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Training Unit 48

Multiplication – the goal ahead

This 48th lesson looks at the following topics:

- Case studies
- Mentoring a developing DMM
- Setting goals
- The best is yet to come

John 17:18

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

This lesson is about the sending, the ministry of sending and about training for the ministry of sending. Based on the Bible verse above we set Jesus, the great Sent One, as an example for every step of sending.

- Receiving the Holy Spirit, at the beginning of the ministry
- Going – mainly to the villages and towns of Galilee
- Finding persons of peace (Zacchaeus)
- Doing the ministry of the Holy Spirit: healing, casting out evil spirits, raising the dead
- Discipling the twelve disciples
- Forming a spiritual family with his disciples
- Multiplying and starting a movement

Case studies

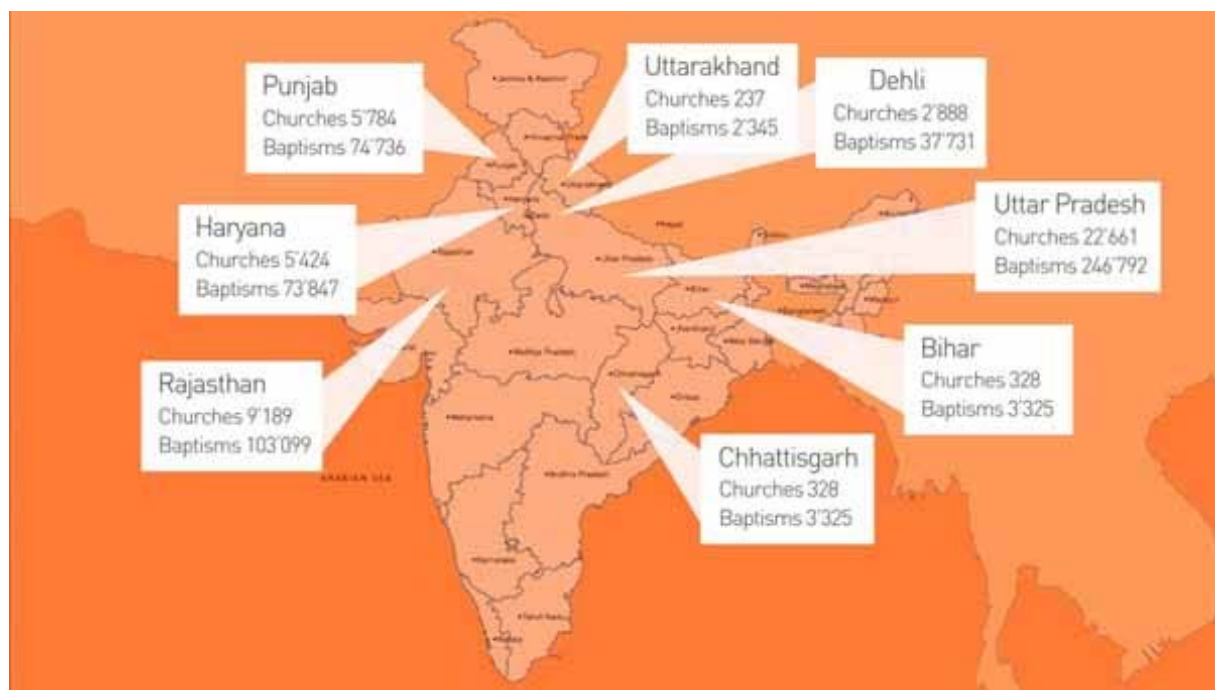
1. Case study: Himalaya – systematically-mobile



The map shows where we have been active. We started a movement together with a team. We worked in a mobile-systematic way. For five weeks we covered the same topics as in this

“BEsent” training. We trained 200 people. The days were structured as follows: Morning: teaching, sharing, application. Afternoon: outreach. 136 of these 200 people are still in the ministry. They have formed 186 teams of 2 to 4 people in 12 big regions of the Himalaya. They have baptized 5,000 people within three years that are now being disciplined in the 300 newly planted house churches. The disciples and house churches have multiplied four times on average. In some places, there are even 8 generations of disciples. The work is not done yet. We will continue to support them, until they are mature and strong enough.

