Training Movement Leaders in Context

Message to YWAM'ers

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One of the greatest temptations YWAMers face who are trying to start Disciple Making Movements is wanting to send potential leaders in movements to a YWAM DTS and other YWAM schools (or other institutions) for training. When we do this they are exposed to many YWAM cultural values and vision and may be recruited by YWAM out of the movement and into the mission. It's great to grow YWAM, but if our goal is to trigger movements, then stick to it.

They also may go back to their location with many external or foreign ideas and relationships and possible funding sources. Why do we do this, knowing the dangers? Often we are not confident that we can train them locally ourselves using "just in time" training.

We often revert to the methods through which we grew and matured in our walk with God and remember how big a role our DTS played in shaping us. We can't reproduce this experience in a movement, so we send them to DTS hoping it will do our "job" of discipling local emerging leaders for us.

Once they have done a DTS, they are in some ways a "YWAM'er" and will have developed loyalties and relationships within YWAM that can lead to conflicting priorities and influences that are not in line with a movement's DNA and vision. This is a very big issue for YWAM teams aiming to trigger Disciple Making Movements among UPGs.

The biggest danger here is to try and take a short cut to training leaders, rather than to develop a healthy path that leads to a movement.

Some things just should not be done with, or get to the Person of Peace. Why?