

Holistic Mission.

'A n 'individual-gospel' without a 'social-gospel' is a soul without a body.

A 'social-gospel' without an individual gospel is a body without a soul.

One is a 'G host' the other is a corpse. E. S tanley Jones. Pioneer missionary India.

- **Holism.**

Definition.

An organized understanding that can consistently explain the relationship, meaning and purpose of all the dimensions of historic and current realities.

Holism: When considering change, improvement or the reversal of any existing order of life, holism seeks to unite and harmonize the personal, economic, social, cultural and spiritual activity of a people in their historic, current lives and practice.

- **Considerations.**

- a. Comprehensive: Takes time. *Human customs become human habits.* They shape the predictable daily living practices whether personal, economic, social, cultural or spiritual.
- b. Consistent: Plan for sustainability, continuity, connectivity and constructive. Chosen methods + faithful inspired, motivators and facilitators, be it person or persons are crucial to s.c.c.c.
- c. Community Based: Human – responsibility; restore dignity and worth. End despair, hopelessness and no answers to *life*.
- d. Convergent: Everything is brought together in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, *their* biblical, historic and Kingdom Of God come, response to peoples economic, social, cultural and spiritual welfare requires a 'whole-salvation' for mankind, Body, Soul, Spirit and circumstances.

Life = Family: Work: Health: Circumstances.

Note: In every nation, city town, village, language, customs and people on earth daily life starts and finishes facing and handling these four realities.

God. o.T. and Jesus n.T. 'see people' living out life in their personal unique demographic lives. Not as an indiscriminate mass of sinners to save.

• **Life Offered.**

O.T. God: Prepares His people (Exodus. First Church) to offer life to the people in the nations He had given them. He commands; **first** love them 'Impartially'

Gods Goal: 'Life' to people. He tells his people to 'copy' His methods. **God's first mission strategy gives a 'method' to his workers, not a message.** Deut 10:17-19.

N.T. Jesus. 'Sees-People' in life and wants to change the level they have.

What come first their Sin or the person?

Matt 9:36. Jesus does not view the Harvest through a Sin problem based paradigm. '**We do!**' He knows their sin but sees the person and what they need.

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| 1. He sees the people. | Every person is valued 'Impartially' |
| 2. He feels compassion for them. | He sees their needs. 'C' stirs by what is <u>seen</u>. |
| 3. He sees them 'distressed' | They have no answers to life. |
| 4. He sees them 'dispirited' | Hopeless in their circumstances. |
| 5. He sees them as 'sheep with out a shepherd' | No one to help, direct, support or solve things. |
- Concern for every person. He loves people; people are His life. C/f. John 4;32;34.
 - Moved with Compassion. He sees them and knows life could be better.
 - Like Sheep needing direction in their circumstances.
 - Wants to help them. I.e. 'I need Workers' if I'm to do that.;
 - There are so many people. 'Harvest'
 - Never refers to them as sinners either en mass or personally.

No mention of their sin or sinfulness, stigmatizing them as bad and needing to be judged. Rather, people needing help, forgiveness and freedom and still loved, valued and accepted. God does everything in His power to do that! '*Your heavenly Father is 'Kind' to ungrateful and evil men*' Luke 6:35. Signed **JESUS**.

Jesus: 'He will not judge (people) by what his eyes see, or make decisions (people) by what his ears hear,' !sa 11:3. '**we do!**' John 7:24. 8:15.

Jesus Goal: He trains 12 core workers in a method that will quickly and effectively make the connection with any person on earth. 'Love them'
No where in the gospels does Jesus refer to any person as a 'sinner' although aware how lost, and in need of freedom from Satan and the forgiveness of sins. They are first and last 'People'

Jesus: 'I have come to stop what Satan is doing to you,

And to give you your life back' John10:10. Paraphrased. Vlc.

Un-Holistic: When harmony is broken. Adams defection not only severed his relationship with God, it at the same time severed the relationship between man and fellow man. Further, the entire substance of the planet was corrupted, shattered and yearns for restored harmony.

- **Global Realities.**

2 Billion Christians. 1.2 B Muslims. 1 B Buddhist. 0.8 B Hindus. 1 B others.

1 B daily income. \$1.00.

3 B daily income. \$3.00.

90% scientific research by and for rich countries.

20% of the poorest share 1% global trade.

1.2 B (20%) No access to basic needs. (Water, Nutrition, Sanitation)

1 B No access to water.

2 B no access to clean drinking water.

1.8 B Under nourished.

500 M On the verge of starvation.

3 B No adequate sanitation.

25-30 M deaths yearly from polluted or lack of water. 60% under 5yrs.

75% of all diseases from water and preventable.

Rural India. Infant mortality between 1-5yrs is 85%. This drops to 5% when a clean water supply is introduced. 2006.

1 B No access to water.

Absolute daily drink minimum. 1.5 Ltr.

Minimum amount for survival. 1 Gal pr day. Drink/food.

Minimum amount for Living. Drinking + food + washing + bathing 5 Gal.

Average person in west uses 100 gal per day.

15 M Children die every year from preventable diseases.

85% of the world's poorest countries are all within un-evangelized nations

Poverty means death; this death is not only physical but mental, social, cultural, economic and irreversible without a holistic gospel.

- **Strategy: Incarnation.**

S.S.S.S.S. Start **S**low, **S**mall, **S**imple to **S**ucceed.

