

Church-Planting Movement Lays Groundwork in Chad

The church's presence in Chad is small, but thanks to the church-planting movement, it's growing.

According to the Joshua Project, 71 of the 141 known people groups in Chad remain unengaged and unreached with the gospel.

Pioneers wants to change those numbers. A Pioneers team is starting a **church-planting movement** among an unreached people group with a population of 200,000 and no known believers.

Through medical care and clean water, this team is building relationships and using chronological Bible studies to introduce spiritually-hungry Chadians to the good news.

Pioneers has a strategy: partnering with local African **missions movements** to see new workers equipped to reach the unreached in Chad and across the continent. One African mission leader told the ministry that the Church Planting Movement (CPM) Training Initiative offered all "the practical information they need to actually do **church planting**."

One way to look at the work done by these teams is to think of them reproducing the book of Acts in a new culture: win people to Christ, gather them together as His body in that locale and develop them into a functioning community. The idea is to leave them both with indigenous leaders and a vision for **spreading the gospel** and reproducing daughter churches.

If the church planter works according to the agenda of "model, equip, watch and leave," he or she will build the DNA of reproduction in the disciples that will lead to churches that reproduce.