

## True Mother's Direction: Hoon Dok Family Church Breakthrough in Brazil - Further notes

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This article is the result of collaboration of Glenn Strait as the transcriber and George Kazakos reporting about True Mother's recommendation about a new witnessing system developed by the Brazilian Church in the recent years with great results. [[iunificationist.org/video/brazilian-new-witnessing-system-recommended-by-true-mother](http://iunificationist.org/video/brazilian-new-witnessing-system-recommended-by-true-mother)]



### Observations:

*Synergy is the working together of two or more parts of an organization, or system of any kind, to produce an effect greater than the sum of their individual effects. Synergy is widely manifested in the natural world. As we are creating Cheon Il Guk beyond the ensnarement of indemnity, we may reasonably expect to achieve synergy in our families, communities, and the larger society.*

*The Brazilian Hoon Dok Family Church model appears to achieve synergy by serving some of the functions of Inreach, Outreach, and Education through the mutually reinforcing components of Small Groups, Witnessing, and One-on-one DP Teaching.*

*Revitalization of the church community, though profound in itself, is likely not as significant as the witnessing breakthrough that taps directly into the networks of new members. This development would be essential for achieving the logarithmic growth that is being reported. Logarithmic growth starts slowly then later accelerates rapidly.*

*Glenn Strait*

### "True Mother's Direction: Hoon Dok Family Church Breakthrough in Brazil"

*I want all of you to learn from the Brazilian (and Philippine) situation and take it with you back to your home. ...If you are willing to change, miracles can happen. —Paraphrase by G. Kazakos of words by True Mother, addressing the national and international leadership*

*Responding to True Mother's directions, Rev. George Kazakos, pastor of the Los Angeles*

*Family Church interviewed the director of the Brazilian church for two hours and has distilled the insights from that into a 15 minute video. The following text, prepared by Glenn Strait, conveys the essential message of that video, plus additional insights from Rev. Kazakos that he was not able to include in the video.*

Right now in Brazil many people are joining.

Their strategy does not involve a lot of new individual ideas. We have heard most of the ideas and strategies before. What is distinctive is the way it was done, not what was done.

They apply very simple principles. Anybody can do it. The pastor needed two years to persuade his congregation to do this, but once they did, they got so excited, and many people are joining now there.

Three aspects:

- Small groups
- Witnessing
- One on one DP

These three things have been tried before, and most of the time each one of them has not worked. So it seems like there is nothing new here.

Some small groups have worked, some have not worked. Many approaches to witnessing have been tried, but seldom have they brought consistent results. One on one DP teaching was promoted for a while, but that faltered as an approach.

It seems that this model from Brazil works because of two unique elements:

the finer details related to each of the three aspects

the integration of the three aspects into a single, harmonized whole that leads to synergies between the three aspects

### **Small groups**

Based on the experience in Brazil, we may say that small groups require five different features to be successful. If any one of these is lacking, the small group will most likely dwindle away over time. If these five features are maintained with one of them being most important, the small groups keep going. These five features are:

*Prayer and singing*—a worship component

*Social time*—for connection, becoming friends (eat, talk). Make it happen naturally, ideally based on common interests as well as on geography.

*Read God's word (Cheon Seong Gyeong or World Scripture 2)* – don't read a lot. This is not the focal point of the meeting, but it does provide essential support for each person to select an internal goal.

*Weekly internal goal*—the most important point and what made the breakthrough happen.

Have a weekly internal goal that challenges your fallen nature, your limitations, and then the group holds you accountable and supports you on this goal. This internal, challenging goal is what can lead us to meet God and keep us going, just as setting similar goals in an MFT situation has led many of us to meet God in the past.

The people in Brazil are having these experiences of meeting God. If it isn't happening to one person in particular, it is happening to someone else in the small group. This is the dynamic that makes the small groups electric—where people can have breakthroughs in their relationships and challenge their fallen nature.

*Invite new people into the small group.* Don't have the people listen to DP first, rather invite them first into this type of small group.

Key characteristics of the small groups

*Most important—breakthroughs with God based on the weekly internal goals.*

*Meet weekly.* You can't meet monthly. It doesn't work. You need to have that rhythm. After time, you get vulnerable, become friends, and become able to share everything.