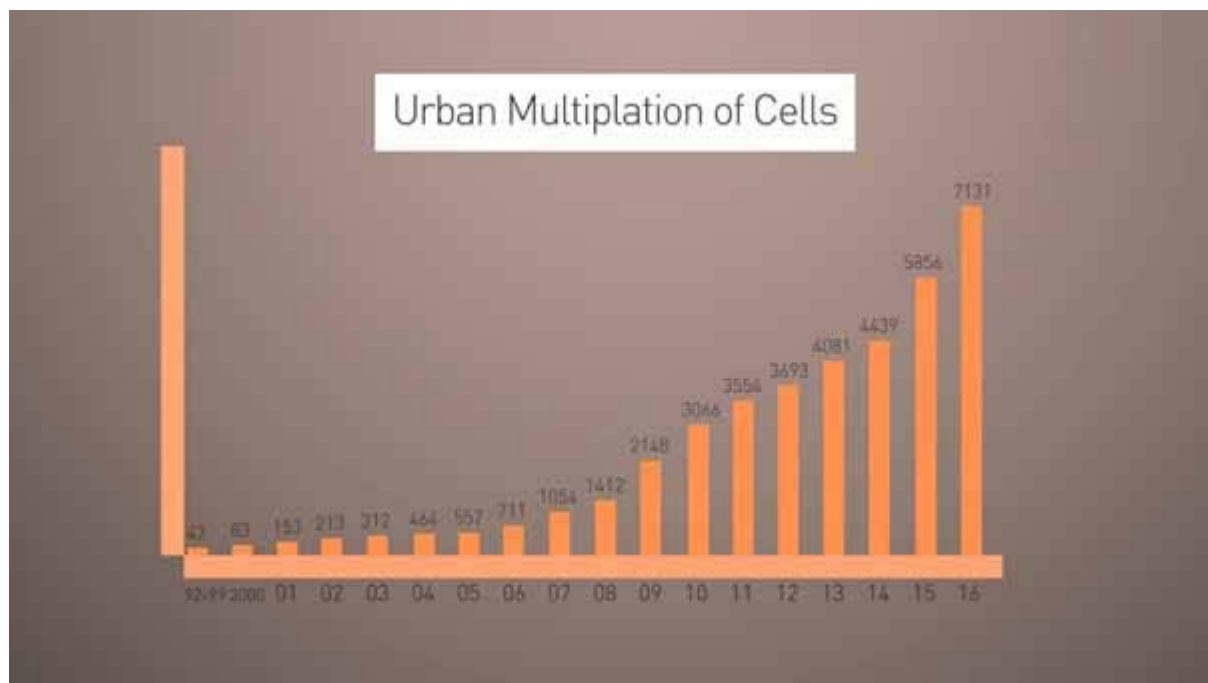
2. Case study: Delhi – organically, locally



