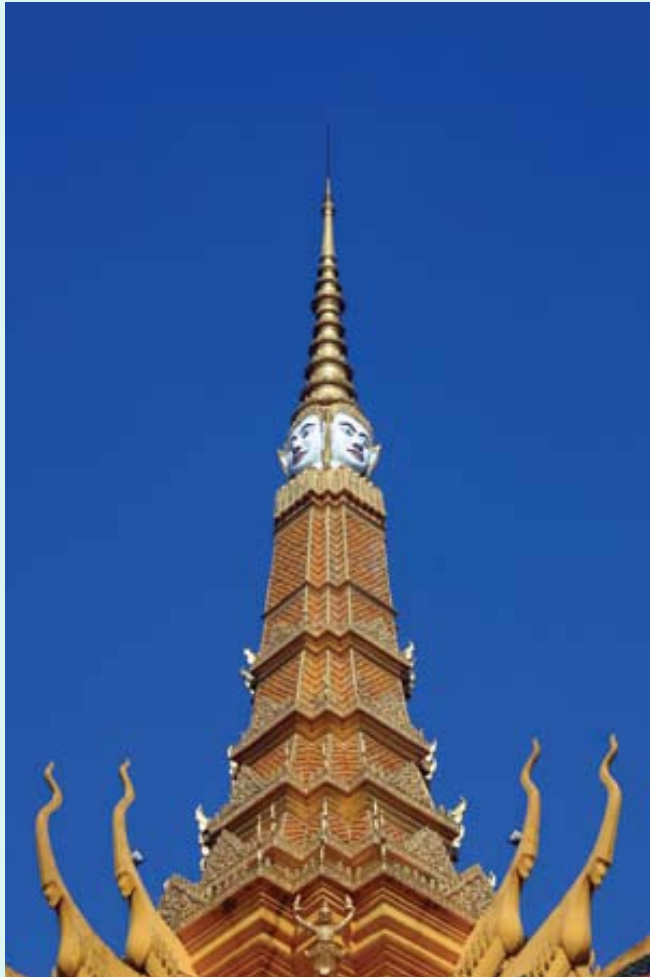


"Discipling the Buddhist Billion"



- **A workshop
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**Making Disciples in Buddhist
Cultures**

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**A Workshop
for Buddhist Contexts**

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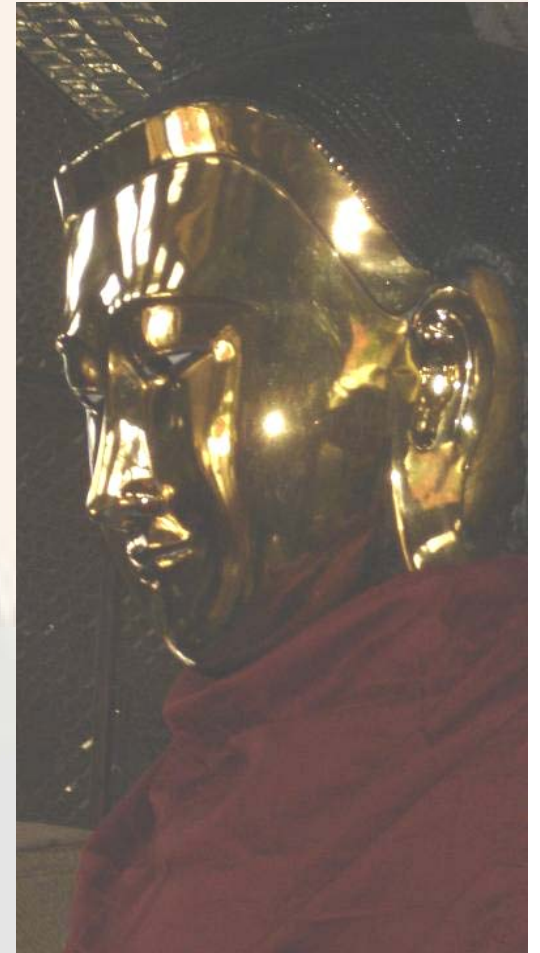
Introduction

- **Dr. Ralph Winter declared: “It is easier to reach Muslims than Buddhists..”**
- **Why? Communication Problems**
- **Denial of Creator God: Worldview**
- **Depend on Self - not on Substitution**
- **Same Words but Meaning Discrepancy**
- **Therefore How to Disciple Buddhists?**



Buddhist Global Population

- **About 500 million Core Buddhists, excluding Chinese (D.B.)**
- **1.5 Billion Folk Buddhists, including Chinese mixed religions (T.J.)**
- **1,000 Buddhist People Groups**
- **2 Main Schools: Thera. / Maha.**
- **7 Major Kinds of Buddhists**
- **274 Official Buddhist Cult Varieties**
- **Many Local Syncretistic Groups**
- **Exploding on all Continents, inc Africa**



Buddhism influences almost 1.5 billion people



- There are still many unreached Buddhist people groups in East Asia – about 1,000
- Most Buddhist countries in East Asia are less than 1% Christian
- Revitalization and missionary movements of Buddhism are on the increase worldwide

