JESUS Film Harvest Partners
2016 Annual Report

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DEEP ROOTS - FRUITFUL HARVEST
Greetings, Harvest Partners!

We submit this testimony of God’s faithfulness and of the risks you take for this ministry. As you crack the pages of this Annual Report of our 19th year of ministry, you surely will be reminded of the words of Paul:

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

(Colossians 2:6-7 ESV)

Paul’s encouragement is to walk in the same method as we received the Lord – freely like a child receives a gift. I recall the wisest of men once said something about only those who change to become like children getting into heaven (Matthew 18:3). We are as those who don’t have a care in the world because everything belongs to our generous Father.

It’s truly the most unusual mechanism Paul lays out: if we want to be properly rooted and built up like a grown-up, then we must trustfully take risks like kids on a spring jaunt through the woods. It’s very much like living each day with the expectancy of Christmas morning as a child. It’s an exciting way to live. It’s an exciting way to give.

As we enter our 20th year, we welcome you to risk more in the work of our Father and in so doing, walking in Him rooted and built up. Consider, herein, the reports of the risk-taking, faith-building, and root-accelerating work of God through His children.

From the Chairman of JESUS Film Harvest Partners
Board of Directors

“If we look at the world with HARVEST EYES, what the Bible says & what Jesus directed us to do is SCATTER THE SEED...

...If we focus on the NEXT LOST PERSON, the NEXT LOST GROUP, the NEXT LOST COUNTRY —working together to that end, that is the greater good.

I think that pleases the HEART OF GOD.”

—Brian, Executive Director, JESUS Film Harvest Partners
2016 at a Glance

GOD WORKED THROUGH 2,627 TEAM MEMBERS IN FIVE REGIONS.

710 registered teams serving faithfully...

- 48 countries with active teams
- 4 average number of times a team showed the JESUS film each month
- 101 average attendance at a JESUS film showing

They SHARED THE GOSPEL in innovative ways across the globe,

PROVIDED HOPE during disasters, and

saw thousands of souls won for Christ.

Reaping the Harvest

- 3,338,852 Evangelistic Contacts
- 777,525 of these contacts made decisions for Christ
- 70% of these new believers received initial discipleship follow-up
- 8,756 additional Preaching Points were planted by teams
- 60% of the 10 most populated areas of the world have active JFHP work

WORLDWIDE IN 2016
**Preparing the Way**

Sharing Eternal Hope During the Ebola Crisis in Sierra Leone

The Ebola crisis was very, very devastating. I think in the history of Sierra Leone, it has been the worst epidemic so far. I would go further to say even the Civil War did not threaten our lives the way Ebola threatened our lives. During the Civil War, you could see the enemy when they were advancing, but the battle with Ebola you didn’t know from where you were going to get the virus.

The entire nation was gripped with a spirit of fear. It caused so much devastation, from the provinces into the capital city. It was only God who saw us through. For that, we give Him all the glory.

Even though we were not all infected, the fact remains we were all affected. Many doctors and nurses left their work during that time or left the country. Those that stayed really put their life on the line and were such a blessing. Some did lose their lives, but some made it through. We are very grateful to God for causing people within the church to be so selfless. Even when they were infected, they did what they had to do. They came out healed and set free from the Ebola virus.

How did the Ebola impact the JESUS film? Rather, we’d say, how did the JESUS film impact Ebola? The Ebola period gave us great opportunities to move with the JESUS film. All four of our teams were on the front lines. As long as we maintained the hand-washing principles, people were allowed to come and watch the film. All throughout that time, we planted around 40 to 50 churches. We are very grateful to God for giving us that opportunity.

During the crisis, we felt we belonged to a family. Prayers were going to heaven on our behalf, from various countries all over the world where the church is located. We had that sense of belonging which helped to give us courage.

The church is supposed to be a beacon of light in this dark world—preparing the way, showing people the way to heaven. Many people have lost hope. They think they’ve gone to the end of their journey, but the church here continues to provide hope for them. Hope through the JESUS film.

— Rev. Vidal Cole is the JESUS Film Country Coordinator in Sierra Leone. He has been faithfully serving the church in Sierra Leone for 22 years.