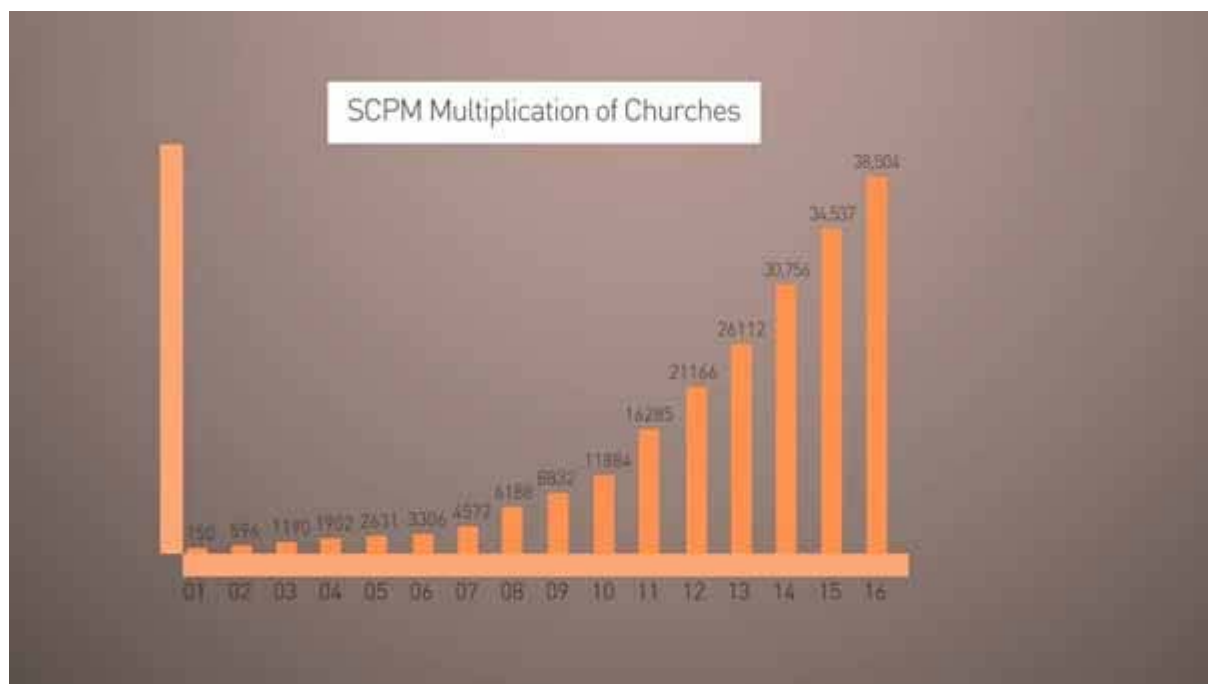
The second case study comes from the capital of India, Delhi. The approach was organic-local in this example. The work began in 1992. A man went to the slums of Delhi, sang songs with the guitar and found a few people who converted. One evening they organized an evangelistic meeting where strong acts of healing happened.

This man was so happy about this evangelistic breakthrough that he laid awake at night and could not sleep anymore. At 3 am the Lord then spoke to him. He gave him two options to choose from: “Either you continue in your power evangelism ministry and I will bless you, or you really start to disciple these people so that they would make disciples of others.” He then decided to follow the discipleship assignment. This work started to spread to the neighboring provinces. The work begun amongst the Dalit, the descendants of the native Indian people (the “untouchables”), but it also reached Hindus of different castes and later also Muslims.

