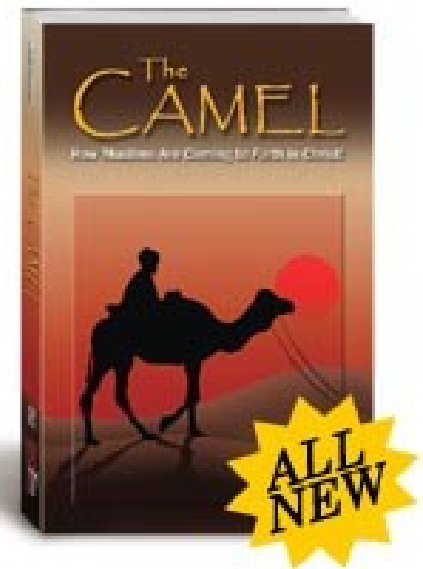


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How Church
Planting
Movements
Do It



Church Planting Movements

- The fourth wave of cell church innovation is a Church Planting Movement strategy rather than a church growth strategy. In the fourth wave, as in the New Testament, all energy is invested in disciple-making and no energy is wasted on creating an institutional church or rebuilding the Temple.

Church Planting Movements

- More aptly named a “disciple multiplication movement,” fourth wave churches begin small, remain small, and continually spin off new small churches rather than grow one larger church. I believe that these evangelistic methods can be highly effective in small churches where individuals are ready to make a serious commitment to making disciples.

HUNTER GATHERER

- Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...
- Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

HUNTER GATHERER

- John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

HUNTER GATHERER

- John 4:37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'
- John 4:38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

HUNTER GATHERER

Mark 4:26-29 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

HOW I ENCOUNTERED CPMs

- Dmin student 2002
- Story that led to the booklet
- 2009 Strategy
Coordinator
Training



STATISTICS from INDIA

- In Madhya Pradesh a Church Planting Movement produces 4,000 new churches in less than seven years.
- By 2001 a Church Planting Movement in Orissa was seeing new church being started every 24 hours.
- A Church Planting Movement among Bhojpuri-speaking peoples results in more than 4,000 new churches and some 300,000 new believers.

STATISTICS on MUSLIMS

- More Muslims have come to Christ in the past two decades than at any other time in history.
- In North Africa, more than 16,000 Berbers turn to Christ over a two-decade period.
- A Central Asian movement sees 13,000 Kazakhs come to faith in Christ over a decade and a half.
- In Indian Kashmir, 12,000 Muslims turn from jihad to the Prince of Peace.
- In an Asian Muslim country, more than 150,000 Muslims embrace Jesus and gather in more than 4,000 locally led Isa Jamaats (Jesus Groups).

VCP Ministry Results

- Village Church Planting model, initiated in 2003, has a presence in 19 African countries:
 - 5,500 African pastors trained
 - More than 5,000 churches planted in formerly unreached villages, with over 300,000 members
- Average *daily* growth of the VCP program:
 - 5 new churches
 - 400 new members
- Investment cost of \$250 per church in 2008

An Example from CHINA

- A Church Planting Movement in a northern Chinese province sees 20,000 new believers and 500 new churches planted in less than five years.
- In Henan Province Christianity explodes from less than a million to more than five million in only eight years.
- In southern China a Church Planting Movement produces more than 90,000 baptized believers in 920 house churches in eight years time.
- In 2001 a newly emerging Church Planting Movement yields 1,700 new churches and 48,000 baptized believers in a single year.

An Example from CHINA

- Into this setting a mission agency assigned a strategy coordinator in 1991 to a region we'll call Yanyin. During a year of language and culture study, the missionary conducted a thorough analysis of Yanyin. It consisted of about 7 million people clustered in five different people groups living in a variety of rural and urban settings. He mapped their population centers and began several evangelistic probes.

An Example from CHINA

- After a few false starts, the strategy coordinator developed a reproducing model of indigenous church planting that he implemented to great effect. In his initial survey, the strategy coordinator found three local house churches made up of about 85 Han Chinese Christians. The membership was primarily elderly and had been slowly declining for years with no vision or prospects for growth.

