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IMAGINE...

Ordinary people, empowered by God, doing what Jesus did, wherever they are.



a world where the local church is the catalyst for transformation in every community.

ordinary believers empowered to discover and live out the unique ways God created them to make an impact on the world.

churches of all sizes and denominations coming together to support each other, exchange learnings, and tackle the biggest challenges facing the globe.

THROUGH THE PEACE PLAN, THIS DREAM IS BECOMING A REALITY, AND THERE'S A ROLE FOR EVERY CHURCH TO PLAY.



THE PEACE PLAN: CHURCH MEMBER-LED TRANSFORMATION

The world is facing large scale challenges, and there aren't enough doctors, teachers, or missionaries to solve issues like pandemic disease, poverty, and illiteracy. Thew is, however, is an army of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, who are sitting in churches waiting to be mobilized. Every church can inspire and equip their members to live the life they were called to live, and mobilize them to make an impact, regardless of church size.

Jesus established the Church as His authority to be the steward of demonstrating his love to the world. In the Great Commission, he called each of his followers—not just a chosen few—to live lives on mission: "All authority is given to me in heaven and earth...Therefore go." Because it's initiated BY the church and THROUGH the church, The PEACE Plan creates sustainable transformation. When the local church becomes the center of change in a community, the result is reproducible and scalable, resulting in sustainable transformation.





FROM RWANDA TO THE WORLD

From the small African nation of Rwanda, God has been writing a new story through his Church. It's a story of hope, a story of rebirth, and a story that represents the seeds of a movement: a reformation in the modern missions era, positioning the local church to be a powerful force for good across the globe.

Fifteen years ago, Saddleback Church teamed up with local Rwandan churches of all denominations to impact the country in a nation-wide strategy called The PEACE Plan. The partnership aligned the faith, business, and governmental sectors in a grassroots, church-based plan for transformation.

Through the efforts of over 2,000 Saddleback members stepping up to serve on short term training trips, Saddleback has equipped churches across Rwanda learn skills to reach out and improve their communities. It was a new model of missions: church-to-church partnership that mobilized members across cultural divides.

Pastors from Rwanda and America served together to bring health to the African churches and set their members on a path towards growth. Saddleback came alongside these church leaders to empower their dreams for their communities.

As churches stepped up, renewal spread across communities. Through The PEACE Plan, the Rwandan churches were able to begin to tackle the issues of clean water, HIV/AIDS, and literacy. A profound

result has been the collaboration to move institutionalized children out of orphanages and into family care. In a span of six years, the country decreased from 3,000 children in orphanages down to 600.

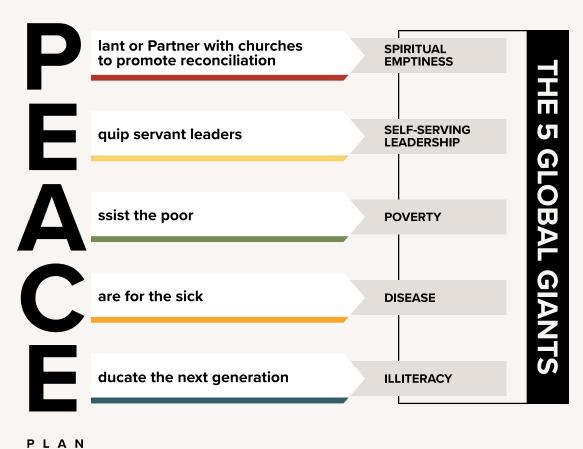
The transformation attracted the attention of neighboring African nations. Leaders and pastors from all over the continent began asking how they could replicate The PEACE Plan in their own countries. Since then, 28 other African nations have replicated Saddleback's model to partner with International Partnering Churches (IPCs) to receive training through The PEACE Plan.

Now, through the All Africa Initiative, the seed that was first planted in Rwanda has blossomed into a worldwide movement. IPCs trained in Purpose Driven and The PEACE Plan have begun bringing healthy church training to networks of churches across nearly all of sub-Saharan Africa. Churches from different parts of the globe are coming together, exchanging learnings, and committing to transform their countries for the glory of God through The PEACE Plan.

