

# 10 UNIVERSAL ELEMENTS



*This prayer resource is based on quotes taken from David Garrison's book "Church-Planting Movements"*

**"EVERY MISSIONARY THAT DESIRES TO START A CPM MUST CONSIDER THESE 10 ELEMENTS" -- DAVID GARRISON**

## **1. Prayer**

For each known CPM, prayer has been overwhelmingly important. Usually, prayer is the foundation for the missionary's plan of reaching his or her people group, though the health of the missionary's own personal prayer life is crucial.

*\*Lord, we pray that the prayer life of each missionary in Spain would deepen.*

*\*We also ask for prayer teams that would sustain their work.*

## **2. Abundant Gospel Sowing**

There are no known CPMs where evangelism was rare or absent. In CPMs, hundreds and even thousands of people are hearing the claims that Jesus Christ has on their lives.

*\*Lord, we pray for courage and valor in order that each missionary can preach the gospel abundantly.*

*\*Lord, we ask that your gospel be sown in persons of every age!*

## **3. Intentional Church Planting**

There is evidence around the world of many thousands of people coming to Christ, but these conversions only result in churches and CPMs if there is an intentional strategy for church-planting.

*\*Lord, we ask you for a clear strategy so that the efforts of the missionaries result in a Church-Planting Movement.*

*\*Lord, may you raise up your church in Spain, in each of the 7,000 towns without testimony.*

#### 4. Authority of God's Word

In each known CPM, the Bible has been the unquestioned authority and guiding force of the church. Even in non-literate cultures where the Bible is received and continued through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine, church policy, and everyday life.

*\*Lord, we pray that each missionary share your Word.*

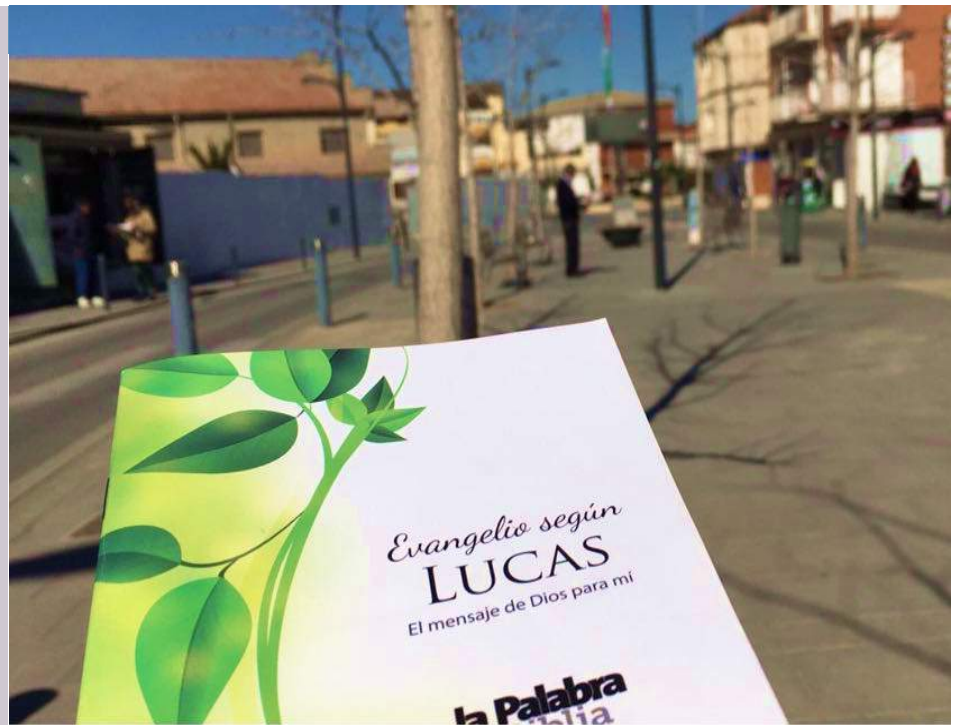
*\*May listening to your Word generate the faith that the Spanish people need for salvation.*

#### 5. Local Leadership

It takes self-discipline for missionaries involved in a CPM to mentor local church planters rather than to do the church planting themselves, but their role is still valuable. Local church planters receive some of their best training when they watch a missionary model Bible studies that engage non-Christian seekers.

*\*Lord, we pray that the missionaries would be an example of servant-hood, as Jesus was to his disciples.*

*\*Pray for Spanish leaders!*



#### 6. Lay Leadership

When CPMs rely on lay leaders, there is a larger pool of available church planters and cell church leaders. These men and women usually represent and resemble the societies they serve, and typically also have normal jobs in addition to their work as church planters.

*\*Pray for suitable Spanish men and women who edify the Body of Christ.*

*\*Pray for the testimony of the Spanish lay leaders, both in the church and in the workplace.*

#### 7. Cell or House Churches

Church buildings do appear in CPMs, but most of the churches continue to be small, reproducible cell churches of 10-30 members who meet in homes or stores....

Both types of churches are common in CPMs, and the even regularly both appear in the same movement.

*\*Lord we ask that you bless the families that are opening their homes to have Bible studies.*

*\*Pray that more and more homes become points of light!*

## 8. Churches Planting Churches

The first churches in a CPM are usually planted by missionaries or leaders that the missionaries trained, but when the movement really starts to multiply, it's because the churches are planting churches on their own. For this to happen, the local church members must believe that it is natural and simple to start a new church, and that no outside help is needed.

*\*Lord, we pray that the believers in Spain believe in the power of spiritual reproduction!*

*\*Pray that the Spanish would have a vision for growth!*

## 9. Rapid Reproduction

Most church planters involved in CPMs believe that rapid reproduction is required for the movement to continue. They argue that when reproduction slows down, the CPM weakens. When a movement is reproducing quickly, it shows how urgent and important it is to come to faith in Christ. When reproduction is happening quickly, it is certain that the churches are not being weighed down with unnecessary elements and that the local leadership is confident and capable of participating in this work of God.

*\*Pray that the believers in Spain feel the urgency to communicate the gospel!*

*\*Lord, may your church not be distracted from the Great Commission!*



## 10. Healthy Churches

Most church-growth experts agree that a healthy church should demonstrate the following five purposes:

- 1.) Worship
- 2.) Evangelistic and missionary outreach
- 3.) Education and discipleship
- 4.) Ministry
- 5.) Fellowship

Each known CPM shows evidence of these five core functions.

*\*Lord we ask you for healthy churches!*

*\*Lord, we pray for the believers that meet in homes. May they discover in your Word what it means to be a healthy church!*

