



NEW HARVEST MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL  
2017 Annual Report

THIS PAST YEAR, NHMI HAS FOCUSED ON

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CONNECTING GOD'S KINGDOM  
WITH **GOD'S PEOPLE**

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**TEN STRATEGIC MINISTRIES**  
TO SUPPORT CHURCHES & COMMUNITIES  
IN MUSLIM WEST AFRICA



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# Dear NHMI Partners and Supporters,

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We have had a wonderful journey with you in 2017. We've reached out to so many people and communities in Muslim West Africa through the gospel of grace. As you read through our annual report, you will see a lot of numbers showing the impact of NHMI's ministries and the many lives that have been touched in one way or another. But please keep in mind that behind each one of these numbers is a face; a real person whose life has been shaped by the cross and filled by the message of the gospel. An individual who has been impacted by the unfailing love of Christ, provided with care, and given the hope of a better future. Behind these numbers is the face of the dedicated NHMI staff member who's always ready and willing to serve the communities we are working with. Behind these numbers are the faces of church planters and pastors who travel to remote areas to disciple new believers and teach God's word. The face that spends his days mentoring, training, and equipping pastors, church planters, and church leaders to effectively reach their communities with the gospel and lead their people. The face that organizes the construction of new chapels for new churches planted. The face of a worker who travels day and night to offer better lives and futures to children through Bridge of Hope. The faces of those who work tirelessly to empower poor communities, churches, and church members through Microfinance. Behind each one of these numbers are the faces of those who have given their time to pray and generously give to help NHMI with its goal and vision in Muslim West Africa. All this is possible because of our Lord, who has orchestrated and worked behind the scenes, making it a reality. To continue making this impact, NHMI must remain fiscally sound. The board does it's best to keep our small organization fiscally healthy. However, it is imperative that we continue to raise adequate funding to support NHMI. On behalf of the board and the workers in the field, thank you so much for your support of this impactful ministry in West Africa.

For the sake of the Nations till He comes,

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**REV. NATHANIEL ADAWONU**  
PRESIDENT & CEO OF NHMI/ACDI

## MAJOR IMPACT OF NHMI IN 2017:

- 4 leadership seminars held to train 110 pastors, church planters, and church leaders for effective ministry in their churches and communities.
- 8 pastors graduated after a successful 4 years of theological and leadership courses.
- 35 microfinance beneficiaries gained access to micro-business loans with 98% repayment on loans, enabling Christians in Kara Presbytery to be self-sufficient.
- 5 new churches were planted.
- 52 full-time NHMI workers were supported, including church planters and pastors.
- 70 children were sponsored in Togo through Bridge of Hope.
- 2 New Motorbikes were provided for a church planter and a Microfinance field supervisor.
- Over 1,600 people were provided access to basic health care and essential medicines through the NHMI Mobile Medical Clinic.
- Our construction projects: 2 new chapels completed, Bible institute new campus, Alliance Academy building, Niger Partnership.

