



The Davis Report

Prayer and Praise:

- Pray for Don as he begins to develop several ministry partnerships.
- Pray that our monthly support will increase to the level that will allow us to do the work the Lord has called us to do. Our funding goals are great—but if it is his work, He will provide!
- Pray for the nations/people groups who are still without any opportunity to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- Pray for churches who desire to network together in order to do missions into the unreached areas of the world.

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It's Time to Scatter—It's That Simple!

Recently I've been thinking about the principle of scattering. This comes from the two incidents in the Bible that talk about God's desire for us to not only be scattered, but to scatter the gospel of the Kingdom.

This has been on my mind recently as Jeannie and I look ahead to what we need to be doing as we begin this new chapter of our lives. We certainly remain focused on mobilizing the Church to reach the unreached peoples who have no exposure to the gospel. Our task at hand is to provoke the Body of Christ to His good works. That's where scattering comes in.

Consider this, when humanity attempted to do great things, they decided to build a tower to heaven (see Genesis 11:1-4). God corrected their error by scattering them throughout the earth. This was his intention all along. But the leaders of Babel wanted to build a huge facility that would give them a great reputation among men and to keep the people from being scattered.

We certainly see this today in many forms, and unfortunately we even see it in some churches. Are we willing to be scattered outside of the walls of our churches and take the gospel of the Kingdom and the Church to where people live?

Another account of scattering is found in one of Jesus' parables in Mark 4:26-29. Here we read;

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.

Isn't that amazing! The farmer scatters the seed, but no matter what he does the seed grows to maturity, and he does not know how it happens!

This is our desire, to help the Church scatter its seed to the nations. But not only that, we want to help the Church understand that its growth is a mystery. It grows, but we really don't know how, it does it by itself!

This can only happen if we keep things simple. The Lord is teaching us to keep his work simple, and then it will grow! In fact the only thing that every believer needs to do is to just make disciples. It is really that simple. Then we will see the world changed!

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Let me know how we can assist your church reach the unreached nations or use simple, organic church planting strategies to reach your community.

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Travel Plans:

In May, I hope to take a trip to South East Asia to visit our school there and meet with the team that I work with. This is an important time to visit as we are making future plans regarding our direction in the school and seeing what the Lord has in store for this training school.

Just to remind you, I am part of a leadership team trains church planters to reach the unreached of Asia. We have the main school that I plan to visit as well as several satellite schools throughout Asia.

I need to raise about \$2500 to cover my expenses during the trip. I am also hoping to provide scholarships for several of the students. This will be about **\$900.00 for each student** (8 weeks of trainings). Your generous support will help me get there and bless these workers with a scholarship!

Thank You,

Don & Jeannie Davis

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations (ethnic groups), and then the end will come" Matthew 24:14

Will **YOU** partner with us to serve the nations so that together we will be part of God's strategic plan to add every tribe, tongue and nation to His Kingdome rule?

Statistics to Make You Think and Act:

After returning from a consultation regarding reaching unreached people groups in Indonesia I thought I would share with you a few facts to remind us of the task at hand. For example in Indonesia **there are 127 unreached people groups and 26 of them are "unengaged"** meaning they have no believers and no one is attempting to reach them. Can you help? Contact me and I can tell you how.

Now, consider these other facts! (Source: World Christian Trends, William Carey Library, David Barrett & Todd Johnson)

- **Less than 1%** of Christian revenue is spent on evangelism to the most unreached. (pg 81)
- All costs of ministry divided by number of baptisms per year. Cost per baptism in India - \$9803 per person. Cost per baptism in the United States - **\$1,550,000 per person**. (pg 520-529)
- Christians spend **more on the annual audits** of their churches and agencies (\$810 million) than on all their workers in the non-Christian world. (pg 3)
- 91% of all Christian outreach/evangelism **does not target non-Christians** but targets other Christians in World C {>95 Evangelized, >60% Christian} countries, cities, peoples, populations, or situations. (pg 81)

You can make a difference!