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# Mission Beyond COVID 19 What?

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# How has OMF International responded to the current issues?

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- **Spiritual & Missiological Reflections**
- **Organizational Reflections**
- **Operational Reflections**



## How has OMF International responded to the current issues? Spiritual & Missiological Reflections



**Have we trusted too much in our own plans, strategies, programs, ...?  
Have these become idols?**

- Humility towards God: ministers of the new Covenant [2 Cor 3:6] => transformation by the Holy Spirit

**Workers are gone, churches stay. What is our new role?**

- Exercise of listening, equip local believers, training for missions, mentor coach intercultural workers

**The gospel has spread traditionally by trade, migration and professional missionaries. Have we embraced the full orb of the Kingdom ministries?**

- Accelerated trend Diaspora Mission: Utilized mission to the diaspora, through the diaspora and beyond the diaspora. (Beyond Borders)
- Accelerated trend Market place ministry: Beyond entry strategy but as a fully equal way of doing mission (example)
- Strengthen intercultural and integral ways of doing ministries: inclusion of others, justice, creation care

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## Organizational Reflections



### **VUCA world. Gain agility. Are we innovative enough?**

- Foster Innovation:
  - ✓ R&D units in every org unit
  - ✓ Connect R&D units to a network
  - ✓ Identify leaders with clout to challenge ideas but also to overcome logjams

### **Accelerated trend of digitalization. Do we embrace the new possibilities on all levels?**

- In the organization: working together in the digital world (meetings, collaboration tools, administration...)
- In mobilization & prayer: building virtual communities of support
- In training: virtual language study, orientation course, leadership trainings
- In ministry: evangelistic websites, online bible studies, counseling, returnee trainings, ...



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## Operational Reflections



### **Prepare for economic impact. Are we using our resources well?**

- Support workers effected
- Support org units effected
- Eliminate unnecessary expenses
- Budget wisely (-30%):

### **Rethink funding model (taxing the professional missionary). Think beyond more fundraising?**

- Bi-vocational models
- Service model
- ...

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