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The mandate for world evangelism is sometimes hindered by not having enough money, no building, or even by language barriers. The establishment of preaching points assists us in overcoming these obstacles. Planting new churches is one of the most effective evangelistic methods available. Throughout my twenty years of missionary work in El Salvador I placed strong emphasis on church planting. As General Director of Foreign Missions I encourage all of our local churches within each national church organization to be involved in multiplication and spiritual reproduction. I would like to share a few things I've learned that may help in the process.

Each local church is a spring board into setting the example and starting daughter churches. This is sometimes referred to as the mother church. It should set the example for the "daughter" works. After starting this church other "preaching points" or "cell groups" should be started in areas where there are contacts. The key to starting preaching points, church plants, or daughter works is to get a contact and when the home is opened, start services there. In some locations preaching points can be started in a

local school or town hall. The Apostle Paul was actively involved in church planting. He was sent out by the mother church at Antioch. He started many preaching points that grew into churches. Many of them started from synagogues, market places, schools, etc. They did not have buildings, trained pastors, or a lot of money. Yet, the seeds planted, germinated, and grew into churches.

A church plant is a preaching point designed to grow a new church. Not every plant will actually grow but surely some will. Yet, we still sow the seed as much as possible, and as many places as possible. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

Such places where services are held are always "potential churches." Some of these "points" will not develop and it will be necessary to go to other areas. The mother church should have "sons" as well as "daughters." Sons are those (male or female) who are ready to launch into the ministry. Daughters are church plants. A healthy mother church will always have sons, daughters, and

eventually grand children. Grand children are the churches and ministers that come out of the sons and daughters.

Place a "son" in charge of each church plant or preaching point. Guide them and begin to disciple leaders that will eventually pastor these churches. Such individuals should have proven their loyalty and faithfulness. It is imperative that the right people are involved in leadership. If the wrong people become involved it could derail progress.

Meetings with the leadership of the daughter churches: There should be a regular meeting with the leaders of the daughter works. It is important to keep evangelism and growth before them at all times. People will become what they are taught. If the focus is on issues and other matters then that will be the focus of the churches.

In the meeting it is important to share victories of growth, healings, administrative successes, etc. However it should never be done in a way to make those that are struggling feel that they are a failure. The negative should not be emphasized. Use the positive to encourage those that are going through rough times. The meeting should be an encouragement to those that are not growing and do not have a victory to report. When leaders leave the meeting they should be equipped with new knowledge; encouraged and with increased faith for the future.

There should be a time of teaching. Evangelism is important and should always be emphasized, but there are also Christian living principles of righteous living (holiness) and administrative needs to be dealt with.

An accurate and honest reporting system should be established for all to give at this meeting. This allows all to know what is being accomplished and progress made toward reaching goals. Finances and growth should be reported.

Special Meetings: In the typology of Israel in the Old Testament we find that there were times when the Israelites joined together in the feasts. This was a time of fellowship, celebration, motivation and feeling that one was a part of something vibrant and progressive. It was not an option. Special events should be held. These meetings can have seminars in the day and then end with an evangelistic thrust where people repent, are filled with the Holy Ghost, and are baptized. Healings will also take place. It is important to get together and see God move, and rejoice over what He has accomplished, in and through the extended family of the local, mother church.

Get out there and plant churches. It's an evangelistic method that works!