

Church Planting Model Comparison

Train & Multiply

Church Planting Process	Traditional Church Planting (10 Foundation)	Traditional Church Planting Modified (PE, Brock, T & M)	Cell Church & Purpose Driven Church Planting	G-12 Church (Modified G-12)	CPM T4T Church Planting
Prayer	Prayer Meeting Each Week and Personal Prayer— Usually lacking and focused on personal needs rather than the lost.	Prayer is important - Prayer Meeting Each Week (especially in homes) and Personal. Team Prays together. Church Prays for the team. Prayer Walking (Team is formed to plant churches the head has to be a pastor, Cper, or mature lay person who has been trained - Others play roles)	Extraordinary Prayer. Daily Prayer usually several hours; Group and Corporate Prayer daily or weekly; Overnight prayer weekly or monthly. Constant Spiritual Warfare; Cell leaders pray daily for group. Prayer Mountains	Extraordinary Prayer. Daily Prayer usually several hours; Group and Corporate Prayer daily or weekly; Overnight prayer weekly or monthly. Constant Spiritual Warfare; Cell Leaders pray daily for group as do new believers. Prayer Mountains and/or retreat centers (Modified - Prayer Walking)	Extraordinary Prayer. Daily Prayer usually several hours; Group Prayer and Corporate Prayer daily or weekly; Overnight prayer weekly or monthly. Constant Spiritual Warfare; Heavy Emphasis on networks of prayer. Leaders pray daily for group as do new believers. Prayer Walking
Spiritual Empowerment	If mentioned in the church planting books, very little practical application. Focus if mentioned is usually just lists of qualifications (character), what Spirit does, and you should pray.	Usually the beginning session of training mentioned. I has specific application in one session and deals with motivations. (Mostly just knowledge)	Some emphasis in materials and retreats but not as much as G-12. Application is somewhat specific to life. Deliverance Ministry. Miracles expected. Some times emphasis on speaking in tongues or slaying in spirit.	Heavily Emphasized during the 2 EGR retreats and periodically in training and cells. Usually emphasis on miracles, speaking in tongues, or slaying in spirit (Modified - doesn't have tongues/slaying)	Heavy Emphasis! All have specific applications of walking and living in the power of the Spirit, hearing & obeying God. Some have incorporated EGR or Keswick training (some have retreats and some not) with specific appl.
Finding Contacts (Persons of Peace)	Crusades or Pastor visit member's relatives or people he has heard would be interested. Some members will tell their testimony or share a tract. VBS is also	Crusades or Pastor visit member's relatives or people interested. Some mature members with gifting share testimony and find	Big Events focused on needs and members invite people to cell groups and personal evangelism. Oikos	Every person finds 12 to be disciples. Ask non-believing friends to come to cell groups. Invite people to several types of big events. Oikos emphasized	"Mass Seed Sowing" Every Believer shares the Gospel to their Oikos and other Persons of Peace using testimony - "M2E". Supplemented by many

	popular. Special projects which meet a need are also used.	persons of peace using Oikos. Other members participate by tracts, leading VBS, special projects or surveys. Oral Methods are valued. Open to Miracles but cautious.	Surveys Miracles Initial Big event is crucial for a church being able to start (the launch).	Miracles (Modified – includes person of peace & each member sharing Gospel even if not brought to cell or Big Event.)	other methods – Films, Surveys, Needs, material drops, etc. With Feedback loops. Platforms in persecuted areas but presence without proclamation is considered pointless. Miracles; In Open People Groups – Large Events
Sharing the Gospel	Crusade or Western Bible Study at the church, members house or at unbelievers house. If members share it is usually by presenting a tract or a memorized presentation (CWT, EE, FAITH, Roman Road, Bridge, etc.) Members don't lead Bible Studies.	Crusade or Bible Study (usually CBS or John but sometimes topical) Location: At the church, members or unbelievers house. Tracts used a lot. A mature or gifted layman can be trained to share the Gospel and plant churches but many times it is pastors or church planters. Says indigenous since most come out of the Ch Gr Movement but not always so.	Big Event or bring to cell group where they hear the Gospel. Some Individual Sharing of the Gospel.	Big Event or bring to cell group. Emphasis on cell multiplication. (Modified – includes each member sharing Gospel even if not brought to cell or Big Event.)	Abundant Evangelism! Whatever it takes! Where ever the non-believer wants to meet will usually share CBS or other Evangelistic Methods. Shares a lot as going along during day without tracts. Tracts are supplements. You don't have to earn the right to share, Christ already earned that right on the cross. Indigenous style based on Worldview. Reproducing locally. Oral methods where have oral people.
Getting to Baptism and Church – Initial Discipleship	Some start with a nucleus from another church, some do not. Follow-up sessions covers topically - Assurance, Bible Study, Prayer, baptism, the church, tithing, and	I've Been Born Again what next? 6 Truths for new converts – covers topically - Assurance, New Life in Christ, Bible Study, Prayer, Relating to family,	The Launch for Church Planting is huge – ½ of cell churches fail because of lack of skill to do and sustain the initial big events. Get people in cells	Cell group on-going; invite to Worship service; invite to EGR; Go through the Navigator series (Modified – Cell groups same as G-12 but in non-oikos areas	6-13 follow-up lessons (based on world-view, obstacles to church, and learning style) Intentional Planting of Reproducing Churches. Each person disciples and trains all the people

