


Session 2

New Leadership Challenges Never Before Encountered

PART 1: GLOBAL TRENDS – TODD OSTLIND

PART 2: MISSIONAL TRENDS – JON LEWIS




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Preface

Ephesians 1:17-22

*Spirit of Wisdom,
Revelation of Knowledge of Him
Identification with Christ*



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Managing New Leadership Challenges

- I. *Standing firm*
- II. *Maneuvering the Technology Tsunami*
- III. *Countering moral relativism*
- IV. *Overcoming the collapse of Civility*



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Standing Firm

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Secure the Foundation Stones

- *Scripture/Identity in Christ/Godly Wisdom*

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Build well on the foundation

- *Purposeful/Defined Path/Reality Check/Resources*

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Full battle gear ready!

- *Armor of God/Team up*



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Armor of God

Biblical Meaning

Today's Application

Ephesians 6:10-18


The Helmet of Salvation	Source of truth – Godly Awareness, Eternal Perspective, Principles, Moral Strength	Know who you are at home both, have a Godly perspective on cultural shifts
Breastplate of Righteousness	Alive in God, Source of Protection in battle	Your heart is in Christ, the protector. Challenge you will be attacked for your position. Be Ready
Loins Girded with Truth	Truth and Accuracy, Spiritual insight Prepared	Strengthen yourself with truth, and always search it and prepare thoroughly
Shield of Faith	Work of Christ is the strength, protection	Our strength is in Christ – our skills is in the coaching of Christ, not ourselves
Sword of the Spirit	Ready for battle, Defensive and Offensive, Christ leading the battle	Very much a spiritual battle – be prepared and in the Spirit
Feel Ready with Preparation of the Gospel of Peace	Prepared, Ready, Willing, Peace in Christ	Ready yourself in ALL aspects of your work



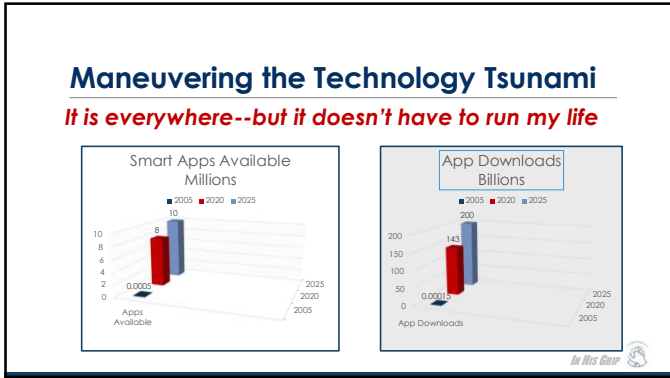
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Maneuvering the Technology Tsunami

- *It is everywhere--but it doesn't have to run my life*
- *Calls for targeted engagement*
- *Be knowledgeable of continuing expansion*



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Maneuvering the Technology Tsunami

It is everywhere--but it doesn't have to run my life

- Importance of building technical muscles:
- Reject its dictator/addictive nature
- Develop a technical watch team
- Inspect, inspect, inspect

"Rather than learning how to solve that, shouldn't we be learning how to operate software that can solve that problem?"

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Maneuvering the Technology Tsunami

Targeted Engagement

Fixed Points of engagement (you control)

- Graduated engagement from early age
- "Earn trust—and then more can be given."
- Know the environment--responsibility

