The theme of the previous issues has been a growing global movement to get to No Place Left for Christ to be named (Rom. 15:23). Our deep aspiration is to launch kingdom movements in which disciples and churches can multiply throughout an unreached people group (UPG), region or city. Our longing is to see Matthew 24:14 fulfilled in our generation—the gospel going to every remaining UPG or UUPG (unengaged UPG).

Yet a people group or city will not be reached without a Spirit-empowered movement that can exceed population growth.

Church-Planting Movements (CPMs; also called Disciple-Making Movements (DMMs)) are kingdom movements in which disciples, churches and leaders multiply many generations throughout a place or people group. Such movements are not uncommon around the world now, but may be uncommon to most of us in our personal experiences. Practically how can our generation implement a comprehensive plan to catalyze God-movements that will get to No Place Left among the ethne of the world? With the majority of us lacking personal experiences in kingdom movements, how can we move toward this vision?

**FOUR STAGES TO NO PLACE LEFT (OR FULFILLMENT OF MATT. 24:14)**

A model is emerging which provides hope that we can greatly increase the frequency of CPMs among the unreached of the world. Over the last 20 plus years, the number of these movements has grown among groups from various worldviews and on every continent. But for a person or team that has never experienced a movement in a home context to see a movement start by the power of the Spirit in a people group that has no gospel witness is a huge jump. By taking steps toward this in smaller stages, we are getting to be more successful when a missionary team arrives in an unreached place.

That process is summarized as follows:

**Home hub:** A team (or individual) in a home culture finds a hub in their home culture to live out CPM practices among both the majority and minority/ethne populations of their context.

**Field hub:** As the team develops proficiency at home and begins to make forays into unreached areas, they move to a field hub among the unreached where a fruitful CPM team can mentor them for a year or more. The new team sees CPM principles in action in an affinity similar to the UPG on their hearts.

**Unreached People Group (UPG) hub:** The team then moves to a UPG in that affinity bloc, able to use the tools, or slightly adapted tools, seeking to launch a CPM/DMM there.

**Multiplying Movements:** Once a CPM emerges in that people group, rather than exit, they take the hot coals from the fire of that movement and help expand the movement to other nearby UPGs. At this stage, movements are multiplying movements.

**HOME HUB**

Remember one important truth about launching missionaries from home hubs: This is a global task and home hubs should emerge in any country...
which has the church of Jesus Christ. A home hub can emerge in Manila, London, Rio, Delhi, Shanghai, Houston, Nairobi or Prague. Antioch sending bases should emerge wherever the church exists. Just as the Antioch church sent out 40% of its leadership to the mission field (Acts 13:1-3), the sending hubs of the world must sacrificially give their best to the greatest mission of the church.

Home hubs face two challenges. First is the willingness to adapt our priorities to Jesus’ Great Commission priority and make the sacrificial last push to finish the task. **We do not lack the resources, just the resolve.**

Second, though we sacrificially send people, we most often send missionaries who lack experience in multiplying disciples, much less multiplying churches, leaders and movements. Our missionaries are ill-prepared for the task ahead.