## DURING OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER IN 2017, WE HAVE ACHIEVED:

### **4 LEADERSHIP SEMINARS, 110 CHURCH LEADERS TRAINED & EQUIPPED**

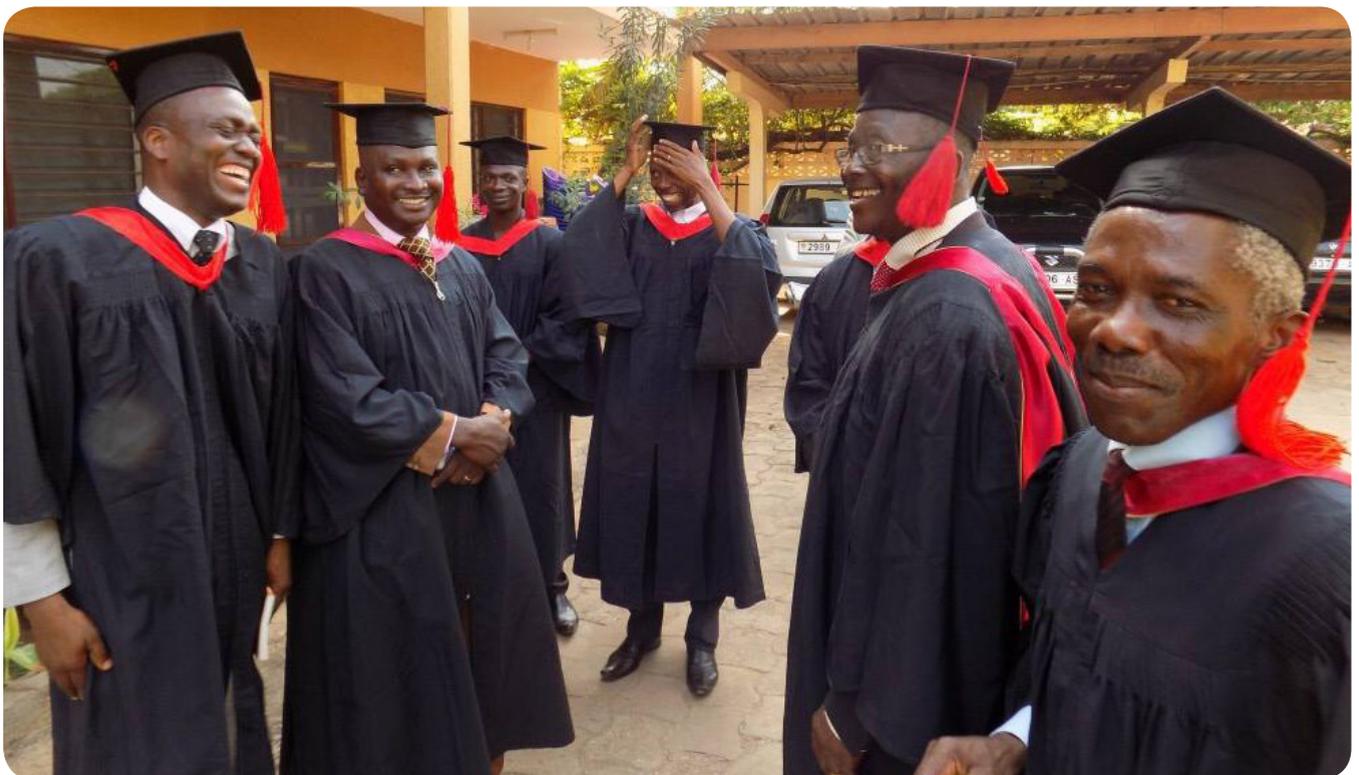
Inaccurate teaching of the gospel, ineffective church leadership, lack of leadership skills, and the mixing of Christianity with traditional beliefs continue to destroy the church in West Africa. NHMI is convinced that a pastor or a

church leader must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that a leader may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and to rebuke those who contradict it. Our leadership seminars are specifically aimed to provide teaching so that church leaders can faithfully serve their churches and reach the lost with the gospel. Last year, NHMI held 4 leadership seminars and provided practical ministry skills by training and equipping 110 pastors, church planters, and church leaders. These seminars

were held twice in Kara presbytery, Lomé, and Kpalime for leaders of our two denomination partners, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo and Community Presbyterian Church of Togo. Dr. Steve Childers, professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and CEO of Pathway Learning in Orlando, Florida, and Dr. Tom W, a missionary of Mission to the World, were the keynote speakers in Kara, while Dr. Francis Abotchie from Ghana and Gerard Bachke from France were the keynote speakers in Lomé and Kpalime. Together, all the participants recognized the challenges that churches face throughout Muslim West Africa and were so grateful for the opportunity to gain more knowledge with ministry skills anchored in the scriptures.

## 8 STUDENT PASTORS GRADUATED FROM WEST AFRICAN BIBLE & THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

In partnership with Metro Atlanta Seminary, we were blessed to see the first graduating class of the NHMI bible institute called West African Bible & Theological Institute. The November 11, 2017 graduation was attended by many pastors from various denominations and was very edifying to national church leaders. It was an amazing graduation and confirmed God's leading in Togo West Africa. 15 students were enrolled, 8 of whom went on to graduate in this



first graduation ceremony. Our staffs worked wonderfully together to make this event to celebrate a new beginning for these students. Rev. Willard Larose, NHMI Chairman of the Board, and Rev. Randy Schlichting, President of Metro Atlanta Seminary, were present and officiated the graduation ceremony. 7 students received their Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies and 1 student received his Master in Divinity. These graduates received training in quality biblical theological education, mentorship, and church leadership skills. We thank God for your many years of support toward the training of our leaders.

