



WORKSHOP

Recap

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Models

1. Insertion & pastoral care:

= Among Nuer (church started by catechists, who called the missionaries; war situation...)

2. Insertion, pastoral care, human promotion:

= SS, KE, ET (education, health care, reconciliation, at times relief: overall more common model)

NB: Model 2 differences:

= ET: church registered as NGO

= SS: centres... but also outreach to cattle camps (nomads)

= KE: nomads settling down



Models: comments

1. Insertion & pastoral care:

- = simplicity and sustainability
- = language, culture, relationship with people
- = **NB:** context of church founded by catechists who then called the missionaries, hard terrain with no infrastructure, and war situation...

But:

- = people demand also access to basic services
- = human advancement as integral part of the proclamation of the Gospel
- = national integration of pastoralist communities



Models: comments

2. Insertion, pastoral care, human promotion:

- = holistic approach, appreciated by people
- = proclamation builds on situations where people redefine identities
- = **NB:** model that gives quite different outcomes according to the context where it is applied

But:

- = sustainability may be an issue (cf. Leer, Nakwamekwi...) & risk of dependency
- = challenge of “balancing” relationship with people
- = risk of leaving “nomads” behind



Inculturation

1. Proclamation
2. Authentic encounter
3. Faith based human advancement
4. Empowerment
5. Celebrating life

NB: strong connections with Comboni charism

What methodology can help us capture these in our practice?



Pastoral Cycle Methodology

- 1. Insertion:** presence, language, culture, enter situations of crisis, accompaniment, participation in meaningful events, love for the people
- 2. Analysis:** understand people, engage cultural themes, facilitate critical awareness, uncovering contradictions / dilemmas
- 3. Reflection:** proclamation, formation of consciences, sense of identity, belonging, dignity, healing, social integration, constructing Christian meaning
- 4. Action:** ministries, leadership formation, **celebration**, cooperation & networking

NB: the overall & ultimate goal is a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ (evangelization as inculturation)



Sticking points

- **Weak continuity:** affects learning language & culture, relationship with people, methods & activities. Moreover, insertion may be affected by lack of patience, anxiety for results, hurrying, not listening to people, and at times judgemental attitude...
- **Scanty reflection/evaluation and celebration:**
 - = among missionaries and people
 - = when it is there... how does it feed back to practice?



Sticking points

- **Cooperation:** within communities and with other agents of evangelization
- **Deepening methodology:** in practice we do have a clear approach and method...

...but how much do we invest in updating and developing tools for our practice?



Sticking points

- **Pluralism**: when in community we have different theologies and missiologies, dialogue and collaboration become difficult. We lack a shared “theory” of mission.
- **Collaboration with the local Church**: contracts, handing over, integration in pastoral plans and activities
- **Leadership**: we need animators at all levels, facilitating collaboration and reflection