In response to the call of pastors, Latin America is now the next continent to experience Church-driven transformation, learning from the transferable principles developed and proven by the Rwandan Church. All over the world, from India to Mexico, local churches are spearheading indigenous church-led efforts to network local churches, mobilize members and create widespread change.

THE PEACE PLAN MODEL

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Initiated and sustained by the local church, The PEACE Plan empowers ordinary people to create sustainable transformation in communities around the world, by doing the things Jesus modeled during his ministry on earth.



WHAT MAKES THE PEACE PLAN UNIQUE?

ORDINARY BELIEVERS LEAD

There simply aren't enough professional doctors to heal all the world's diseases, or enough pastors to start all the churches that are needed. At the same time, every believer across the globe is designed by God to make an impact. The PEACE Plan is about raising up and equipping ordinary believers with practical skills, unleashing them to create grassroots change right where they are.

PROMOTE, PLANT, AND PARTNER WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

The PEACE Plan is about reclaiming the primacy of the local church in its role in global missions. So often, when we work cross culturally, we enter a community and step around the local church—the very organization designed and best positioned to meet the challenges of their community. When we help the believers of the local church become equipped with tools and training, everyone learns, and the transformational work continues long after short-term missionaries leave.

WORK TOP DOWN AND BOTTOM UP

The PEACE Plan brings churches of different denominations and cultures to address the largest issues facing the globe. Government, the private sector, and NGOs have a role to play, but on their own, they can't mobilize the exponential force of ordinary church members serving their community. When churches do what only they can do—love their communities in spiritual and practical ways—sustainable transformation begins to take place.

IMITATES JESUS'S MODEL

In Matthew 10 and Luke 10, Jesus laid out instructional missional principles to his disciples. Among them was the idea, "Don't take a purse." Missions doesn't have to be costly—it was always meant to be about making disciples, not simply about offering resources. When we partner to raise up and train other believers, focusing on their spiritual as well as their practical needs, our missional efforts are no longer limited by the size of our purse.

THE ALL AFRICA INITIATIVE BEARS FRUIT ACROSS THE CONTINENT



6,444

Approximate number of churches trained in Africa

5,308

Approximate number of IPC church members mobilized

58,420

Approximate number of people trained in Africa

Over 500 denominations represented

The PEACE Plan training has been conducted cross-denominationally, bringing together church leaders of over 500 denominations, including:

Baptist, Assemblies of God, Methodist, Pentecostal, Four Square, Independent, Anglican, Minevan, Kale Heywet Word of Life Church, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia Missionary Alliance, Evangelical Communities at Large, Africa Inland Church, Africa Gospel

ALL AFRICA INITIATIVE BY COUNTRY PROGRESS

PD ESSENTIALS TRAINING HAS BEEN LAUNCHED & PEACE PLAN TRAINING IS UNDERWAY:

RWANDA

Saddleback Church—Lake Forest, CA

Nearly fifteen years ago, Rwandan churches of all denominations came together in partnership with Saddleback Church with the shared goal of helping their country become a "Purpose Driven Nation." The new model of mission partnership that was built brought the faith, government, and business sectors into alignment, with the local Rwandan church serving as a foundation for change.

Saddleback Church and Rwanda have seen amazing fruit from the efforts of over 2,000 Saddleback members who have come alongside local churches, equipping them to provide care for their communities. Together through The PEACE Plan, they have been mobilizing believers from all sectors to live out the purposes of God in transformational ways.



The two-day Rwanda Purpose Driven Leadership Gathering in July of 2019 was a moment that highlighted the monumental progress thus far and laid the groundwork for a new wave of growth.

Day one of training began by gathering 2,000 pastors and church leaders from across all denominations and all 30 districts of Rwanda for a time of Purpose Driven ministry development led by Saddleback Church pastors Rick and Kay Warren and Pastor Tom Holladay. Day Two of the gathering represented an historic development in The PEACE Plan in Rwanda, when for the first time, the faith, business and government sectors came together under the banner of The PEACE Plan to network and receive leadership training led by Pastor Rick and Rwandan President Paul Kagame. Hundreds of business leaders, government officials, and pastors from across the nation were inspired together on how to steward their influence in a Godly way.

