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## Planting Seeds of Hope and Sustainability

F.A.I.T.H. Gardens empower Petros Network church planters, boosting food security and community transformation. P4

## How Orality Training is Transforming Lives

Empowering church planters to share the Gospel through oral Bible storytelling—breaking barriers to the Gospel. P3



### **Our Mission**

Petros Network® partners with world-changers like you, to equip indigenous leaders to share, show, and spread the Good News of Jesus among their own people and end spiritual and physical poverty.

### When <u>WE GO</u>, Jesus Brings Hope and Healing to Unreached People

Recently, we engaged with an indigenous leader in Uganda who shared the profound struggles of his community following the aftermath of Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). He explained how years of abductions, violence, and displacement had left his people with widespread trauma, depression, and hopelessness. **"The UN provided disaster relief,"** he said, **"but they could not restore the spirits of my people. Our children—tens of thousands—were taken and forced into brutal conditions as child soldiers or sex slaves. We need help to rebuild their lives and our community. Please, won't you help us?"** 

At Petros Network, we believe that the local church is uniquely positioned to address both spiritual and practical needs, embodying God's Plan A for healing and transformation. This is why equipping indigenous church planters to share and show the Gospel—spreading restoration to broken communities—is at the core of what we do. We call the results we witness, Redemptive Lift<sup>®</sup>.

Church plants function as Community Hubs of Hope, serving as catalysts for change that help lift people out of spiritual and physical poverty while fostering lasting transformation. The impact of the Petros Network movement has been remarkable. **Thousands are turning to Christ, and entire communities are experiencing renewal—spiritually, socially, and economically.** 

> Sharing HOPE & Healing



This is not merely a method; it is a movement that reflects how Jesus Himself shared the Good News.



#### VIDEO

Unlock the Power of Storytelling: <u>Spreading the Gospel</u> to the Unreached



Scan the QR code to hear firsthand accounts!



#### **BREAKING BARRIERS**

### How Orality Training is Transforming Lives and <mark>Advancing</mark> the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Orality training is not just a strategy for Petros Network; it serves as a lifeline for advancing the Gospel to the **3.4 billion who remain unreached.** Imagine over 4 billion people, nearly 70% of the world's population, living in oral cultures where written words hold little meaning. These are communities with stories that ignite hearts, songs that stir souls, and drama that speaks louder than books. For these precious people, traditional evangelism methods often fall flat, leaving them untouched by the transformative power of God's Word.

Through orality training—particularly oral Bible storytelling—the Gospel comes alive in their language and culture. This approach breaks barriers and plants seeds of faith that grow into thriving churches. It is not merely a method; it is a movement that reflects how Jesus Himself shared the Good News, speaking in parables and stories that resonated deeply with His listeners. Petros Network stands at the forefront of this orality movement, ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving the life-changing message of Christ.

The impact of Petros Network's orality training is nothing short of miraculous. It creates a ripple effect that leads to exponential church growth, transforming villages and even entire regions with the hope of Christ. Orality training bridges gaps across cultures and generations, equipping ordinary believers to become extraordinary disciple-makers. It serves as a powerful reminder that God's Word was meant to be spoken and shared—heart to heart, voice to voice—until every nation hears His name.

### Literacy Rates

### AMONG THE UNREACHED WE SERVE

#### Ethiopia

129.4M population33 people groups52% literacy rate

#### Yemen

35.1M population20 people groups70% literacy rate

Kenya

56.1M population31 people groups82% literacy rate

#### South Sudan

11.3M population5 people groups35% literacy rate

#### Uganda

49.8M population2 people groups77% literacy rate

#### Myanmar

55.3M population55 people groups76% literacy rate

\*People Groups of the World | Joshua Project, joshuaproject.net



#### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

### Planting Seeds of Hope and Sustainability —One Garden at a Time

In the most remote and underserved regions of East Africa, where food insecurity, violence, and poverty are daily struggles, Petros Network is empowering church planters to bring hope and transformation. Through our agriculture initiative, **over 17,622 individuals have been trained in sustainable farming** through F.A.I.T.H. (Food Always In The Home) Gardens, turning barren fields into thriving sources of food and income.

Designed to provide sustainability for church planters and their communities in rural, unreached areas, they cultivate their own gardens and plant community gardens to teach neighbors farming techniques while sharing the message of Jesus. These gardens are lifelines—feeding families, reducing hunger, and fostering unity in villages plagued by hardship.

