

Reaching Jayapura City by Applying Christ's Method for Immigrants

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Abstract: There are many problems and challenges of urban evangelism facing the Protestant church in Jayapura City, Papua – Indonesia. the purpose of this paper is to find the best methods and strategies to reach immigrants in Jayapura city with the gospel of Jesus Christ. How the Protestant Church in Jayapura reached out to the residents of the city of Jayapura, the majority of whom were immigrants. How is applying Christ's method in the context of the modern world so important? The methodology used in this research is a literature study, the authors develop the topic of discussion by reviewing articles from websites, books, scientific articles and other literature that have discussed the same and relevant topics. The analysis and research results emphasize the method of Christ that will provide success in evangelism in the city of Jayapura and its application in modern times. Through the center of influence program, digital ministry, congregation planting and small groups that will be carried out by the Christian church in the city of Jayapura will have a major impact on the progress of evangelism in the city of Jayapura. The involvement of all church members to evangelize will bring success in the work of preaching the gospel.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Jayapura City

Jayapura is the capital city in the province of Papua, Indonesia. It is located on the northern coast of the island of New Guinea and covers an area of 940.0 km² (362.9 sq mi). It is the most populous city in eastern Indonesia with a population of 256,705 in the 2010 census and 303,760 in the 2020 census.

Jayapura in Sanskrit means "city of victory" (jaya is "victory" and pura: "city"). (Jubi, 2019)

Before its inclusion into the colonial government of the Dutch Indies, the situation of present-day Jayapura was referred to as Numbay. (Costa, 2015)

Jayapura's topography is varied, consisting of valleys to hills, highlands, mountains up to 700 meters (2,300 ft) above water level. Jayapura has an area of about 94,000 hectares of land, and is divided into five districts. About 30% of the area is inhabited, the rest consists of rugged terrain, swamps and protected forests. A lot of housing has been built on the outskirts of Jayapura due to the denser population in the city center.

The city of Jayapura has become an attraction for ethnic groups from other parts of Indonesia. for example

the Javanese, Makasarese, Bugis, Toraja, Manadonese, Batak, Moluccan, and Madurese who have contributed to drastically increasing the population in at least a decade. The city of Jayapura is a destination for residents from ethnic groups outside the city of Jayapura to find work and also gain knowledge in several institutions. High economic disparity between migrants and indigenous people, high poverty rate (28.44% with daily income of around \$3.10/day and high unemployment rate.

The development of tourism which is marked by the development of the tourism industry and the arrival of domestic and foreign tourists in Jayapura City has provided opportunities for various sectors to develop, developments that can be seen are the increase in settlements on the outskirts of the city and an increase in income for indigenous people in the city of Jayapura.

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Statement Of Problem

There are many problems and challenges of urban evangelism facing the Seventh-day Adventist church in Jayapura, although we have been given training, we continue to find new problems in reaching the city through existing evangelistic missions. We need to find a solution to this problem, so I am interested in discussing this topic. how the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jayapura reaches out to the population of Jayapura city, the majority of whom are immigrants. How is applying Christ's method in the context of the modern world so important?

In accordance with the development of technology and communication, this becomes a challenge for the church, digital ministry is one solution to reach out to non-sda. identify problems, challenges and developments then we need to find solutions for evangelism to the city of Jayapura.

Purpose of the Study

Through writing this paper, I hope to provide solutions and strategies on how to reach the city through Christ's method in its application, and through a program that will be carried out by the advent church in Jayapura city, it will have an impact on the progress of evangelism work in the city of Jayapura.

Research questions

This research study will answer the following questions:

1. What is the meaning of Christ's method and how is it applied in reaching the people of Jayapura city with the gospel?
2. What are the church's problems and challenges in reaching the people of Jayapura city with the gospel?
3. What are the solutions, strategies and programs that will be implemented for success in evangelism in the city of Jayapura?

II. WRITING METHODOLOGY

To answer these questions, this paper attempts to develop an argument based on a literature review. The author will examine the literature related to the subject matter of the problems that arise. These sources are books, articles from websites that relate to the problems that arise, which are relevant to previous research. From these sources the author will analyze, review using document or content analysis which is a study based on the context of the problem to get answers to the problems being studied.