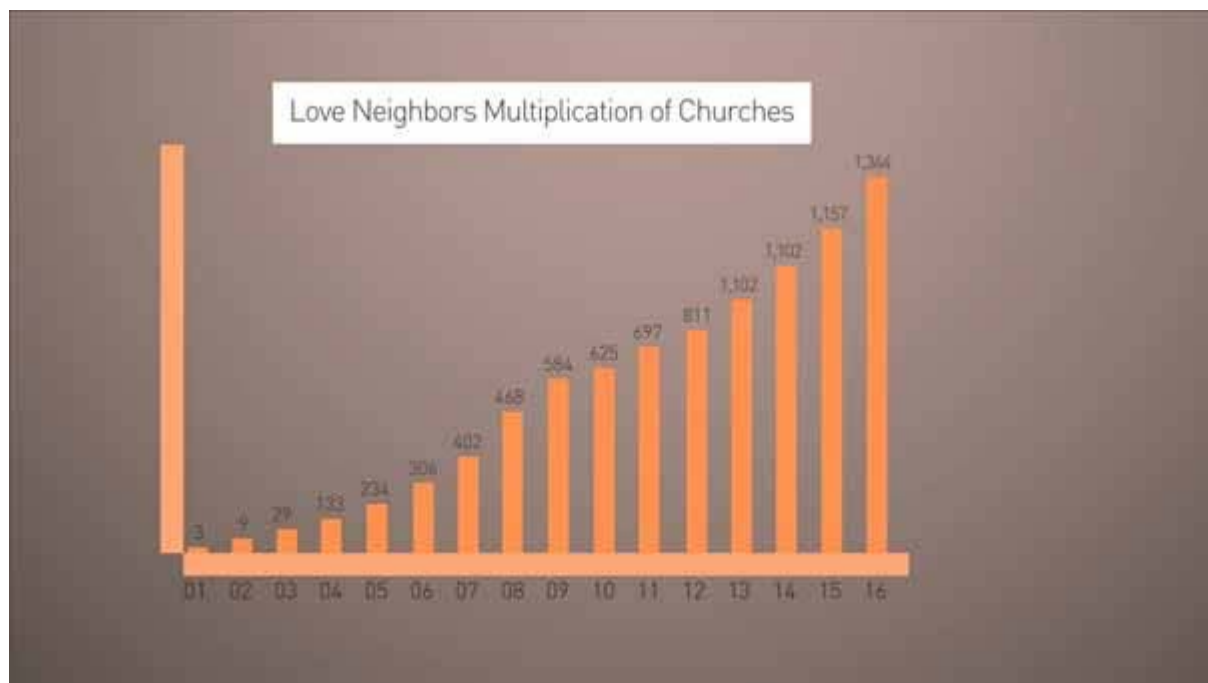
The following graph shows the exponential growth of this work in the metropolis of Delhi, between 1992 and 2016:



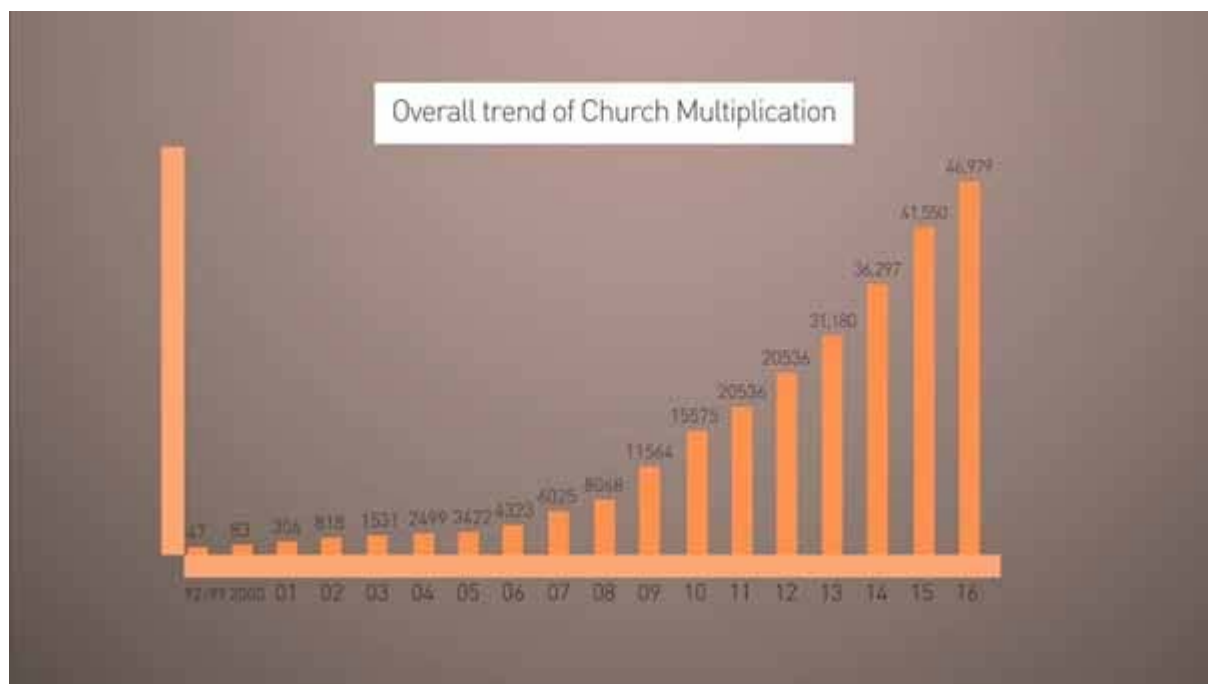
The following graph shows the growth of the house churches in rural areas, between 2001 and 2016:



