

Mission Report 2019-2020



Introduction

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Thank you for taking time to look at our Mission Report for 2019-2020. Our prayer is that the Lord would raise up churches and individuals that desire to give their life for the fame of Jesus among all nations. The mission of Catalyst is simple: train those who will train others.



Catalyst Missions believes that the biblical model of discipleship in 2 Timothy 2:2 affords us no other option. "The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." We believe that indigenous leaders are best suited for multiplying the gospel within their local contexts and beyond. So, our goal is to equip pastors, church planters, missionaries, and disciples who have little to no access to theological training with the necessary tools to expand the kingdom. Thus far, we have trained hundreds of indigenous leaders and established a foundation for long-term training institutes in Bolivia, Colombia, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, and Senegal as well as seen multiplication to multiple generations in other countries in the Global South. We invite you to join us and help end theological famine and spiritual darkness around the world!

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Mission & Vision

Catalyst Missions exists to aid the Church in places where the gospel is growing, but access to biblical training is scarce. We do this by training indigenous leaders to do gospel work with proper theology and methodology in their own cultural context. Our goal is to produce healthy churches which will become the missions sending force to reach the remaining unreached peoples of the world.

We target places of scarce access to biblical training because of the devastating effects caused by a lack of real discipleship. According to the Gospel Coalition International Outreach, of the 2.2 million evangelical churches worldwide (particularly in the Global South: South America, Africa and Southern Asia), 80-85% have pastors with little to no training. If leaders lack a biblical worldview, what about the men and women who are under their care? Without proper training and discipleship, Christianity remains only a surface level religion, often becoming syncretized with other religious beliefs. Simply put, reaching them with the gospel is not enough. They must also be taught to obey Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).

Our ministry model is based on Paul's example in Acts 19 in which Paul equipped leaders for the purpose of spreading the gospel into unreached peoples. When Paul sought to reach Asia, he poured his life into disciples at the school of Tyrannus for 2 years with the result that all of Asia heard the word of the Lord (Acts 19:8-10). In the Global South, the greatest need is to equip local, indigenous leaders who will carry the gospel to their own people and beyond. Over 7,000 ethnic people groups remain unreached and unengaged with the gospel. If we continue training indigenous leaders, we believe we will see the biblical result of gospel multiplication.

In every country where we are working, we look for a central location much like the hall of Tyrannus to begin training. Our desire is to find faithful leaders who become our training group. We commit to train them for at least three years in our curriculum and provide mentorship to help them apply the teaching. As we conduct the training, we look for special leaders among the group whom we can mentor much the way Jesus did with Peter, James, and John. We call these special leaders regional coordinators. As these coordinators grow in their capacity and show their character, we send them to strategic locations in other parts of the country to start extension sites. In these sites, they multiply the training and mentorship to a new group of leaders.

Mission & Vision

> Our aim is to use this central location as a launching pad for other training sites in the country. In this way, we are multiplying our effort through indigenous leaders and growing our capacity to help establish more leaders and churches who can in turn reproduce the gospel. Ultimately, we wish to help produce an abundance of healthy churches who have a vision to multiply the gospel into unreached places of the world.

➢ Overall, Catalyst is now working with over 20 groups of pastors, church planters, and disciples spread out on 3 different continents. These training groups amount to a total of more than 1000 students. As we track their multiplication into others, the reach of the gospel through this training is miraculous. We pray that God would continue to give the increase. As William Carey once quipped, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

"The mission of Catalyst is simple: train those who will train others"

Catalyst Mission Team Verse is 2 Timothy 2:2

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Our Purpose

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Our Strategy

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Our Goal

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Training Modules

Catalyst believes that long-term training of local leaders is the most effective way to ensure healthy multiplication of the gospel. Further, we desire to see leaders formed not only academically but also devotionally and in practical ministry. For this reason, the training curriculum includes modules that encompass both theological and methodological formation as well as a focus on devotional practice. As you will see, we have training modules focused on two tracks: pastor training and women's discipleship training. One module requires roughly 30 hours of instruction. Each cohort group that we train receives between 250-300 hours of instruction as well as mentorship from on-ground regional coordinators in the interim between trainings. This training cycle amounts to a 3-4 year commitment to a particular place and group.