*Discussion is longer than reading.*

*Meet by location or by hobby or by friends.*

Context of the small groups

*Small group is in the subject position.* This is where the priority is, the connection is. This is

where the fellowship happens, where people become true friends of faith, and the real bulk of the church experience is happening. We create a space where God can speak through everybody, and simultaneously create a powerful listening so people are heard and understood.

*Sunday service is in the object position.* By design, Sunday service is not a place where a lot of deep fellowship can happen. God speaks through one person powerfully.

Please note also the Addendum at the end for an overview and example of a small group meeting using *World Scripture 2*.

## **Witnessing**

*First we need to have our own internal breakthroughs in love.* We need to apply the small group internal weekly goals with group members holding us accountable so we can break negative or limiting habits of relationship

With people in general  
Between husband and wife  
With children

*Based on personal breakthroughs* in our relationships, we can have a breakthrough in witnessing because we have something to share, we have an experience. We broke habits that had been in place for many years. Then spiritual life is fresh and on that foundation it is easy to witness.

*Unite two worlds.*

In many instances, we are living in two worlds—our *church world* and our *public world*, such as at work or with the parents of our children's friends.

These two are often separate because we are not experiencing God so powerfully.

We have built our church by operating from the *church world*: we go out witnessing, approaching strangers or giving out flyers, but with a lot of rejection also come discouragement and lack of energy. The people who break through have a certain personality or profile or ancestral support to do that kind of work.

If we have breakthroughs in the small group and share those in our public world with friends or people that we know, then our work world, our dentist, the person at the grocery store, and our church world become one because of the experiences with God we are having in the Hoon Dok Family Church.

In sharing our experiences with these other people from the public aspect of our world, we find that everybody has problems in their life. We just have to listen to people and then share our own stories.

*New people come to the small group.*

We are often saying, "Listen everybody, this ideology will change your life." Don't do that.

Bring the guest to the small group first.

Let them have their own experience with True Parents words in the warm environment of the small group.

Let them have their own breakthroughs by setting and meeting internal goals with the support of the group.

Then they will want to study Divine Principle. Don't give Divine Principle early. Wait until they really want to hear it.

## **Teaching: One-on-one Divine Principle**

Statistics from Brazil

Workshop: 15 percent join

One-on-one study: 60 percent join (plus more come, see explanation below)

Teaching procedure

One-on-one, not in a workshop.

The new person and the member alternate reading text units of Divine Principle.

The new person reads the red text.

The member reads the blue text.

While reading the text, mix the reading with  
questions and answers  
discussion  
life application  
internal guidance

Distinctive features

No need for a star lecturer or a workshop site.

Can do it now.

The members become empowered to teach. They become excited with the realization, "I can do this. I don't have to wait for the lecturer."

### **Tap directly into the networks of new members.**

The students also become empowered to teach. They have been trained to do it.

As soon as they finish Divine Principle, and it may take one to three months to finish it, they repeat the process with their friends, right away. They are sharing what inspired them.

Explosive growth can be achieved while the small groups continue to be a place of nurture and growth.

### **Beyond one-on-one DP study? The DP Life of Faith workshop**

#### **Conclusion**

Everybody can do this. As Mother said, "If you are willing to change, miracles can happen." Let's unite with Mother and learn from the model established by our brothers and sisters in Brazil.

#### **Addendum**

Overview and example of a small group meeting using *World Scripture 2*

In general, prayer (and song) would mark the formal opening of the meeting after everyone has arrived. The reading of scripture is followed by the setting of an internal goal and these two together comprise one component of the meeting. This component of the meeting would be fit together with the components of food and fellowship according to the preference of the group.

Selecting a reading. Two possible approaches.

It is often good to involve several people in selecting the reading as this gives people immediate ownership. *World Scripture 2*, for example, is divided into Parts, Chapters, Topics, and Sections. Choices by four different people can narrow the reading down to one particular section.

Each topic begins with a few paragraphs giving a context.

Each section includes statements from several different religions and concludes with quotes from True Father.

Whether the reading is all done by one person, or the book is passed around for all to share in the reading, each reader should pay attention to investing his or her full heart into the reading.

