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The making of an evangelist

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This chapter sets out to show opportunities for a church or group to fight against the forces of evil in an in-depth manner. With care and some thought, you can decide to mobilise your groups against the forces of evil and darkness, led by the prince of the power of the air. How can you go about it then?

1. Mobilise your prayer forces.
   (a) Really enlist all the prayers you can.
   (b) Pray with concentrated effort against the forces of evil. Go on a prayer attack, in Jesus name, and in the power of the mighty Spirit of God.

2. Survey the area you intend to work in.
   (a) On the 'lost' level.
   (b) On the moral level.
   (c) On the people level.
   (d) On the age-group level.
   (e) On the intellectual level.
   (f) On the level of understanding.
   (g) Other possibilities.
   (h) On the race and migrant level.
   (i) On the language barrier level.

3. Survey the areas for us, for God and good.
   (a) Prayer warriors gather into 'Prayer Force 1'.
   (b) Talent and gift levels. For example, speakers or possible speakers; personal soul-winner; musicians; tract distributors; publicity or promotion personnel (plan out an attack program).

Do this by starting a survey of the local area - its people and its needs.

* Survey the area (including population), age groups and any information gathered through a university or government Bureau of Statistics from their surveys of your area.

* See what is hurting the people in your area in a spiritual sense. List the hurts and seek to cure them in the power of the Holy Spirit. This should help you to get a plan relevant to your area.

* Build up on your own church or group contacts plus those 'outside' your group.

* See what can be done in 'street and market place' evangelism. ('Market place' refers also to the business areas.) Sometimes a shopping centre has a platform or stage and, in my travels, I have been able to use them particularly around Easter or Christmas for a quality musical and spoken presentation of the Gospel. I have actually used the entertainment platform in a coffee lounge establishment, for entertaining customers.
We used it to present the Gospel in song and message, as the customers had their coffee.

*In your plan you could include first-rate Christian films, video tapes, or audio tapes for gatherings in a hall or a home.

*Invitation or guest nights in church services or at an evening dinner in a cafe or restaurant.

*New housing areas are good places for making contacts for Christ. People are feeling lonely and strange when they first come into an area. Sometimes a printed card with local amenities and church amenities are very helpful and creation a good impression.

*Then of course there are opportunities by offering to speak in business men's clubs, student groups, overseas student groups, soldiers on leave, etc. A little thought about who is in the area can give some ideas for the overall plan.

Ú"Note: Don't try to do everything at once. Seek the wisdom and guidance of the Almighty who has a mind greater than anyone else.

The idea of this chapter is to pass beyond the superficial survey, to go in-depth so that your light may seek to shine into every nook and cranny of your local 'mission field'.

With God behind you and before you and working through you, your church can let off a 'depth charge' amongst the powers of evil which will cause Satan's host great trouble. If you find this hard to believe, just think about the Red Sea crossing with the pursuing Egyptians; the strong walls of Jericho coming tumbling down, and Christ commanding the troubled Sea of Galilee to be still - and it did.

Always remember, 'If God be for us, who can be against us?' (Romans 8:31). Psalm 118:6 says, 'The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man [or Satan] do unto me?' Remember also what God did to the Berlin Wall and communism in the 1990s.

Ú"Extra note: Some methods used for in-depth evangelism with apparent success are the well-known Ú "Evangelism In-depth• technique (The Kennedy Plan) and Ú "Simultaneous Crusades• which have been practised in Australia with crusades and outreach methods going on in many places at one and the same time. This has been used by the Baptist Union in Australia and on State levels and, if memory serves right, in a wider level under different names at times (for example, Pan-Australia Crusades).

Another form of simultaneous outreach is in a given district (for example, the south-side of a city) or a number of cities or towns within easy reach of one another.