under construction on the new property and the playground is being readied.

This project embodies HBM’s vision perfectly: PARTNERING with local initiatives to fulfill the Great Commission through Mentored Disciple-Makers by providing only commodities they cannot get or make themselves — they can turn clay into bricks that they fire cure; sweat equity and practical skills.

The new school year has seen an additional 130 students enrolled which means that more desks, curriculum, cement and roof sheets are needed.

**Please consider sponsoring this project.**

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please download “Hope Builders Disciple Maker APP” from the AppStore for Apple products or Googleplay for Android phones to follow and remain connected to happenings at HBM & to access videos, vlogs and to respond to HBM news.

**Please note:** We are sending a monthly Prayer Email to anybody who wants to be informed of prayer needs in the Ministry. Just send Lida an email requesting to be put on the Prayer Letter address list to: lida@hbmin.org
**Dignity Project: Serving Widows and Orphans**

To assist in the local church’s calling to serve Widows and Orphans, HBM has invested in joint projects to maximize the impact on their communities — includes providing roof sheets that improves “classroom” conditions, curriculum, classroom furniture and school supplies, improved seed & fertilizer and practical training in agricultural (for teachers, students and community) making affordable food available to the vulnerable.

The full impact of the Dignity Project will be deferred for a while — the next generation, who have grown up under strong Christian teaching in Church & School.

**Invest in the future.**

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**Growing Opportunities at home**

“What can we do?” a question that crops up quite often.

So, here are some thoughts to consider:

1. Participate in bringing the Disciple-Maker program, by:
   - Introducing your church leaders to the DMP and HBM staff to them a Conference on Disciple-Making can be presented at your church (inviting other churches in the area could be a good strategy, although entirely voluntary).  
   - Starting a DMP group in your home or amongst friends. HBM staff would gladly assist in this process.
   - Doing self-study by getting the Curriculum online — this can be done by downloading the APP (see pg 3). You and/or your group gain access to the curriculum which addresses subjects of growing from ‘becoming a Christian to being a mature believer in 12 Steps’ and ‘Defining Christian Principles’ — useful tools in overcoming “knowledge fears”.

Or as an intercessor, sign up for the monthly Prayer Request email — enroll with lida@hbmin.org — be blessed.

Come on a short-term Evangelism trip to participate in experiencing God’s hand move — you can then apply it here.

Support Financially: Online at hbmin.org/donate; direct Bank transfer — email our accountant at dana@hbmin.org; on the APP; or send your check to the address below.

**Important notice:** HBM will stop sending out MONTHLY receipts to online givers unless you request it by contacting lida@hbmin.org. You will still be receiving the Annual Receipt needed for your IRS return at the end of January.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support — it is sincerely appreciated. We were also able to respond with some help to people who were hit by the two Cyclones in Mozambique/Malawi in the last month. Our Missionary Emergency fund needs to be replenished — thanks for those who heard and helped.

Sincerely

**Johan, Lida and the HBM team.**

Please pray with and for us as the summer travels, training opportunities and supplies are deployed. Our prayer is for a great harvest of souls to come in. Thank you again for your faithful, continued support.