## MICROFINANCE IN NORTHERN TOGO

### Empowering Churches & Transforming Lives

NHMI microfinance program aims to spark micro-enterprise development in the northern region of Togo, and offer financial literacy training, business skills development, financial planning, management, cash flow, record keeping, pricing, community savings, and spiritual formation. The program is holistic in nature and transformational. The financial, social, and spiritual transformation of the individual member and their churches is the end goal.

The program has gained momentum, as we have experienced tremendous progress last year. **We trained about 500 participants from various congregations in Kara and 60 local**



**leaders in financial literacy, business skills, and spiritual guidance.** We have promoted small savings and provided microloans to 35 beneficiaries that are church members of Presbyterian church in Farrende and Ketao. We have mentored small business owners as well, and have witnessed a great life transformation among the poor in the two districts where NHMI is serving. The program has achieved a **98% repayment rate on loans**, with an average initial loan size of \$60 to \$500. We are encouraged by this great progress and look forward to strengthened impact in the year ahead. Our prayer is to increase the number of beneficiaries' loans to 100. Please join us in celebration of what the Lord has done.



## NORTHERN OUTREACH FOR NEW CHURCH PLANTING & DISCIPLESHIP

New church planting stands as the end goal of NHMI projects. It is our aim to see a person, a tribe, or a village so impacted by the power of the gospel that the nations of West Africa are transformed. Integral to this transformational process is church planting. Our commitment to plant new, healthy, God-centered, gospel-driven, grace-saturated and Christ-exalting churches in Northern Togo is vital. During the months of February-July 2017, we held numerous evangelistic outreaches, resulting in 5 new church planting stations. The first church planting station was started earlier this year in the town of Datcha, Wahala. We started another new church planting

station in the city of Elavagnon. We continue to work with the Northern Presbytery of Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo in support of evangelism, church planting, church construction, training for church planters and pastors to accomplish our goal. As a result, we have helped the church in Kara start two new churches in the city of Kpezinde and have helped revitalize a small existing church in the city of Bafilo, about 25 miles from Kara.

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## SUPPORTING PASTORS & CHURCH PLANTERS

Last year, NHMI supported 50 pastors, church planters, and office workers serving the Lord full-time. Most of these leaders are ministering in Togo. Many congregations are too poor to be able to pay a pastor or church planter full-time, meaning pastors must find other jobs to cover their daily needs. NHMI steps in to support a portion of their living and ministry expenses, enabling church leaders to focus on the congregations in their care. Freeing church planters, pastors, and NHMI office workers from the burden of having to earn a living means they have much more time for ministry. We thank NHMI's partners for their faithful monthly support and loving care for our church planters and pastors in rural villages.

## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

### Bridge of Hope: Radical Love In Action

Paying for school tuition, uniforms, and textbooks is out of the question for many parents in Togo. NHMI's child sponsorship program Bridge of Hope helps educate children so that, as adults, they can read the word of God and support themselves. Last year, your support reached 70 children and family members in 10 schools in rural areas. The benefits of this kind of sponsorship and its importance to the children and their families we serve is huge. For NHMI, child sponsorship means children attending school with school supplies, improved medical

care for over 200 households, more nutritional food for over 250 households, clean water, and clothes to wear. With our program, every child and their family has opportunity to hear the gospel and be discipled. These are activities that our local team committed to implement daily to make sure none of our children, their families and communities are left with no service. As a result, lives are changing and improving, communities are being transformed, and we are making a difference in individual children's lives as we restore hope. This is possible through the efforts and prayers of our local staffs, churches, pastors, and church planters. Some of the children and their families, for the first time,



attended school or received academic materials and meals from Bridge of Hope. 70 parents have been empowered economically to help strengthen ties in their families. Communities are growing stronger as they work together to solve their issues. None of this would be possible without you, our supporters.

