



La Misión de San Lucas



Two Missionary Teams in the NT

Last Sunday we hosted our annual luncheon at Christ Church Anglican in Overland Park with over 60 people in attendance. I shared that the New Testament is built around the story of two missionary teams. The first being Jesus and his disciples and the second is the Apostle Paul and his companions. The purpose of these teams was to announce the arrival of the Kingdom of God in the person and work of Jesus Christ. They invited their respective audiences to repent and receive the forgiveness of sin which paves the way to be grafted in to the people of God. Jesus specifically invited the outcasts of Galilee (the poor and the sick) to come into the kingdom and Paul invited the Gentiles to do the same.

Three important things need to be understood about these teams. First, they felt a sense of urgency to their work. They wanted to reach as many people as they could with their message. (see Matthew 9:35-38) Second, they were mobile units. Jesus and his crew walked the dusty roads of rural Galilee and proclaimed the gospel primarily to Palestinian peasants. He refused to settle into one central place and avoided the cities. (see Mark 1:36-39). Paul and his companions went to the urban centers spread around the Mediterranean Sea. Sometimes they spent weeks in one place, at other times they were in one place for months. Thirdly, both teams were supported from outside sources. Their urgency was so great that they laid aside their jobs to become full time missionaries. Jesus quit his job as a carpenter and proceeded to convince twelve other men to quit theirs and become “fisher of men.” Their support came from the villagers who accepted them into their homes and fed them (Luke 10:5-7) and from individuals who gave from their personal funds. (Luke 8:1-3). Paul and Barnabas quit their church jobs as prophets and teachers in Antioch and launched out into the mission field. They received support from churches (see Philippians 4:15, 16). Therefore, we see the biblical pattern for those sent by God to labor in the harvest is to receive their support from individuals and churches.

Recently God has laid it upon my heart to launch a five-year plan to plant more Latino churches in the Kansas City metro area. This is a great missionary endeavor. This will require four changes in my life.

1. To reimagine my role from being a pastor of one congregation to becoming a missionary church planter once again. I will continue as the pastor of the church in Kansas City, Kansas but will be focus on evangelism and the starting of house churches.

2. Expand my outreach to other urban areas in the KC metro. Instead of focusing completely on 35,000 Latinos residing in Wyandotte County, I will look to the metro area where 176,000 call KC home. I am currently working with the Christ Church Mission with focus on northern Johnson County and with St. Aidan's with focus on the northeast of Kansas City, Missouri.
3. Focus on the development of indigenous leadership. This will both formal and informal training with the intent of raising up house church pastors.
4. Shut down my thrift store and raise a support team. We closed the store down in early October and have currently expanded our support team from 6 families to 11 families. That leaves us 20 more families to go.



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