Training Modules (Pastor Training)

- 1) Discipleship and Church Planting / Core Theology and Ecclesiology
- 2) Overview of the Old Testament / Teaching the Grand Story of Scripture
- 3) Overview of the New Testament / The Pastor's Character
- 4) Biblical Theology / Shepherding and Discipling God's Family
- 5) Hermeneutics / Lesson Preparation
- 6) Preaching and Orality / Counseling and Pastoral Ministries
- 7) Church History / Mentoring and Leadership Development
- 8) Spiritual Formation /The Life of the Mind

Training Modules (Women's Discipleship)

- 1) 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth, Phase One: The Gospel Message
- 2) 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth, Phase Two: Identity in Christ
- 3) 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth, Phase Three: Abiding in Truth
- 4) 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth, Phase Four: Binding up the Brokenhearted
- 5) 5 Phases of Spiritual Growth, Phase Four: Fulfilling the Great Commission
- 6) The Profound Mystery of Christ and His Bride, Spiritual Matchmaking: Intensive on Ephesians 1 & 2
- 7) The Profound Mystery of Christ and His Bride, Things I Wish I Had Known as a New Believer: Intensive on Ephesians 2 & 3
- 8) The Profound Mystery of Christ and His Bride, Getting Dressed for the Wedding: Intensive on Ephesians 4 & 5
- 9) The Profound Mystery of Christ and His Bride, He Saved the Best for Last: Intensive on Ephesians 5 & 6

South America Project

> Bolivia

First and Second Generation Training Sites: (La Paz: San Pedro, Aposento Alto, El Alto, Santa Cruz, Cobija, Santa Ana, Tarija, LlaLlagua, Magdalena, Santa Ana, and Buen Destino)

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

This year has been one of growth for the South America Project in Bolivia. With 8 training groups spread throughout the country and 17 different trainings that have taken place, the work has been extensive. The breadth of the work has demanded that our regional coordinator become a national coordinator who functions to equip and direct a second generation group of graduate trainers who now travel and teach for Catalyst. The highlight of the year was our second graduation in Bolivia. The graduating group from the Beni Department has been commissioned and sent to established churches and to plant new churches who will reach their own context and multiply into unreached communities.

Plans for 2020

Having started with a new group in the Beni Department, Catalyst plans to continue working with 8 training groups as well as establishing a women's regional coordinator who can multiply women's discipleship training in Bolivia. The project budget for 2020 will help support 20 trainings of over 400 disciples in 5 different departments in Bolivia. We pray and believe that the multigenerational impact of these disciples will spread throughout Bolivia's remaining unreached people groups as well as to surrounding countries such as Brazil and Argentina.

Impact Story

One of the 6 churches that has been planted as a result of the Catalyst training is in La Paz. This church, Aposento Alto, was birthed out of the San Pedro jail in La Paz as Catalyst graduates were trained and later released from prison. They saw the need for a church to minister to those who had been encarcerated. By God's grace, this church has a vision to plant a network of churches in La Paz and El Alto.





South America Project

> Colombia

First and Second Generation Training Sites: Chia, Cudinamarca, Las Amazonas, Peru

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

As they say, the work has just begun! 2019 was the first year for Catalyst Missions in Colombia. Through faithful leaders on the ground, Diego, Angelica, and Consuela, the Lord has opened the door for expansive multiplication of pastor training and women's discipleship training. With a seminary that meets weekly as well as the first women's discipleship conference, the groundwork has been laid for the central site of this project in Chia, Cudinamarca. Moving out from this site, by God's grace, Catalyst has identified two faithful leaders to multiply the training in the Amazon region of Colombia and Peru.

Plans for 2020

Catalyst's plan for 2020 is to continue establishing the project in the central site of Chia, Cudinamarca as well open 2 extension training sites where the work will be multiplied by second generation disciples. This project budget will support 6 trainings in 2020.

Impact Story

For our first women's discipleship conference, 58 women attended, representing 6 different churches. Their thirst for God's Word has led to a commitment to extend this training to Venezuelan immigrants who have fled their country for refuge in Colombia.





Financial Needs for 2020	
\$6,600	
\$1,400	
\$8,000	

Arequipa

BOLIVIA ★ La Paz Cochabamba

Central America Project

> Nicaragua

Training Sites: El Raizon (Students from Managua, Masaya, Granada, Contales, Boaco)

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

Amid a sociopolitical crisis that has crippled the Nicaraguan economy, the Lord has sustained the work on the ground through faithful leaders, willing to suffer for His name. Catalyst conducted 2 trainings in 2019 as well as weekly mentorship of students in 5 different sedes through our regional coordinators. Through difficulty, the Lord has continued this work. We see the fruit of the labor in churches established in sound doctrine who are capturing a vision to reach lostness, disciples being multiplied across Nicaragua, and saints suffering with joy as they fill up the afflictions of Christ (Col. 1:24).

