

HOW THE LUKE 10:2B VIRUS WORKS

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I'm delighted that Pavel is teaching about and spreading the "10:2b Virus"! As you know, we have been praying this prayer and teaching it to others for almost 12 years now. (The story of how we got started is here: http://storiesfromtherevolution.blogspot.com/2010/09/102b-virus-1_23.html) Over that time, we asked the Lord a number of questions about that prayer. I thought I would share a few of the answers...

1. Who exactly are the "harvest workers" that we are to pray for? When taken in the context of the whole chapter (Lk 10), it seems clear that there are two kinds of workers. The first is the "person of peace" (v. 5). We define this person as someone whom God has prepared in such a way that a church is ready to be birthed in their house today. (Cornelius is a great example of a "person of peace".) This new church becomes the "base of operations for the Kingdom of God in that neighborhood (or that part of the larger harvest field). The second type of harvest worker is the apostolic church planter. In 10:2, Jesus sends (*apostello*) the 84 (72 + 12) to find the people of peace in whose homes churches will be planted. So, we define an apostle as a man or woman called and gifted to plant multiple churches. Knowing what kind of "workers" we are asking for gives greater focus to our praying. Our ultimate objective is to see a "vibrant family of Jesus (ie, a house church) within easy reach of every person in every region and people group around the world". The 10:2b prayer is a critical part that we play in this. In our experience, once we find a person of peace, everything else is easy.

2. What do we do with a "10:2b answer" when we find them? We take them through a four week course called Church 101. This equips that household with two rhythms that are the foundation for healthy house churches. I'll send you some stories that explains how this works.

3. How do we spread the "virus"? In addition to teaching the concept, we collect and tell "10:2b stories". That is, stories about how the Lord of the harvest is answering this prayer. This is hugely motivational for all of us. I'm working on a story right now that is taking place in Kenya. It's in draft form so I haven't posted it yet but I'll share it with you below. More stories are here: <http://www.lk10.com/category/102b-prayer/>