## NEW MOTORBIKES

### For Church Planters & Microfinance Field Supervisors in Northern Togo

We all know planting churches is not enough. Churches need nurturing to grow in many ways; spiritually, socially, and economically. That is why NHMI has committed to send a district pastor out to mentor and coach our new church planters. These district pastors must travel

significant distances to carry out supervision and training on a monthly or weekly basis. Many of our district pastors must walk or use unreliable public transportation. This is a major obstacle to effective ministry as it slows down the ever-growing outreach of the village church planting efforts. Providing motorcycles for our district pastors and church planters produces huge impact. Last year, we were able to purchase two motorbikes; one for our district pastor Rev. Deo Akoumany in the Town of Annie, and another for the NHMI Microfinance field supervisor in the region of Kara. This has enabled them to follow up with the new church plants as well as our microfinance beneficiaries. Thank you to everyone who gave to provide these much-needed motorbikes for the ministry.



## MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC IN TWO VILLAGES

### Love of Christ in Action

2017 was our 7th annual mobile medical clinic to Togo, where we have provided medical care to over 8,000 poverty-stricken Togolese living in remote villages and lacking essentials such as electricity or running water. Because of past trips, over 1,600 villagers have experienced the love of Christ in action through indispensable medical care. These precious people have little or no access to treatment for treatable illnesses and diseases; therefore, they are immensely appreciative of the medical treatment they received and are responsive to the sharing of the gospel. Last year we had two medical teams, each with two or three doctors, several certified nurses, and volunteers (both local and from America) taking down information, helping in pharmacy, dispensing medicine, and sharing Christ with those who were waiting. Team members worked hard each day. When the villagers found out there was a free clinic, they flocked to get treatment for various illnesses fast. Many of the children had worms and there were several cases of malaria. Beyond that, there was a variety of other diseases. Over the course of two weeks, each team treated about 800 people, totaling over 1,600 patients. While our teams were sharing the love of Christ to all the patients through medical treatment, many of villagers turned their lives over to Christ.





## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

### **Tabligbo & Kara: Church Buildings Dedicated**

It is with joy and thankfulness to God that we note the progress in the building of two churches in partnership with ICM. Mission is the core business of the Church. When congregations reach out in mission, they need a place for the people reached to come. These places are church buildings or sanctuaries, and these church buildings are important because they provide places of worship for people who previously worshiped under trees or in houses. The two congregations of Tabligbo and Kara invested deeply in these projects as they supplied the land and labor. The completed churches serve as places of worship on Sundays and often as schools during the week. We congratulate Lomé and Kara presbyteries for the completion of these two chapels. We also express our thankfulness to our partner ICM who funded both projects. Both chapels will

seat about 200-250 people. This achievement was realized due to the partnership relationship between ICM and New Harvest Missions International and we say a big thank you. Please continue to pray for both NHMI and ICM as two additional church building construction projects have been approved for Evangelical Presbyterian church in the Kara region for the year 2018.

### **Alliance Academy Construction**

As you may already know, in the central and Northern region of Togo, existing schools are generally very rundown and not maintained well. Nearly 60% of children do not have a school to attend daily. NHMI has a vision to provide a future with hope for the children of Annie. The building is under construction now and this is our first Christian education project. Thanks to those who have supported us the past year. Through your support, we have been able to start the construction of



3 classrooms. We still have a great need for financial resources to finish the project. Upon completion, the community will benefit from 6 classrooms, new latrines, clean drinking water, and so much more. This will surely create a platform for the sharing of the gospel. We are currently in need of \$25,000 to finish the entire project.

### **West African Bible Institute New Campus**

Much progress is being made on the construction of the new Bible Institute campus in Lomé. We are excited to report that steady progress was made in the first phase of this construction project. The foundation has already been laid and the walls erected for the administration building. This includes three offices, three classrooms, one conference room, a library, two guestrooms, and a student dormitory which will house about 35 students. We have already roofed all the buildings as well as completed the plumbing; however, so much

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remains to be done. When the first phase is finished, the campus will provide much needed sleeping arrangements and electrical sources, since the promised electrical lines have not yet been provided by the government. Currently, work on the construction site has been slowed down due to a lack of funds. To complete this first phase, \$40,000 still needs to be raised. We invite you to help us meet this need.



