



# A DOOR OF FAITH

**The Biblical Mandate  
for Church Planting**

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth”  
(Acts 13:47 NIV)

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## **Sandhu's Testimony**

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**Acts 13–14 contains events and teachings from Paul’s first missionary journey. This mission led to the establishment of branches of the Church in areas far removed from Jerusalem and “opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27). Despite sometimes facing intense opposition, including enemies who stoned him, Paul persisted in his mission with faith in Jesus Christ and tireless efforts, and he experienced much success in the Lord’s work.**

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**As the Church continued to grow, it faced a pivotal juncture, as recorded in Acts 15. The influx of many Gentile converts into the Church gave rise to a disputation among the Saints. Some Jewish Christians insisted that Gentile converts needed to be circumcised in order to be saved (see Acts 15:1), while others, like Paul and Peter, taught that salvation came through Jesus Christ and not through observing the law of Moses. Apostles and elders of the Church met at a conference in Jerusalem and confirmed Paul's teaching of salvation by grace through faith plus nothing was right.**

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**Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses (Acts 13:38-39 NIV).**

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**For this is what the Lord has  
commanded us:**

**“I have made you a light for the  
Gentiles, that you may bring  
salvation to the ends of the  
earth’” (Acts 13:47 NIV).**

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**THE GREAT COMMISSION  
WAS MEANT TO BE FINISHED,  
NOT JUST SOMETHING  
WE WORK AT!**

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## **Paul States that He Actually Did Finish in a Defined Area**

1. There have been times in history, and in different geographical settings, in which it was (at that time) impossible to actually finish the Great Commission.
2. But, Paul, and others, did not use these issues as excuses to keep from doing all that they could to try to finish. Paul did finish laying the foundation for completing the Great Commission from Jerusalem all the way to the Adriatic Sea (see Rom 15:18-24).

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3. Today, we have opportunities that Paul and others did not have. In unprecedented ways, “*all the world*” is accessible to us. We have mass communications, speedy travel, most languages are now known and in written form, most tribes have a Christian witness and we now have churches strategically located all over the world.

**Is there any reason we should not  
do all we can to try to finish it?**

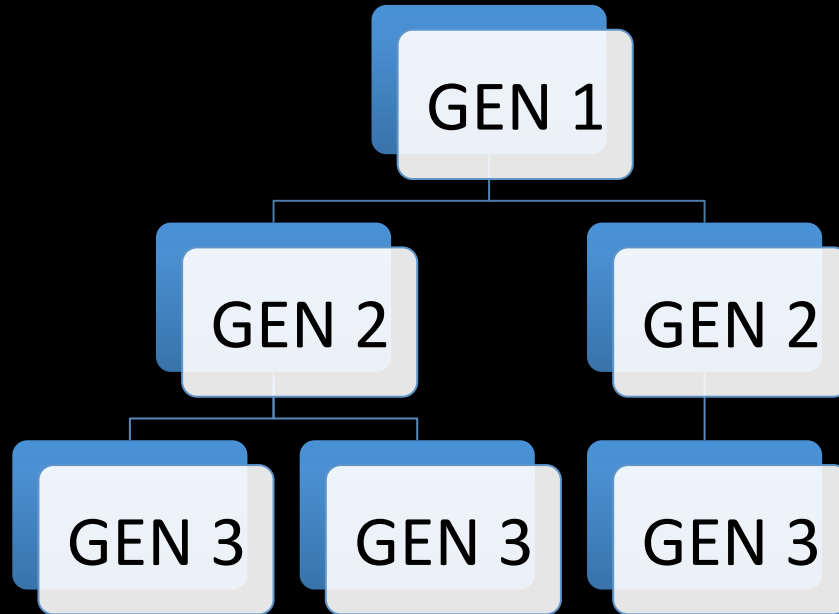
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**It has been suggested that the Great Commission is finished when:**

- 1. Every neighbourhood is saturated with discipling churches**
- 2. Every person has been personally invited to receive Christ**
- 3. Every willing convert is nurtured in an ongoing discipling process**