The gathering created momentum that ushered in the next season of The PEACE Plan in Rwanda: pastors energized for a new wave of ministry, leaders leveraging new relationships, and Saddleback Church members continuing the work of encouraging and equipping business leaders in ongoing trainings.

All of it represents how Rwanda has seen the Church unified to become a light to all areas of community life, as the business, faith, and government sectors align together to create

country-wide transformation. In 2020, the nation will begin its second 40 Days of Purpose campaigns, with 3,000 churches going through the member-mobilizing curriculum at the same time. Additionally, for the first time, local churches will be trained in Celebrate Recovery, Mental Health, and trauma care skills.

A few of the amazing things we've seen God do over the years through the partnership of Saddleback Churchand local Rwandan churches:

- 1,700 savings groups have been formed across the country, teaching 47,000 vulnerable community members the basic skills of economic development and allowing them access to much needed capital to start businesses.
- Local churches have installed 336 rainwater catchment tanks and 1,501 filters to increase access to clean water.
- 62 church-based preschools have been established, increasing access to early education for low income families.
- Rwanda has transitioned from an orphanage-based system to a family-based child welfare system.

THE POWER OF CHURCH AND FAMILY

THE WORK OF THE ORPHAN CARE INITIATIVE GOES FAR BEYOND SIMPLY "CLOSING ORPHANAGES."

Rwanda is fast approaching its goal of closing all orphanages throughout the country as children are being placed in families out of the orphanage or reunited with their families. In 2013, at the request of the Rwandan government, Saddleback partnered with local churches to raise up and train adoptive families. Looking at the data that shows the detriment to childrens' brains in institutional care, the government decided to close all orphanages and place children into family care, but they knew they could not achieve this ambitious goal with out the support of local churches. At the time, over 3,000 children living in the nation's over 35 orphanages. Now merely seven years later, only one orphanage remains housing fewer than 200 children.

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The tools and training The PEACE Plan provides through the work of the local churches in Rwanda is developing a child welfare system for a country that will ensure that no children grow up outside of family care. There is now a stellar example in Western Rwanda and the capital city of Kigali—where The PEACE Plan has focused efforts at the request of the government—of what it looks like to reintegrate children into families well with the wrap around support of the church. This model is now proving a light to other nations recognizing the harmful effects on children growing up in institutional care.

MALAWI

Parkview Church—Chicago, IL

PD Modules Completed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Churches attended trainings:

500

people trained:

1350

Denominations:

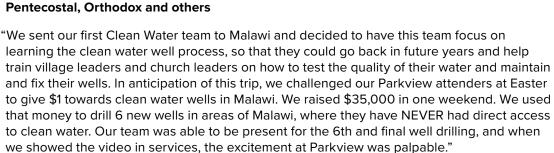
Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, 5 Types of

Parkview **Church Members** Mobilized: 120

PEACE Skills trained:

Clean Water, Education; children's ministry training, worship training, business training, basic finance, Preaching/Church Leadership,

Basic medical care



-Pastor Bill Carroll, Parkview Church

ZAMBIA

Parkway Place Baptist Church—Little Rock, AR

PD Modules Completed:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

GHANA

Capital Christian Center—Olympia, WA

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Churches attended trainings: **Denominations:**

100 All different denominations

PEACE Skills trained:

270

10 PEACE Centers Launched in Accra

BENIN

Oak Ridge Baptist Church— Salisbury, Maryland

PD Modules Completed: **1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **6**, **7**, **8**

Churches attended trainings: **200**

people trained: **711**



Denominations:
Baptist, Assemblies of God, Methodist,
Pentecostal and many other small
denominations

TOGO



Oak Ridge Baptist Church—Salisbury MD

PD Modules # people trained: Completed: **1503**

Completed: **15**0 **15**0 **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8**

Denominations:

Churches Baptist, Assemblies of God, Methodist,

attended trainings: Pentecostal, and many others

350

"Many of our pastors have already begun training (other pastors) and we have seen healthy church programs installed in churches that we as the IPC have had no contact with. Our Togo Pioneer Team is teaching their own DREAM Church Conference to start a Local led Church Health Movement of their own this March."

