

THE FOURTH SOIL

2022 Annual Campaign



INTERNATIONAL
PROJECT

THE FOURTH SOIL IN ACTION

Debesh began following Jesus in 2019 after Mahin, a fellow Bangladeshi, shared the Good News with him at the Agape Center in Rome. A year later, Debesh was visiting family in Bangladesh when the pandemic struck. Suddenly Debesh could not return to Italy.

Rather than fret over this change in plans, Debesh saw a God-given opportunity to share Jesus in his homeland. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and building on his rudimentary knowledge of Discovery Bible Study, he gathered several families together. He showed them how to read a series of Bible passages and ask God to help them understand and obey. **Can you guess what happened next?**

One by one, nearly all the families in Debesh's study group decided to follow Jesus! Debesh helped them form a simple church like the one he belongs to in Italy. Then he started a second study with another group of families. Most of them came to know Jesus, too, and became another brand new church. When Debesh returned to Italy, he promptly started a third group there. This third group is still studying together, growing in understanding as they practice obeying what God reveals to them through Scripture.

Who would have thought? Two churches planted and a third group diligently studying the Bible within two years. Within one of the largest unreached people groups in the world, and in a country where traditional missionaries are not welcome. . . **This is the Fourth Soil in action.**

“THE SEED THAT FELL ON GOOD SOIL REPRESENTS THOSE WHO HEAR AND ACCEPT GOD’S WORD AND PRODUCE A HARVEST OF THIRTY, SIXTY, OR EVEN A HUNDRED TIMES AS MUCH AS HAD BEEN PLANTED!”

MARK 4:20





MULTIPLYING 30, 60, AND 100 TIMES

As you know from gardening or farming, most of the work happens long before the harvest is gathered: Tilling the soil, planting the seeds at the right time and spacing, watering them regularly, applying fertilizer, and carefully removing weeds, all while praying for good weather. **A spiritual harvest takes preparation and hard work, too.**

For Debesh, it started with Italian lessons. For Ali, a student from Saudi Arabia who recently told his parents he no longer believes in Islam, English lessons progressed to Bible study. For Seynabou, who is now making disciples in her home of Senegal, she overheard a missionary sharing Christ at a corner store and asked how to do that among her people. For Elira, a new believer from Albania, compassionate food distribution opened her heart.

And before those seeds could be planted, each mission worker, whether serving for a week or a lifetime, had to be trained. At International Project, training means practice. Going out two by two to have spiritual conversations. Learning to lead a Discovery Bible Study. Practicing language about Jesus that resonates with a Muslim or a Hindu. Getting feedback, receiving mentoring and encouragement, and most importantly, persevering even when it's hard.

HOW TO GIVE:

1. Fill out the attached giving envelope, stamp it, and send it.
2. Give online at internationalproject.org/fourthsoil.
3. Write a check to International Project with "Fourth Soil" in the memo.
Mail your check to: PO Box 1646, New York, NY 10026.

YOU CAN HELP!

You are a partner in gathering this harvest. You are also a partner in preparing the spiritual soil for an abundant return. Your generous gifts and faithful prayers bring God glory and make all of this work possible.

You can help to **prepare spiritual soil for an abundant harvest.**

For example:

- **\$125** loves seven struggling immigrant families with a bag of basic groceries, delivered by a disciple maker who prays with them and begins to build a relationship.
- **\$250** trains a group of short-term missionaries to weave spiritual topics into conversations and find "people of peace" who are eager to learn about Jesus.
- **\$500** helps a local church leader from a closed country visit a safe location for in-person training to make new disciples and plant more churches.

Would you prayerfully consider a generous gift to the Fourth Soil campaign?

TWO GENEROUS FRIENDS
ARE EACH OFFERING
A \$25,000 MATCHING GIFT

**YOUR GIFT
DOUBLES**

ON THE FIRST \$50,000 RECEIVED
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