

# God is on the Move

JESUS Film Harvest Partners 2018 Annual Report



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"Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world."
Psalm 46:10 (NLT)

### **Dear Harvest Partner,**

For 21 years, JESUS Film teams and Harvest Partners have collaborated, listened, and faithfully followed the Holy Spirit's guidance — making incredible waves in the Kingdom.

In 2018, JESUS Film teams sent in more than 7,000 reports chronicling their experiences. They saw God heal, redeem, and restore. They stayed the course despite persecution and long journeys.

# God is truly on the move through this ministry.

As you read the pages of our annual report, I hope you sense the passion and diligence from the teams serving around the world. It's through your prayers, financial support, and generosity that the dream of reaching many people with the Good News becomes a reality. I want to echo Paul's sentiments in Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you."

You are loved.

Brian Helstern

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Executive Director

JESUS Film Harvest Partners





3,091 JESUS Film team members faithfully served on 681 JESUS Film teams.

Teams showed the film a total of 28,076 times in 2018!



The average JESUS Film team had 4 team members and used 4 languages as they evangelized.

9 African teams in 5 different countries used more than 5 languages!

# God moved in

Suren, Bangladesh JESUS Film Team Leader

"Through God's grace, miracles, and the JESUS film, we are gradually winning their hearts!"

Bangladesh is among the top 50 countries where Christians are persecuted.

Ernst, Haiti JESUS Film Coordinator

"When JESUS Film teams receive evangelism and discipleship materials, they feel better equipped to plant churches."

Haitian teams began over 1,200 Preaching Points in 2018.



**Global decisions** for Christ made: 578,238

Africa: 372,016 South America: 23,897 Eurasia: 162,313 Mesoamerica: 20,012



new believers discipled: 340,357

Global

Africa: 176,120 South America: 15,893 Eurasia: 126,448 Mesoamerica: 21,896



Global **Preaching Points** planted: 7,976

Africa: 2,455 South America: 901 Eurasia: 1,899 Mesoamerica: 2,721



**Global evangelistic** contacts made: 2,746,439

Africa: 1.786,407 South America: 82,022 Eurasia: 630,213 Mesoamerica: 247,797

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# Africa — God moves through stories

JESUS Film teams are making a big impact by learning how to tell Bible stories in a way that applies to the listener's own culture. They use this storytelling tool in each area of African JESUS Film ministry: preaching after a *JESUS* film showing, evangelism, and during discipleship follow-up.

This training in storytelling helps teams to confront 'local wisdom': key issues and proverbs that have been passed down from generation to generation that might contradict a Biblical perspective.

For example, this Southeast African proverb speaks into the local wisdom:

'A fly that does not have a good advisor will be buried with the corpse.'

Every culture intuitively knows to look toward wise people to teach them, but JESUS Film teams can respond to this proverb with the parable of the foolish man who built his house on sand, and the wise man who built his foundation on the rock. Acting out and discussing this parable allows listeners to see that Jesus is the ultimate teacher and source of wisdom.

Tim, JESUS Film Africa Regional Coordinator

"When someone hears the gospel in their heart language, it makes a huge impact on them."

**More than 70%** of the African population is most receptive to the gospel through storytelling. Teams in Africa make an average of 758 Evangelistic Contacts each month. That's nearly double the global average!

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## South America & Eurasia — God moves through fishers of men

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### **Brazil: Amazing Work in the Amazon**

A missionary boat, Jesus the
Hope 2, recently completed
one year of outreach in
the Amazonian forest of
Brazil.

The boat project was launched in response to local missionaries' desire to reach some of the most remote locations in the Amazon.

The team intends to expand the boat's course to the Solimões River and other minor rivers to provide evangelism, church planting, discipleship, and medical clinics to other remote areas.

The passionate and diligent evangelists have even creatively used the side of the boat to show the *JESUS* film, allowing many in these isolated communities to learn about the life of Christ for the first time.

Igor, the pastor and missionary leading the boat project, shared the following: "We thank you all for your support in enabling the church to do a blessed work in the Amazon region."



Six JESUS Film teams saw the number of unreached people in waterlocked areas of their South Asian country. After prayer and discussion, they decided to build a boat. These teams have been using the boat to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches along remote rivers in the last year.

So far, the teams have established five new churches and baptized approximately 30 people!

The boat has also allowed a missionary to run a small school in his village.



Praise the Lord for these passionate and bold teams — fishers of men doing ministry in creative ways!

Matthew 4:19

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."



# South America — God moves amidst the drug epidemic



Duncan, a 24-year-old man in Colombia, first accessed weapons when he was 8 years old due to his family's association with an illegally armed group. He became addicted to

drugs and joined the group himself. He was put in charge of the drug trafficking routes for an entire town, and it was left to him to settle accounts through violence.

By God's grace, a church was opened in this town through the JESUS Film ministry. Duncan came to a discipleship group, began watching clips of the *JESUS* film, and listening to Bible stories. In August 2018, Duncan came to a special event and was liberated from the earlier pact he made with the devil that had marked his arms. After prayer, the marks disappeared! Duncan responded by submitting to the gospel message.