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**AFRICA REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

(2016 Fiscal Year)

- Teams reached an average of 870 Evangelistic Contacts each month—nearly double the global average!
- 5 countries had an average Preaching Point attendance over 40 people each month.
- On average, 266 people attended each JESUS film showing.

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“Your support encourages us and shows us that the global church is interested in accomplishing the Great Commission.”
—District Superintendent, Ecuador Costa

SOUTH AMERICA REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- **125** JESUS Film teams
- **24,621** Decisions for Christ
- **1,353** Average number of people who received initial discipleship follow-up each month
- **26** Average JESUS film showing attendance

“He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” —Jeremiah 17:8 (ESV)

COMING TO JESUS CLIP-BY-CLIP
Creative Evangelism in Ecuador

Pastor Rodrigo, the JESUS Film Coordinator in Ecuador, is a man on a mission. He was freed from sin, alcohol and drugs and has since worked tirelessly to bring the gospel to everyone and anyone. He even makes frequent trips to remote areas in the company of his church members to bring the gospel to these communities.

On one such occasion, he and a group from his church came upon a house where a family lived. They knocked on the door and introduced themselves to the family and offered to pray for any needs they had. A woman named Dalinda lived there. Her husband left her 20 years ago. She was driven into a deep depression which caused her to stop speaking. She lashed out at anyone who came near her. Because of the way she acted, her family gave her a room and only opened the door to give her food. The church group knew they weren’t there through coincidence and determined they would pray with her. Pastor Rodrigo quickly thought to play Christian music softly with his cell phone and slowly approached the woman, who amazingly let him get close enough to reach out and touch her. He was able to pray with Dalinda, the first stranger to come near her in 20 years.

The group returned over the course of several weeks. Each time, Dalinda allowed Pastor Rodrigo to share the JESUS film with her through his cell phone and slowly approached the woman, who amazingly let him get close enough to reach out and touch her. He was able to pray with Dalinda, the first stranger to come near her in 20 years.

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You can support the work of team members like Pastor Rodrigo!
Fill out the enclosed envelope or give a gift by visiting JFHP.org/LastingFruit.
“The JESUS film opens doors in non-threatening ways, allowing everyone to come and see the film as a community.”
—District Superintendent, South Asian country

“But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.”
—Psalm 52:8 (ESV)

EURASIA REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

- 249 teams
- 393,736 decisions for Christ
- 3,728 Preaching Points

- 3 countries in the region showed the JESUS film an average of at least 7 times a month! This is in comparison to the global average of 4 showings per month!
- 90% of these new believers received initial discipleship follow-up. This is in comparison to the global average of 70%.
- One South Asian country planted an average of 1.5 Preaching Points every month, with an average attendance of 65 people! This is compared to the global average attendance of 23.

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HIGHLIGHTS:
JESUS Film teams on the Mesoamerica region do not have a fragmented perspective of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Rather, they see their mission as simply being the church to others. The results are powerful.

In Haiti, teams often provide food, clothes, or toys to a community, showing them the joy and compassion of Christ before they introduce them to Him through the film. In Cuba, a children’s ministry started by a JESUS Film team member, including a study hall, has helped a boy with special needs advance from first to third grade.

Assistant Field Services Coordinator Daniel Herrera explained how JESUS Film Harvest Partners Cuba Partner Trip participants recently received a taste of this holistic ministry.

“Partners had a chance to worship with our Cuban brothers and sisters, visit a few Preaching Points started with the help of the JESUS Film ministry, meet a few of the many men and women who constantly share the love of Christ with their countrymen, and experience a JESUS film showing, Cuban-style!”

One of the Partner Trip participants even had the unique opportunity to preach a sermon on hope during advent at a Preaching Point.

No trip is ever the same, but the God we serve is ever faithful. His love and desire to transform hearts and lives was clear in Cuba.

Herrera concluded, “The trip was a blessing to all involved. We were able to encourage each other as we lifted up the name of Jesus.”

For additional information on Partner Investment Trips, go to page 16, or visit JFHP.org/PartnerTrips.

MESOAMERICA REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Creating Lasting Fruit

In Mesoamerica last year, the number of people who were discipled was higher than the number of people who made decisions for Christ! Teams use age-specific materials to teach participants more about Christ.

