

## Some Ways to Pray for Church Planting Movements

*“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable [the Persistent Widow] to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)*

Kumar is a worker in South Asia. He had started 11 churches when he was invited to a CPM training in 2007. There he learned and immediately began to implement biblical principles of multiplying disciples. Through the network of disciples and leaders which God used Kumar to catalyze, multiplication is taking place in 56 formerly unengaged areas across his nation, with additional impacts in Southeast Asia. For a more detailed account see [“Movements Start Movements in South and Southeast Asia,”](#) *Mission Frontiers* (Jan/Feb 2018). The key changes noted below give us insight on how to pray for other unreached areas.

- Extraordinary prayer
  - ✓ Kumar prayed for 5000 churches and later for 50,000 churches. *Ask God to enable workers everywhere to pray in extraordinary ways!*
- Ask critical questions
  - ✓ Kumar asked critical questions about his experience with church growth (11 churches in 12 years) and reframed his efforts with an end point view of reproducing churches committed to continued engagement of unengaged areas. *Pray for wisdom from God to ask the right questions.*
- Multiply training
  - ✓ Kumar started by training and coaching 14 committed believers who collectively helped start 100 new churches in just one year. Kumar continues to multiply training. *Pray that workers in unreached areas will have a vision for continually training believers with movement principles.*
- Stay end goal focused
  - ✓ Kumar strategically coached the 100 new churches to each produce three new churches the following year. Some started more and others less yet ultimately this goal was exceeded with 422 churches by year’s end. *Pray for workers currently serving, those who will soon follow, and those waiting to hear – to be deeply fruitful in fields already ripe for harvest.*
- Use simple low-cost training methods
  - ✓ Kumar used “4 Fields Training” to train others for 10 days. They then immediately implemented this and trained others. This filters for those who will be totally focused on obeying and passing on what they learn. *Pray for simple low-cost trainings that will multiply implementer-trainers who can continue to move out into unreached areas not yet engaged with CPM strategies.*

God is eager to answer when we call on him. Let’s learn from Kumar: let’s always pray and not give up!