An ideal scenario would be that a missionary team leaving a home hub already understands and practices the basic spiritual lifestyle required to get to a kingdom movement at home—whether among the majority population or ethnic populations (especially immigrants to our home lands). The jump to a cross-cultural ministry is great enough. To add a ministry philosophy
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many of the missionaries we’ve received
around the world lack basic abilities to
evangelize the lost, much less to disciple
them in multiplying ways. For the
sake of the lost, we must make these
beginning adaptations at home.
Fortunately, a number of these home
hubs are emerging around the world.
Right now they are in early stages,
but we need a concerted effort for
churches to take up the calling to serve
as home hubs. They must be willing
to pursue a CPM/DMM model
(perhaps in addition to their existing
model) and provide a context of loving
accountability in which individuals
can be mentored to launch movements
at home. Whether these mission teams
rise up from that city or converge
on that city, we need home hubs to
emerge in every sending nation with a
model that will work well among the
unreached. The specific tools among
the unreached will be adapted, but the
kingdom principles and lifestyle will
be similar.
As the team, in a context of multiple
teams in the city, learns to make
disciples who can make disciples
among the majority and minority/ethne
populations, they will begin to make
short-term forays into various affinity
blocs of the world to seek the Lord’s
direction for a UPG to target with the
kingdom of God.
Two things are needed to make home
hubs a consistent reality: 1) Home hub
churches in which the senior pastor
and leaders embrace this model and the
vision to send teams to finish the task
abroad. They must bless and support
experimental zones in which these
teams can learn CPM principles. 2)
Coordinators at these home hubs who
will make the logistics of such home
hubs work. A number of church leaders
are willing to walk this path but need a
champion to make the ideas a reality.
Field Hub
Logically, it would seem that learning
to implement CPM principles at home
would make implementing them in a
UPG the next step. But the cross-
cultural jump of applying CPM/DMM
practices in a foreign context is so great
that it is actually faster for teams to stop
along that journey to be coached in a
context in which a CPM is going or on
the way. That context should be similar
to the one the team will end up in.
For instance, if the team plans to
target a Buddhist UPG in South Asia,
it makes sense for them to take one or
two years to base in a place like Delhi
or Kathmandu with a field hub team of
experienced CPM practitioners. In that
case, they can walk the streets or
dusty roads with these practitioners—
both foreigners and nationals. CPMs
are more easily “caught” than “taught.”
In the spirit of those CPM efforts,
they will find culturally-appropriate
CPM tools, national partners, Great
Commission coaches and increased
faith that will equip them to launch
into another UUPG of that same
affinity bloc.
The time frame for this can be a year or
two, but the goal is for them to learn
and add value to the kingdom work
there. Basic language study in a trade
language may be appropriate during
this stage. Once they have developed
some proficiency in ministry, they will
be ready to take the next step toward
their own people group. Alternatively,
it may become apparent to them that
they are not suited for this type of
pioneering work.
In many affinity blocs, field hubs are
emerging—nationals and expats with
CPM experience who are willing to
receive a coach or a number of new
missionaries from various nations. The
hub team’s vision is the greater advance
of the kingdom beyond their own
city or people group. A number are
willing, but one great obstacle hinders
the development of field hubs: field
hub coordinators. Coordinators are
needed who will oversee the logistics
of receiving new personnel and helping
them get plugged in to the local efforts.
Such logistics are beyond the purview of
the CPM practitioners in that hub. The
practitioners would gladly receive the
missionaries IF someone would oversee
the logistics. Perhaps this would be a
retired couple, a family or single with
the gift of service or perhaps a college
graduate taking a gap year or two.
UPG Hub
When the team leaves the field hub to
launch a CPM in an unreached area, it is
less a matter of time than of proficiency.
When the team has demonstrated the
ability to give themselves to the high
value activities of movements and
produced the fruit thereof, they are
ready to tackle their own UPG. In the
early stages of leaving the home hub,
a team may feel the two year stint in a
Throughout the history of the church, great pushes toward finishing the task have been matched by great sacrifices.

field hub is a delay in the UPG strategy. But in actuality, it is very likely they will be able to fast-forward CPM ministry in the new context because they have already tasted, smelled and touched a CPM in a similar context.

A number of us who have been a part of CPMs well understand the dark period of trial and error to find the keys to unlock a movement in a people group or city. If we had had the opportunity to see it modeled for us in a context similar to our own, the waiting period for a breakthrough and the mistakes we made along the way may have been lessened.

A benefit to teams launching into a UPG after the field hub stage is that it is very likely they will have formed relationships with near-culture nationals who may move with them or come for short-term trip to help launch the new movement.

The UPG launch toward a CPM is the stage of this progression we are so familiar with: the missionary team that has been sent from a home culture to a foreign culture—yet with no experience or mentoring in the movement dynamics they seek to implement. Teams at this stage need much training and coaching in movement dynamics, which is where many of us devote our efforts.

Hopefully, the four stages can shorten the years of frustration that many teams experience in trying to launch a movement among the unreached. Four stages does not eliminate the need for training and coaching, but it makes that task much easier. We cannot dictate when God will launch a movement, but we can posture our lives to better move in conjunction with His Spirit (Mark 4:26-29).

**MULTIPLYING MOVEMENTS**

In the early days of CPMs, we often talked about an “exit strategy.” The idea was that when a movement began to spread among our people group, we were ready to exit the work and go to a new place. Now we realize we were a bit off in that thinking. **Instead of exit, we should expand.**

CPMs are much easier to start if the hot coals of a movement are transferred to nearby people groups! Disciples from within these movements already know how to walk a CPM path with a high level of faith. They know how to find people of peace, how to reach their households, how to plant the initial DNA of disciples who are fervent followers of Jesus and fishers of men. They know how to implement discipleship, church planting and leadership development methods that are simple enough that new believers can practice them and pass them on. And, these hot coals are similar enough in worldview, culture and language that they can get to the heart of this UPG much faster than distant-culture believers can.

In a number of places around the world, catalytic missionaries have decided not to exit but rather to expand the movement to cascade into other UPGs. They are launching short and long term teams of national disciples to start CPMs in these places.

To the growing vision to get to movements of multiplying disciples, churches and leaders, we must add “multiplying movements.” The great need here is missionary catalysts who will broaden their horizon from a movement among a people to multiplying movements among many peoples. We should emulate the Apostle Paul who picked up Timothy’s, Priscilla’s, Aquila’s and Epaphras’s from the fires of existing movements and helped them start fires in new places.

At the end of the day, we may never send enough missionaries from home cultures to finish the task. Fortunately, we serve a Lord who told us to pray to the Lord of the harvest for more workers—workers that would arise from the harvest (Luke 10:2). This was the King’s plan from the beginning to get to No Place Left in our generation.

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