Biblical Mission'S Command

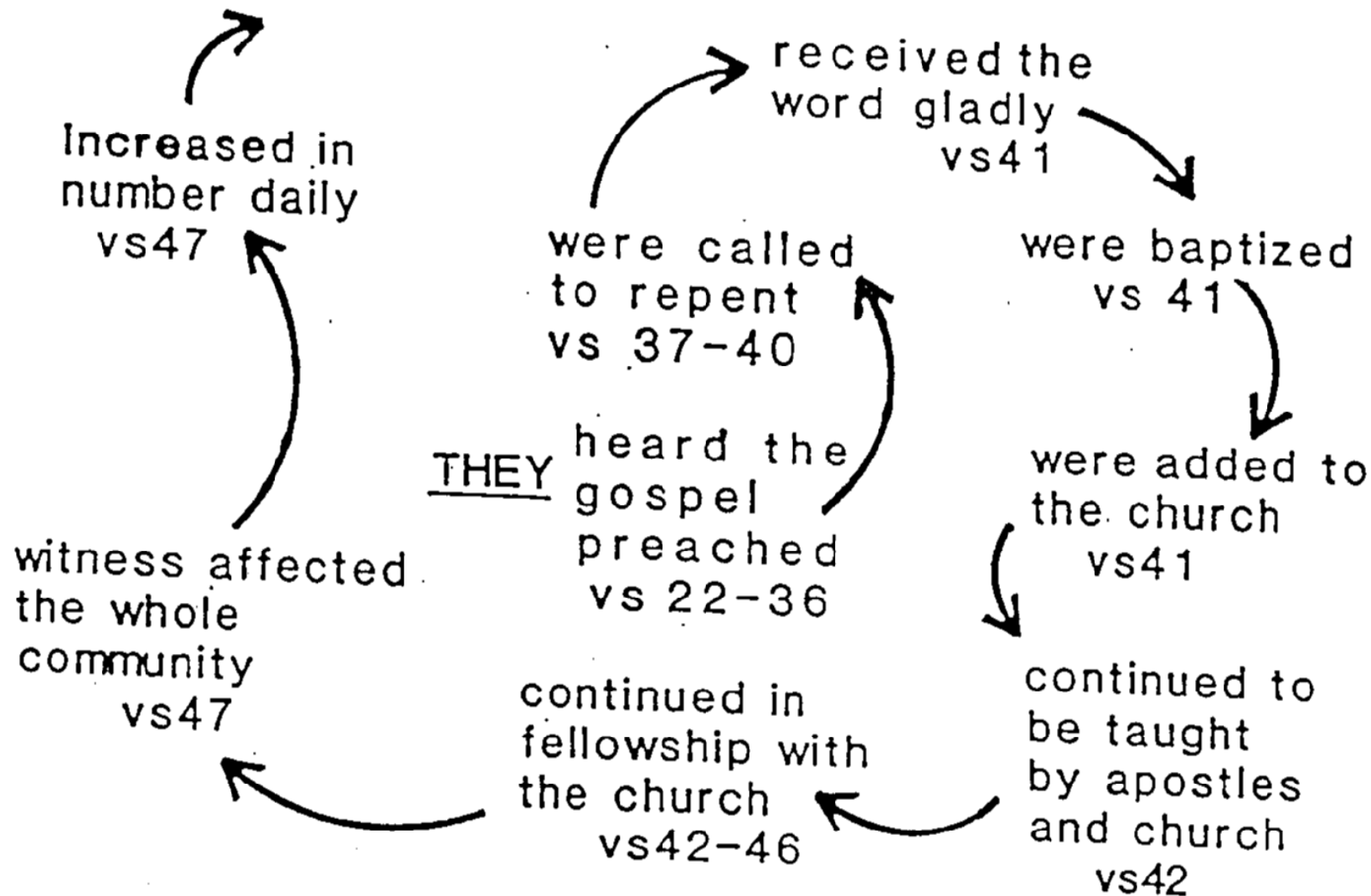
Matt. 28:16-20

- Simplicity: His Power, Process, Purpose
- Structure: Baptize, Teach, Make Disciples
- Strategy: New Ones Obey & Reproduce
- Synergism: Corporate Growth out to Ethne
- Spiraling: Centrifugal Effect of X Churches
- Spirituality: Transforming by Supernatural
Power through His Church



MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH THE CHURCH

Acts 2:22-47



CHRIST'S GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20



PERSON → PROCESS → PURPOSE

The Crucial End Product

- Embryonic Churches
- Express Christ in their Culture Meaningfully
- Native, a thing of soil
- Not Western in Forms, Clergy Run, Buildings
- Indigenous Expression
- Insider Movements
- Our God is Multicultural



- ***Functional Substitutes***
- ***Local Forms with***
- ***Biblical Content***

Key Strategic Principles



- Prayer is vital
- Discover Receptivity
- Repeated Contact
- Family Focused
- Mobilize all in Witness
- Start House Churches
- Find Local Leadership
- Replicate Fellowships
- Entrust to Holy Spirit
- Multiply Churches



A Model to Implement

- Multiply churches by prayer cell evangelism
- Small groups share from Bible, pray for relatives, go as team to witness to them
- Cell is embryonic church: relating to God, to believers in group and to relatives outside.
- New groups are “churches in embryo”
- Memorize five fingers of evangelistic strategy to fulfill Christ’s mission



Challenges & Needs Remain



- Buddhism influences most of North, East & SE Asia
- Globally 86% of Buddhists don't personally know a Christian
- Church in most Buddhist groups is only 1% or less
- National identity is linked to Buddhism: to become a Christian is opposed

Prayer Call: No one cared !

