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"Canadian Locations and Language Groups
Most Urgently Requiring New Evangelical Churches"

Thesis Focus: Canada requires the planting of 6,700 new evangelical churches in order to place one evangelizing church within the reach of each 2000 Canadians by the year AD 2000.

At the turn of the century approximately one third of Canadians were evangelical Christians. As we enter this last decade of the century the percentage of evangelicals has declined to about 6.5%. The original research outlined in this dissertation is designed to be the servant of a much needed Canadian "Whole Nation" church planting strategy as one important step towards remedying this situation.

The dissertation will outline the need for new church planting in Canada, the research model used in determining that need, and the locations and language groups where new church planting is most urgently required in responding to the challenge of re-evangelizing Canada.

The challenge before Canadian evangelicals to plant during this decade 6,700 new evangelical churches in order to place an evangelizing church within the reach of each 2000 Canadians by the year AD2000 is here shared as it was at the "National Congress on Canadian Evangelism" in Ottawa, Ontario, May 16-20. 1990.

The dissertation includes reasons for church planting and extensive tables detailing the priority needs for new church planting by location, language, and number of new churches required.

Outline:

Introduction

Chapters:

1. The Need for a Canadian "Whole Nation" Church Planting Strategy.
 - a) The Concept of a "Whole Nation" Church Planting Strategy (D.A.W.N.).
 - b) How Adequately Churched is Canada?
 - c) Why Plant New Churches?

2. A Research Model Designed to Serve a Canadian "Whole Nation" Church Planting Strategy.
 - a) Locating Existing Canadian Churches.
 - b) The Use of 1986 Census Canada "Home Language" Data.
 - c) Determining Target "Population-to-Church" Ratios.
 - d) Presenting the Data in Maps and Tables.

3. Priority Canadian Church Planting Needs:

- a) By province and territory.
- b) By census division.
- c) By city with population exceeding 10,000 persons.
- d) By census sub-division.
- e) By ethnic group.

4. Steps toward Providing the 6,700 New Churches Required in Canada.

a) National Steps:

- i. "Vision 2000" National Consultation on Evangelism.
- ii. Denominational Participation.
- iii. Para-church Participation.

b) Local Steps:

- i. Prayer.
- ii. Community Analysis.
- iii. Choosing a Location and Target Group.
- iv. Choosing Your Model.
- v. Setting Goals and Timelines.

Conclusion

Data Tables

Maps

Endnotes

Bibliography