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My Brother's Keeper

We Can't Get There From Here

When so many tasks lie before the Church it is difficult to know which one(s) to do first. There is always work to do "inside" the Church – raising church budgets, building new buildings, educating the disciples, and many more. Tasks "outside" the Church also abound – reaching people with the Gospel, helping the poor, planting new churches and many more.

For the welfare of the world, for the betterment of mankind, for the advancement of the Kingdom in our time – according to the Bible – one task is the most important. Today's supreme task is the planting of churches in every nation on earth. The other things (inside and outside the Church) do not contradict this notion, they reinforce it. Do missions consist of equal and parallel strategies between which the Church must never discriminate? No, every biblical activity of the Church is good, but some are urgent.

Neither should we oversimplify the situation, as if Christians

could do one task and leave all the others undone. When Nehemiah built the wall some carried stone, some brought water, some mixed the mortar and others laid the stones in place. One supreme aim guided the entire effort. In missions today many tasks are carried on together. The multiplicity of good things must not, however, crowd out or cause the Church to lose focus of its supreme responsibility – reaching people for Christ.

God has commanded those of his household to go and make disciples. This assumes that those who are already disciples are being trained and equipped to carry out this responsibility. Nonetheless, this is where today's Church has stalled. In fact, it is on this point where the Church faces a deep divide among its members. Some are so impressed by the physical needs of people (and who can deny them) that meeting those needs becomes the highest present purpose. It has been well documented that

individual churches and entire denominations who follow this theory and theology of "new missions" have all but abandoned evangelism.

The great need of the world today is just as it was in the Era of the Gospel (4BC-33AD) – salvation to those who believe on Jesus Christ. And "how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14-15). Alleviation of suffering in the world will accelerate exponentially as solid churches of Christ are multiplied among the three billion unreached among the Nations.

In my years as a pastor I watched a parade of gadgets and gimmicks come down the pike, all of them promising to mature the disciples and grow the church. Some worked, temporarily at least, while others just

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flopped. The reason they failed is because they fell short of the biblical mandate – yes, the care and feeding of the congregation is the central activity, but the planting of new churches is the God ordained outcome.

For this to happen the Church must, above all else, win on the Education and Discipleship level. Only Bible believing, preaching and teaching churches can multiply themselves. Nothing will advance the Kingdom more rapidly than for every tribe and tongue,

every kindred and nation to become disciples of Christ, in whom there is no Jew or Greek. We will never achieve the brotherhood of man without the fatherhood of God. When we consider the level of biblical illiteracy in the church of today, it is obvious we can't get there from here. Something has got to change.

Sincerely,
Clark Ivey, President

9% of adult Americans have a biblical worldview.
20% Of adult Americans consider understanding the Bible as important.
50 million adult Americans depend solely on the Internet for their spiritual experience.

– Barna Research Group



Andy Wiebe, Clark Ivey and Dr. Heinrich Dirksen

Miracle at Paderborn

By Andy Wiebe

A Russian-German church in Paderborn, Germany may soon become an effective catalyst of what we have prayed and worked for these past two years. Heinrich Epp, pastor of the Paderborn church, says that the German translation of the BTCP material is something that he has been dreaming of since he started serving his 600 member church 25 years ago.

During the last weekend of August I had the privilege of conducting a Teacher Training Workshop with about 12 pastors, elders and future leaders in Paderborn. It was a humbling experience to see these leaders committing their time and energy to God's Word. After intensive training sessions, we discussed how to start and maintain Bible training groups in Paderborn. As the TTW was concluding, all of us were amazed as Pastor Heinrich Epp told us about the 70 students enrolled to date in the program. Four weeks later, the Paderborn Bible Training School officially

started with over 100 students, five qualified teachers and six helpers.

In 2009 Clark Ivey and Dr. Steven Jett introduced the Administration of Bible Seminary Bonn to the concept and 10-course curriculum of BTCP. The next year, 2010, BSB formalized a partnership with Compassion World Outreach. Everyone involved believed that God would bless the partnership and what we are now seeing at Paderborn and other parts of Germany is "faith become sight."

Many German church leaders are using the BTCP materials for training workers in their various ministries in church and mission work. In addition to the newest school at Paderborn, BTCP groups are meeting in Cologne, Dresden, Baden-Wurtenburg, Regensburg, Bopfingen, Hagen and Berlin. There is a hunger for Bible training and theological studies in the Bible believing churches of Germany.

At Bible Seminary Bonn we are

blessed to facilitate the BTCP program in the land of the Reformation. The value of the BTCP curriculum rests in the fact that each of the ten course manuals is based on the Bible. There is no better way to equip lay ministers to serve an entire generation of people in darkness and disorientation than through intensive study of God's Word.

As I think about what God has already done through BTCP here in Germany and our expanding vision for the future, I am reminded of the passage in Isaiah 55: 10-11:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out of my mouth; it will not return to me empty."

Thank you for your support and prayers for the partnership of Compassion World Outreach and Bible Seminary Bonn.

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"Studying the Bible is not a privilege reserved for theology students.

It is the responsibility of all Christians."

– Dr. Heinrich Dirksen, President, Bible Seminary Bonn