The Meaning of Christ's Method

It is Christ's own method that will give true success in reaching souls. Jesus mingled with people, He showed sympathy and empathy for the crowds, knew their needs and served them, and won their trust. Then Jesus invited them, "Follow me." (White, 2021)

We need to approach others with consistent personal effort. Less time for preaching and longer for nonpublic ministry, the results will be more visible. The poor are set free, the sick are well cared for, the grieving are comforted, the foolish are well taught, the inexperienced are counseled and taught. It is better to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, and this work will bear fruit. (White, 2021)

Dr. Philip Samaan focuses on six steps Christ uses in witnessing. Jesus then shows how we can, through an intimate relationship with Him, follow this example to share God's love, mercy, and influence with those around us.

You will discover listening skills that express sympathy and detect real feelings and needs. You will learn and be taught to develop meaningful, unconditional friendships that create trust and a desire to associate with Jesus. Living out this method in your spheres of influence will assist you impact your family, church, and community for Christ. (Samaan, 2012)

Using Christ's Method

In *The Ministry of Healing*, Ellen White writes that Christ's method alone will bring true success. She summarizes that method in five steps.

1. Mingle with People

Jesus mingled with whomever he wished, in all circles of society whether it was the high class or the lowly people. The center of influence that is established will have a great impact on evangelism to the wider community. What cannot be done by other methods can be done by an established center of influence. Using all media for evangelism is very important to mingle with society or community.

2. Show Sympathy

When you make friends with other people, you will shake their hands, listen to their complaints and problems, find solutions to the problems they face and of course you will get closer to people

3. Serving People's Needs

Various types of services from one place to another such as counseling services, feeding hungry people, caring for children in their growth, teaching life skills, social activities in the community, and services in the health sector.

4. Win People's Confidence

When we associate and show sympathy for them, and serve urgent needs, we will show others our care. We hope and pray that the Holy Spirit will move their hearts and lead them to full commitment to Jesus. But our concern and love depend not only on those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior but on all people. When we show people that our cares are non-binding, we build confidence.

5. Bid Them to Follow Jesus

This is an important step in applying the method of Jesus. Leading people to Jesus is a tangible result in holistic ministry. It emerges from the first four steps, where relationships are built. When people start to question what motivates us and why we have to live the way we are today. (Mission, 2021)

With Samaritan women, He uses the conversational method. Several times He greeted him and six times he answered. He was here only dealing with an individual, but through this the way was open to dealing with many others for two days. Jesus left Judea and went to Galilee because of the threat of persecution by the Pharisees who were not happy with Jesus' success. On this trip He met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and won the hearts of this woman and the townspeople to follow Jesus.

Jesus deliberately sat by Jacob's well and asked for a drink from a Samaritan woman, Jesus started a private conversation with this woman and at the same time broke down the dividing wall or culture built by Jewish law that Jews were not allowed to associate with Samaritans.

The lecturing method used by Jesus in dealing with a number of themes. Some of His sermons are brief, such as His sermons on the Lord's Supper, and the Great Commission.

Others are long, such as those in the mission of the Twelve, and about the Second Coming.

Another extraordinary method that Jesus used is the story method. Most of His stories are parables, although some of His sayings are not exact stories, but short comparisons.

Jesus also used the question and answer method, the problem solving method, the demonstration method, and several other methods. Indeed, He was a tactician with methods.

Urban mission is important because God loves the people crowded in the cities. Urban mission is also important because Adventism is a mission to people. If we are to require seriously Christ's Great Commission, to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19, NIV), we must go to the cities. We cannot afford the posh of settling down within the suburbs and in comfortable churches, teaching fine theology, while ignoring the desperate needs of the urban world. Jesus wants us to be with Him where he's (John 14:3), which close personal proximity needn't be simply future it must even be present. Jesus is present wherever there's sin and suffering, pain and alienation. He is alive and well in the cities, and He calls us to join Him there. Christ, our model, ministered in multicultural and concrete settings. He didn't limit His ministry to the Judean suburbs but served racially mixed and culturally diverse Galilee and Samaria and concrete Jerusalem. (Moyer, 1992)

Church's Problems and Challenges in Reaching The People of Jayapura City With The Gospel

1. The majority of the population of Jayapura city are immigrants

Governor of Papua, Lukas Enembe said the number of Papuan Indigenous People (OAP) currently stands at 2.3 million people. The data is based on a data collection program conducted by the district or city government in Papua Province.