The following graph shows the growth of house churches in Islamic regions between 2001 and 2016:



The following graph shows the growth of all house churches, between 1992 and 2016:



This DMM ministry grew to about 500,000 baptized persons who meet in 50,000 house churches within 25 years.

3. Case study: India – systematically, mobile



India is a worldwide leading example regarding DMMs or discipleship movements. Dr. Victor Choudhrie is the grandfather of these DMM in India. After his early retirement, when he was 60 years old, he started local movements in Central India. He then worked at different places at the same time. Within 20 years, between the age of 60 and 80 years, he started 25 such movements. He trained people locally and nationally. Whole training chains for sent ones and trainers of sent ones were started.

The development steps in detail:

- Disciples are trained and equipped for the ministry of sending.
- Of the fruitful and successful ones, some become trainers for the training of the disciples.
- From the fruitful and successful trainers, some are chosen to be trainers for trainers, so-called master trainers.
- This ministry of equipping and educating trainers has brought forth 25 movements with several million baptisms and hundreds of thousands of new spiritual families in India within 20 years.

The goal ahead

You cannot just start a DMM and let it run on its own without looking after it.

There are two approaches to start a DMM:

- A) Organic-locally, regional → Requires more time. It took Jesus and Paul (in Ephesus) at least three years.
- B) Systematically-mobile → We have much shorter training times there. However, this also means that longer mentoring times are needed afterwards. On Paul's first and second missionary journey we read about such short training times (between 3 and 18 months). Later, longer mentoring times became necessary because there were gaps in the churches in Galatia and Corinth (see the letters to these churches).

Now, when a DMM is started but the sent ones are not fully trained yet and do not have enough practical experience in all 5 areas of sending:

- Being filled with the Holy Spirit and prayer
- Going, preaching, healing, finding persons of peace
- Discipleship
- Spiritual family and leadership training
- Multiplication

... then this DMM work needs mentoring. It is important to support the DMM during this process to fill the remaining gaps.

As mentioned before, the Apostle Paul planted some churches very quickly on his first two missionary journeys to Antioch, Lystra and Derbe. He stayed at each of these places for about three months and then moved on. These DMM then needed a good and healthy mentoring so that they could grow.



The map shows the geographic areas of Paul's first and second missionary journey.

Mentoring can happen in different ways.

- Through indirect contact: Paul wrote lengthy letters to the churches or his disciples. Today one would write e-mails, skype, call, etc.
- Through direct contact by visiting.

Practical example

All DDM teams are visited once a month in the Himalaya. Twice a year, for one week, all sent ones meet for briefing and evaluation, in which they receive training in areas where there still are gaps.

When we visit the different work fields, mentoring covers four areas:

- The team of the sent ones
- The individual team members
- The new disciples and the leaders they have trained
- The spiritual families