-Pastor Gary McCabe, Oak Ridge Baptist Church, Salisbury MD

COTE D'IVOIRE

Palm Valley Church—Goodyear AZ

PD Modules Completed: **1**, **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **6**, **7**, **8**

pastors trained: **450**

people trained: **1000**

PEACE Skills trained:

Steering team decided to first work on "Assisting the Poor" (the "A" in PEACE) with an agricultural project in collaboration with two agricultural experts from Palm Valley Church. They trained in savings groups, basic hygiene and canning produce.

BOTSWANA

Eastpoint Church—Spokane, WA

PD Modules Completed:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

pastors trained:

80

people trained:

295

Denominations:

Evangelical Fellowship of Botswana (EFB),

Botswana council of Churches of Churches (BCC), Organization of African Instituted **Churches (OAIC)**

PEACE Skills trained:

Educate the Next Generation—Literacy/ English as a Second Language, Care for the Sick—Basic Healthcare/HIV, Assisting the Poor—Local Self-help groups

"We use "GO", in our church lingo and break it up into, "here", "near" and "far". We have channeled our partnership with Botswana into "far," and our people love it! We took a team in July 2018 for the pastor graduation and PEACE Leader Training and they came back just as we'd hoped - they are now our are our biggest local PEACE advocates!"

-Sarah Reinhart, Eastpoint Church

TANZANIA

Highlands Fellowship Church—Abingdon, VA

PD Modules Completed:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Churches attended trainings:

230

people trained:

702

Denominations:

Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite, Baptist, Moravian, Pentecostal, along with 33 additional denominations. There are approximately 500 denominations in Tanzania according to our PD country leader.

"We are seeing greater unity among denominations and great enthusiasm among pastors to reach the unreached. Many pastors enjoy freedom they did not have before as they now see that the work of ministry is for the entire church. We see a greater sense of security and usefulness in churches as they minister to their communities and surrounding regions."

-Pastor Jim Fleming, Highlands Fellowship Church

KENYA

Northpointe Church—Fresno, CA

PD Modules Completed: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Churches attended trainings:

people trained:

600

200

Denominations: Baptist, Pentecostal, Independent, Africa Inland Church, Africa Gospel Church, **Presbyterian**



MAURITIUS

Pastor Kim Ryan, Pastor at Large

PD Modules Completed: # Churches attended trainings:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

people trained:

85

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS

Pastor Kim Ryan, Pastor at Large

PD Modules Completed: # Churches attended trainings:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

people trained:

235



ETHIOPIA

Brooklake Church—Federal Way, WA

PD Modules Completed: 25

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

12 Kale Heywet Word of Life Church, Ethiopian

Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus,

people trained: Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia

CAMEROON

LifePoint Church—Plano, TX

PD Modules Completed: # Churches attended trainings:

1, 2 500

people trained:

585

GABON

Silver Creek Fellowship Church—Silverton OR

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

40 Missionary Alliance, Baptist, Assembly of

God, Independent

BURUNDI

Crossroads Church—Camarillo CA

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

50 Four Square, Baptist, Independent, Anglican,

Minevan, other

"Two BIG a-ha moments happened as a result of discussions and exercises we did with Essential 7 about the PEACE PLAN:

First they identified the top 10 needs in Bujumbura, education, hunger, and poor healthcare being the top 3.

Second and this was a shocker to us - they have never considered the needs of the community around their churches; their focus is always the needs of the congregation. One church, Christian Life Center, who has done the PD church training for 3 years is active and very effective — one their programs is helping 1500 poor women start businesses and sharing the love of Jesus! They have volunteered to help the other churches.

The PEACE Plan has made our entire outreach program come alive. Our people are so excited about being part of something so big for God."