Based on data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) of Papua Province, the population of Papua Province reached 3,435,430 in 2020.

The number of the productive age population is more than the unproductive age. Based on the data above, it shows that there are around 1.1 million migrants in Papua and most of them live in the city of Jayapura. (Mambor, 2020)

2. Demographics of Religion, Protestant 49.94%, Catholic 6.21%, Islam 43.42%, Buddha 0.25%, Hindus 0.17%, Others 0.01%. based on the data above shows that Protestant Christianity is the majority, this is a challenge for us because we know that reaching Protestants is not easy, because the first evangelism in Papua by Protestants and their beliefs were passed down by their parents and influenced by local culture, their beliefs depend on their leader or tribal chief. When tribal chiefs accept Protestant teachings, it will be difficult for other denominations to enter.

3. Individualism and Pluralism

The very real tolerance of each individual is seen in society, they do things according to their own way and understanding. In so-called pluralistic societies, they enjoy living with people who have tolerance. If individuals really don't know each other, then it would be better if it became more of an opportunity for mutual tolerance. (Shenk, 1995). Since the Enlightenment, the individual has become increasingly isolated with the potential for unlimited freedom and insecurity. (Sennet, 1994)

What are the solutions, strategies and programs that will be implemented for success in evangelism in the city of Jayapura?

Centers of Influence

The Adventist Church in Jayapura should establish a Center of Influence in the city to provide practical service to immigrants and reach out to new immigrants with preaching or evangelism. Ellen White wrote of this: "I have been repeatedly inspired and enlightened that we must build in the cities, us a small factory that will be the center of influence." if all members or congregations establish a center of influence, then this is one method that is effective in urban areas.

Small Group Service Strategy

Children who have just been born, do not immediately mature. There is a process of growing into an adult. Physical growth occurs from year to year. The food provided must be nutritious. Likewise with the spiritual new birth of someone who is a new convert, he is just born spiritually, unable to crawl, let alone walk. It takes a process of spiritual growth for him to mature spiritually. Small groups are one of the models for spiritual development with nutritious spiritual food to be given to them.

Small Groups in the Bible

God created us to be in community with one another. Genesis 2:18 states: "It is not good for the man to be alone." This passage is often used in the context of marriage, but it also talks about our fundamental need to relate to others in the human community. What is striking about this statement is that God made it before the fall.

When Jesus was on earth and began His great work, He started by forming a group of 12, looking for the members of the group one by one. Why was Jesus looking for people? Is it because he can't? No. His purpose in seeking disciples was to prepare for His ministry. In Jesus' small group, they were taught how to fellowship, study, heal the sick and other activities. Every day. His disciples also learned from observing what Jesus did (Advent Benhil, 2021).

What Jesus had done, then continued in the days of the apostles. They form a community of believers who love Jesus

and love others. This group is solid in helping the poor and spreading the gospel.

III. SMALL GROUP SERVICE

And they always gather to break bread and pray. So they were all frightened, while the apostles performed many miracles and signs. And all those who have become believers remain united, and all that is theirs is a common property, and there are always those who sell their possessions and distribute them among all people according to their needs. Persevering and with one accord they gathered daily in the temple of God. They broke bread in their respective homes and ate together happily and sincerely, praising God. And they are liked by everyone. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. This verse gives a clear picture of the small group.

Place for Small Groups

Small groups are grouped in two important places, namely the Temple (church) and the House. Location greatly influences group dynamics. A group meeting at church inevitably needs space to be able to discuss. Sometimes it requires a classroom, or a specific location. If there are also other groups who are having a meeting in the church at the same time, the discussion will be heard in other groups. Meeting at church becomes less transparent and warm as it is more formal. The most effective meetings are meetings at home.