Mentoring the team

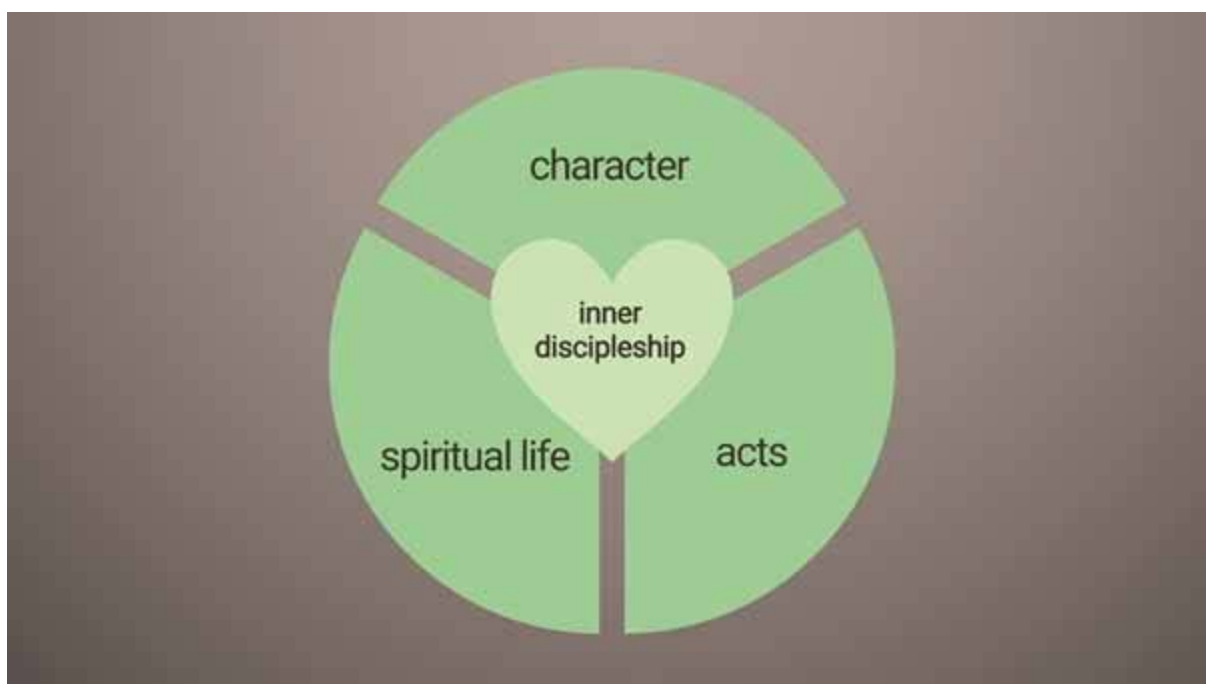
When we visit a team, we look at different areas.

- The spiritual life: do they have times of fellowship and prayer?
- Are they faithful and fruitful in all the steps of the ministry (in prayer, going, discipling, starting and building healthy spiritual families, in multiplication)?
- We continue to train them where we find gaps and we put the emphasis on calling and training new leaders.
- Team conflicts, if present
- Team multiplication, are new people being accepted that can BEsent out?
- Team vision
- Team strategy

Mentoring each sent one

- Does everyone have a healthy spiritual life?
- Is the married life and family life healthy?
- Are they faithful and fruitful in the DMM ministry (in prayer, going, discipling, starting and building healthy spiritual families, in multiplication)?

Mentoring each new disciple



Who was converted? We find out what the spiritual maturity is of every new disciple.

- At which point in the discipleship process are they? In what have they already been trained?
- Which of the 16 topics do they practice autonomously?

	Inner discipleship	Was trained in	Is practicing autonomously
1a	Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ		
1b	Love of the Father		
1c	Fellowship with the Holy Spirit		
	The spiritual life of a disciple		
2	Bible reading, Discovery Bible Study DBS		
3	Personal prayer		
4	Assurance of salvation		
5	Being filled with the Holy Spirit		
6	Living in fellowship		
	Deeds of a disciple		
7	Giving testimony		
8	Going and proclaiming the Gospel		
9	The ministry of the Holy Spirit		
10	Giving and sharing		
11	Making disciples		
	Character of a disciple		
12	You shall love God and your neighbor		
13	Transformational ministry		
14	Forgiveness		
15	Serving (servant heart)		
16	A life of faith		

Mentoring each new spiritual family



We evaluate the maturity of the spiritual families:

- In which of the 12 core values of a spiritual family have they been trained in?
- Which of the 12 core values of a spiritual family are they practicing autonomously?
- How far have deacons come in their training?