Field Services Coordinator Rusty Robbins expanded on this, “Because teams are intentional with discipleship materials, people are always recruiting others to studies…talk about lasting fruit!”

Kingdom-Building Trials

Despite facing a cholera outbreak and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, Haiti teams reached an average of 304 evangelistic contacts each month with the Good News of Christ!

Jean-Paul used to worship many idols and testified, “After the hurricane, a group of people came to evangelize next to my house. I realized I was not on the right path and gave my life to Jesus!”

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”
— John 15:5 (ESV)
“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”
—Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

“Truly the God whom we worship is great. He is doing many unique things in our community! Thank you for your prayers and assistance. May God bless you more!”
—JESUS Film Leader, Philippines Team #6

**BEYOND THE FILM:**
Creative Strategies on the Asia-Pacific Region

- Spiritual mentoring—small groups, Bible studies, and house-to-house visits
- Mobilizing witnesses—discipling people in order to disciple others
- Hosting medical clinics and community health education
- Providing education in public schools, including after school learning and feeding programs
- Anti-trafficking and anti-drug initiatives
- Team members are trained responders during calamities and emergencies

**ASIA PACIFIC**
As we **FOCUS ON THE FUTURE**, I think we want to put a smile on God’s face by doing exactly what His heart is...

**TO REDEEM** His whole creation to Himself.

As we assist Him in putting tools in the hands of people who will lead people to Christ, we are fulfilling the heart of God on this planet.”

—Brian, Executive Director, JESUS Film Harvest Partners

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**BE FRUITFUL IN 2017**

Below are just a few of the many ways you can get involved and change lives this year with your passion, generosity, skills, and network.

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**Go on Mission**

Do you have a love for the Lord, a taste for adventure, and a desire to serve Christ by helping reach those who have never heard? Experience it all on a Partner Investment Trip.

For more information, call 913-663-5700, or visit JFHP.org/PartnerTrips.

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**Engage with an Event**

Experience the synergy of a room full of people sold out to Christ seeking their next Kingdom move! Hear the modern day miracles reported by teams working in urban and remote locations. Consider how to maximize your time, influence, money, and expertise by attending and bringing guests to a large event (World Challenge) held in various locations or host a small group in your own town.

To get a list of World Challenge locations, or for more information about hosting a small group, call 913-663-5700, or e-mail DRobbins@JFHP.org.

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**Support the Work**

JESUS Film teams bring the Good News of Christ to the world’s hardest places. Your sustaining generosity allows them to continue to grow the Kingdom.

Every gift counts, from $15 to $15,000!

Support the work of JESUS Film teams by filling out the enclosed envelope or by visiting JFHP.org/LastingFruit.
Funding the Harvest

2016 Income and Expenses

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Contributions changed lives.
You joined forces with John in Africa to spread the peace of Christ to the bleakest of places (JFHP.org/PeaceWillCome). You transformed lives as New Life Community covered their walls (JFHP.org/DIY). Your dollars truly make an eternal difference.

The mission went faster, farther.
Last year, 34 volunteers gave 446 hours of administrative assistance and 289 trip participants each volunteered an average of 96 hours, delivering equipment to the field. Even more than their time—they gave the ministry the ability to keep expenditures low. This means more finances and resources can go to support the field!

You do so much more...
- Addictions: defeated.
- Abused: liberated.
- Persecuted: empowered.
- Broken families: reunited.

When you pray, give, and go, you bring the Good News to lost and hurting people all around the world.

“If you want to make a difference for eternity, this is a very simple way to do it.”

—Pastor Curt Lunsford, New Life Community Church of the Nazarene
“To every person who is reading this, please know you are an INCREDIBLE PERSON!
God has blessed you as a Harvest Partner and you have blessed
this ministry extraordinarily.

This was a tough year, but all the teams continue
to do their work TO REACH THE NEXT LOST PERSON
so very well...

AND YOU ARE TO THANK.

On their behalf, I thank you for YOUR GIFTS,
for YOUR INVOLVEMENT,
and for holding things near WITH PRAYER.
You are loved, deeply and dearly!”
—Brian, Executive Director, JESUS Film Harvest Partners