Today, violence and drugs are behind him. Duncan wants to serve God and help others who are lost in drugs, trafficking, and armed groups, like he had been before Jesus.

Through your support, God is moving — making a radical difference in people like Duncan in Colombia and around the world!

More than 32% of baptisms reported in five Colombian districts in the last year were results of JESUS Film teams completing discipleship follow-up with new believers.

Five countries in South America reported more discipleship follow-ups than decisions for Christ. Because these JESUS Film teams are intentional with discipleship materials, new believers are continually recruiting others to Bible studies!

Since 1997, JESUS Film teams have reported more than 44,000 Colombians have trusted in Christ as their Savior.

Milton, Colombia JESUS Film Coordinator

"The JESUS Film ministry is helping pastors to believe in supernatural results again!"

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# **Mesoamerica — God moves through prayer**

### "I could not make this miracle up!

I was in my house going through my daily routine when two young men came and spoke to me about Jesus by using the EvangeCube.

We decided to go to the JESUS film showing because these people came from far away to tell us about Jesus. When we got there, the pastor was talking about how Jesus saves and heals, but we have to come to Him in prayer.

That night, I came before Him about my lung infection and the pain I was feeling. My pain disappeared immediately.

Today, I am overjoyed to know Jesus. I am His new follower and want my family and neighbors to know Him, too."

- Hillary, Panama





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# God can move through you in 2019!



### Pray >>>

Prayer Partners transform lives and change the world with each and every prayer. Join the Prayer Partner Team to receive ministry updates and country-specific prayer requests on the first of each month.

Visit JFHP.org/Pray



### Give >>>

Your generosity and partnership has empowered JESUS Film teams to spread the gospel to more than 82 million people in the last 22 years. Our vision is to give *every* person an opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ, and God will use every dollar you invest to help make this vision a reality.

Visit JFHP.org/Donate



### Go >>>

Interact with JESUS Film team members, deliver vital equipment, see a *JESUS* film showing, learn about different religions, and engage with an amazing culture on a JESUS Film Harvest Partners Ministry Trip.

Visit JFHP.org/MinistryTrips



# **Financial Impact**

### 2018 Income and Expenses<sup>1</sup>

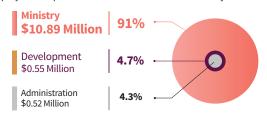
Operating Income \$ 4,039,315 Operating Expenses \$ 3,502,116 Operating Balance \$ 537,199

### **Functional Expenses (2018 Fiscal Year)**

	Ministry (Program)	Ministry Support (Administration & Development)		Total	
JESUS Film Team Allocations	\$ 1,572,071	\$	-	\$	1,572,071
Field Equipment, Overseas Shipping, Discipleship	\$ 784,119	\$	66	\$	784,185
Partner Trips, Meetings, Events	\$ 213	\$	58,831	\$	59,044
Employee Salaries, Benefits	\$ 196,367	\$	616,534	\$	812,901
Building, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 36,838	\$	18,481	\$	55,319
Media Services, Web Page	\$ 5,105	\$	32,122	\$	37,227
Operation Supplies, Mailings	\$ 16,346	\$	46,365	\$	62,711
Employee Business Expenses	\$ 11,453	\$	59,782	\$	71,235
Other Services	\$ 11,019	\$	36,404	\$	47,423
Other	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Total Cash Operating Expense	\$ 2,633,531	\$	868,585	\$	3,502,116
Field Project Expenses (pass-through)	\$ 71,391	\$	-	\$	71,391
Contributed Services & Travel <sup>2</sup>	\$ 8,191,447	\$	196,961	\$	8,388,408
<b>Grand Total Functional Expenses</b>	\$ 10,896,369	\$	1,065,546	\$	11,961,915

### 2018 Functional Expenses By Percentage

This graph displays the expenses that funded worldwide ministry.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> JFHP's fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th.

### **God moves through your support!**



### Allocations

These dollars represent the direct cost of supporting JESUS Film teams. Your support enables them to meet with village leaders to receive permission to show the film, pray with wounded

and oppressed people, build relationships with new believers in nearby and remote communities, and so much more.



### **Field Equipment**

These dollars represent the Kingdombuilding resources you provide to teams to show the *JESUS* film, disciple new believers, and plant churches, including: partial and

complete equipment sets, motorbikes, audio Bibles, micro SD cards, and evangelism tools (e.g. Bible Story Cloths, Evangelism Soccer Balls, EvangeCube).



# **Contributed Services** and Travel

These dollars represent the 3,091 national JESUS Film team members and field leaders, many of whom are bi-vocational, who contribute their

efforts to spread the gospel, mentor new Christians, and establish churches in 51 countries around the world. Because JESUS Film Harvest Partners can depend on this well-established field structure, even more of your donation goes directly to ministry.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 116, non-cash contributed services and travel is both income and expense which net to a zero cash impact. Contributed **services** require specialized skill, would otherwise have been purchased and have been recorded at their estimated fair market value of \$7,607,348. Contributed **travel** related expenses have been recorded at their estimated fair market value of \$781,060. Additional volunteer services with a market value of \$618,538 were received, but do not meet the criteria of SFAS No. 116, and are not included in the financial statement above.