

Movement Inertia in Europe



All over the world, but not (yet) in

Europe: Church Planting

Multiplication Movements

Why? What are the reasons? What

can be done?

David Garrison's definition of a church planting movement

- Church Planting Movements are a rapid and multiplicative of indigenous churches planting churches with increases in a given people group or population segment.

David Garrison and Movement- Criteria

- 1. Extraordinary Prayer
- 2. Abundant Evangelism
- 3. Intentional Planting of Reproducing Churches
- 4. The Authority of God's Word
- 5. Local Leadership
- 6. Lay Leadership
- 7. House Churches
- 8. Church Planting Churches
- 9. Rapid Reproduction
- 10. Healthy Churches

Steve Addison and Movement- Criteria

- 1. White-hot Faith
- 2. Commitment to a Cause
- 3. Contagious Relationships
- 4. Rapid Mobilization
- 5. Adaptive Methods

Seminal emphases of Garrison and Addison

- Churches are defined as „house or cell“ churches
- Most churches are led by lay leaders, bivocational pastors
- No formal theological training
- Highly relational cultures
- Non-Christendom tradition as backdrop

Europe the exceptional case

- Exceptional in the lack of church growth
- Exceptional in walking away from its founding story
- Exceptional in moving from mission sending base to mission field
- Exceptional in the lack of God awareness

Why no movement in Europe?

Prayer movements present but disconnected from church planting initiatives

Church planting initiatives are often “resource heavy” as compared with “resource light”

Lack of boldness/ confidence in evangelistic endeavour

Failure to see imagine structures to undergird cell church beginnings

Absence of training to mobilise “non professional” leaders

Probably more happening than we realise but very few ways of connecting signs of hope