Pastor/Elder Training	Seminary or Bible School – Bachelor's Level or SEE	Seminary or Bible School – Bachelor's Level or SEE/TEE Pastoral Training Booklets; BTCP; PREACH/TEACH; Correspondence	Has some Level 3 training supplemented by TEE or Own Bible School or Seminary Asia Pastor Training Seminars emphasized	Firm as a Rock (or own training objectives) TEE School of Leadership Seminars are key.	On-going leadership training based on topics of need – usually monthly or in modules. Each Acts 2 church does it's own training or in the local network.
Strategy Coordinator Training	Seminary – Master's but theoretical	Seminary – Master's but theoretical	Seminary – Master's but theoretical May have in Own Bible School.	Seminary or Seminars	SC Training – Locally; Residential trained is supplementary but the focus is on teaching students to do all these things locally or as a place to retreat for a short time to study. Teachers at residential schools (mobile) should be practitioners.
Area or Regional Leadership/ Specialized Networks	Seminary – Doctoral	Seminary – Doctoral	Seminary or Seminars	Seminary or Seminars	Seminar Style Seminary for certain things in modules.
	Denominational Associations & Conventions where have pulled money that goes mostly for meetings; lots of voting and division. Purpose is fellowship. Lots of auxiliaries for ministry	Denominational Associations & Conventions where have pulled money that goes mostly for meetings; lots of voting and division. Purpose is fellowship. Lots of auxiliaries for ministry.	Cell Ministry – purpose is evangelism, discipleship, and training. Yearly Get together or Quarterly large group training times.	Cell Ministry – purpose is evangelism, discipleship, and training. Yearly Get together or Quarterly large group training times.	Networks – purpose is training and missions. There is no voting or heavy structure – meet together based on needs and relational lines. In open environments there are usually yearly gatherings.
Multiplying Churches	Pastor or trained church planter goes to new place – average multiplication time: 9-11 years. Many never	Pastor, trained CPer, or gifted lay person Church teams planting Churches. Average Multiplication: 2-7 years. Some never	Done but not close by and not always emphasized. Emphasis on multiplying cells. Cells multiple every year (Some never).	Not emphasized (Modified-intentional multiplying CP) Cells multiple every 7-12 months but plateau point based on leader's skills (Some never)	The major emphasis! Everyone plants churches. Average Multiplication: 1-9 months (a few never)

	witnessing. (Usually very Western) This is lead by a pastor or trained church planter. Usually 2-8 sessions	baptism, the church, tithing, communion and witnessing. (Usually Western but 1 was CBS) Usually 4-8 lessons	and in year of equipping.	intentional planting of new churches)	they lead to the Lord. Each new believer can begin the process over even before finish stage Emphasize obedience and teaching others.
Church	Need 10-20 members and constitution; taught the order of worship; very little participation; pastor leads almost everything and needs to have some skill in leading so usually has to get seminary type training first; Building is expected; Paid Pastor & usually song books Much dependency on outsiders	House Church acceptable but most eventual get a building. Building is not required. Traditional service but emphasizes participatory teaching Emphasize 3 self because of Ch Gr M. 5 purposes usually done by separate ministries or teams. Church with small gr.	5 purposes done partly in larger worship time and partly in the cell. Lead by a skilled pastor in the larger time. Cell leader in the cell time. Big Central Building Eventually. Church of Small Groups.	5 purposes done partly in larger worship time and partly in the cell. Lead by a skilled pastor in the larger time. Cell leader in the cell time. Central Building - (Modified - Cell approach in central building those most functions at cell but CPM house church approach in other areas.)	6 purposes (do) and be – emphasis on experiencing God and having Biblical Church. Local lay led using POUCH from the beginning. Meet where ever the new believers think best. Discourages building a building. Indigenous focus. The Small Group is the Church.
Discipleship	Sunday School – but little application; some add disciple training time for application but this is rare now.	Discipleship is emphasized but truncated (a few lectures) then into Sunday School where rare to apply. Training Union or LIFE books sometimes.	Usually its own series or equipping ministry. Usually done in modules (Year of Equipping or 101-501).	Navigator Discipleship series; EGR Retreat; School of Leadership; on-going discipleship in G-12 groups going through books of the Bible and areas disciples have need.	Using just the Bible (Usually Romans, Ephesians, etc.) – Universal Discipleship Pattern in groups of 3-5. – Emphasizing immediate Obedience to Scripture. Usually a book mark guide.
Initial Leadership Training – to plant churches	Deacon Family Ministry – inside the church; Church Planting Book	Church Planting Guide or Local Trainings such as PE or BOOST – bottleneck problem	Usually its own leadership training before a person becomes a cell leader or right afterwards.	School of Leadership; start own cell group during this time (OJT) takes 6 months before start own group	Everyone trained from when first saved to share Gospel, disciple, train and plant churches. (T4T) Whatever they are being trained in they are obeying and sharing with others.

