



Churches Under the Tree

Project Focus

Kenya

A healthy church within walking distance of every African...



THE PROJECT



With the rapid growth of the Kenya Assemblies of God, churches are being planted all over the country every single day. Some regions have seen hundreds of churches planted over the last year.

One of the challenges of planting so many churches is that many new churches have difficulty finding a place to meet. In Kenya, almost 400, mainly newer church plants, currently do not have a place to worship. Many of the congregations are meeting under trees. Due to major rains, flooding, and excessive heat, these churches are often forced to relocate and cancel services. Churches that worship under trees are often seen as transient at best or a cult at worst.

Through the [Churches Under the Tree Project](#), we are able to partner to provide permanent church structures for these pastors and congregations. These buildings not only give churches a safe, comfortable place to worship but also communicate permanence to the community. Ministries come and go, but the local church is there to stay.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Pastor Thomas pastors a church in the small village of Tamkal in the remote mountains of Western Kenya. Before he planted the church, no other evangelical church existed in the area.

They began meeting under a massive mango tree in the middle of town, but because of the major rains in this region of Kenya, they would often have to cancel church because the flooding would literally wash the ground away under the tree.

During phase 1 of the church under the tree project, the church of Tamkal received a permanent building. Pastor Thomas told us this was a miracle. Most people in Tamkal make less than 2 USD per day. Many don't have electricity or running water, using the river for bathing and drinking.

Pastor Thomas told us that before the new church, they were often laughed at for meeting under a tree. Now, they are the talk of the village because of their beautiful building.

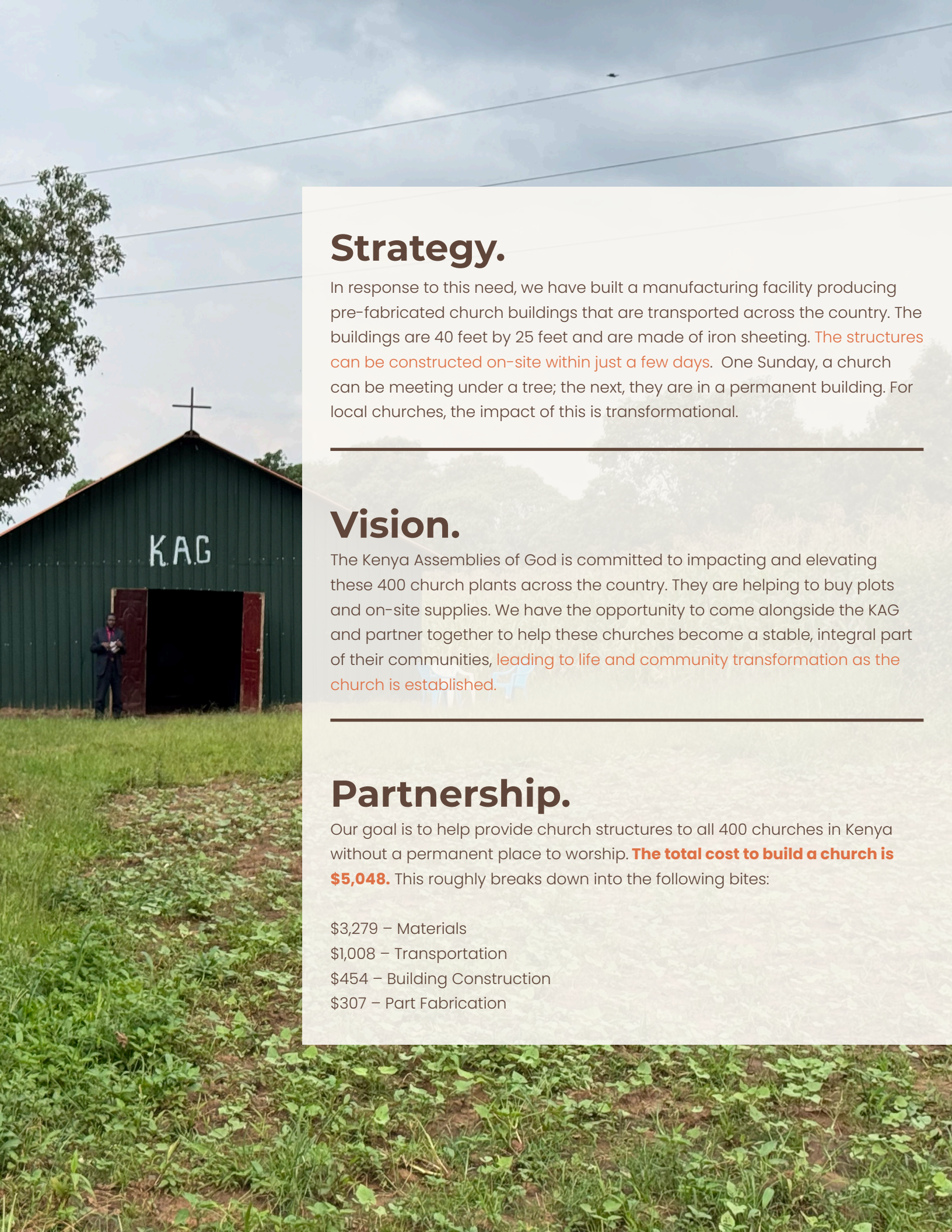
God is using the church in Tamkal to impact and transform the community. Two elders from the church that were hard hearted and lost are now two elders of the church in Tamkal - changed and transformed by the power of God. Their families were so shocked, they've even given the church land where they've now planted a second church about 3 miles away.



Pastor Thomas
& the Church at Tamkal

The story of Pastor Thomas and the church planted in Tamkal shows the transformative nature of an empowered and equipped local church!

**Healthy
Local
Churches
Transforming
Communities.**



Strategy.

In response to this need, we have built a manufacturing facility producing pre-fabricated church buildings that are transported across the country. The buildings are 40 feet by 25 feet and are made of iron sheeting. **The structures can be constructed on-site within just a few days.** One Sunday, a church can be meeting under a tree; the next, they are in a permanent building. For local churches, the impact of this is transformational.

Vision.

The Kenya Assemblies of God is committed to impacting and elevating these 400 church plants across the country. They are helping to buy plots and on-site supplies. We have the opportunity to come alongside the KAG and partner together to help these churches become a stable, integral part of their communities, **leading to life and community transformation as the church is established.**

Partnership.

Our goal is to help provide church structures to all 400 churches in Kenya without a permanent place to worship. **The total cost to build a church is \$5,048.** This roughly breaks down into the following bites:

- \$3,279 – Materials
- \$1,008 – Transportation
- \$454 – Building Construction
- \$307 – Part Fabrication