-Mike Somers, Crossroads Church



LIBERIA

Bayview Baptist Church—San Diego, CA

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

200 Liberian Council of Churches (number of

denominations unknown)



UGANDA

Harvest Church—Byron Georgia and North Madison Christian Church—Madison IN

PPD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

142 Baptist; Pentecostal; Anglican, Methodist

"I believe the partnership of Harvest Church in Georgia & North Madison Christian Church in Indiana is a great story of two churches with a heart connection in Uganda working together to help the pastors and churches there. The Uganda pastors are excited that not one but two partners are working with them! Two churches, different in dynamics and history, using The PEACE Plan Strategy to make a difference!

One of the pastors in training has implemented CLASS 101 and has seen a tremendous change in how his congregation sees membership. To see them embrace the truth that church is not about them but to finish the mission that God has given them has been so enlightening. They're excited about their next step! One of the Pentecostal bishops is teaching Pastor Rick's book, "The Purpose Driven Church" page by page to their 50 pastors to impact their churches!"

-Pastor Bob Hicks, North Madison Christian Church, Madison IN

ZIMBABWE

Impact Church—Scottsdale AZ

They started but had to stop due to civil unrest in country. They will re-start this year.

SIERRA LEONE

Whitewater Church—Puyallup, WA

PPD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2 500

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

200 Baptist, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Anglican,

Catholic

MADAGASCAR

Faith Community Church of Hopkinton, MA

PPD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

50 Multiple, mostly Pentacostal and Charismatic

NAMIBIA

Tennessee Valley Community Church—Paris, TN

PD Modules Completed:

1

52Denominations:

Churches attended trainings:

Pentecostal, Lutheran, Assembly of God,

Dutch Reform, Baptist

people trained:

PASTORS FROM OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE GLOBE FIND COMMON GROUND AS THE PEACE PLAN LAUNCHES IN NAMIBIA

"It's amazing to me," says Pastor Steve Gallimore, "that God would take a boy from West Tennessee and use him in this way." His voice grows thick with emotion, and he shakes his head in disbelief as he looks out over the African skyline.

As Senior and Founding Pastor of Tennessee Valley Community Church in Paris, Tennessee, Steve has seen no shortage of ministry highs and lows, but the opportunity to play a part in The PEACE Plan has represented a new dimension in the way God is using his church.

It's been a whirlwind year for his church. It all began when they tentatively said yes to a "come and see" experience at the 2019 All Africa Pastor Gathering in February, an invitation that led to them becoming the International Partner Church for the nation of Namibia. Only two months later, they found themselves in Namibia for an in-country vision casting trip.

They have seen God's hand on the partnership at every turn. After being captured by the vision of The PEACE Plan, Steve's call to partner with Namibia was solidified by the instant connection Steve and his team felt with the Namibian church leaders.

"God had us seated at the All Africa Gathering with the nation of Namibia, and it was just love at first sight. We are all in, and they are

all in and we've decided to walk this journey together," he shares.

As the pastors came together for the very first time to discuss the potential of working hand-in-hand, they found a surprising amount of common ground across cultures.

"When we met the pastors from Namibia, we realized we were of the same DNA," shares Steve. "They are desperate for what I was desperate for when we planted my church—they don't want to just own the gospel, but to move the gospel. We don't want the church just for us, we want it for our community and for our country. God truly brought us together."

They look forward in faith to see how God uses all of Namibian leaders who will shepherd the movement as it grows and spreads across their nation their churches in unity to make a mark on the lives of those across Namibia.



SOUTH SUDAN

Adopted by The PEACE Plan churches of Rwanda

PD Modules Completed:

1, 8

people trained: **34**

Churches attended trainings:

14

Denominations:

14 denominations represented

PEACE COMES TO SOUTH SUDAN

RWANDAN PASTORS SHARE THEIR LEARNINGS WITH BROTHERS FROM A NATION PLAGUED BY VIOLENCE

It was a hallowed moment, although any passerby would perhaps have seen only an ordinary gathering of faith leaders. Twenty-eight bishops and pastors from various churches in South Sudan welcomed visitors from Rwanda, faith leaders coming under the banner of the unified churches of The PEACE Plan in Rwanda. The gathering represented South Sudan's first introduction to The PEACE Plan—with the Rwandan Church coming alongside them as their International Partnering Church (IPC).

