



Do's and Don'ts for CPM's

- ◆ Food for thought: Does providing what locals cannot find for themselves in their outreach help expand the Kingdom?
- ◆ Are these typically-helpful outside provisions OK?: Bible translation, short-term workshops, church planter and pastoral training materials, temporary help with transport for evangelists?
- ◆ Question: while provisions are not wrong or sinful, if given with good intentions, is it true that over time too much provision can create an unhealthy dependence that stifles growth and hinders reproduction of personnel and churches?
- ◆ Question: which of these would be harmful forms of help?:
 - Salaries to pastors whose churches could support them. (Churches always reduce giving by the amount coming from outside.)
 - Subsidies to attend long-term bible schools. (Graduates, almost without exception, will not serve unless salaried.)
 - Long-term food or cash rations for families that should trust God and work. (Rations stop work, and when rations stop, the recipients disappear.)
 - Nice chapels in which to gather big numbers for church services. (No one will start new churches unless they get money for a chapel. Most members will not evangelize where there are church services.)
 - Operating costs for congregations. (Arguments about who gets the cash inevitably lead to church splits.)

Should strategic thinkers teach believers how to claim their "inheritance" in the Kingdom of God which stems from faithful obedience (rather than foreign dependence). Does obedience to Jesus result in worldly provision while winning others to Christ?