Remembering the promises of God

The Israelites responded to significant acts of God by building altars as expressions of worship and also as monuments to remind future generations of the faithfulness of God.

In 2021, all of us have felt the impact of the pandemic and of the social and economic effects that have followed. Many Novo missionaries around the world have experienced lockdown for weeks and even months. Some have lost loved ones, homes, and ministry opportunities. Even so, we have seen the extraordinary faithfulness of God up-close this year and have learned to rely on his promises even in the difficult times. As Hebrews 10:36 says, “For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised”.

This Annual Ministry Report is our recap—perhaps a moment of remembrance—of God’s faithfulness in action. Even in a time that has been so difficult for so many, God has been at work to transform and renew the lives of multitudes all around the globe.

We believe God is inviting us, during an incredibly turbulent period of history, to be bearers of Jesus’ good news. This is our calling and our work. As we take this moment to remember, and to look to the future, will you join us in this great endeavor?
In the past year, we witnessed these results in the components that make up gospel movements:

**ACTIVATING PRAYER**
Every movement begins with prayer that is focused, strategic, and operates in the supernatural. Activating prayer lays the foundation for gospel movements to launch and thrive.

- **1,617** hours each week our staff practiced activating prayer including intercession, prayer walking, healing, blessing, and listening prayer
- **2,624** people trained to discern strategy for mission, use spiritual authority, and minister to those far from God

**ENGAGING CULTURE**
Movement gains momentum as we engage others where they live. Jesus modeled seeing and serving people’s felt needs as a powerful and transformative expression of God’s love.

- **28,942** relationships built between Novo staff and people walking toward Jesus
- **705** redemptive initiatives were engaged to care for the felt needs of communities where we serve

**MAKING DISCIPLES**
People far from God becoming committed followers of Jesus and then making disciples of others.

- **86,620** people started following Jesus
- **34,027** Discovery Bible Study (DBS) groups started or multiplied
- **453,137** people participated in Discovery Bible Study groups

**GROWING LEADERS**
Healthy leaders are essential for every movement of the gospel to thrive, and developing these leaders is integral to a movement’s longevity and reach.

- **2,961** leaders trained to multiply movements of the gospel
- **946** inactive believers were mobilized into mission and ministry
- **18,765** leaders equipped through Novo trainings

**FORMING CHURCHES**
Through discipleship, training and coaching, Novo staff pioneer new expressions of church and help mobilize the existing church for God’s redemptive mission.

- **93** new churches formed through the ministry of Novo staff and those with whom we work
- **67** of those new churches were formed as the result of a DBS

Novo is a band of creative missionaries sent to multiply movements of the gospel and mobilize the church for that mission around the world.

*Correction: Count for 2020 report was overreported by 8,200. The 2021 number is accurate.*
Our staff live or have a meaningful ministry presence in 115 countries around the world.

Our goal is to launch affiliate organizations with shared vision and values in the countries where we work. These affiliates are led by national leaders and mature into sending organizations themselves.