Medical Missionary Work

The purpose of medical missionary work is to direct every sinner to the Man Jesus Christ who takes away the sins of mankind. when they look to Jesus, they will be changed into His likeness. We must encourage and help the sick and suffering to look to the Savior and live. Point them to Jesus Christ who heals their physical and spiritual ailments. Tell them about Jesus being touched by their feelings. Encourage them to place themselves in the care of Jesus, who gave His life to those who long for eternal life. Talk about the love of Jesus, Tell about the power of Jesus to save us all (Johnson, 2014).

This is a high duty and a precious privilege of medical missionaries. And personal service that prepares the way for this. God often reaches the heart through our efforts to relieve physical suffering (White, 2021).

You may not have the power to heal, but you do have the capacity to care, to love, as directed and guided by the Holy Spirit. Think about this statement: "The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives" (White, 2021).

Church Planting

Future Plan is Church Planting

1. List all members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church around the public housing

2. Planning a joint bible study from house to house
3. Hold worship together
4. organize the congregation
5. hold worship regularly
6. Create and run reach up, reach in, reach out programs

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Digital Ministry

Digital is a special term for a specific technology, digital ministry is very relevant today because of the development of technology and information that allows us to carry out evangelism to the wider community. Unfortunately, for the most part, we are busy building strongholds against perceived attacks when we should be out and understanding and using technology as a force to create positive change in today's digital age (Wilson, 2018).

Digital ministry is very relevant to the current situation, if we don't use it for evangelistic purposes then others will use it for other things outside of evangelism. Everything we do makes an impact, whether for evil or for good, digital ministries can reach more people in large communities and across different ethnicities, religions, languages and races. This is in accordance with the three angels' messages in Revelation 14:6 which states that the gospel must be spread to all nations, tribes, languages and peoples.

Social Media

Social media is an online media that can be accessed easily, users can easily participate, share around the world, with a variety of creativity to create content including blogs, social networks, wikis, forums and virtual worlds. Blogs, social networks and wikis are the most common forms of social media used by people around the world. (Stikom, 2018). The use of social media for evangelism is very effective in reaching other people to understand the truth, they can access it anytime and anywhere according to their wishes or needs and we can interact with one another.

Social Media Platform

Previously we only sent news via mail, now we can inform anyone anytime, anywhere by using social media as an intermediary.

According to research compiled by We Are Social in 2019, social media users in Indonesia have reached 150 million people in 2020. This means that around 57% of the

entire population of Indonesia has used various types of social media. The 8 social media that are often used in Indonesia are as follows: Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, Tweeter, WhatsUp, TikTok, Line and reddit. Based on the above data, we can conclude that media ministry plays a major role in evangelism. (Widyananda, 2020).

IV. CONCLUSION

Jayapura City is an immigrant city with a diverse population coming from various islands in Indonesia. Regarding evangelism to immigrants, we need to understand and apply Christ's method of reaching souls. Jesus mingled with the people, sympathized with everyone he met, Jesus took care of their needs, met their needs and invited them to follow Him, and this is also what we must do to reach souls according to Jesus' example.

Establishing a center of influence in the city of Jayapura is an effective method of evangelism, clinics, schools, wellness centers, shops, and hospitals are centers of influence that can be developed for evangelistic purposes.

The Adventist Church in Jayapura should establish a Center of Influence that provides better service to immigrants and reaches new immigrants with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ellen White wrote of this idea: "I am repeatedly inspired and enlightened that we must establish centers of influence in our cities". if all congregations establish a center of influence, then this is one method that is effective in urban areas

We must encourage the sick and suffering to look to Jesus and live. Let the workers guard Christ, constantly before those whose mental illness has brought despair. Point them to Jesus who can heal physical and spiritual ailments. Tell them about Jesus being touched by their feelings of weakness. Encourage them to place themselves in the care of Jesus who gave His life to enable them to have eternal life. Talk about His love. Tell about His power to save. (Johnson, 2014)

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The methods, strategies and programs that we carry out will be successful if they are in accordance with the methods of Christ that are applied today and certainly do not conflict with God's Word. I believe that God will help us to develop relevant strategies, programs and methods for saving souls.

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