Plans for 2020

By God's grace, Catalyst plans to continue the work with this first cohort group in 2020. The goal is to conduct 3 trainings in our central site, send regional coordinators for weekly discipleship with every student, and make preparation for Catalyst's second cohort training group in Nicaragua.

Impact Story

While teaching through the first module of Old Testament Survey in Managua, Pastor Luis noted that this training offered him the opportunity for the first time to see Jesus in all of the Scriptures. He was amazed! This introduction to right doctrine and interpretation of the Bible was immediately reproduced as he returned to pastor his congregation. We praise God for these stories of His grace.





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Number of Disciples: 30 Financial Needs for 2019-2020 **Disciple Training** \$8,670 **Missionary Support** \$2,830 Total \$11,500

West Africa Project

> Nigeria

First and Second Generation Training Sites: Kaduna Central (Central Site), Kamazo (Kaduna South) and Nasawara (South of Abuja)

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

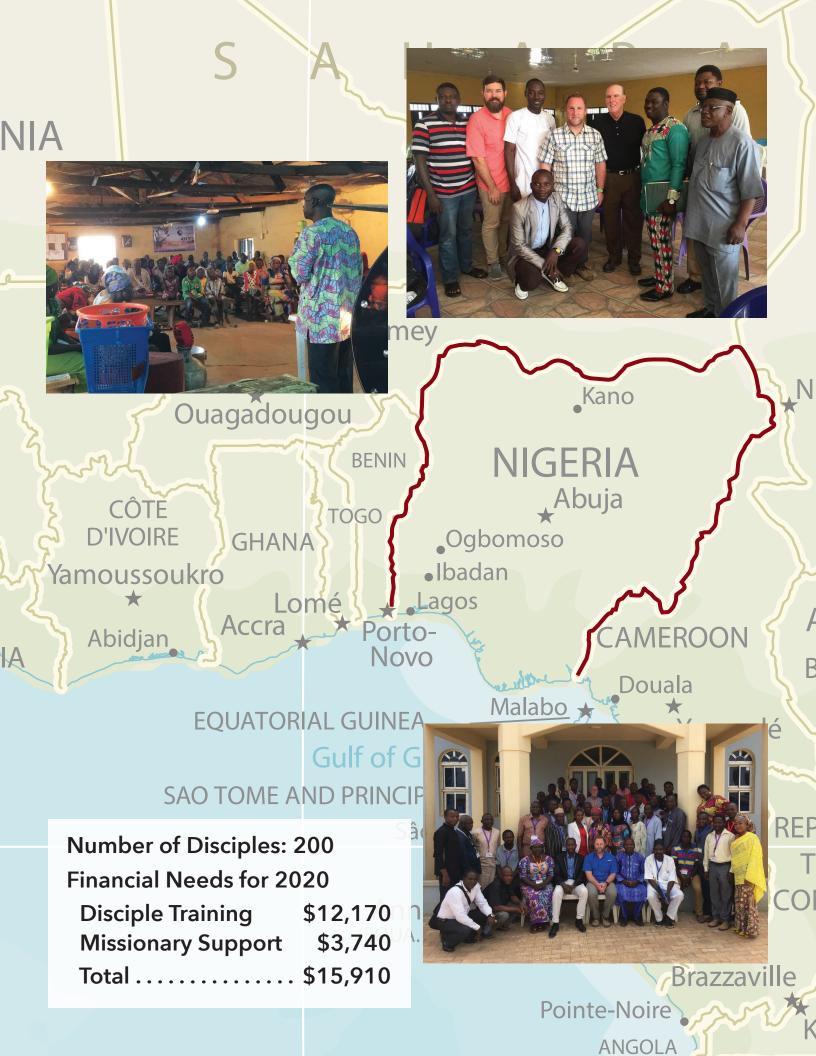
The training in Nigeria, which started in 2017, has already grown to three sites. In Kaduna Central, Catalyst has completed 2 trainings this year on Disciple Making/Church Planting and Biblical Interpretation. We are grateful because this training has cast the vision for church planting in Kaduna City and provided the tools for raising up faithful leaders. In the second generation sites of Kamazo and Nasarawa, our regional coordinators, Victor, Hassan and Ephraim along with Catalyst staff have completed 6 trainings. We are excited to see this multiplication of the training and the new opportunities for reaching multitudes through these disciples!