It was a full circle moment for the Rwandan Church. Over fourteen years ago they welcomed their first church partner visitors from Saddleback Church, as their nation became the birthplace of The PEACE Plan model of church-to-church partnership. Stepping out of the horrors of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi, the Rwandan Church has demonstrated that when local churches are unified, empowered, and equipped to make a difference the result is widespread transformation. Since the beginning of The PEACE Plan, Rwanda has





seen church-based renewal spread across communities. Knowing that we are called to bless others with the blessings God has given us, the Rwandan church leaders recently felt God calling them to take their learnings to their African neighbors.

Our greatest ministry often comes out of our deepest pain; the Rwandan pastors know that well. The Rwandan leaders, having walked through their own nation's history of violence, are uniquely positioned to relate to and encourage their South Sudanese brothers and sisters. South Sudan, the world's youngest state, is also one of its most troubled, still experiencing ongoing conflict in the wake of civil war. There is rampant uncertainty about the government peace process and the real threat of day to day violence with church leaders reporting, "Some families have more guns than they have family members."

Against this backdrop, it is even more remarkable that The PEACE Plan partnership has already united 11 different denominations of South Sudan, including Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopal, Reformed, and Pentecostal churches. While the current leadership represents 30 churches, the goal is to help train 100 healthy churches in Juba

over the next 3 years. Healthy church training begins this June as the Rwandan team returns to share the fruit of what God has birthed in their nation.

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THE GAMBIA

Gateway Church—Parksburg, PA

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 2, 3, 4, 8

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

S5 AG, Evangelical Coalition, Independents

"The PEACE Plan has helped us re-align our own church, mission, and passion."

-Pastor Scott Feather, Gateway Church, Parksburg, PA

REP. CONGO

Centennial Baptist Church—Caldwell, ID

Launched June 2019

GUINEA BISSAU

Igreja Batista Capital—Brasilia, Brazil

Launched July 2019

LESOTHO

First Baptist Church Lodi California

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

1, 8

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

AoG, Apostolic Faith Mission, Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican, Zionist

"Our steering committee arranged for the Prime Minister to give an official opening to our meetings and arranged for an audience with the King, who asked us to give him a report each time we visit. (One denominational president) is so enthused he wants us to train all his pastors. Another church started an exercise class for elderly community members."

—Pastor Stephen Newman, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California



ESWATINI (FORMERLY SWAZILAND)

Village View Church—FL

1, 2

PD Modules Completed: # Churches attended trainings:

people trained:

100

67

"The Prime Minister and King Mswati's III sister actually joined in the launch of The PEACE Plan in the country. They both passed on an endorsement from the King that the churches of the country would be a part of training."

-Pastor Marty Shea, Village View Church, FL

COUNTRIES THAT WILL BEGIN PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH AND PEACE PLAN TRAINING IN 2020

GUINEA

Brandywine Community Church—Greenfield, IN

About to launch, but the unity and vision casting made the National News twice in 5 days.

SENEGAL

Renewed Church—Tennessee

First training scheduled for March

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Ministerios Beteseda—Orange County, CA

PD Modules Completed: # people trained:

100

Churches attended trainings: Denominations:

45 God assembly, Pentecostal

COUNTRIES LAUNCHING IN 2020

MOZAMBIQUE

ANGOLA

SOMALIA—SOMALILAND

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

SAO TOME & PRINCIPE

NIGER



PEACE PLAN LAUNCH IN COSTA RICA: A CATALYST FOR ALL LATIN AMERICA

On August 9, 2019, over 2,000 pastors and church members from 13 Latin American countries came together in Costa Rica to partner with Saddleback Church for the official Latin American launch of The PEACE Plan. While local churches in Costa Rica had participated in PEACE Plan training over the past decade, the conference represented the official start of The PEACE Plan movement throughout Latin America, with Costa Rica serving as the Latin American model nation and training hub for the rest of the continent.

The conference brought together church members and volunteers from over 600 churches of all denominations. Leaders from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Argentina, Panama, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras returned to their countries motivated by what they experienced in Costa Rica as a catalyst for their own nationwide movements.