## Niger Partnership

Our partners at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Niger are led by Pastor John D. and Pastor Abubakar. Through their wise leadership, the two congregations are growing and one of the churches that was burned down by angry Muslims following the Charlie Hebdo cartoon has been rebuilt. With the help of NHMI, two classrooms were added to the existing building. This is a wonderful addition, as students can now continue their education and grow in their faith in a safe, welcoming Christian environment.

## THE IMPACT FROM THE FIELD

One Microfinance program member said:

*“Through the NHMI microfinance program, I’m now able to give to my church. It has helped with planning and managing family life. I’m*

*able to contribute to meet the needs of our household, and I participate in our family decision-making. I have gained respect from my husband as well as from the women bible study group in my Church. My husband respects me when it is time to make decisions. This was not the case before.”* —**Alassani Adjara, Presbyterian Church of Farrende**

Another beneficiary of Microfinance testified:

*“Now, we are able to eat three times a day while we were eating only once a day before. We are able to attend school with school supplies, clothes to wear, and food for my family to eat. Before the loan, I had no income; now I’m financially stable. With my profits, I can easily tithe and give offerings at church. All thanks to the ACDI/NHMI microfinance program.”* —**Abalosse Kossiwa, Presbyterian Church of Ketao**



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One of our West African Bible & Theological Institute students testified:

*"It was beyond my expectation to experience such an impressive academic standard. I personally learned a lot. My academic thinking has grown, and my theological knowledge has increased. I'm more determined to further my theological education at WATI/IBTAO. West African Bible & Theological Institute is a God's gift for West Africa".*

**—Pastor Sally Ilessounou**

Several district pastors and church planters in Togo have already received motorcycles for ministry:

*"I'm hugely indebted to the donors who have helped purchased this brand-new motorcycle I received this last year from NHMI. This is a real blessing because it is a necessity for ministry, especially in rural villages. I'm ministering in*

*areas where there are no transport facilities; it takes a whole day to reach an interior village. I must travel a long distance to carry out supervision, coaching, and training. Since I did not have transportation, I had to walk or use unreliable public transportation. It was a major obstacle to effective ministry, as it slows down the outreach and church planting ministry activities. Having a motorcycle will have a tremendous impact on the ministry without wasting time to reach the villages."*

**—Rev. Deo Akoumany, District Pastor**

During one of our leadership seminars, a Kara presbytery chairman testified:

*"The leadership seminars provided to us by NHMI have been very helpful in bringing strength to our pastors and presbyters to effectively leading our people to spread the gospel in our communities."*

**—Rev. James Assih**





**2 chapels**  
built to seat  
over 450  
people.



**2 new  
motorbikes**  
given to rural  
workers.



**15 students trained** and  
**8 pastors graduated** after  
a successful 4 years of  
courses at West African  
Theological Institute.



**35 beneficiaries** gained  
access to business loans  
with 98% repayment on  
loans, enabling Christians  
to be self-sufficient.



## **Child Sponsorship: Bridge of Hope**

**70 children** received uniforms, food, and  
medical care in ten schools. **200 households**  
were provided clean water and food.

# OUR IMPACT IN 2017

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## **BENEFICIARIES**

GAINED ACCESS TO  
LOANS THROUGH  
MICROFINANCE

52

## **FULL-TIME PASTORS**

& CHURCH PLANTERS  
SUPPORTED IN TOGO  
& NIGER

70

## **CHILDREN** WERE

SPONSORED IN  
TOGO THROUGH  
BRIDGE OF HOPE

110

## **CHURCH LEADERS**

TRAINED TO  
EFFECTIVELY LEAD  
THEIR PEOPLE

200

## **HOUSEHOLDS**

PROVIDED WITH  
CLOTHING, FOOD  
& CLEAN WATER

1,600

## **PEOPLE PROVIDED**

HEALTH CARE &  
MEDICINE THROUGH  
THE MOBILE CLINIC



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