Plans for 2020

Our plan for 2020 is to finish the training at Kaduna Central with our last two modules and graduate this cohort group. In our second generation sites, we have 6 trainings planned which will allow our group in Kamazo to graduate as well. The project budget for 2020 supports 8 total trainings, 3 regional coordinators, teaching materials for 200 disciples, and the sending of Catalyst trainers.

Impact Story

Our main Regional Coordinator, Victor Suleman has been with Catalyst from the beginning of the West Africa project. When we were planning to engage in work in Kaduna, Victor was the Church Planting strategist for the District Church Council. Last year he transitioned to serving in a local body in Kaduna, but continued to serve as our Regional Coordinator. We began to consider how he might reproduce the training into a new location during 2019. He settled on a location 2 hours south of Abuja called Nasarawra. This has been an exciting new location for Catalyst consisting of 15-20 key ministry leaders in Nigeria.



West Africa Project

Ivory Coast

First and Second-Generation Training Sites: Yamoussoukro (Central Site), Djouke and San Pedro.

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

As in Nigeria, the Ivory Coast training has grown rapidly over the past 3 years. With the central site of Yamoussoukro and 2 second generation sites, Catalyst has completed a total of 6 trainings of 155 disciples in 2019. Additionally, the Lord has provided a faithful leader on the ground to begin multiplying women's discipleship training and serve as a potential new regional coordinator. As we have encountered areas of great need and deep hunger for the Word, the Lord has provided the groundwork for leaders in these 3 different regions of Ivory Coast to be released into the harvest.

Plans for 2020

The plan for 2019 is to finish the training at the central site of Yamoussoukro and graduate 26 students. We also plan to continue in San Pedro and Djouke. As an organization, we desire that the Lord provide direction and guide decisions such as strategic movement within a country. In the Ivory Coast we are preparing to complete our training in Yamoussoukro. Late in 2019, an influential pastor who started an evangelical denomination in Abidjan contacted Catalyst requesting training. While we were in the country in 2019 we met with this key leader, and have decided to consider opening up a training site in Abidjan in 2020. God has been faithful to guide us every step of the way. This potential partnership would give Catalyst a new central site for training and further opportunities to expand in the Ivory Coast.

Impact Story

One incredible way God has blessed this training is through pastor James. Having started our training with him online for a year, we immediately saw tremendous fruit. In one report, James noted how he had applied the teaching and personally witnessed 20 people profess Christ, found 25 houses of peace willing to receive gospel teaching, and trained 10 of his disciples in his current church with harvest church planting principles. He now serves as our regional coordinator, training over 60 other pastors and leaders. May God raise up more laborers like pastor James in 2020!

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Number of Disciples: 155 **Financial Needs for 2020** \$15,100 **Disciple Training** Missionary Support \$2,800 \$17,900 Total

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West Africa Project

Senegal Training Site: Dakar

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

We were able to visit Dakar for the first time in 2019. This is our main and only training site in Senegal. This was started by our Regional Coordinator from the Ivory Coast. We have been working with James to select and place a Regional Coordinator in Dakar. Having completed 2 trainings in 2019, one faithful leader has shown the capacity to be a regional coordinator and begin to multiply the training in this city.

Plans for 2020

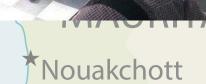
We would like to solidify and begin intensely training a Regional Coordinator for Dakar. Our desire is to make two trips and deliver the next two modules of training in Dakar while our Regional Coordinator forms a second generation site to multiply the training.



Impact Story

In 2019 while delivering one of our training modules, we had a conversation about the potential of church planting in Dakar. They were concerned because the cost of land and the inability to build within the city limits. We opened a discussion to house churches, and the focus of the New Testament's emphasis upon that model. The next night during training, the group shared whose home they had already decided to plant. We look forward to hearing more about the impact of this when we are back in country.

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> Number of Disciples: 25 Financial Needs for 2020 Disciple Training \$4,100 Missionary Support \$800 Total\$4,900



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South Asia Project

Nepal Training Site: Damak

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

The Lord opened the door to Nepal through a faithful man, Bijay. He has been faithful to meet and train weekly and start a new work on his own initiative. By God's grace, in 2019 we went to Damak and made a vision trip to see him in person, observe the work on the ground, and consider a partnership moving forward. This trip allowed Catalyst to see the need for training in this region and establish a cohort training group.