- Enlightenment. *Real-Need & Felt-Need*. R & F. These overlap.
- Paternalism. Overcome dependency.
- Owner of the problems. The Community members.
- Help people help themselves.

* Need? Motivator. Crucial to success.

- **Empowerment.**

- Teach them to fish.
- Overcome fatalism; Hopelessness; Provide Vocations .
- Owner of community development should be locals.

* Need? Facilitator. Crucial to change.

- **Prevention before treatment.**

- Stewardship.
- De-specialize.
- Decentralize.
- Indigenize.
- Working Incarnation.

- **Attitude checklist.**

Have the 'attitude' in yourself that was in Jesus. He did not please himself. Our '*harvest-attitude*' determines '*harvest-worker-attitude*' Phil 2:1-4. Rom 15:1-3.

Agape: means '*Your good at my expense*' everything from God to us flows through this kind of love and attitude in practice towards people.

Questions:.

- What is the priority; People or project?
- Who is it for them or us?
- What is at stake our agenda or their suffering?
- Who are the owners they or we?

- **Teach or learn.**

Chicken Or Egg?

- Character or technology: Soul or Person?
- Gratitude = trust.
- Patience + Endurance = Time.
- What to share? Word or Works? B _ _ _ ?
- Skills training. Illustrate. Samburu Land Youth. Archers Corner. E.Kenya. We are trapped. Skills give us a way out. Come train us. (One of the most un-evangelized people.)

The need:

- Wealth or dignity.
- Pride or identity.
- Self esteem or need?
- Impoverished = Inferior people = downcast; fatalism, dispirited. Matt 9:36.
- Illiterate = incapable = limited life cycles. Economic, social, cultural spiritual. **Note: Must teach English. Teach a tribal person to read and write and you have a literate tribal! Teach English alongside and you connect them to the world providing a way out of the 'poverty-trap. A 'freed tribal'**

Motivation.

- Compassion or justice.
- Soul or life? Jesus: 'Good news for the afflicted' (People suffering Injustice) Isa 61:1-3.
- Them or us. Our agenda or their good? Rom 15:1-3.

- **Warnings**

Watch heroism.

Superior-ism;

Accomplishment-ism.

Try not to fix-up

Try not to do it for them.

- **Balance**

Qualitative vs Quantitative.

Visible vs invisible.

Natural and spiritual; two tracks one railway.

- **Bottom Line**

Need a biblical view of Humanity. *'Impartially important, valued and worth it*

- **Kingdom Work Ethic.**

Separate natural and spiritual. **Kill the** 'Ministry more important' than secular work.

- **Teach them to give.**

- a. Church. Tithes and offerings a must. 'One egg in ten' for Jesus.
- b. Christians. Teach the 'One-another's'
- c. Neighbors. Hindu Kitali. Kenya. Gave bag of rice to orphanage. Jesus: 'Its what the world does what more are you doing?' Matt 5:43-48
- d. Stop the 'Spirit of Cain' which is _____?

- **History of Micro-Finance & Church.**

Often Struggles and fails; Why?

- Primary focus on meeting spiritual needs..
- Church sees M/F as *'just business'*
- Church does not understand the rules of M/F.
- I.e. Pay back some time. Interest. Save for future.
- Churches 'dole-out' not high accountability.
- Trusted facilitators.
- Participants integration; mutual accountability; pricing, product ect.

- **Stewardship spiritual and natural.**

- Save.
- Build Cash flow.
- Good records.
- Encouraged
- Not in need.
- Need stopped by work, not giving.

- **Financing.**

S.S.S.S.S. Start Slow, Small, Simple to Succeed.

- Micro finance.
- Co-op.
- Partnership: Individual; Financier; Church; Trust; Business.

Nigeria Example: Widows. War: H.I.V. Natural; accidental; Cultural Stigma.

Start up: 12 Widows. Skills identified. Daily cash turnover potential.?

Tomatoes; fish; vegetables; sewing ect.

- **Seed money.**

S.S.S.S.S. Start Slow, Small, Simple to Succeed.

- One off.
- Agreed, written down and signed for.
- Prioritize. Self –help. Achievable by them.
- What will give favor?
- Local. One or more villages. Area.
- Raise the standards.
- Give long term hope
- Check up.
- Stop if not sure or default on terms.

❖ **Live and think out of the box.**

- Don't pray and plan your self to a stand still.
- Don't wait until every one is clean and sorted.
- Don't look for perfect workers. Jesus sent 36 two man teams who were Immature, inexperienced, untrained, babes to live and pray with people. Luke 10.
- If it didn't work, stop it, analyze it, *'bin-it or re-incarnate it'*

❖ **Understand Jesus 'methods more than the message'**

- Don't try to out-think, adjust, correct or water-down Jesus methods.
- Problems and delays are opportunities; make things work for you.
- Learn the methods of Jesus it makes the message easier to deliver.

What could you do different right now that would increase contact with people, effectiveness and more people know you are there and give favor?

Kitale Kenya. Scrap computers, hairdressing, metal and carpentry + + + plus.

Nigeria: Worms, school, H.I.V. Bar of Soap + + + plus.

Webuye Kenya. Brick making machines, Knitting machines, bikes, sewing machines, +++

Tribals. Wells, bore holes and cash crops. ++++

Like a maggot chewing it's way through dead flesh.

Endurance; perseverance and patience eat their way through any situation,

Jesus used them while He changed them.

Vic Gledhill. June 2007.

People Are Important.

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