	12 core values of a spiritual family	Were trained in	Practicing autonomously
1	Remaining in the word - group DBS		
2	Community		
3	Breaking of bread		
4	Prayers		
5	Signs and wonders		
6	Having everything in common		
7	Giving to everyone in need		
8	With one voice		
9	Daily in the temple		
10	Daily in the homes		
11	Sharing meals		
12	Praising God together		

Mentoring: training leaders

Through this practical evaluation of the quality of the teams, sent ones, discipleship and the spiritual families we can see clearly, what kind of movement is developing and how healthy it is. We examine where there are still gaps and how we can fix these gaps.

- How are the leaders (deacons, elders, sent ones) called and trained? And how are people called and trained for the fivefold ministry?
- We often find a gap here that needs to be fixed during the mentoring time.
- Paul did it the same way by writing letters to his disciples Timothy and Titus.
- Paul taught topics like:
 - Character of a leader, transformational ministry
 - Biblical marriage and family life
 - The fivefold ministry
- ... only later in his phase as a mentor. He gave instructions about how to apply these topics in a movement. For this purpose, he wrote the letters to Timothy and Titus.
- We too should look at these topics during the mentoring time and go deeper where there are still gaps.

Goal setting

Setting the goal is an act of faith. Healthy goal setting creates faith in us and makes us courageous to go forward in this direction. If we were commissioned by the Lord to do the ministry of a sent one, then we should expect that the Holy Spirit is already preparing a ripe and great harvest.