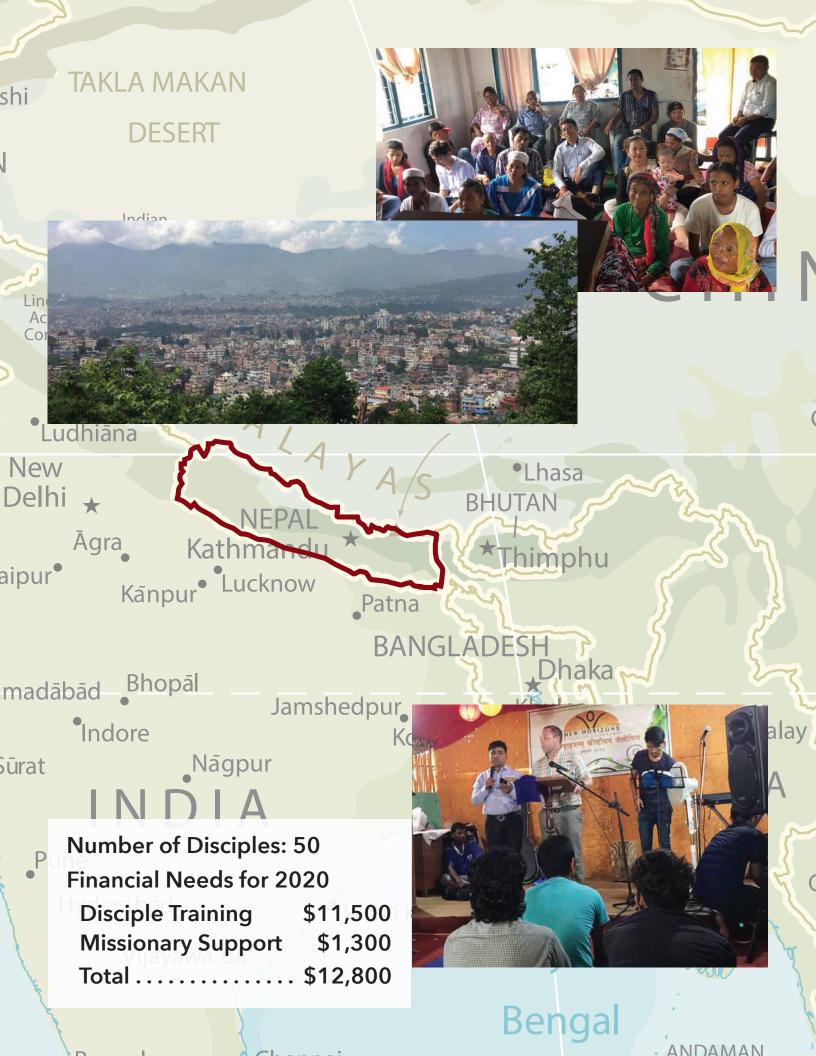
Plans for 2020

The plan for 2020 is to provide 2 to 4 trainings in Damak to this first group of disciples. The project budget supports 2 main trainings as well as support for the regional coordinator to conduct intermediate trainings.

Impact Story

In December 2018, Catalyst connected with a young man named Bijay in Damak, Nepal. As Jesus teaches in Matthew 13, it was evident that he was good soil that would multiply and bear much fruit. Having already trained with him for several months online, he has already been faithful to multiply the training with a small group of disciples. We long to see a multitude of Nepalese who share his hunger for the Word and desire to reach the harvest fields by training faithful disciples.





Southeast Asia Project

> Indonesia

Training Sites: Soe and Kalimantan (Central Sites)

Fruit of the Labor in 2019

Having graduated our first group of pastors and leaders from Soe in 2018, Catalyst revisited this same group to strengthen the brothers as Paul did in Acts 14. Our goal is to use these additional trainings as opportunities to deal with ministry issues and barriers specific to the context. Additionally, Catalyst was able to explore a potential new site in Kalimantan and teach 30 students methods of biblical discipleship and healthy church planting.

