

We STOPPED doing things that did not bear Fruit

Context: largely Muslim nation

“After struggling with making an impact in this largely Muslim nation, I learned about T4T (Training for Trainers) and MT (Multiplication Training). I learned about disciple making movements and the principles of sowing seeds to see the kind of results I had been looking for.

So, I made a fresh attempt. We dismantled the idea of pastors. We won key leaders who were trained to win others and to care for people. We began LOCALLY-funded projects, not dependent on western money.

We followed up and taught the disciples to be responsible to share their story and Jesus' story. We completely STOPPED doing the things that did not bear fruit and we started doing new things.

- Today we have 1700 new believers within these groups. They have made disciples who are making disciples, down to 7th generation.
- In another area there are 1,100 new believers and the generations go down to 6th generation.”

Lessons learned

1. Almost all successful movement makers struggle for a while learning what does not work, and becoming desperate enough to throw out most presuppositions/ideas and previous unfruitful practices. Struggle is essential.
2. Open to learning something new after struggling with unfruitful practices.
3. Exposures to new principles, practices, and paradigms was important. T4T and MT both contained principles but also simple practical/skill practices that had an impact.
4. More important than learning something, we DID something new. We made a fresh attempt.
5. Disciples making disciplers was a key new idea and approach.
6. We learned Biblical principles and practices of seed sowing and by implication filtering to find responsive people.
7. We stopped doing many things:
 - A. Stopped wasting time, energy and money on fruitless business ventures.
 - B. We stopped bringing believers to a YWAM center for training, rather train on field.
 - C. We stopped exposing local leaders to foreign mission organisation culture.
 - D. We stopped “sit and teach them” practices, rather walk with them and share life together.
 - E. We stopped calling people pastors and using foreign terms.

8. We won from the most lost our best leaders. The resources are in the Harvest.
9. We worked with those who implemented what we taught. They took care of their own people.
10. Local funded. If they cannot pay for it they do not do it.
11. We followed up closely daily, text many times a day. They are responsible not us.
12. We taught people to share two things. Their story and Jesus story.
13. Started doing new things. Was lots of trauma in doing new things

Fruit:

This pattern gives more generations of new believers than we can keep up with. They are less dependent on us, they have their own God given vision of what he will do through them.