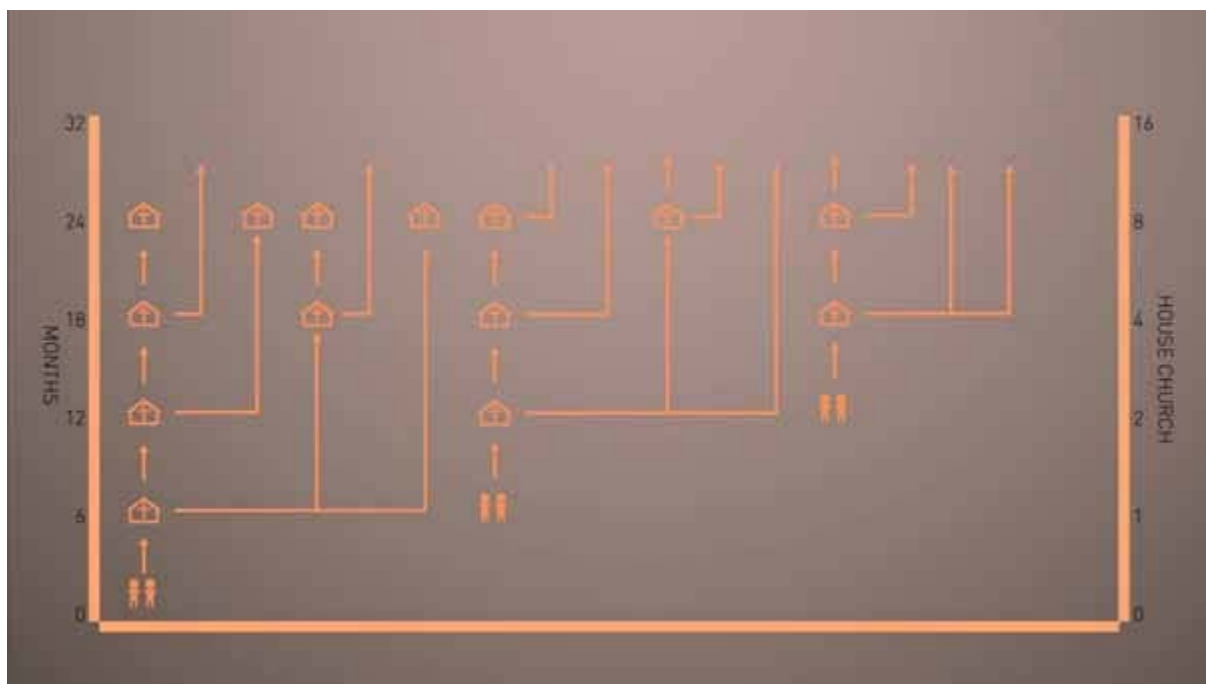
John 4:35

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Matthew 7:7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Of course, the spiritual harvest is not as ripe in some places as in other places. That is why multiplication will be quicker in some places than others.



Example

Here are the goals we set together with the trainees in Himalaya:

The Himalaya region is spiritually in the middle; it is neither very open but also not very closed. We set the following goals during a five-week training for the coming two years. The trainees have already experienced a lot during the training. They practiced and experienced the DMM cycle up to the first multiplication and were sent to their fields as pioneer teams.

Goal I:

- Within the first 6 months, a team starts a first house church (average size: 7 persons).
- The team disciples the new group of new converts (person of peace and his/her house) according to the 16 discipleship topics.
- This is a first generation spiritual family.

Summary of Goal I: After 6 months: 1 house church with 7 baptized disciples that are being discipled intensely according to the 16 topics. This is the first generation.

- After 12 months the team starts another house church.
- The team also disciples this group of new converts (person of peace and his/her house) according to the 16 discipleship topics.
- At the same time, the first generation house church plants a first spiritual family and disciples these new converts. At this point we reach the second generation of house churches.

Goal II: After 12 months: 3 house churches, 21 baptized disciples.

Goal III: After 18 months: 7 house churches, third generation, 49 baptized disciples.

Goal IV: After 24 months: 15 house churches, fourth generation, 105 baptized disciples.

These are realistic goals. People have achieved these goals and the Lord has confirmed it. The key to reaching these goals lies in a thorough and healthy discipleship.

The best is yet to come

Matthew 18:18-20

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

The disciples asked Jesus what is to come at the end. Wars, famines, earthquakes, love growing cold. The picture Jesus is painting is quite dark, but then comes a bright flash of lightning in the dark night:

Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

In the original Greek text this is a very strong statement. It will be preached! It will be this way! There will be a great proclamation reaching all peoples. With this “BEsent” training we want to contribute to this. FOR HIS GLORY.

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group discussion

c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

- d) Share with your group, which are your main disciples and the key people for multiplication that you want to send out.

- e) Each group presents what they learned and the specific goals they want to pursue now: (outreach/group meeting).

Part III: Outreach

Prayer (4 hours/week), going (4 hours/week), discipleship (4 hours/week), community of faith (3 hours/week).

1. PRAYING:
 - A) Prayer walk with a partner or the team for 2 hours every week ☐
 - B) Pray 1 hour for your disciples before every discipleship meeting ☐
 - C) Pray 1 hour before every community meeting ☐
2. GO: to the unreached you have a heart for ☐
3. Look for persons of peace ☐
4. PREACH: the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
5. EXPLAINING: the way of salvation ☐
6. Evangelistic Bible studies with interested people ☐
7. Share your personal testimony with five other people ☐
8. Call to repentance and to follow Jesus ☐
9. FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM AND RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
10. Pray for sick people during an outreach ☐
11. Raise a dead person if you are led to do so ☐
12. Seek to hear God's voice and the guidance of the Holy Spirit ☐
13. Pray for the 200 million persecuted Christians in the world, pray for your "persecutors" and bless those who are cursing you. ☐
14. Continue to teach all 16 lessons to the discipleship group and coach them in it ☐
15. Continue to train leaders of networked house churches ☐
16. Appoint your main disciples and the key people for multiplication that you want to send out. Invest yourself especially into these multipliers. ☐
17. Introduce the mentoring system on all levels and fix the gaps in the process. ☐

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!