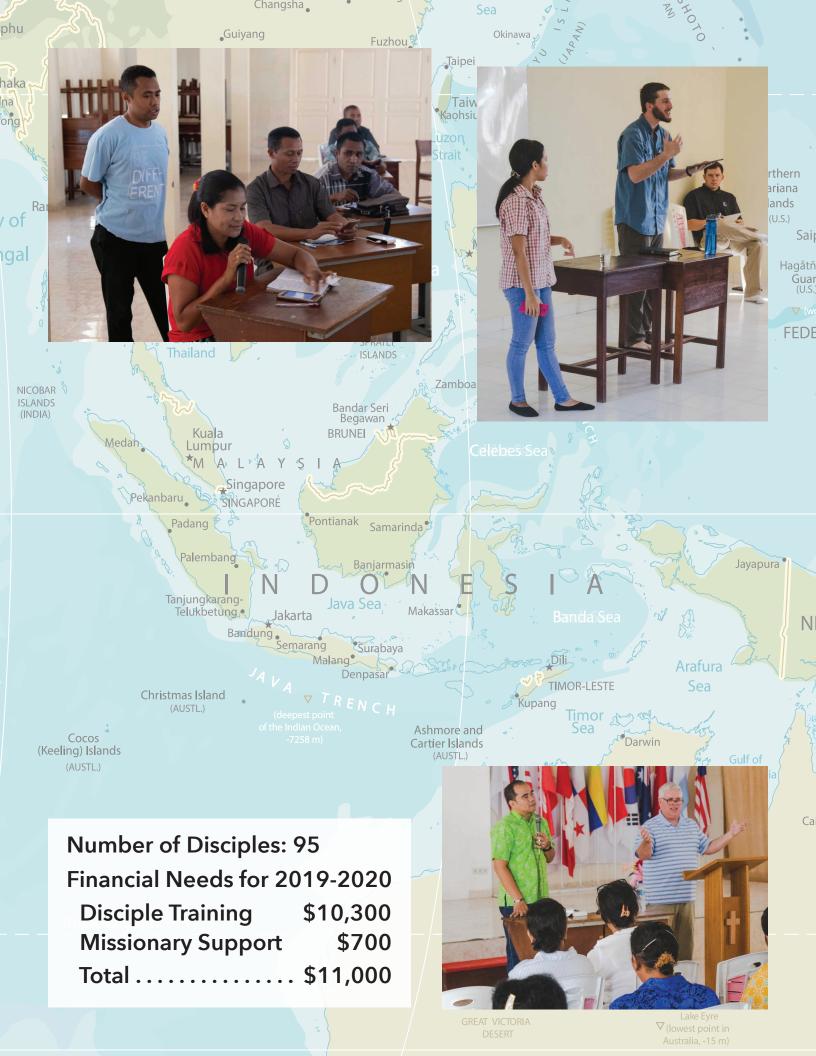
Plans for 2020

Plans for 2020 include making another church strengthening trip to Soe and seeking to establish a regional coordinator to foster a new central training site. The project budget supports 3 training trips, material costs for students, and aid for a potential new regional coordinator.

Impact Story

Arbetnah Lak-Apu is a pastor in a local community called Soe. He has been faithful to attend every training. Arbethnah's church is very remote. Many of his congregants are unable to read or speak the national language of Indonesia. Catalyst Missions can reach these people through Arbetnah. As a direct result of the Catalyst training, Arbetnah has started 6 new discipleship groups in addition to his church, totaling over 100 Indonesians being impacted by the multiplication of this one man. Arbetnah is one of several similar testimonies.





How to Get Involved

Pray:

We believe the Holy Spirit is doing the most important work in our ministry. Joining us in prayer is a critical way you can be involved. For this reason, we prepare Prayer Booklets on each of our projects. These provide a list of names, and in some cases photographs, of recipients of our training. This enables our prayer partners to pray for specific individuals, specific churches, and specific needs. Get a free prayer booklet for any of our projects by emailing info@catalystmissions.org.

Give:

One way you can get involved is by investing in this ministry. You can sign up to become a monthly donor or give a one-time gift by visiting our website at www.catalystmissions.org and clicking on the Donate button.

Go:

Another way you can get involved is by going. You may have the desire to travel with us internationally or serve locally. Visit www.catalystmissions.org and check out our Project tab to see Project Sites and Travel Dates. If you are interested in serving, Catalyst has a number of volunteer opportunities. Click on the Churches or Individuals tab to see how you and your local body might get involved!

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Of the 2.2 million evangelical churches worldwide, 85% have pastors with insufficient or no training.

Current Impact in Numbers: Training in 8 countries on 3 continents 20 groups of leaders totaling over 1,000 students.

> Our training is divided into 8 modules of 30 hours per module. Each trainee receives 250-300 hours of training over 3-4 years.