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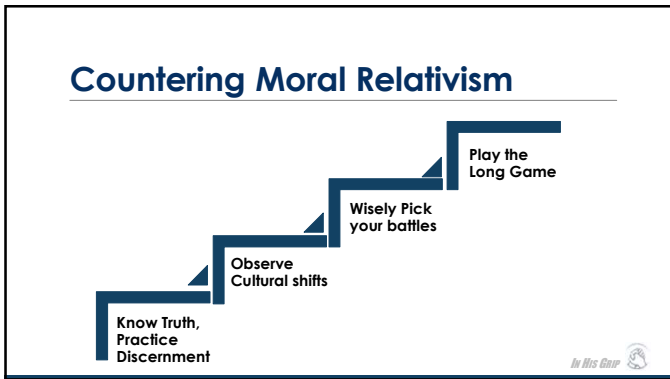
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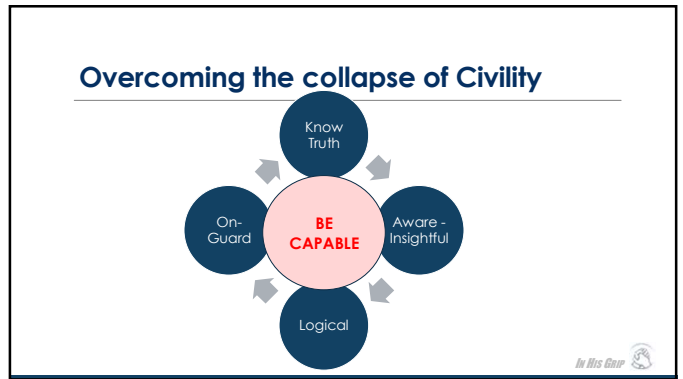
Cape or Crossroads—be a power influencer

- **Superman:** always zooming off to the next fix
- **Strategy-man:** aiming for injection point with greatest influence

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Tools to Help Manage Technology

- Physical Firewall (e.g., Meraki)
- Synology RT2600ac (firewall product)
- Educate Children; www.pluggedin.com
- Apps with Parental Controls
- Chromebooks Security
- Google Kids Accounts
- Google Family Link
- Amazon Parent Dashboard



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Techniques to Manage Technology

- Train to discern good from bad, true from false
- Establish self-accountability training
- Physical limitations; limited smart phone access, public computer placement
- Timed access



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Church's Role in Managing Technology

- Develop a robust IT Department available to parents
- Offer Technology Newsletters
- Identify Technology Guidelines and Manuals
- Develop accountability groups



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Summary – Call to Active Engagement



Gain Knowledge

Ephesians 1:17 revelation in the knowledge of Him



Develop Expertise

Disciplined, watchful
Effective communication

Hold fast to Wisdom

Ephesians 1:17-18 Spirit of
Wisdom, eyes of heart
enlightened

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Encountering brand new leadership challenges

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- Changes in the Mission Force
- Changes in Mission Strategy



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- Antagonism towards Christianity
- Rise of Post-Christian Mission Fields
- Explosion of African Youth

B. Changes in the Mission Force

C. Changes in Mission Strategy



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- Acceleration Global North → Global South
- Africa as largest Christian continent

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- CPM/DMM – Church Planting Movements
- Use of technology for mission ministry



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What are the implications of these new missional challenges?

How should we respond?

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Question to key mission leaders:

What has changed in the missional world in the last 3-5 years that forces church/ministry leaders to think differently or in new ways in order to remain effective and relevant for God's Kingdom?

Summary of all answers:

ADAPT & INNOVATE



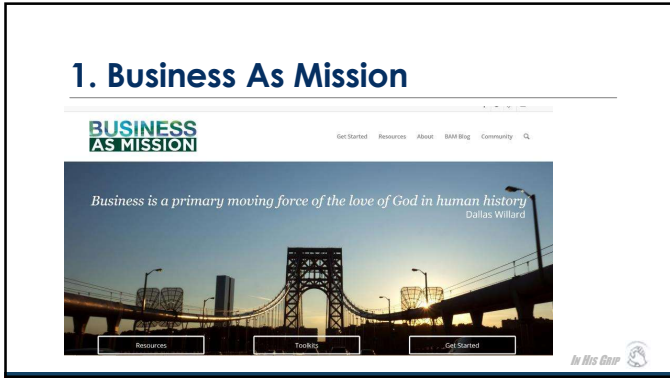
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Examples: Adapting & Innovating