Will you

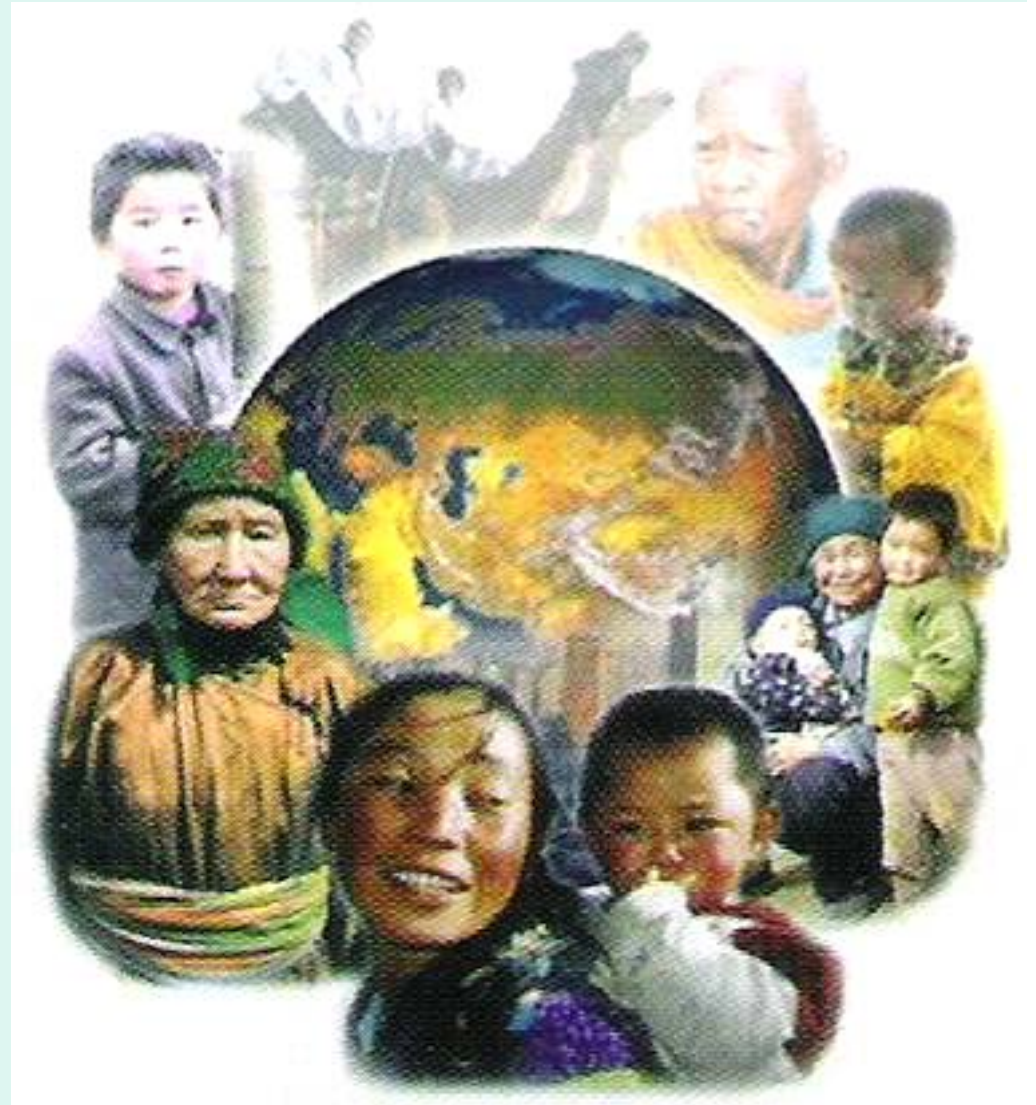
Pray for

The Billion

Buddhists

Worldwide?

**COMMIT
NOW!**



Harvest Great: Laborers Few



SEANET

South, East, Southeast And North Asia Network



- Global Prayer mobilization
- Training in the Buddhist Contexts
- Strategy for House Churches - CPM
- Country Core Teams implement plans
- Mobilizing CPMs within Countries



SEANET's Strategy

- Contextual Evangelism & Discipleship, using local and insider movements
- Church Planting Movements, by multiplying House Church networks
- Community Transformation, through changed lives and values