



**Sowing the good news among
Africa's unreached peoples**



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FROM SEED TO HARVEST



The farmer sows the word MARK 4:14

Jesus' parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1–23; Mark 4:1–20; Luke 8:4–15) shows us that sowing God's Word is a priority. From a seemingly small beginning, the generous sower waits patiently for a harvest that only God can bring.

THE SEED



Without the gospel, people are without Christ

The seed we sow is the gospel, the good news our world needs and the Word we are called to share. Jesus said “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God...because that is why I was sent.” (Luke 4:43). So he sent his disciples out to do the same (Matthew 10:5–8). We put gospel proclamation first because he did; our good works must never replace the good news.

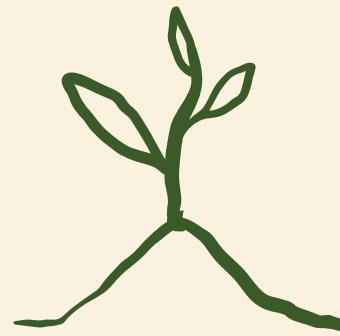
THE SOWER



We sow generously because everyone needs to hear

For seed to grow, a sower must scatter it. A generous sower, who scatters near and far, even 'wastefully'. It seems strange when the seed is so precious. Why scatter it on paths and among thorns? We should sow with lavish generosity in faith, trusting God for what will grow. We go because the seed is precious and we sow generously because everyone needs to hear.

THE GROUND



The seed on good soil bears fruit

Not every place where seed falls will produce fruit: sometimes the Word is heard but not understood; or it may spring up but has no root; it may even be choked by worries and distractions. Only in good soil does the seed take root and bear fruit, multiplying into disciples who make disciples and churches that plant churches (John 15:5).

THE WAITING



He sows the seed and leaves the growth to God

Once the gospel is planted, much of God's work is hidden beneath the surface. Quiet beginnings with roots forming as life takes hold. Mission often feels like this, unseen and unmeasurable. Prayer, language learning, patient friendships and faithful perseverance. It's like a mango tree which takes years to root before it produces fruit.

THE 'UNPLANTED' FIELDS



Many are without the good news

In some places, there has been little or no gospel sowing. These 'unplanted fields' are communities with few Christian witnesses, few churches and even fewer chances to hear about Jesus. There are so many communities in Africa and beyond where the gospel has scarcely been sown and few are sent to sow. As Paul said people cannot believe without hearing (Romans 10:14-15).

SOW WITH US...



Some will sow, some will water, some will reap, but it is God who brings the harvest (1 Corinthians 3:6–7). We invite you to join in the work of sowing with us, not as spectators but as participants.

- **Pray** to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers (Luke 10:2), who will step out in faith, labour in prayer and patiently sow the gospel.
- **Give** so that together we can send, support and strengthen workers establishing Christ-centred churches among all of Africa's peoples.
- **Go** as God calls you, across the street or across cultures, ready to speak of Jesus with humility and courage.

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