



INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSION

UPDATE

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Dear Saints:

This Update is dedicated to the visit of Dr Robert Coleman on Sunday 24th May 2009 at the invitation of ICM in sponsorship with ACTS Church, Kuala Lumpur. Dr Coleman started this grueling trip from his home in Kentucky, USA, was grounded in Chicago for 24 hours due to engine problem and arrived in Singapore in time to make his connection to Kuala Lumpur and to preach two services there. He was to have conducted a seminar for 300 pastors including his former students but did not make it. I was his substitute.



He also did an ACTS TV interview which was most challenging. We will transcribe and release the proceedings to you in our next issue. Dr Coleman returned the same day to Singapore to make his connection back to the USA.

This is an act rarely seen today. It speaks to the dedication and commitment of a truly righteous and holy man of God. When asked if he should abort his trip altogether when he was delayed in Chicago, Dr Coleman said to me, “Hin Hiong, I have given you my commitment to come and help you and I intend to honor my word”. What a statement! Speaks volumes of the lifestyle of a truly dedicated evangelist, teacher and author. He exudes and exemplifies Jesus in His love and compassion for the lost.

We live in an age where in many parts of the world the door to evangelism is wide open. The needs and opportunities for gospel growth are unprecedented. In an attempt to address these needs the church has often resorted to short-cuts and relied on the latest witnessing techniques. However, if the Great Commission is to be fulfilled in our generation we need to rediscover Jesus’ heart for evangelism and embrace his methods.

In his classic *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, Dr Coleman looks at Jesus’ strategy for evangelism and draws out simple biblical principles which must characterize our evangelism if we are to be effective and follow the Master’s Plan. This classic volume was first published in 1963 and since then has been reprinted eighty-seven times and translated into numerous languages. Dr Billy Graham summed up its significance when he wrote: “Few books have had as great an impact on the cause of world evangelism in our generation as Robert Coleman’s *The Master Plan of Evangelism*.”



We are profoundly grateful to Dr Coleman for allowing us to use his material as the basis for our “Foundational Truths of Evangelism” study guide. His personal commitment to world evangelism is evident not only through this act of generosity but has been demonstrated throughout his professional life. Currently he is the Distinguished Professor of Evangelism and Discipleship at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts, USA. Prior to this he was Director of the School of World Mission and Evangelism at Trinity International University, while also serving as

Ministry Associate of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Dr Coleman is also a founding member of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism.

Let me give you a summary of his message at ACTS Church Kuala Lumpur on May 24th, 2009 attended by over 800 adults and young people.



Dr Coleman with Pastor Kenneth Chin & Khoo

The 9 Principles of Evangelism

I. Incarnation – Jesus became a servant

How Jesus went about His purpose to win the world. Until we learn to be a servant, we have not earned our credibility.

- Serving people brings opportunities to disciple.
- Finding the felt needs.
- Seeking persons in need is our responsibility.

***We must take
the servant's
mantle!***

Matthew 9: Sheep without a shepherd

A shepherd goes out to his sheep. The crowds are ...in thousands. He knew they were looking for a deliverer. They did not understand who He was, why He came. But, He saw the hunger of the people for someone to lead them.

Pray to the Lord for the harvest! And he will give you the solutions.

II. Selection – Jesus looked for disciples

- Pray for God to raise them up.
- Notice receptive hearts, especially those drawn to us.
- A few such persons are within our circle of influence.
- Keep a low profile.

***We must
concentrate
on learners!***

Jesus walked away from the great movement of revival. He chose a different way. He found Phillip, Nathaniel. He chose 12 and then a closer 3.

III. Association – Jesus stayed with his disciples

***We must be
close to
growing
disciples.***

- Bring them into the routine of your daily life.
- Seek ways for having casual fellowship.
- Arrange times together for prayer and study of the Scriptures.
- Arrange extended periods for reflections together occasionally.
- Make clear the most obvious principles.

Many people are coming from dysfunctional families – how can they learn? Learning from failures, they could learn more. With God's grace, CORRECT it!

- Growing churches are those that multiply in small groups.
- Make disciples in the routine of life, the way we live out our faith.
- Come up with ways that will give opportunities to share.

Do not rely on official meetings of the church to make disciples.

IV. Consecration – Jesus expected obedience

- Stress the practical aspects of faith.
- Accept a discipline of devotion and work.
- Expose them to situations that challenge their commitment.
- Embrace the cross daily.

We must follow Christ to learn of Him!

People will look at you and if you follow Christ, they will follow. Faith is expressed in obedience. We must put efforts to bring discipline into the fellowship.

What is the motivation that keeps us going? LOVE has to be the motivation. John 21: The Great Commission follows the Great Commandment.

V. Demonstration – Jesus showed them how to minister

We must model Christ's teaching

- Let them see our priorities and values lived out.
- Share the inner life of the soul.
- Make clear what is meant by personal ministry.
- Shortcomings and failures can become means of teaching.
- Prayer is the beginning.

He put words in their mouths. They can see His compassion for the world.

Luke 19: Zacchaeus – the tax collector

Jesus knew who Zacchaeus was, but He wanted to go to his home. He sees your failures and shortcomings. You do not have to be perfect but you must be honest. They need to see you as you are – clay feet like themselves.

VI. Delegation – Jesus gave them something to do

- Make specific assignments.
- Utilize their gifts and skills.
- First duties can be routine tasks.
- Give them more & more demanding ministries.
- Help them take leadership roles in the church.

We must involve learners in ministry

Look for those who will open up their homes – build a relationship. To people who show interest, everyone needs to be involved.

Great Commission is a lifestyle!

VII. Supervision – Jesus made his disciples accountable

We must check on them

- Have frequent times of review - Ask questions.
 - Work on attitudes and character traits.
 - Affirm their strengths and self-worth.
 - Avoid becoming authoritarian.
- Let the Word speak to them.
 - Keep the focus on Christ, not yourself!
 - Seize moments to teach principles. One common sin among church workers is self-pity.

VIII. Multiplication – Jesus anticipated fruitfulness

- Disciples become like their leader.
- Develop a vision of multiplication.
- Dream together with them about their roles in the harvest.
- Anticipate the final gathering.

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It is a working day now! We will rest in the next world. Bear one another's burden!

IX. Impartation – Jesus gave them His spirit

***We must let
the Spirit of
Christ have
His way!***

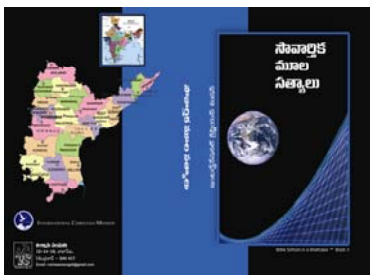
- God's work can only be done in His power.
- Cherish every disciple in whom you see the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- Trust them to His leadership.

The presence of Christ is not a reward of heaven; it is the joyous experience of every disciple fulfilling the Great Commission. He identified His work and the Spirit in John 14, 15 & 16.

Acts 2: They were of one mind and in one accord

The Spirit of God took over. We are in the age of the Holy Spirit working. We are nothing more than a witness and behold a miracle. It is a lifestyle.

APPEAL for This Update



▪ **Book 3 on Evangelism launched in India**

From June 23rd to 27th June 2009, ICM will launch the Master Trainers' program in Gujarat. The book has been translated into Gujarati and Telugu languages. The cost for this seminar for 50 master trainers is US\$ 11,000, including the cost of printing 17,500 books. We urgently need your contribution. We are focused on finishing our objective of reaching 100,000 villages by the year 2015. We truly need your help now.

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