

## INDIA...From Darkness to Light

*No matter how many times you visit India, the over-crowded cities, the hazy air, animal-people-vehicle jammed streets, and dense population of over 1 billion people, are an assault to your physical senses and inner spirit.*

There's not another place on earth where the contrast between light and darkness is more evident than India. The crushing poverty, desperation, and hopelessness speak of the struggle between the domain of Satan and the Kingdom of God. Unbridled idol worship and pagan practices are a regular part of life.

However, in the middle of this intense darkness, there is a light growing brighter and brighter. The light of the gospel is revealing the one true God to a broken and lost population...the God who loves the sinner...the God who redeems.

### Church Planting Movements

Like the early church in the book of Acts, regions throughout Northern India are experiencing the presence of Jesus through the miracles of healing, release

from spiritual bondage, and His overwhelming love. Thousands of Indian people are placing their faith and trust in Jesus and being baptized on a daily basis. Church planting movements are taking place in some of the most spiritually dark regions of the world with new house churches forming and replicating rapidly.

Mike Jackson, President of Reach the Rest, defines a church planting movement as, *"The rapid and exponential movement of God that results in the replication of disciples, leaders, and churches among people and in the places where the gospel has never been present."*

### Mapping Tools

The key to this type of church planting, and the gateway to discipleship, is

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## Prayer Points

- Pray for endurance as our Reach the Rest church planters are often subjected to persecution. Through persecution, these men and women are learning to live in victory and become stronger through trials and tribulation.
- Pray for the discipleship of new believers as they turn from worshipping over 33 million gods to the One True God. May they grow in their faith and knowledge of who God is and what His Word says.
- Pray for the development of theological and leadership training for field leadership.
- Pray for the creation and implementation of women's ministry materials and program to meet the unique physical and spiritual needs of the Indian women.



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the presentation of the gospel. This is at the heart of the Great Commission. Reach the Rest (RTR) church planters are mastering and utilizing simple tools to abundantly sow the seeds of the gospel. The strategy is not merely to use these resources. The goal is to model and empower others to use them in order to maximize the harvest.

RTR church planters use a tool called **generational mapping** to visualize first generation believers, as well as spiritual grandchildren and great-grandchildren. This helps

document the church multiplication process that is occurring. As indicated by the legend on the map, the discipleship in key biblical concepts are also documented, such as teaching in tithing, communion, and obedience.

On the left hand side of the page, in blue writing, are the names of the people groups that are being



reached through the house church network.

# India Report

2016 was a productive and fruitful year for RTR's work in India. In the states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, RTR church planters and field partners reported the following activity:

Gospel shared .....	686,126
Salvations .....	122,037
Baptisms.....	21,067
Number of new house churches planted .....	3,104
Number of people groups engaged.....	151

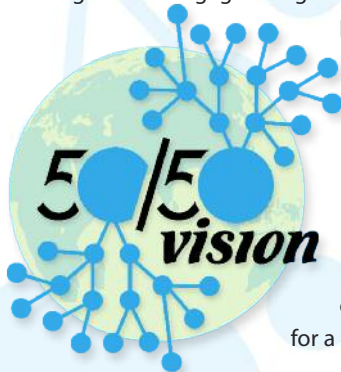


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**Join Reach the Rest in their vision to plant 50,000 churches among the unengaged and unreached in the next 5 years!**

Reach the Rest is training and equipping church leaders and national believers to make disciples and plant local churches among their unengaged neighbors. These are called "proximate" people groups.



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