

Colossians 1: 3 - 6

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

1) Growth: across the world

2) Growth: within people

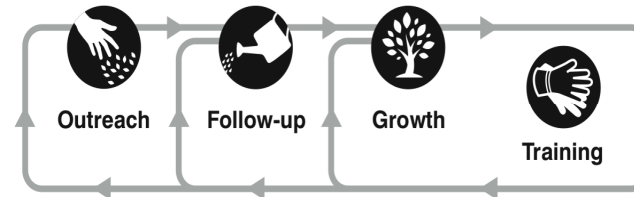
9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God

- people, not programs

- sending, not keeping

- progress, not resources

THE GOSPEL GROWTH PROCESS



The process

Me:

Outreach:
Follow-up:
Growth:
Trained:

Organisation:

Outreach:
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Name	Outreach	Follow-up	Growth	Training

Training

“Training is not the acquiring of proficiencies toward a task. Rather it is the growth of all Christians in their Convictions, Character & Competencies, so that in love they might minister the Gospel to others, by prayerfully bringing the Word of God to them, to the non-Christians in mission, to new Christians in discipleship and to all Christians in godly growth”

Does everyone in _____

know a basic way to share the truth of Christianity?

know how to handle a difficult question?

know how to encourage someone, with and through the word of God?

know what it means to serve Jesus and act their Christian faith in everyday life?

What steps can be taken?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Training your team

1 hr/fortnight
Bible study (20 mins)
Prayer from passage (5 mins)
People - talk about pastoral needs (sensitivity/confidentiality) (10 min)
Prayer for people (5 mins)
Review past activities (5 mins)
Thinking about ... (15 mins)

Reading the Bible 1-2-1



#3

Holy Trinity, Woodburn

The plan

#1 - Growing disciples: me

Working out what a real disciple of Jesus is. Avoiding the stereotypes, misconceptions and those who mislead.

#2 - Growing disciples: ministry of the pew

Every disciple is part of the ministry team.

#3 - Growing disciples: express training

Building training into the regular life of HTW.

#4 - Growing disciples: maintaining mission

Taking stock and making plans for HTW.