The group may agree that it would like to focus on a particular issue, and look for readings in the book about that issue

Choosing an internal goal and an external goal

## Overview

Two people pair up after the reading to reflect on the content of the reading and to discuss issues in life or behavior patterns that each person would like to improve. One approach would be to ask what is working and what is not working or what is a persistent complaint?

In looking at issues and unwanted behaviors, the objective is to identify an underlying emotion the person would like to modify.

Once a person identifies the unwanted emotion, the next step is to identify the matching inverse emotion. Manifesting that inverse emotion becomes the internal goal of the upcoming week.

Based on the internal goal, the person also identifies an external goal, which is specific action that would correspond with the emotion set as the internal goal.

## Example

Who really bothers you and what is it about that person that bothers you so much? —My brother, Anax, talks too much.

What do you feel when you are around him? —He talks all the time and I get so frustrated.

Good. We have the emotion. You feel frustration. What would be the inverse of that? —Patience, presence.

So what is your internal goal? —To be patient and present with Anax when he is talking. To consider that he needs to talk and he needs someone to listen to him.

Then what is your external goal? —To sit and listen calmly while Anax is speaking. This is an action can you do while you focus on your internal goal.

# **Home Groups, One on One Witnessing and Daily Relationship Witnessing**

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Based on a presentation given by FFWPU Brazil  
at the National Leaders' Assembly 2013

# One-on-One Witnessing and Leadership Training through Home Groups



**Hoon Dok  
Home Church  
(Home Group or  
small group)**

# Developing a Home Group Providence

Before saying “Let’s do witnessing!”,  
**WE** have to become spirit filled  
people within our Home Group and  
community.



# Developing a Home Group Providence

## Focus on strengthening **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level witnessing**

- **1<sup>st</sup> level witnessing:** Witnessing to myself  
(Internal healing, Foundation of Faith)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> level witnessing:** Witnessing among  
**members** (Unity and revival inside our community,  
Foundation of Substance)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> level witnessing:** Witnessing to our  
**friends, relatives and contacts** ('Tribe')

# Important Points for Home Group Activity

A foundation for new people to join the **Home Group Meetings**

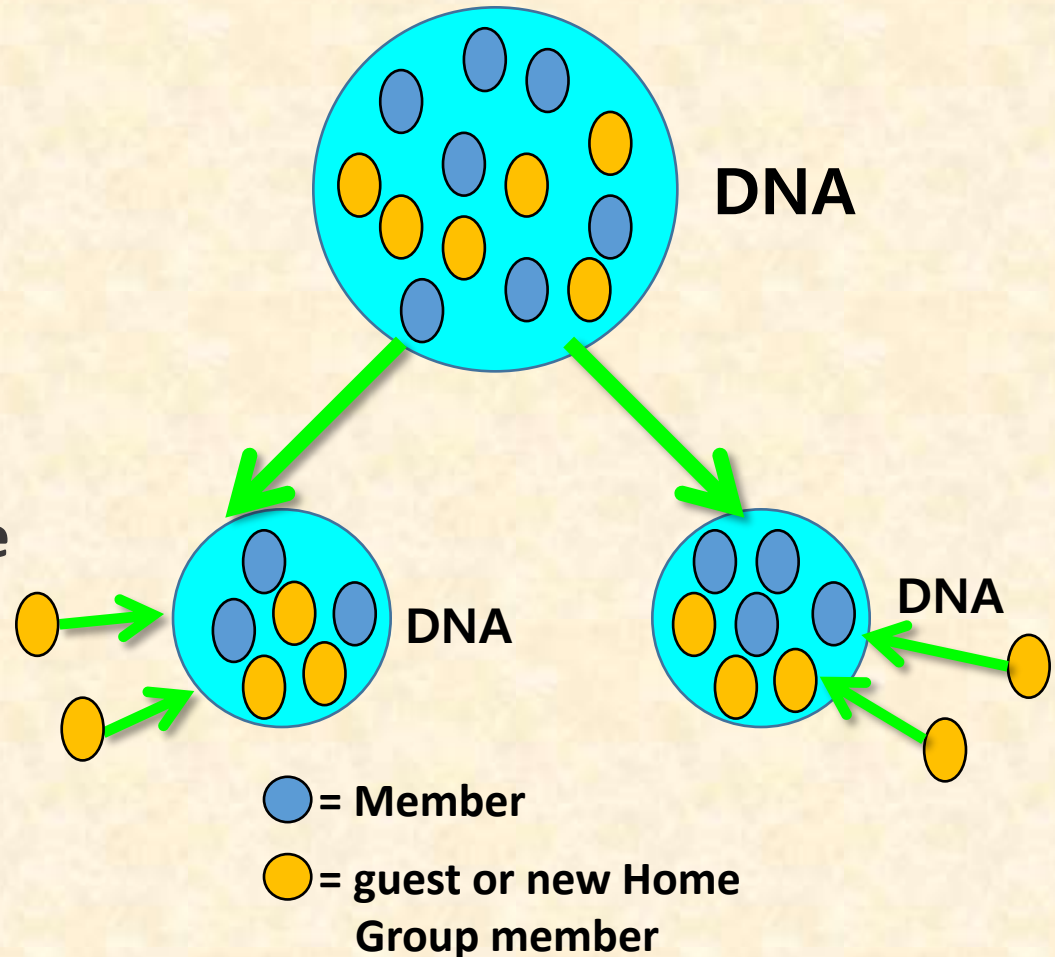
Develop a Home Group with these characteristics :