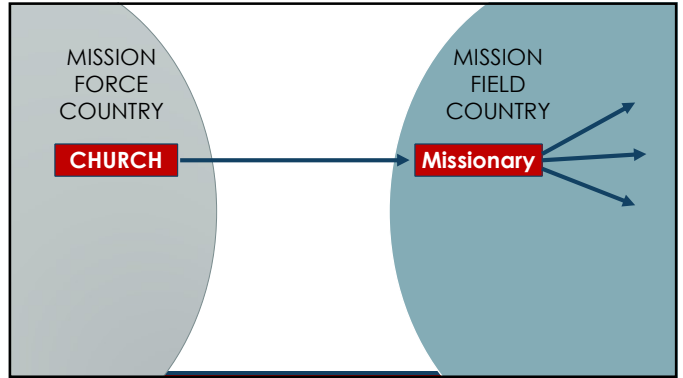
1. Business As Mission
2. Church Planting Movements
3. Networking via Technology
4. Mobilizing Youth in Missions



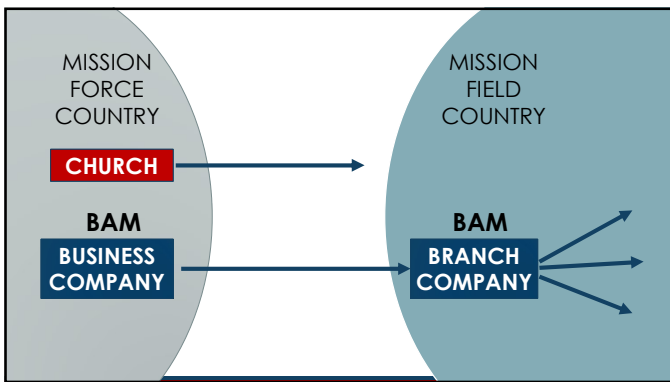
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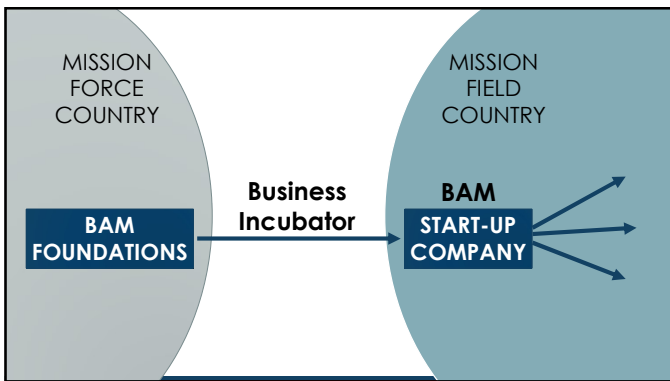
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2. Church Planting Movements

- CPM and DMM are some of most effective mission strategies in the world today.
- Use **“Man of Peace”** and **“Discovery Bible Study”** methods of evangelism and discipleship.
- Create self-reproducing house-churches that become movements.



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Example: Church Planting in Madagascar



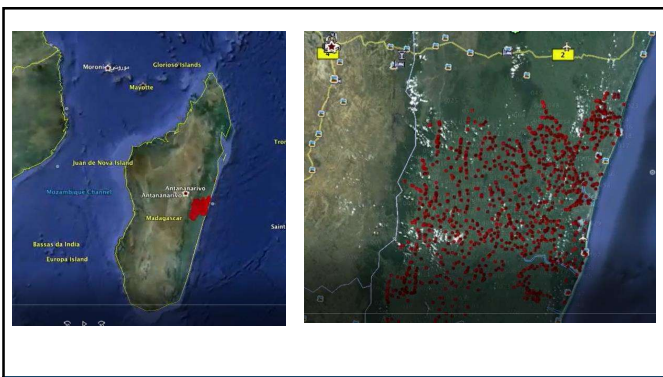
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40 Church Planters

