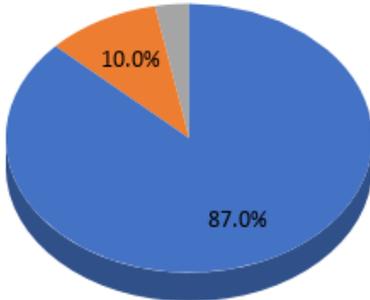




Hope Builders Ministries

Rapidly Winning Communities for Christ through Indigenous Disciple Makers



HBM Expenditure	Year 2020	
Programs	87%	\$611,246
Admin	10%	\$70,258
Fundraising	3%	\$21,077
Total Expenditures		\$702,581

Hope Builders Ministries ANNUAL REPORT

Remarkable, Different, Unexpected ... these are words applicable to 2020, seen from a Ministry point of view! BUT reminded of the calling in 1981, it is not “unbelievable”!

Over 40 years it is remarkable that the Lord’s promise “I will be with you even to the end of the age” has remained consistently true in our experiences. No wonder that the ORIGINAL call from 3 John again came into focus for Hope Builders Ministries in 2020.

This encouragement is for each of our PARTNERS (intercessors, donors, staff & volunteers) and comes from 3 John verses 5 to 8: *“Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.”*

Your valued participation has made this Annual Report possible, thank you so much.

When the global response to the pandemic shutting air travel down was enforced, the inevitable questions from our indigenous leaders was: “What now, who is going to conduct the Annual Training Conferences we have planned? Do we cancel them?” HBM answered, “YOU, our indigenous Regional and District leaders can do it.” Despite their hesitation we are so thankful to God for His faithfulness—the results speak for themselves:

- With students-in-training numbers growing rapidly—a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic shutdowns, we soon realized that God was turning the problem into a great OPPORTUNITY. Since most workers were sent home and group size limitations (generally) set at 10 people, our Disciple-Maker groups of 4 (1 DM to every 3 Disciples) were legal and quickly grew in popularity. Consequently, many more churches, pastors and mature Christians joined the DMP, and in turn the number of new believers has also grown exponentially. **Praise God for His blessed intervention. So often we stand astounded by His GRACE, but are witnesses of it.**
- One after the other regional classes increased enough to warrant the provision of 7 new motorcycles and dozens of bicycles to reach such classes in the rural communities.
- Over 27,000 training modules had to be printed to provide curriculum for the increase in enrollees.
- Together with the purchases of local language Bibles the remainder of the 35,000 (bought in 2018) and the 2,000 Study Bibles we were barely in a position to supply the Bibles to cover the needs for the year.
- Over 300 local, smaller Training Conferences were organized by Regional and District Leaders where groups

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of no more than 10 Trainers were mentored in both Scriptural, Principles and Disciple-Maker methods so that they could effectively engage church elders, deacons and other “lay” leaders in their neighboring villages to participate in the Disciple-Maker program.

- Since the above created eager “Evangelists”, many thousands of villagers heard the gospel from their neighbors. Reports from literally hundreds of villages where many responded positively to the invitation to turn to Christ meant that the Body of Christ in the 5 countries in Africa and two provinces in India grew by thousands.
- Three clean drinking water wells were drilled in areas where severe droughts occurred, devastating crops and famine ensued. Hope Builders also supplied ground corn meal to the most vulnerable in those communities. This was distributed through Disciple Maker participating churches.
- Corn seed and fertilizer was sent to hardest hit areas— again the DM network was instrumental in distributing the help.

A new Partnership agreement: Hope Builders happily announces a new partner Here to There Ministry. The fact that we share goals (Making Disciples), ministry principles (developing indigenous leaders to reach their own peoples with the gospel) and values (Christ’s new command) brought us together with the motto “Together we can do more” (reaching & serving in different DIFFICULT places). We welcome the Missionary Families and rejoice with LJ Evers as he reports as follows on their successes.

“We were able to:

- *Launch 3 new teams that embed with Unreached People Groups where the teams connect and demonstrate Jesus to the nations. All of them are gaining momentum and seeing people come to Christ, one of them has already multiplied through 3 generations of Disciples.*
- *Hosted multiple trainings, both in person as well as several digital trainings. Those trainings have resulted in:*
 - o *More than 300 people trained and taken on the mission field with Unreached People Groups.*
 - o *Over a thousand gospel shares through those in the trainings.*
- *Our largest online training resulted in a team that is going into refugee camps in central Africa and is sharing the gospel by serving that demographic with job training and agricultural empowerment.*
- *Created several strategic partnerships over the course of the year both to raise up other mission teams as well as open doors to get into closed countries.”*

We trust God for mutual partnership benefits that started well!

Tough times were experienced:

Famine in Zambia and Zimbabwe and flooding in Mozambique when a Hurricane passed through disrupted the livelihoods of many poor families.

Although the printing of the curriculum could be done over an extended period, delivery to the different countries is still being held up due to border closures.

Many of our mentor/leaders have been with Hope Builders for many years. Eight such faithful leaders passed away and a further three lost their spouses.

Here in the US we suffered a painful loss when Karen Smith passed away. Mike and Karen were amongst our earliest donors and became part of the inner circle when they were part of the original Board Members. We thank God for their encouragement during other tough times—our prayer for Mike continue even as we miss Karen.

Presented with gratitude to our Father and His faithful children.

Dr. **Johan Gous** - President of Hope Builders Ministries.

We are sometimes overwhelmed by an unsolicited testimony from a special Disciple-Maker, this one from Peter Mwewa:

“I have had the privilege of being in Hope Builders Ministries Zambia (HBMZ) since 2009, I wish to testify to the positive impact this Ministry is having on our people.

Starting as a student and rising through the ranks to Hub Leader and on to Assistant Administrator, I have observed that the exponential growth we see is mainly attributable to the following:

- God's grace and favor upon the Ministry for faithfully obeying the Great Commission; Christ Himself promised it.
- The assertiveness and dedication of the vision carriers of the Ministry, coupled with the prudence and faithfulness in the usage of financial and material resources of the Ministry. This is evidenced by the consistence in the provisions of learning/teaching materials and the means of transportation to trainers.
- The blessing of gifted and dedicated workforce country-wide. They ensure that the vision of saturating Zambia with disciples who make disciples comes to fruition.

Therefore, God permitting, and these graces continue to be enhanced, and based on the successes recorded so far, there is no doubt that the Ministry is headed for fur-