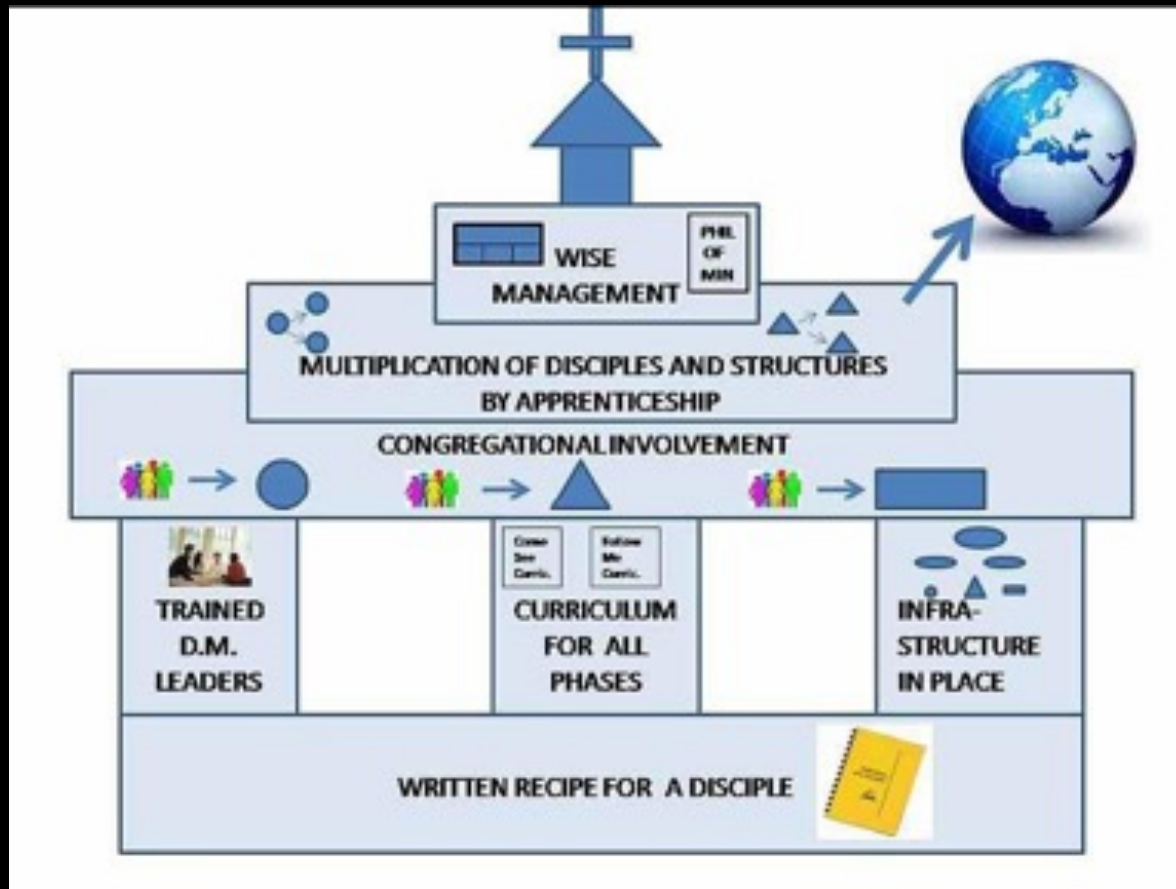
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# Strategies for Finishing the Great Commission



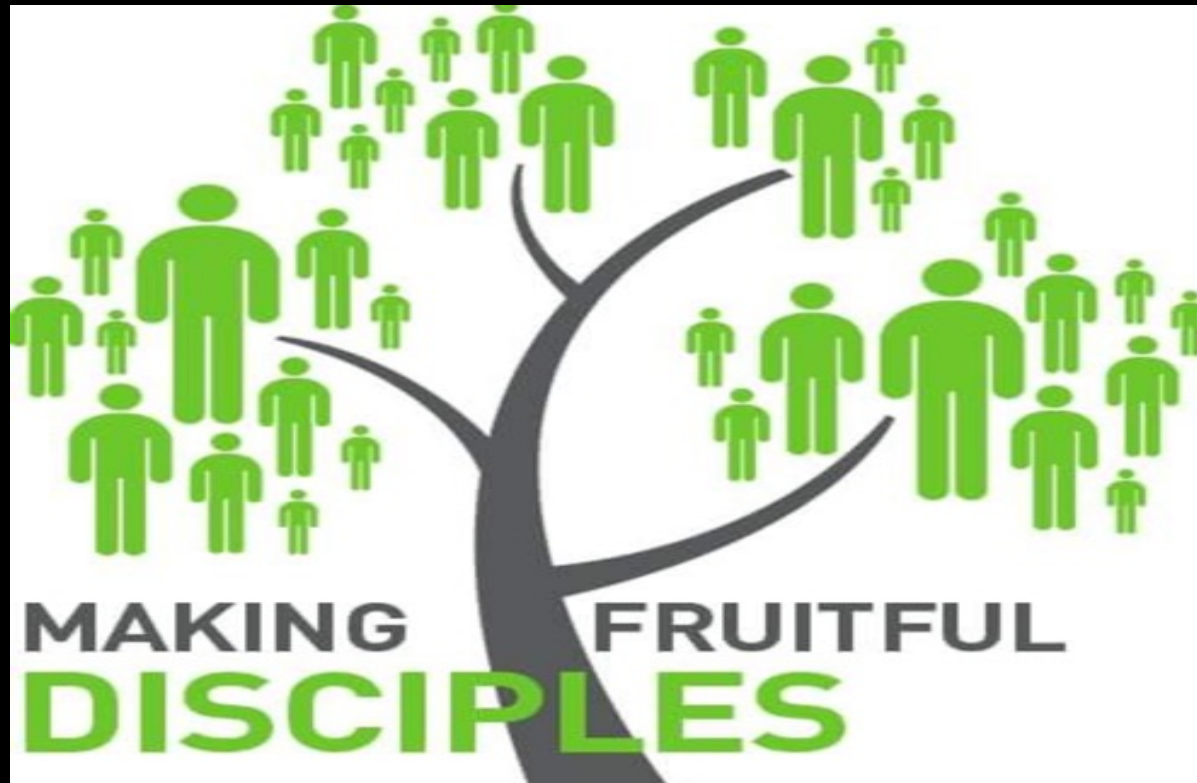
- 1. Training Pastors from each city in the region to train other pastors in their city on disciplinemaking who in turn to train other pastors in their city.**

