

TOPIC: EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING

THE ROOT CAUSES of UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING	1. The full gospel was not presented initially
	2. The people did not receive a holistic gospel
	3. The total life of the people was not affected which resulted in nominalism
	4. Lack of basic training materials
	5. The lack of evangelistic planning and programs
	6. The lack of research and study, lack of contextualization
	7. Low level of literacy in the vernaculars
	8. Lack of national evangelistic vision
	9. Lack of mission resource centers, limitation of Bible translation
	10. Lack of spiritual and visionary leadership
	11. Lack of power of the Holy Spirit
	12. Lack of passion/concern for souls
	13. Denominationalism
	14. The invasion of western culture
	15. Inconsistent leadership style (sin in leadership), syncretism (involvement of church members in secret societies)
	16. Language and cultural barriers, lack of unity amongst Churches

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING - CONSEQUENCES AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL	1. People became religious and not converted
	2. No solid foundation for future development
	3. The gospel became strange in that there was no ownership
	4. Lack of proper knowledge of the demands of the gospel
	5. Lack of accountability and sense of responsibility at all levels

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING - CONSEQUENCES AT THE FAMILY LEVEL	1. High rate of divorce due to little/no teaching on family life
	2. Breakdown of family values
	3. High rate of teen age pregnancy
	4. Increase in the number of street kids and criminal activities

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING - CONSEQUENCES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL	1. Nominalism due to the lack of passion/concern for souls
	2. Impact of the Church has become trivial - emphasis is more on membership at the expense of discipleship
	3. People having a form of godliness but lacking the power
	4. As a result of inconsistent leadership style, inconsistent followers
	5. Disunity and power greed

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING - CONSEQUENCES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL	1. Ineffectiveness of Christian leaders in government – they do not bring their Christian values, behaviors and principles to office
	2. No research data on the state of the gospel
	3. Church has become more of social club than a spiritual power house
	4. Breakaway and division
	5. Lack of visionary and spiritual leadership

NATIONAL IDENTITY AND UNITY: THE WAY FORWARD

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING - WAY FORWARD AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL	1. Must seek to know Christ personally to live out the Christian life
	2. Should be encouraged to learn his/her vernacular for better understanding of the Gospel/Scripture
	3. Should be encouraged to practice cultural values that are consistent with biblical teachings
	4. Biblical leadership style should be encouraged

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING – WAY FORWARD AT THE FAMILY LEVEL	1. Children should be taught to fear God and the ways of the Lord
	2. Parents should teach their children their vernaculars
	3. Salvation being a family issue, each family should seek to save other lost members of the family
	4. Should have daily devotion in their homes
	5. Biblical leadership style should be encouraged

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING – WAY FORWARD AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL	1. Christian education should be holistic in nature
	2. Church should develop programs to reach the lost souls in the community in which they live
	3. Homogenous churches should preach and teach the Bible in the vernaculars
	4. Should do away with denominationalism
	5. Biblical leadership style should be encouraged
	6. Should formulate a national evangelistic plan to reach the unreached

UNDERDEVELOPMENT IN EVANGELISM, MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING – WAY FORWARD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL	1. Basic Bible education should continue to be encouraged and taught in our school system
	2. Government should establish research centers to coordinate data base for missions and evangelism
	3. Should establish national programs to translate the Bible in the vernaculars
	4. Should formulate a national evangelistic plan to reach the unreached
	5. The Church should speak with one voice to break down denominationalism
	6. Training should be held from time to time to enhance discipleship and leadership development
	7. A national language be identified to promote national unity