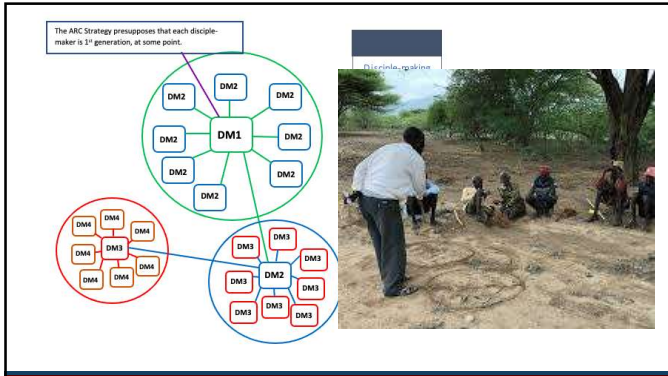
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120 Church Planters

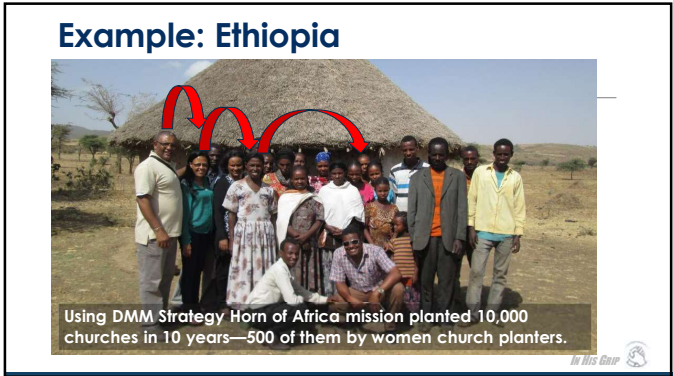
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3,000 Churches
In 10 years