This holistic approach mirrors Jesus' ministry, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. **By addressing hunger, church planters open doors for conversations about faith, creating lasting transformation in communities.** As villages thrive through sustainable farming, they experience Redemptive Lift®—breaking cycles of poverty and dependency.

The need is urgent for humanitarian assistance and sustainable solutions in these regions grappling with conflict, climate shocks, and economic crises. Church planters are **sharing** their farming techniques with the **community** and using it as an **opportunity** to share the Gospel.



### Global Food Insecurity FOR THE COUNTRIES WE SERVE

**Ethiopia:** Approximately 12.2% of the population (15.8 million people) is facing acute food insecurity.

**Yemen:** Nearly 50% of the population in Government-controlled areas is experiencing IPC Phase 3 or above. www.ipcinfo.org

**Kenya:** Around 4.7% of the population (2 million people) is facing acute food insecurity.

**South Sudan:** 57% of the population (7.7 million people) is acutely food insecure.

**Uganda:** 17% of refugee-hosting districts are experiencing IPC Phase 3 or above. www.reliefweb.int

**Myanmar:** Nearly 30% of the population (15.2 million people) is facing acute food insecurity.



Scan the QR code to learn more about Petros Network's sustainable farming impact.



### How FAITH Gardens have affected communities...

"The FAITH Garden has been a huge part of my church planting journey. Before, feeding my family was a constant worry, making it hard to concentrate on my ministry. But now, with the training I have received in sustainable farming, I can provide food for my family and direct my energy toward studying the Word and crafting sermons. FAITH Gardens have not only fed us physically but have also empowered us to focus spiritually.

What's more, this blessing is spreading. Five Christians have already started their own FAITH Gardens, and I've taught my congregation the skills they need to plant their own. Next season, 27 more members are planning to start their own FAITH Gardens! Even my neighbors have taken notice and are now attending church. It's amazing to see how the simple act of planting and tending a garden has drawn people closer to God."



Charles Indigenous Church Planter Uganda



#### VIDEO

### How Beatrice Lifted Her Community <u>Out of Hunger</u>

Scan the QR code to hear her firsthand account of a village transformed because she was equipped to meet the need.



# WEGO

#### HOPE SPREADS

### Together, We Go Farther and Lives are Forever Impacted

When we go, the Gospel doesn't just take root—it spreads like wildfire to neighboring communities. Your partnership with Petros Network in the first quarter of 2025 has set this ripple effect in motion. As we go forward together, the Good News reaches new hearts, ignites faith in unexpected corners, and weaves a tapestry of transformation across regions once untouched. This is the power of our collective mission: every effort multiplies, every prayer amplifies, and together, we watch the Gospel flourish far and wide.

Every dollar given to Petros Network is used to help advance the Gospel to places that have little to no access to a Gospel-witness. Below are the countries your contributions have helped us reach. "I want to express my gratitude to Petros Network for calling me to Dessie and providing me with spiritual training and a FAITH Garden. Your support has been invaluable, and I pray that God blesses you for your generosity."



Kasaw Indigenous Church Planter Ethiopia







"Lord, may we be the greatest conduit for the completion of the Great Commission the world has ever seen."

DR. RAY NOAH, PETROS NETWORK CEO

### Thankfully, we have witnessed incredible results!

CHURCHES -HUBS OF HOPE **PLANTED** 7.9K

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NEW **BELIEVERS** 1.75M

### **Celebrating The Many Lives Reached**

Your partnership has advanced the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Thank you for being part of the story.

### **IGNITING FAITH GLOBALLY**

Your steadfast support has led 1,749,687 new believers to Jesus Christ through Petros Network. Nearly one in five who hear the Gospel respond positively, thanks to your prayers and gifts.

### **EXPANDING GOSPEL REACH**

Your partnership has brought the Good News to 9,233,018 people, offering hope to millions in unreached areas. Your commitment has extended our church planters' efforts beyond expectations, and we are deeply thankful.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF HOPE**

Your donations have established 7,914 churches, nuturing nearly 1.75 million new believers. Your investment has turned barren ground into fertile soil for the Gospel.







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Why 42%? Approximately 42% of the world's population lives in unreached people groups, meaning they have little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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