



MISSION BEYOND COVID-19

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First Things:

- God's mission continues, God will continue to send, and the people of God will continue to go into all the world.
- Even though we can detect changes that will affect missions, no one knows how COVID-19 will permanently change our missions praxis.
- Practice will always flow from theory. Paradigms determine praxis. Metaphors shape methods.
- This virus crisis is an accelerator: of decline for that which was declining and of growth for that which was emerging.

A shift in Missions Imaginary:

- From Expansionist to Localised
- From Conquistador to Guest
- From Industrial to Indigenous
- From Great Commission to Great Commitment (John 17:18-25)

In Sum:

- There is now zero tolerance for imposition
- We need a whole-of-life approach
- Christ followers from group-oriented societies will need to show us how to do missions this way.
- Our focus should be on "transformative collaboration"
- By our "love for one another" unity, the world will know and believe.

Potential Praxis Outcomes:

Localised/indigenous missions, energized by...

- Transformative trans-border collaborations, towards planting
- Deeply committed one-another churches (not simply broad-spectrum CPMs), that then generate localised/indigenous whole-of-life gospel missions movements to unreached within their reach.