

SC: Old & New Paradigm

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OLD	NEW
Scaffolding: We began by erecting a scaffolding of temporary material (bamboo) in preparation for building: recruiting foreigners for teams, establishing and maintaining platforms, looking for outside resources	Building: Now we are building sturdy, structurally sound church of permanent materials (concrete & steel): indigenous, locally led and funded, rapidly reproducing bodies of believers (churches)
Mobilize using a mirror: Emphasis is on mobilizing resources (persons and material) from the missionary's home or near neighbor country/culture.	Mobilize using a yardstick: Emphasis is on mobilizing resources closest to the UPG that can most effectively impact the UPG/city.
Platforms: As attempts were made to find ways to establish a Christian worker (missionary) presence, it was assumed that complex platforms would need to be established and maintained.	Proclamation: Experience has demonstrated that there are no "closed" countries. Christian witness is possible in any environment. Presence ≠ Proclamation. Protecting a platform comes a distant second to having opportunity and boldness for proclamation.
Give me ideas: In exploring all possible avenues to find what might work, "brainstorming" was a high value activity.	Give me tools: Having practical tools for implementing what has been demonstrated to be effective is the high value activity that moves toward the end vision.
Research: Information on UPGs/cities was limited. Additional information was necessary in order to devise plans that might be effective in reaching them.	Relationships: While there is always more to know about a UPG/city, the relevant information is now largely available. In order to impact a UPG/city, WHO you know is now more important than WHAT you know.
Wide spread seed sowing: Broadly spreading the gospel in order to provide "access" to the message was the goal.	Getting to church(es) immediately: Rapidly multiplying churches (CPM) is now the goal and provides self sustaining access to the gospel throughout a UPG/city.
Emphasis on principles & theory: An assumption that with principles & theory, the SC would be able to "connect the dots" to plan & implement an appropriate strategy.	Emphasis on hands on learning & practical skills needed to see CPMs: As proven, effective tools were found, we moved to helping SCs to "connect the dots" and actually be able to do what is needed to see CPMs.
Planting a church: How to begin an individual church, or starting new churches one by one	Church Planting Movements: multiple streams of rapidly reproducing churches
GCC Partnerships & Media (primarily): "Jesus" film, radio, foreign volunteer teams, etc.	Local Partnerships: "Mouth to Ear" sharing and partnering with local believers.
Mass Media: Best way to get the Gospel to all your people	M2E=Mouth to Ear: Now the best way to get the Gospel to all your people is to equip, empower, provide accountability to local believers

Study the context: Contextualization was a primary consideration in <u>how</u> to get the Gospel to a people	Study Acts: The scripture is the primary consideration in <u>how</u> to get the Gospel to a people
Research the culture and worldview	Apply what we have learned through research and analysis of CPMs
De-emphasis on language learning: Focus of interaction was with outside resource people	Emphasis on ability to communicate with local people: Focus of interaction is with local people; need the local language
Security: Emphasis on lessening risk. Often led to paranoia and paralysis	Boldness: Emphasis on life of NT believers which included persecution and led to boldness.
Theory and principles	Practice of CPMs
Philosophy of SCs and CPM	Critical analysis: Use of 6-7 case studies
Resistance to Gospel: Assumed that unreached are/would be resistant	Response to Gospel: Experiences of responsiveness of unreached to the Gospel
Little accountability	Much accountability
Doing more new things: Emphasis on trying lots of new things to find things that work. All ministry is of equal value.	Focus on High Value Activities: Stop doing "good" things and focus only on <u>high value</u> things that work
Encouragement to mobilize resources from whole body of Christ	The Resources are in the Harvest!
SCs a small, elite group	Hundreds of SCs
Exclusive to World A	Everywhere
SCs self identified primarily in advocacy, mobilization & prayer	SCs now Model, Assist, Watch, and Leave (MAWL)
Friendship evangelism emphasis: especially among perceived resistant groups such as Muslims	CPMs: multiplying movements of CPM among Muslim Background Believers (MBB)
Goal: hundreds of believers a year	Goal: thousands of multiplying churches
Exclusively Foreign SCs	Emphasis on training Local SCs: local SCs are often the most effective
Theory taught at SC Training	Practicing skills at SC Training
Master Plans: Comprehensive, broad, detailed, long	Master Plan: Short and focused on CPM
Mobilization tools: Major emphasis on brochures, websites, etc. multiple hours	Mobilization tools: Delegated.
Large teams	Small teams mostly with nationals
Teaching concepts	Train and practice: T4T (Training for Trainers), Triplet church, sharing testimonies
SC detached from local situation	SC engaged in local situation
SC role: Supervise and coordinate	SC role: Lead by doing
Volunteers: How to use lots of them!	Local church planters: How they can be more effective
GCCs: How to bring more to my people	GCCs: How to keep them from thwarting CPMs
Who you serve: Primarily asked "How can I serve you?" of foreign partners	Who you serve: Primarily ask "How can I serve you?" of emerging streams of churches

