

**Worship forms are developed through the careful study of Scripture.** In order for the emerging movement to be seen as one from within its own culture, new believers, through the careful study of scripture, develop worship forms which allow the emerging movement to Christ to continue to identify with their own culture and people group.

**The Word of God is translated into the local language.** When oral and written translations are undertaken, they are carefully researched and meticulously checked so that the integrity of God's Word is kept and shared within this culture. This work is done by multi-national translation teams, including translators from that culture.

**The new movement is independent and is sustained locally.** Emerging movements to Christ develop ways to support their movement, evangelize, choose new leaders and discover the truth of God's word.

**Movements emerging** and multiplying within cultures least familiar with the Gospel.

## yeast in the dough

What is the result of this approach? There will be a long-term, holistic transformation of the culture. This is not the result of an imposed framework by outside leadership, but rather, because of the transformed lives of those within the culture as every area of their lives is permeated with the person of Jesus Christ.

Through this process we can partner with God to accomplish both His work and the aim of Global Teams: "to see the heart of Christ in the skin every culture!"



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# transformation



mission work from within



# Yeast in the Dough

abridged



## Imagine this for a moment:

Picture missionaries entering a mission field... Who are they? Where are they from? How were they educated? Where will they go to spread the Gospel? What kind of church should they plant? What will they teach and what will be the worship style in this new church?

If you're an American or attend a church that was planted by a missionary from a western nation, you probably envisioned those missionaries as coming from a western country; educated at a seminary or other religious institution.

Did you see them headed to some remote village in a developing nation? Perhaps they planned to build a church in that village and teach the people from books they had read while at school in their country of origin.

You may also have observed them following the worship style of the church they attended in their home town. Very likely, you saw them teaching the music and hymns that their family and friends enjoy back home. In the end, they'll become the leaders of the village church.

While this is one model of mission work, additional models continue to emerge, addressing the challenges and opportunities of the mission field



## Entering in:

In 2001, Global Teams shifted focus to work primarily within unreached people groups (UPGs). Now, teams of workers from many nations live and work among UPGs around the world. As whole communities gradually come to faith, new movements to Christ emerge, and they look like this:



**Followers of Jesus remain in their society.** New believers are not extracted from their culture. They do not become someone "other" or foreign, but instead become "yeast in the dough" and spread the Gospel within their culture (Mat 13:33).

**The church is planted into existing family and social networks.** Global Teams seeks to preserve existing family relationships, as well as other already-existing social networks, and foster fellowships of believers within them. Therefore, the first thing asked of new believers is to share this faith with their families. It is vital that the yeast remain in the dough so it can spread.

**Believers who "remain" are leaders from the beginning.** Just as we see in the Gospels and Acts, existing local leadership is mentored right away, preserving societal leadership patterns. This allows the natural and spiritual gifts of the body to emerge and lead the church.