- mutual support
- internal healing
- spiritual growth and life for our members

# Important Points of Home Group Activity

## The 1<sup>st</sup> stage of Multiplication

- When we can establish good foundations during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> levels of witnessing, the Home Group naturally grows as new people are invited
- Even though it might take time, we should invest enough to make a model in the 1<sup>st</sup> cell – because this cell sets the pattern for the multiplied cells.



# Important Points of Home Group Activity

**Reach out to distant or former members of the community who may find a supportive Home Group a good way to reconnect**



# Important Points of Home Group Activity

## **Appointing and training Home Group leaders and active members**

**Hold regular meetings for Home Group leaders and provide training, tools and an opportunity to share.**

Home Group leadership provides a great opportunity for those who take responsibility to develop their life of faith and their pastoral skills. Living for others enriches our own spiritual lives!

# The Role of the Community Church

- **Education & Training for Home Group leaders**
- **Nurturing Programs for New Members**
- **Divine Principle Workshops**
- **Inspirational 'Big Group' Worship with Testimonies and Reports**
- **An Educational System and an Education Team/Committee**

# Breaking through to gain new members

Become member.

When these 3 points breakthrough the barrier, we can bring people to membership and commitment

Member

Member

Frontier

Doesn't become member.

Even though the witnessing system is good, if we don't develop these points members will not get results.

**Prayer  
(Spiritual)**

**40%**

Strengthening our prayer life – conditions/lists

**Lectures  
(Words)**

**30%**

Invest in teaching DP One-on-One

**Love  
(Practice)**

**30%**

Ability to love the 'enemy'  
Ability to overcome rejection

1-Day Workshop  
2-Day Workshop

# Making a Foundation for Witnessing Results

**Foundation for  
the Messiah**

By establishing a Foundation of Substance through good relationships in our community, we will make the base to harvest witnessing results and receiving grace from True Parents

**Foundation of  
Substance**

Condition of indemnity to restore the order of love and remove fallen nature . Through our own practice as Cain and Abel, we develop the ability to overcome lack of love, to remove our fallen nature and to love others and bring them to natural surrender

**Foundation of  
Faith**

A developing Foundation of Faith naturally leads to a heart to witness - the Foundation of Substance.