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## 2. Revitalising Churches through Intentional Disciplemaking Building Blocks.

# Strategies for Finishing the Great Commission



3. Each Church to do Church Planting until every neighborhood is saturated with disciplemaking churches

**A Church Plant is a single baby church. It can be considered a church plant even before its participants meet together for their first worship service. Although there are exceptions, we will consider the church plant to have become a church when:**

- a. The church has developed its own internal authority structure**
- b. The church is independently capable of making healthy disciples**
- c. The church is financially independent**

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# **A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO PLANTING CHURCHES TO FINISH THE GREAT COMMISSION**

**Most strategists agree that churches are most strategic when:**

- They are planted where there are the most people**
- They are planted first in the larger cities and villages before going to the smaller ones**
- There is a greater need in that area**
- People are most receptive to the gospel**

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# **I. THE CHURCH IS A MEANS, NOT AN END IN ITSELF!**

**Its purpose is to make disciples  
until the Great Commission is  
finished.**

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## **II. OUR CHURCH MUST HAVE THE ATTITUDE OF A MOTHER, NOT A FATHER!**

**One who loves their child more  
than themselves and would willing  
give their lives to see their child  
live.**

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## **VISION**

**Towards a Cell Group based disciple- making planting movement among the UPG - the Bees, in order to glorify Christ and help fulfill the Great Commission.**

### **Our Objective**

**A Gospel for every 'Bee' contact  
and a House-Church in every  
village**

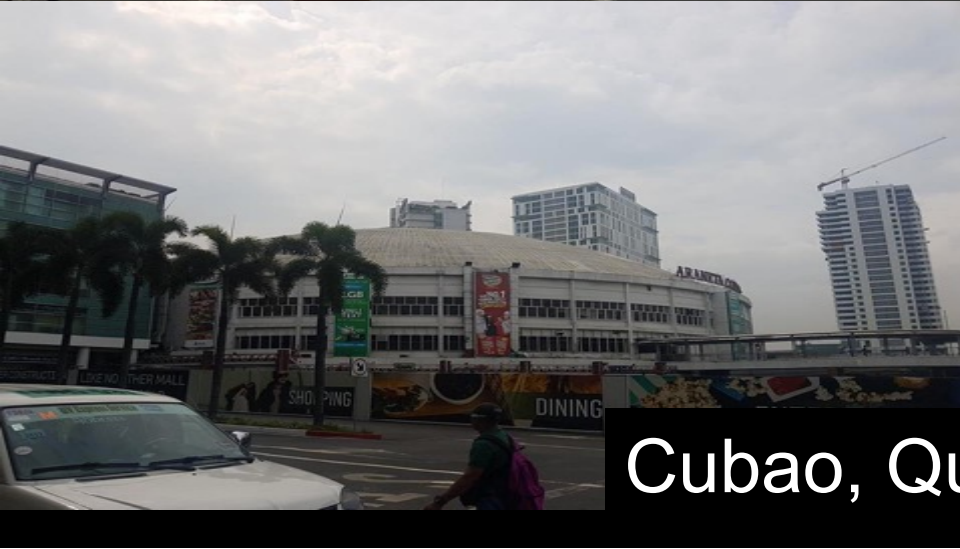


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## **Dexter's Testimony**

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Cubao, Quezon City

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**Potential Church Planting Team**

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# **CHURCH PLANTING IS SIMPLE AND NATURAL BUT REQUIRES WISDOM**

*As we plant churches, we are only really doing four simple things:*

- 1. We are winning persons to Christ.**
- 2. We are building them into mature disciples**
- 3. We are developing the organization and leadership to continue this process, and**
- 4. We are leading this new church to plant other churches which plant other churches which...**

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**AND SO THE BATON IS NOW PASSED TO US**  
**Jesus was the “lead-off” man in the relay race to**  
**finish the Great Commission.**  
**He “passed His baton” to His apostles, who**  
**passed it to their disciples who passed it to their**  
**disciples who..... who have now passed it to us! It**  
**is now our turn to run the race and finish!**



**2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)**

**And the things you have heard me say  
in the presence of many witnesses  
entrust to reliable people who will also  
be qualified to teach others.**

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