Missions	Mission board is created as an auxiliary. Training provided at seminary.	Mission board is created as an auxiliary. Training provided at seminary or cross-cultural institutes.	Each church is its own sending agency. Church does own training or uses cross-cultural institutes.	Each church is its own sending agency. (Modified - each cell is responsible to reach UPGs. Each church provides own training has its own cross-cultural institute.)	Each church is to send people to other UPGs. The networks help in facilitating this. Training is in the Network or local church.
Advantages	Some people get saved and a few get disciplined and trained (but minimal). High amount of knowledge gained during training (though not practical or practiced.)	Definition of church removes some of the extra biblical restrictions and the churches are more indigenous than traditional (though not totally). Open to the miracles of God but cautious. People get saved and disciplined and some multiplication occurs but not exponentially. Many more lay people get involved because there is an emphasis on finding your spiritual gift but most of these find that they don't have the gift of evangelism so in church planting they just support and help those who do (they may have a distinct role on a CP team but never the leader of Bible Studies or churches).	Much Prayer so Much Power. Emphasis on Discipleship. Lay people can lead and therefore multiplication happens quicker. Lots of lay people get trained and can be in leadership positions without having to get paid. Faith in God's Power. Many people usually get saved and cells multiply but not exponentially. Has been successful in upper or middle class literate people in an urban not heavily persecuted setting that already has a wealth of strong leaders that have been trained well.	Many Cell Churches are switching to G-12 - so many of the same advantages. Emphasis on how to walk consistently in the Spirit & hear God. Retreats set aside to do periodic checks in your life. Emphasize discipling and multiply disciples Everyone is a potential leader. Training is OJT. High Expectations Faith in God's power Importance of Prayer (Modified - every cell is focused on its own people group so many UPGs are engaged. CPM focused and can use a T4T style in non-urban or persecuted environments.)	Prayer is key strategy Much Prayer & Power. Emphasis on Discipleship. Lay people can lead everything. Everyone can be a leader. High Expectations Training is OJT Faith in God's Power Persecution causes this type to expand. Fastest Exponential growth in number of disciples, leaders and churches. Whole unreached people groups can be reached. People can begin the cycle of reproduction immediately even after 1 session. Many indigenous churches. Costs little money. No need for a skilled leader to lead things.

Disadvantages	Pastor or trained Church Planter can plant churches but not all members. Many Extra-Biblical Requirements for church, leadership, and planting churches. Expensive way to plant churches & train. Discipleship & training for only a few. Does not work in persecuted areas. Western style churches. Many of the churches are not doing 3-selves. Problem of syncretism & members not obeying Scripture. Little Prayer and Power Very slow growth – many die & go to hell. Most of Denominations spend the money for buildings, fellowships, and bureaucracy.	Pastor, trained CPer, or gifted lay person can plant churches but not all lay people can plant churches. Extra-Biblical Leadership Requirements. Big Bottle neck problems for leadership. Team problems. Many of these people call what they are doing CPM. They do get to some multiplication (churches planting churches) but it is more addition than exponential. Rare to find in heavily persecuted environments. Some Prayer and Power. Growth does not keep up with population growth – People die and go to hell. Most of Denominations spend the money for buildings, fellowships, and bureaucracy.	Need a skilled upper level leader to start so limits ability to start with a local in unreached areas. Hierarchy of leadership that can plateau when initial leader levels or overworked. Come to me philosophy. Rare to find in persecuted environments. Materials are not usually indigenous and very literate. Won't reach large sections of poor or non-literates in society. Rare to find in rural areas. Financially very expensive. ½ or more of the people who try this method fail because of the Launch or not skilled to keep it going. High pressured leadership position with much burnout.	Financial cost is high for retreats, materials and at least one building so found mainly in affluent urban areas in non-persecuted places. Many meetings every week. The need to start with a highly skilled leader who has a good start makes this approach not reproducible for most believers. Rare to find in persecuted or non-literate environments. Required to finish a course before start own group. De-emphasis on Church Planting. Since training is mainly done in module/seminar style the training can take a long time before getting to the upper levels causing a plateau to occur.	Lack of control as the movement expands beyond the initial leader. Hard to monitor and report results. Some networks have not emphasized ongoing training for house church leaders resulting in many problems including plateauing and some doctrinal abnormalities.
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