# One-on-One Witnessing and Leadership Training through Home Groups



**One-on-One  
Witnessing  
by teaching from  
the DP book**

# One-on-One Teaching and care

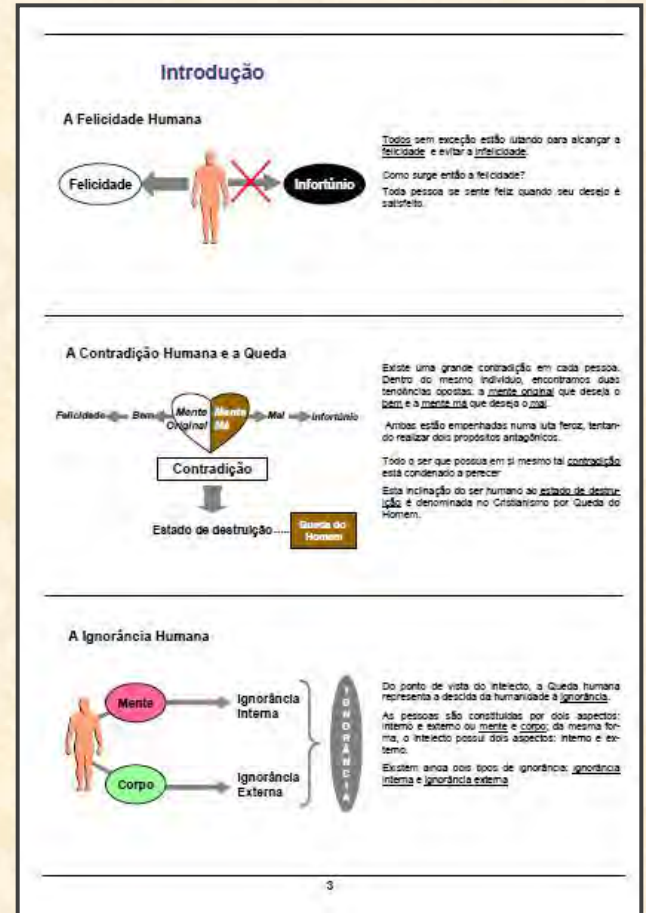
## Advantages:

- 1. Trains all members to be able to give DP lectures.**
- 2. We can educate according to the unique level of each guest**
- 3. Provides opportunities for internal guidance and testimony**
- 4. Investment of prayer, the word and love results in a deep relationship between the spiritual parent and spiritual child**

# Preparation



DP Book (3 colors)

