

PARTNERSHIP MISSIONS

CHANGE YOUR WORLD: PART 8

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“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18–20, NLT)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8, NLT)

THE MODERN MISSIONS MOVEMENT:

- 1792-1910: PIONEERS: Continental-Coastlands
- 1865-Present: PROFESSIONALS: Mission Agencies: Continental-Inlands->UUPGs

WHAT THEY DID RIGHT: Recaptured the Great Commission!

CHALLENGES:

1. Requires massive funding for only a “few” professionals.
2. Creates co-dependency in the targeted people group.
3. Unintentionally exported western Christianity.
4. It ignores the fact that UUPGs are best reached by their nearest neighbors.
5. Shifted the Great Commission away from the local church.

RISE OF THE SHORT-TERM MISSIONS MOVEMENT

- 1960-Present: Ministry Centered Missions
 - Volunteers on short-term trips (typically 2 weeks)
 - “Safe” destinations
 - Project centered (one and done)
 - Over 1,000 Agencies sending over 2 million participants annually

WHAT THEY DID RIGHT: Returned the task to ordinary people!

CHALLENGES:

1. Multiplies the problems of co-dependency.
2. Encourages scams and begging.
3. Floods 3rd world countries with “sympathy” money.
4. Hurts the local church.

The Continuing Dilemma: It appears that...

HOPE FLIES IN ON A PLANE.

THE PEACE PLAN



Attacking the Global Giants	Old Missions strategy	PEACE Plan
Promote Reconciliation	Send a missionary	Partner with a local church
Equip Servant Leaders	Send money	TRAIN THE PASTOR & THE CHURCH MEMBERS!
Assist the Poor	Send clothes/shoes	
Care for the sick	Send a doctor	
Educate the next generation	Send a teacher	

WHY ARE WE DOING THE PEACE PLAN?

1. PEOPLE NEED JESUS.

"I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark." (John 12:46, NLT)

2. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING.

"...I will save you and make you a blessing..." (Zechariah 8:13, CEV)

3. IT FULFILLS ALL PARTS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

"Go and make disciples of all the nations... Teach these new disciples..." (Matthew 28:19-20, NLT)

4. HISTORY HANGS ON IT.

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14, NLT)

5. BUILDS THE LOCAL CHURCH.

"...Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church..." (Ephesians 5:25-27, NLT)

HOPE LIVES IN THE LOCAL CHURCH!

ACTION:

PEACE Gathering TODAY!
PEACE Offering NEXT WEEK.