

# Mission Impact of Migration

(continued...)

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Or as seen in writing ...

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# Priority concern

- WCC and Studies eg Jackson / Europe
- CTBI (+ environment and public sq)
- Migration Enquiry ('more than bargained for' quote)
- GfE (+ new housing, virtual world and proclamation)

... here looking at mission and  
evangelisation

# 'Migration Principles' CTBI book

- Dignity as created by God
- Citizens of Heaven and Pilgrim People
- Searching for community cohesion
- Migration > Asylum and Refugees
- UK variations of opinion re migration
- Christian 'welcome to stranger' Heb 13:2
- Kingdom issues of justice and 'least' Mt25

# Migration Principles CTBI: APP 2

1. Educative process, listening to migrant people
2. Closer working of support agencies
3. Detention Centre chaplains
4. Intensify advocacy of vulnerable people
5. Work with migrant organisations
6. Offer practical resources of Christian community
7. Involvement in language skills
8. Offer unconditional pastoral care
9. Develop programs for 'get to know each other'

# Mission Impact of Migration

- Mission means sent 'on the move'
- UK Church has been/ is being impacted
- Complex history inc. Royal Family
- Windrush 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 22<sup>nd</sup> '48
- African, Asian and Chinese: Diaspora?
- Eastern European: Polish Catholic Mission
- New Pentecostals: Kingsway and GDOP

# Issues of Mission Impact

- Social/ cultural status of the minority
- Minority gps are becoming majority gps
- Edwards and Sentamu represent 10%
- Q of indigenous leadership: Roland Allen
- 'Cultural' or 'Western' worship?
- Single or Separate congregations: HUP
- Both principles for best mission strategy

# Wider Issues of Mission Impact

- Great Commission: all the world Mt28
- Mutual Respect and Interdependence MRI
- Partnership, Politics and Practice
- Missional migrant communities: NOVA
- Learn from new evangelists: Welcome.net
- Evangelisation in post colonial context
- Proclamation: GfE and Lausanne



# Wider Issues still ...

- Finding the new people
- Congregation capacity to serve
- Conflict of interest in building use
- Funding, H + S, Cultural norms
- Next wave could be Muslim > Christian
- Islam is a missionary movement

# What the churches can do:

- Remember People of God 'on the move'
- Reflect on Jesus 'on the move'
- Consider disciple / journey / pilgrim
- Ask how Gospel first came to these islands
- Pray for people see and meet
- Welcome the stranger and take the risk
- Listen and learn... good evangelism is 2 way
- Find resources to help us all to grown in Christ

# Examples

- Hexthorpe Methodist 2-120 in 3 years
- Dublin Central Meth: closure to full house
- Ross on Wye agricultural works on Sat
- East Anglia Baptists meet midweek
- City Life Southampton Centre: CLEAR
- Well in Glasgow: Asian outreach and now?
- Keralese Catholics aim to convert UK

# Migration Enquiry

- Migration and Church Life
- Migration and Social Concern
- Theology and Migration
- Migration + Evangelisation

# Resources for churches

- UN website for migration figures
- Caleb Project: New Faces of Europe book
- CTE 'Inter Faith Contact' paper from web
- Methodist pub: 'May I call you friend?'
- Baptist web '10 Principles'
- Alpha in Russian, Polish and Chinese
- Spencer 'Christian persp. on polarised debate'
- [www.jesusinmylanguage.org](http://www.jesusinmylanguage.org) 70 languages

# Resources for churches

- OUP Short Intro 'International Migration'
- CEA and Rejesus.co.uk review inc language
- WCC 'Mission and Ev: an Ec Affirmation' base
- Kim Knott: Leeds research ReIn/Migration
- Joint Issues Group Meth/URC research
- C of Scotland research 'guest workers' discn
- Bible Soc 'No Nonsense' Theatre 'Ruth'
- Street Pastors and [www.fgbmfi.co.uk](http://www.fgbmfi.co.uk)
- Refugee Council for definitions

# Extra Notes

- Holy Ground Shoes 'fuzzyedges.com
- EA scoping church initiatives
- Various Regional Assembly consultations
- 'City of Sanctuary' eg Coventry
- ACTS and BIAMS day conferences
- Arthur Rank on Rural Migrant Workers
- Revival among Iranian Muslims + 'dreams'
- Four Spiritual laws and Bible Society etc
- BG '3 most important things about evangelism'