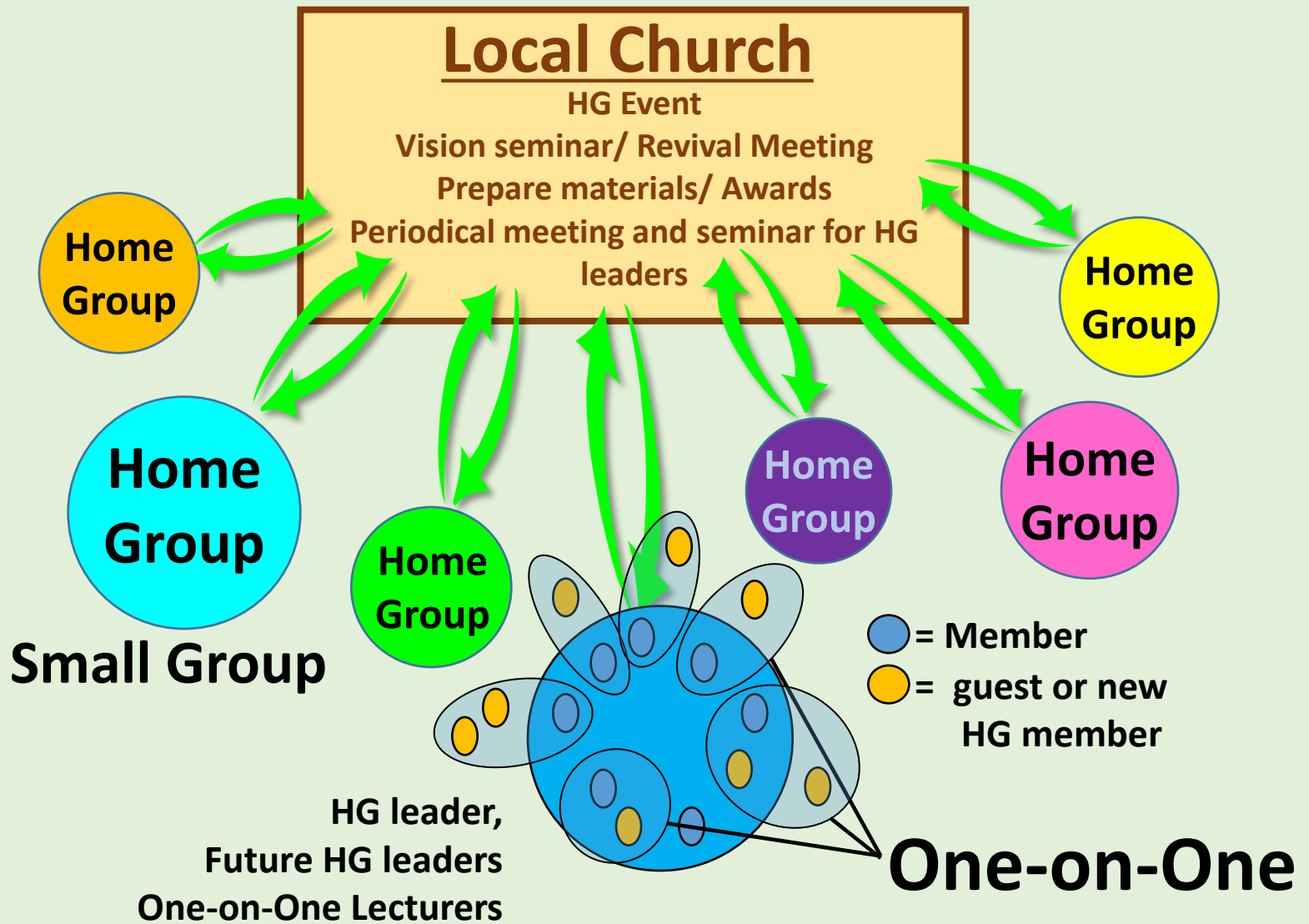


DP Chart

# Finding a witnessing target

**Start with people that are easy to find and teach:**

- **Your child, your spouse**
- **A member of your Home Group**
- **A friend or relative or colleague**
- **A distant or former member**
- **An Ambassador for Peace**



After finishing One-on-One, we need to prepare lectures with contents that are not given in the Home Group such as: Life course of TP, Internal Guidance, Tradition of FFWPU, Ancestor liberation, Value and significance of the Blessing etc.

# One-on-One Witnessing and Leadership Training through Home Groups



**Witnessing Strategy:  
'Relationship  
Witnessing'  
witnessing centered  
on human  
relationships in our  
daily life**

# One-on-One Relationship Witnessing



**This is a photo of one member who has a shop selling vegetables. He did one on one teaching through relationships with his customers. It took about 2 and half months to finish One-on-One lectures of the whole DP book with one guest. He has 6 such contacts he is taking care of.**

# Relationship Witnessing

**the reasons why people come to church for the first time (in Christian churches)**

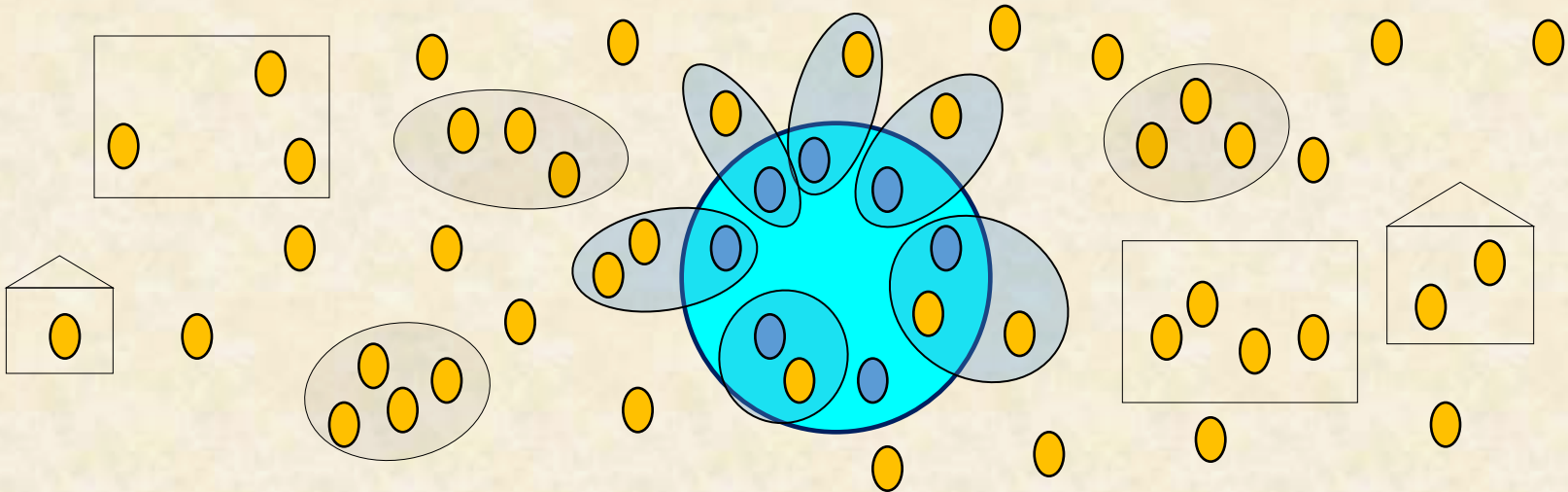
- 1. Because of friendship and trust (Daily Life Witnessing) – 80%**
- 2. Self registered – 10%**
- 3. Leaflet or Letter Witnessing – 5%**
- 4. Outreach by a Professional Evangelist – 3%**
- 5. Miscellaneous – 2%**



