Principles and practices that show up often in CPMs

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- 1. There is a visionary leader who has an endearing personality and inspires others.
- 2. There is huge dependence on prayer and gifts of the Holy Spirit to make things happen.
- 3. Evangelism is designed to find "persons of peace" whom God has prepared for repentance.
- 4. Households remain the main venue for evangelistic and discipleship activities.
- 5. New groups become churches by their obedience to some subset of Jesus' commandments.
- 6. The main training method remains one-on-few mentoring with coaching.
- 7. Everyone who proves responsive and dependable qualifies for mentored training.
- 8. Evangelism and disciple-making employ the Bible, usually with no other materials.
- 9. Leaders share books, manuals and materials with their apprentices, as needed.
- 10. Every leader has a tiny number of apprentices with whom they share their authority.
- 11. Leader-trainers maintain accountability to a fourth generation, often far beyond.
- 12. Obedience to Jesus and to the NT remain more urgent than correct theology.
- 13. Teach new leaders what they need for immediate implimentation: "Learn a little, use it a lot."
- 14. Teach imitable methods that local folk can afford and find culturally appropriate.
- 15. Every worker reports on progress, and top leaders compile reports, draw maps and make plans.
- 16. Outside finances apply only to strategic training and conferences, never to pastoral salaries.
- 17. Plans and structures change often; gifted leaders do not.
- 18. New leaders mostly come from the grass roots and know how to motivate others
- 19. Evaluation asks, Is it a biblical requirement? Is it reproducible, here? Is it affordable?
- 20. Quantitative increase remains one of several measures of qualitative growth.
- 21. There are no gender, education, language or monetary qualifications for leadership.