ChangeMaker Introduction Packet

Help your church meet the national leaders carrying the gospel into their own communities and countries. Use these pages in Sunday school, small groups, missions gatherings, or your worship services.

Who are ChangeMakers

ChangeMakers are national pastors and leaders who make disciples and plant churches. They know the language, understand the culture, and live among the people they serve. Many were discipled by a BMA missionary or another ChangeMaker and are now equipping others to carry the mission forward.

ChangeMakers are the heartbeat of BMA Global's ministry. Their faithful leadership helps churches take root and continue growing within the communities God has called them to reach.

How the strategy works

Go — Believers share the gospel through relationships, local outreach, and opportunities to serve.

Disciple — New believers learn Scripture and grow in following Jesus through ongoing personal investment.

Plant — Equipped leaders gather believers into churches that worship, serve, and make disciples.

Repeat — Disciples train others, leaders develop leaders, and churches help begin new churches.

Why ChangeMakers are effective

National leaders bring language skills, cultural understanding, and relationships that help them explain the gospel meaningfully. Their everyday presence allows them to follow up, disciple families, and prepare other leaders over time. Nationality alone does not guarantee effectiveness; faithful biblical teaching, mature character, and ongoing discipleship remain essential.

How they are trained and supported

Preparation can include biblical instruction, personal mentoring, ministry experience, and church-planting training. Many ChangeMakers receive training through the Bible Training Centre for Pastors (BTCP) curriculum. Others have been trained by a mentor or learn through local institutes and ministry partnerships.

The World Missions Fund provides financial support that helps sustain ChangeMaker ministry. Churches also participate through prayer and encouragement. Support needs vary by place and ministry; no single gift amount guarantees a new church. Partnership strengthens locally led ministry and the development of healthy, multiplying churches.

Meet Some of Our ChangeMakers

Rama B. | Myanmar

As a boy, Rama was struck by a stone thrown at an evangelist visiting his family's home. He decided he would never preach. Years later, Ephesians 2:8–9 helped him understand salvation as God's gift, and he trusted Christ in 1991. He began serving alongside his uncle, Myint Aung, before studying at BMA Seminary and returning to Myanmar as a national missionary in 2002.

Today, Rama serves through house churches, Bible studies, recorded Burmese sermons, and fellow workers who disciple people in their own communities. A sermon recording lent to one new believer became an opportunity for relatives and a neighbor to hear the gospel. Despite conflict and displacement, leaders continue investing in families and new believers.

Why this matters: A message heard in one home can reach another family. Local believers can answer questions and continue walking with people after that first conversation.

Pray: Ask God to protect church families, give Rama wisdom, and equip believers to teach sound doctrine and share Christ faithfully.



Pictured: Rama's family

Lewi Mursale | Uganda, DRC, and South Sudan

Lewi leads the tri-nations missionary movement across the border region of Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan. Its story reaches back to a church established in Ronyi, South Sudan, in 2003, followed by outreach beyond that community.

Displacement carried believers into neighboring countries, where ministry continued. The movement reports more than 59 churches across the region and three new churches in its 2026 update. Fifty pastors are being trained and prepared for church planting..

Why this matters: Leaders who train others help ministry continue across borders and through difficult transitions. Churches become partners in reaching additional communities.

Pray: Ask God to strengthen the pastors in training, provide for their families, and help churches serve communities affected by conflict and displacement.



Pictured left to right: Lewi Mursale, Tony Crocker (Regional Coordinator for Africa), Shadi Saad (ChangeMaker in Lebanon), Charlie Costa (Regional Coordinator for Middle East). These men assist Lewi with his training of 50 pastors in the tri-nations region of Africa.

Gerson Orellana | Panama

Gerson's ministry shows how a church can learn to become a sending church. When the church in Potrerillos was planted, its members had little understanding of missions. Now they are taking responsibility for a new mission among the Indigenous Ngäbe-Buglé community.

One of the first people Gerson shared the gospel with in Panama is now preaching in that community. The believers who received the gospel are helping carry it further. Gerson also invests in developing leaders and hopes to begin additional work as God provides people and resources.

Why this matters: Multiplication grows when believers participate personally. A congregation's investment in another community develops both its witness and its own ministry responsibility.

Pray: Ask God to strengthen emerging leaders, provide suitable meeting spaces and practical resources, and help new believers mature in Christ.



Pictured: Gerson Orellana

Eudo Rodrigues | Cape Verde

Eudo serves as a ChangeMaker in Cape Verde, where he is equipping 27 leaders through the Bible Training Centre for Pastors curriculum. Their preparation is an investment in the future leadership and outreach of local churches.

Biblical instruction helps leaders learn to teach Scripture faithfully and shepherd others. The prayer behind this training is that participants will go on to lead well, make disciples, and plant healthy churches. Those are desired outcomes of the training, rather than completed results.

Why this matters: Training one leader can benefit a congregation and the people that congregation reaches. The goal is for those being equipped to teach and prepare others in turn.

Pray: Ask God to deepen these 27 leaders' understanding of His Word and prepare them to plant churches, lead faithfully, and disciple others.



Pictured: Eudo and his wife, Celia