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DEVELOPING AN EVANGELISTIC STRATEGY FOR **LOCAL CHURCH/ES**

FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

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PRINCIPLES FOR PREPARING AN EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

1. <u>THE PERSPECTIVE - CRUSADE/ MISSION</u> <u>EVANGELISM</u>

(i) Evangelism in Perspective with Other Churches

"Evangelism is not competitive with the other ministries of the Church, but rather complimentary to them. Each needs the other for the total health of the body and for fulfillment of the Great Commission."

(ii) Crusade / Mission Evangelism must be kept in perspective with other forms of <u>Evangelism</u>

"Mass Evangelism is merely the extension of other forms of evangelism and, in particular, personal evangelism. In Crusade/Mission Evangelism many different methods are emphasized."

(iii) Co-Operative Evangelism must be kept in <u>Perspective</u>

"Co-operative Evangelism is never a horizontal union requiring uniformity among all participants, but a vertical unity, whereby we commit ourselves to a common purpose, the proclamation of the Gospel"

- (iv) The <u>Ministry</u> of the Evangelist in Perspective *"The gift of the Evangelist is never to operate within a vacuum, but rather within the context of the Body of Christ and the gifts of the Church."*
- (v) The <u>Mission</u> in Perspective "A Crusade is not a method, but rather a mission that encompasses an entire city or area, employing a variety of evangelism methods based on biblical principals."

2. <u>PURPOSE - PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF CRUSADE /</u> <u>MISSION EVANGELISM</u>

- (i) To Evangelize the Community
 - Combining the ministries of <u>Personal Evangelism</u>
 - Evangelism and **Proclamation**
 - <u>Evangelism</u>.
- (ii) To Strength the <u>Local Church</u>

The evangelism of those without cannot be separated from the rekindling of devotion of those within.

3. <u>PREREQUISITES TO ASSESS WHEN TO LAUNCH A</u> <u>CRUSADE/MISSION</u>

- (i) <u>Concern</u>
- (ii) <u>Commitment</u>
- (iii) <u>Climate</u>
- (iv) <u>Convenience</u>

4. <u>PREPARATION - THE ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS</u>

- (i) **Organization**
- (ii) <u>Recruitment</u>
- (iii) <u>Training</u>
- (iv) <u>Function</u>

4. <u>PROMOTION - FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE</u> <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

- (i) Publicity & <u>Advertising</u>
- (ii) <u>Involvement</u>
- (iii) <u>Personal</u> invitation
- (iv) Wider <u>co-operation</u>

6. **PROCLAMATION - EVANGELISTIC PREACHING**

- (i) The <u>Task</u> "The proclamation of a historical, Biblical Christ as Saviour and Lord, with the view to persuading people to come to Him personally and so be reconciled to God." (Lausanne Covenant)
- (ii) The <u>Message</u> "To spread the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins and was raised from the dead according to the Scriptures and, He now offers forgiveness to all who repent and believe."
 (Lausanne Covenant)
- (iii) The <u>Message</u> should have authority, simplicity and urgency.
- (iii) The <u>Preacher</u> should preach for a verdict.

7. <u>PRESERVATION - DECISIONS INTO DISCIPLES</u>

(i) Immediate <u>follow-through</u>

- (ii) Long <u>range</u> follow-through
- (iii) The great follow-up agent

8. PRODUCT - LASTING BENEFITS TO THE LOCAL

CHURCH

- (i) Training of <u>Laity</u>
- (ii) <u>Unifying</u> of Christians
- (iii) Emphasis on <u>Witness</u> and <u>Evangelism</u>
- (iv) New <u>additions</u>
- (v) New sensitivity to <u>church</u> and <u>community</u> needs
- (vi) A new appreciation of the <u>power</u> of <u>prayer</u>
- (vii) Spiritual renewal
- (viii) <u>Voice</u> of <u>God</u> to the community

9. <u>PERSON - THE MAN GOD USES</u>

• Must be certain he has a <u>personal experience</u> with

Jesus Christ

- Must be certain he has a <u>call</u> from <u>God</u>
- Must have a systematic <u>devotional</u> life
- Must be a person of <u>prayer</u>
- Must be <u>Spirit-filled</u>
- Must have a <u>compassionate</u> and <u>sensitive</u> social conscience
- Will have a <u>love</u> for his brother and sisters in the ministry