"The people of Costa Rica are lacking hope," says Pastor Mauricio Solis of Vida Abundante Oeste. "The PEACE plan is an opportunity to address the issues, confront them, and find solutions, working alongside the government and the private sector. A lot of people need spiritual hope and we, the local churches, have it."

Since the conference, over 500 churches have begun training in Purpose Driven healthy church principles across five regions, with six additional training sites

to be added in Spring of 2020. PEACE Plan training has begun with 26 churches across three regions, where members are being mobilized in five unique PEACE Skills. In the fall, hundreds of churches will participate in a nationwide 40 Days of Purpose Campaign.



"We aim to be the Church that makes the hands and feet of Jesus visible in the community. The Church will be known not just for what we say, but for what we do. "The PEACE Plan will help us to be more than just a church that meets inside the buildings, but the Church that Jesus calls us to be outside of our building," said Pastor Arturo Campos of the Evangelical Alliance. —Pastor Arturo Campos of the Evangelical Alliance



A MOVEMENT IN MEXICO

In Mexico, The PEACE Plan has networked and trained 1,800 pastors across the country. The healthy church principles have proven so effective that two denominations (Assemblies of God and Nazerene) have implemented Purpose Driven as part of their denominational strategy for health and growth.

67 distinct PEACE Skills are currently being carried out within five districts. These indigenous solutions to local problems are also being shared in cases where they will work in other settings.

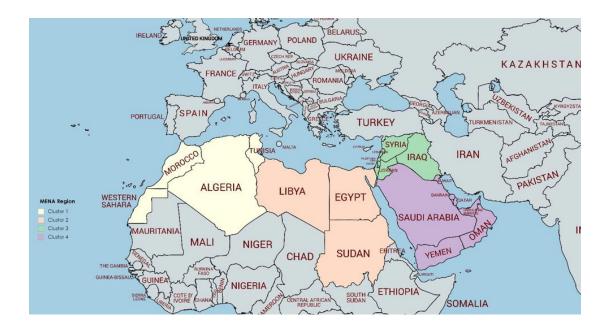
Perhaps the most compelling update out of Mexico is the explosive growth in the church planting movement. In partnership with the Timothy Initiative, 2,323 church planters (Timothys) are being trained and discipled by 196 pastors (Pauls). The PEACE Plan held two training conferences in 2019 which trained leaders in this model and helped establish 197 training centers in three target states.



THE MIDDLE EAST AND BEYOND: NETWORKING CHURCHES IN THE ARABIC-SPEAKING WORLD

The PEACE Plan has worked to lay a strong foundation to bring healthy church training to churches across the Arabic-speaking world. Over 50 Purpose Driven training tools have been translated for sharing with local churches, including over 15 hours of training videos.

Across the Middle East and North Africa, "men of PEACE"—strategic leaders—have been identified, and four networks have formed to best facilitate training and network pastors in ways that protect their safety in these persecuted areas.



THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING WORLD

The local church in Russia is leading the way in creating transformation for the Russian-speaking world, as they led a 3 day Purpose Driven Church conference in Moscow which gathered 46 churches from across 6 denominations. 124 Russian-speaking pastors from 12 countries are being mentored every week in those same healthy church principles. The results have impacted communities far and near, with

the networked Russian churches taking a PEACE trip to train churches in Abkbazia and to Rwanda to establish rehabilitation training. They have also established a PEACE Farm in the Ryazan region, hosted a special festival for children with Down Syndrome and autism, and traveled to the North Caucus region to engage unreached nations in Dagestan, Inguschetiya, and Chechnya.

SOUTH ASIA

A fellowship of 32 churches is springing up in South Asia out of India, walking alongside each other as they implement healthy church principles with the goal of



growing into an interconnected network of 1000 churches willing to respond together to crises or natural disasters in their region. They had their first opportunities to put this to the test in May of 2019 when local churches came alongside each other to re-roof the houses of families in the slums in the wake of Cycle Fani and to care for families displaced by floods in Chattisgarh in September.











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