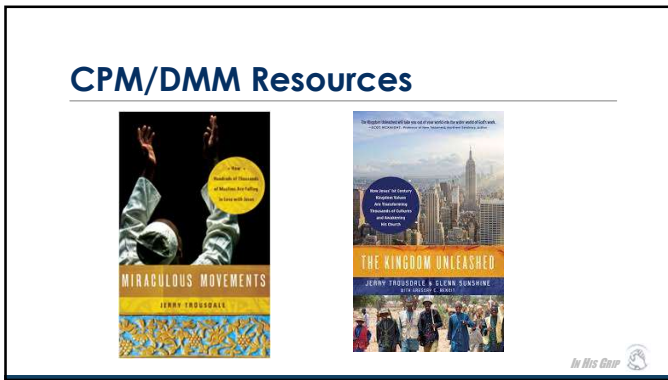
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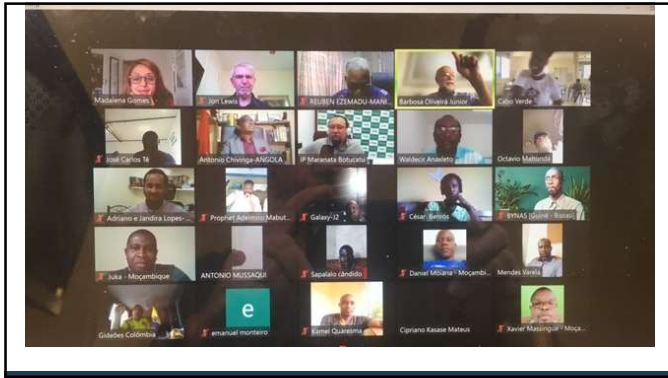
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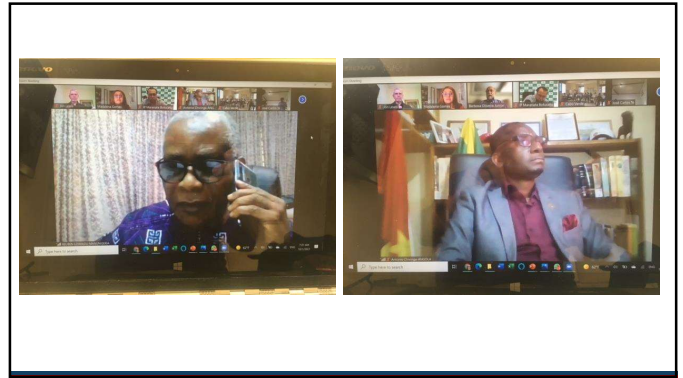
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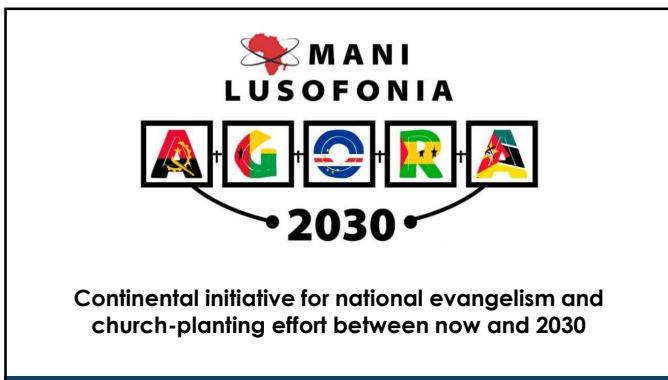
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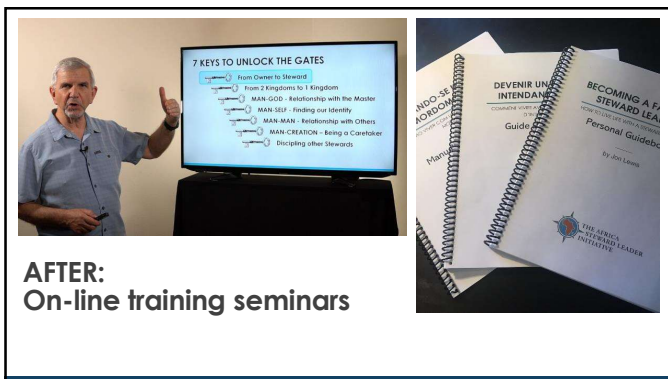
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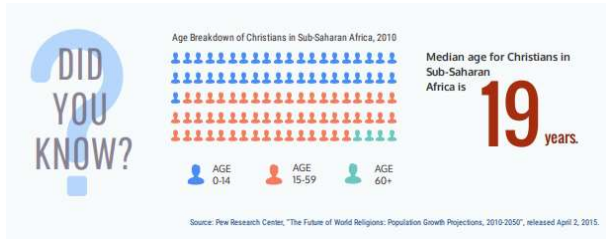


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4. Mobilizing Youth in Mission



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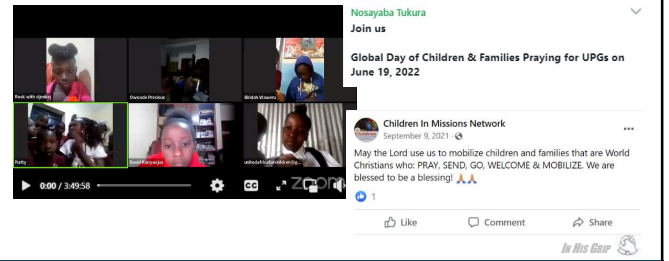


Angolan students in China being disciplined in mission



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Mobilizing Youth in Mission



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Summary—Adapt and Innovate

- **Adapt** to increasing globalization
- **Adapt** to increasing conflict & hostility
- **Adapt** to increasing moral relativism
- **Innovate** with new technology potential
- **Innovate** with new missional strategies
- **Innovate** with greater emphasis on youth

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Small Group Discussion

Considering both the **global and missional trends** that were presented:

1. Describe the new challenges that are impacting your church/ministry.
2. Discuss possible ways to adapt and innovate in responding to those challenges.

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