An Example from CHINA

- Over the next four years, by God's grace, the strategy coordinator helped the gospel take fresh root among this people group and sweep rapidly across the Yanyin region. Aware of the enormous cultural and linguistic barriers that separated him from the people of Yanyin, the missionary began by mobilizing Chinese Christian co-laborers from across Asia.

An Example from CHINA

- Then, partnering these ethnic Chinese church planters with a small team of local believers, the group planted six new churches in 1994. The following year, 17 more were begun. The next year, 50 more were started. By 1997, just three years after starting, the number of churches had risen to 195 and had spread throughout the region, taking root in each of the five people groups.

An Example from CHINA

- At this point the movement was spreading so rapidly that the strategy coordinator felt he could safely exit the work without diminishing its momentum. The next year, in his absence, the movement nearly tripled as the total number of churches grew to 550 with more than 55,000 believers.

POUCH Groups As Churches

- **P** stands for *participative* Bible study/worship groups, describing the type of cell group meetings through which seekers are led to faith and new believers continue as church afterwards.
- **O** refers to *obedience* to God's Word as the sole measure of an individual's or church's success.

POUCH Groups As Churches

- **U** refers to *unpaid* and multiple lay or bi-vocational church leaders.
- **C** stands for *cell* churches rarely exceeding 15 members before reproducing into new groups.
- **H** indicates *homes* or storefronts as the primary meeting places for these cell churches.
- Each of these five characteristics contributed to the reproducibility of the churches in a manner that did not rely upon outside funding, technology or initiation.

Elements of a CPM

- **1. Prayer**
- **2. Abundant gospel sowing**
- **3. Intentional church planting**
- **4. Scriptural authority**
- **5. Local leadership**
- **6. Lay leadership**
- **7. Cell or house churches**
- **8. Churches planting churches**
- **9. Rapid reproduction**
- **10. Healthy churches**

Ascending Grace

- Answer questions with a question:
 What does the bible say about that?
- SOW Bible Study:
 - What does it **say**?
 - What should I **obey**?
 - Who** should I tell about this?

Descending Grace

- Gathering ripe fruit
- Who is ready right now?
- In unchurched cultures where Christianity is new and a very small minority of the population are Christians, there is lots of ripe and ready fruit for the harvest.

Descending Grace: SPRATT

GO out into the world and ...

- S Stories – know and tell your story of grace
- P Prayer – before, during, after
- R Relationships – develop them, meet others

Who? FINI Kinships

- F Friends and Family
- I Interests and Hobbies
- N Neighbors (Geographical)
- I Innovators

PoP: Person of Peace

- P PREPARED by God
- O OPEN to conversations about the Gospel
- P PASTORALLY inclined.
- Persons of Peace are leaders in their communities; when they are saved, they draw in those to whom they are connected in a personal network.
- Frequently they become pastoral leaders.



Descending Grace: SPRATT

TRAINING FOR TRAINERS Meeting

Meet weekly or every other week

- A Accountability
- T Telling: Who did you tell your story to since our last meeting?
- T Training: How to develop your story and who to tell it to.
- Six basic training lessons followed by SOW.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- Find a partner
- Take a piece of paper
- Write some brief notes about your experience of justifying grace (conversion or similar experience of knowing you were alive in spirit)
- Pray over your story.
- Share it with your partner.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- Take another piece of paper
- Consider how you've suffered in this life.
- List some of the problems you've had.
- Write how Jesus helped you in that problem.
- Pray over your list of problems.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

We are going to watch a short video entitled
“Cardboard Testimonies”

It is about people sharing their stories on a single piece of cardboard. It’s very powerful.

Please make a note of the story that most powerfully touches your heart.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- Take a new sheet of paper
 - Prepare your own “cardboard testimony”
 - On one side list your “problem”
 - On the other list the result after Jesus helped you.
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- Follow instructions for how we will share these with one another.

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- What works better in your opinion –
 - stories of conversion?
 - stories of overcoming problems?

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- Who do you know who has a problem?
- Make a list of the problems of people you know
- Add the first name or initials if that's OK (Don't show this list to anyone.)
- How many of those problems did you have on YOUR list?
- Do you know another Christian who had that problem?

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- Who could you tell your story of grace to within seven days?
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- Who will you tell first?