

## SMALL BEGINNINGS EXPAND GOD'S KINGDOM

Jesus told them still another parable, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Matthew 13:33

The Kingdom of God is powerful: it doesn't take much to leaven a lot of dough. But the leaven needs a couple of things to work: dough to receive it and someone to deliver it and to work it in. We have been asking the Lord to direct us to the next new places that have no access to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This month, four Global Teams leaders made a difficult journey to the Muslim Nahara people of Mozambique – working the "dough" by looking for men and women of peace who would receive the yeast of the Kingdom. When asked about his goals for this pioneering trip, our team leader replied, "This is a step of a faith. We believe God has prepared the people, we just need to find them and we will devote ourselves to that. It's time to act and stop talking!" Praise the Lord for leaders who act on the promises of God with bold faith.

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## LEAVENED BY THE WORD

At Global Teams we believe the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to reach and teach all people. That's why we train all workers in discovery Bible study methods. And that's why when we gather as leaders, we spend extensive time studying the Word together.

In August, Elizabeth Agumba, our Kenya coordinator, gathered workers from among the Turkana people. Many of those present had been introduced to Jesus through Elizabeth's scripture studies and had grown to the point of leading small groups themselves. They spent hours in the Scriptures, studying Psalms 42, 84, 150 and Ephesians 4.



*Studying the Word in Turkana land*

Interestingly, a number of participants in the Bible study were "oral learners" -- not trained to read the Gospel -- but with an amazing zeal for propagating the Gospel! Three of the men had no schooling, but could miraculously read the Turkana Bible fluently and powerfully.

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*Two GT leaders embark on a journey*

## THANK YOU!

Since Global Teams Latin America covers such a vast area – the Central Mexico base is 4,500 miles from the Chilean base – getting the team together for a face to face meeting to pray and plan was an invaluable opportunity that we could not have done without you!



*GT Latin America leaders at the Face-to-Face meeting in Central Mexico*

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On a different continent, Murat ventured on a similar journey to Dagestan. Murat's outgoing nature made it easy for him to make friends in the markets of the North Caucasus. Though being from a Muslim background made the introductions easier, he traveled with his family to lower their security risk in this volatile region. Daily they asked the Lord to open doors to people of peace among the Nogai people – people who might invite them to come back and live among them. One day during his daily prayer walk, he met Edige, a Nogai man. The man could not believe that Murat had heard of his people and was dumbfounded when Murat told him that he was praying for the Almighty's blessing on the Nogai. He invited Murat and his family to dinner that evening. Over the following days, Murat and his wife shared stories about creation, sin, the prophets and eventually about the Messiah with this Nogai family. On the final day of their visit, Edige asked if he and his Muslim family might also become followers of the Savior Jesus! God answered our prayers – and then some - on two continents!

Movements usually begin when God's people, following God's Spirit, find those men and women who are listening to the Father (John 6:45). Today preparations are underway for Murat's family to relocate to Dagestan, and to place a team among the Nahara. GT field partners in the power of the Spirit are boldly introducing the yeast of the Kingdom among least reached peoples. Your gifts multiply our efforts to send workers to the ends of the earth to sow God's Word.



*Enjoying Nogai hospitality*



*More followers of Christ!*

**With your gift you are partnering with an international mission movement focused on sharing the love of Christ.**

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## THE WORLD IS COMING TO US... AND TO YOU



*Visiting the mosque in Chiapas*

In Chiapas, Mexico, there is a newly built mosque. The imam is a Sufi missionary from Spain and the converts are from the local indigenous population. They are four hundred strong and growing in this historical bastion of Catholicism.

Global Teams members visited the mosque and respectfully engaged their Muslim neighbors, gaining the right to be invited back. As they had learned in GT training, they began the conversation from their listeners' point of reference, looking to build bridges rather than throw up walls, similar to what Paul did in Athens in Acts 17. Pray for their future conversations!

There are Muslim populations not only in Mexico, but in most American cities and towns. And the non-Muslim population is increasingly post-Christian – having little knowledge of the Bible and the life of Jesus. Believers in North America are finding the principles that GT uses to work cross culturally extremely helpful in reaching their neighbors. Perhaps our training could help you and your church engage your neighbors in new ways. To explore how we might serve you and your fellowship, please email [contactGT@global-teams.org](mailto:contactGT@global-teams.org).

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As they spent time together, God moved on the hearts of two Turkana men to get more training so that they could take the Gospel to other unreached peoples. Global Teams missionaries sowed the yeast of the Kingdom among the Turkana for many years, and now God is raising up new laborers from what was a mission field! This reproductive cycle is at the heart of what God has called GT to do.



*Elizabeth Agumba, GT Kenya Coordinator, with two Turkana brothers at the training in Uganda*

In October, through the generosity of our partners, these two Turkana brothers traveled to Uganda for further Global Teams training so that they can take the Gospel to new areas. And they are not alone. Latin America, once considered a mission field, is growing in missionary zeal. Our Latin American Director reports that Costa Rica, Mexico, and Bolivia have all scheduled GT training for prospective new workers before year's end, and Chile will train a group of prospective new workers in the New Year.

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can mail a check on December 31st and, even if the check is not received and cashed by Global Teams International until after the new year, the IRS will allow you to take a deduction in the year the check was postmarked? Please keep this in mind for your year-end tax planning!



## DREAMS OPEN DOORS

Sadi, a GT leader in South Asia, leads an amazing movement to Christ among Bengali speakers. Recently, a Muslim tribal leader from another region came to Sadi. He had a disturbing dream where a voice asked him, "Why are you blocking my work among your people?" His wife, also having had a dream that night, encouraged him to go to Sadi, whom his father had met, to interpret the dream. But by the time he had arrived in Sadi's town, the Holy Spirit had already shown him the meaning of the dream.

He told Sadi, "God showed me that I am blocking the teaching of Jesus among my people and there can be no blessing for them until I allow His Word to come to them. Will you come and teach my leaders the way of Jesus?" Rejoicing, Sadi agreed and gathered some of his leaders to visit their villages. On arriving, Sadi's team found people eager to learn the way of Jesus, but without a single Bible among them! Hundreds of Muslims eager to learn from Jesus, but no Scriptures.

Of course, this is an abbreviated account of Sadi's story, yet it is a remarkable testimony of the miraculous things the Holy Spirit is doing! With your gifts, we helped Sadi print and distribute scriptures to meet the immediate need, but there are thousands more eager to read God's Word in their own language. We would love to make another distribution with your help before year's end so that Muslims can read about the Christ of Christmas.

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## CONTINUING GOD'S WORK

We are grateful for the activity this fall and for the Lord's ongoing provision.

Although the number of Christians in the Global South has grown exponentially, 41.5% of the world's population has still never heard the Gospel. Global Teams already has workers positioned around the world to impact the least reached, but they need training and care. Opening new bases, mentoring, providing missionary care and leadership training demands increased core capacity of our organization.

To finish the work the Lord has set before Global Teams for 2019, we ask you to partner with us through your prayers and gifts. You dramatically impact the lives of unreached peoples across the globe with your financial partnership by empowering new scripture translations, new churches, disaster relief efforts, water projects and community development activities. As whole communities come to faith, the health of the community improves, movements to Christ emerge and long-term transformation of their culture occurs.

Thank you for joining us in this work!

**...Stand firm, let  
nothing move you.  
Always give yourself  
fully to the work of  
the Lord, because  
you know that your  
labor in the Lord is  
not in vain.**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**



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