# Relationship Witnessing

**Establish good relationships of heart to gain people's trust.**

**Witnessing in a natural way according to your own personality within your daily life activities.**



**In the Tribal Messiah era, it is difficult to find time and possibility to witness to others if you separate your life of faith from your social life.**

# Relationship Witnessing

**reasons and motivation for new contacts to come to the church**

- 1. The kindness and goodness of the members**
- 2. The education of their children**
- 3. To escape emptiness and develop a life of hope and love**
- 4. To find a spouse**
- 5. To promote peace in the family**
- 6. Etc.**

# Relationship Witnessing

## 6 Steps of Witnessing to your neighbor in Daily Life

1. **Contact (Greeting):** Create a contact point (e.g. by lending a “book of faith”)
2. **Presents (Heart):** Give food or something as present given from your heart.
3. **Understanding (Problem):** Understand the other person’s life and problems.
4. **Hope (Motivation):** Give them hope that through developing a life of faith problems can be solved and daily happiness enhanced.
5. **Testimony (Conviction):** Give them conviction through your testimony and personal experience of God’s grace.
6. **Invitation (Reason):** Invite them to your house for a meal and give them a reason to come to the small group and Sunday Service etc.

# How to witness to a person who rejects your approach (a step-by-step understanding of the restoration process)

## 1. Servant of Servants: Go through self denial

The guest refuses God's words, love and salvation and rejects your efforts as a spiritual parent.

→ invest love without changing your attitude and overcome the pain of denial

→ give and forget and give again - after a time period, the situation may change and you can advance towards the next step.

## 2. Servant: service

Based on the condition of stage 1, the opportunity to serve the guest arises. Find a situation through which you meet some need of your guest.

→ By meeting the guest's "Needs", your heart relationship will grow closer.

# How to witness to a person who rejects your approach (a step-by-step understanding of the restoration process)

## 3. Adopted Child: Trust and responsibility

– Based on the previous foundation, you will be able to open the guest's heart and share more involvement in their life, develop a close trusting relationship.

## 4. True Child: Heart

This is the stage in which you experience unity of heart and as you begin to feel a parents' heart, the emotional positions change and you win the person's natural surrender as they feel God's love through your care and investment.

→ When you are aware of this pattern of development in advance, you will be better able to keep faith and hope so that you can win the heart of a guest who is unresponsive.

# Relationship Witnessing

**We all know many people ! Make your list :**

1. Parents, siblings and family members: 5 people (Average)
2. Other relatives: 10
3. Relatives-in-law: 5
4. Close neighbours: 10
5. Neighbours that you only know by sight: 5
6. Family, relatives and people in your hometown: 10
7. Alumni and Club associates: 10
8. People you meet at neighborhood stores: 5
9. New neighbors: 3
10. Your children's friends' parents: 8
11. Trades people you meet regularly: 3
12. Influential people in the neighborhood : 5
13. Former or distant members who you maintain contact with: 3
14. Co-workers and people you do business with: 8
15. Sunday school parents: 5
16. Others: 5

**= Total 100 people**

**100 people for relationship witnessing!**