



# EVANGELISMO A FONDO ESPAÑA

MISSIOLÓGICAL RESEARCH

## Introduction: How and why we started.

The work of Missiological Research begins in my life after living seventeen years of pastoral experience and having spent eight years of pioneering work. As well as six years of biblical-theological and missiological Studies.









While we can be sure, that no relevant commercial firm dares to launch their new products for sale, without having previously made a market investigation and the possible acceptance of their product against the competition, the people of God, The Church, without any previous research, we tackle a social and spiritual task without adequate information and sometimes with little preparation.

Thus, all our research work finds biblical support, in the consideration of the experiences of the people of God, which were preceded by a sometimes very risky and expensive research. In the Bible they are mentioned with the name of spying actions. We today call this work: Mission Research. The New Testament also provides advice in the same direction.

# 1.- Ethnographic Profiles

### A. What is an ethnographic profile?

It is a documentary work, and social and anthropological research and something else; It is a spiritual work. It is the set of precise information about people and personality, which has a certain social group. By means of the profile, a complete documentation is obtained on the religious, social, economic and political details of the present

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# PERFIL ETNOGRÁFICO DE PALOS DE LA FRONTERA



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### B. What is it for?

The value of all the information collected and analyzed serves:

First: as an enhancer of intercessory prayer. Because <u>only when it</u> is known, we know why and how to pray for those to whom we are sent to preach, that is, we intercede more fully.

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### C. What aspects are investigated in an Ethnographic profile?

Everything that can be useful for a better knowledge of the people we evangelize. It must be said that a job like this is not a mere anthropological exercise. It is an integral investigation in a city, town, or neighborhood



It is necessary to know the history of the votive acts, that throughout the centuries, that society has done. It is always discovered, that in several moments of its history, they have given their lives and the city as such, to the spiritual protection of gods, virgins and saints.

Finally, three contemporary aspects of great importance in the investigation:

- 1) the popular religiosity and the degree of commitment with other religions that the inhabitants have today.
- 2) the level of respect and acceptance towards Evangelical Christians, and
- 3) the state of the Gospel witness in the place.

# 2.- Statistical Yearbook of Churches and Ministries

We began this work by seeing that the work and the ministries in Andalusia did not have a statistical reference, which reflected the development that the work of the Lord was having, for the good and reflection of the growth of the Church and other para-church ministries , who are working in our land. We then continued working all the Autonomous Communities until completing all the Spanish territory.

### ANUARIO EVANGÉLICO ANDALUZ

# **AVANZANDO**



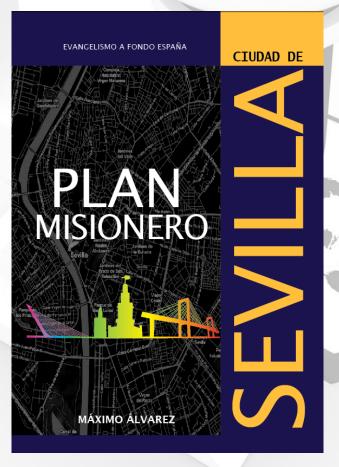
MONASTERIO DE SAN ISIDORO DEL CAMPO, SIGLO XVI (SEVILLA). SÍMBOLO EMBLEMÁTICO DEL PROTESTANTISMO HISTÓRICO ANDALUZ.

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This tool is intended to be more than a mere directory, a means to know the development of churches and ministries, enabling the planning of work, visualizing better, the free fields to be established in them, knowing the statistical development of growth and decrease.

# 3.- Missiological Plan of the city of Seville

We have to focus on the neighborhoods as a strategy. Inside the cities there are islands, population groups not yet evangelized. We should value the importance of reaching out neighborhood by neighborhood with a sense of a parish. In fact, a very low percentage of believers in our churches live in the neighborhood itself. We have not worked with a clear plan to reach out to the people of our neighborhoods.



For some years now, we have been very interested in knowing more about the state and needs of Seville as a city. Therefore, in 2012, we began to investigate the city and discovered that of the 108 neighborhoods that Seville currently has, only 35 had Evangelical Christian Church.

We intend to offer accurate and valuable information to facilitate, as much as possible, the work of planting new churches and developing the implementation of the Kingdom of God in the city of Seville.

The leadership that wants to face the tasks for the planting of new churches in Seville capital, has to take the time to see what are the main problems that are occurring in the chosen neighborhood to begin their missionary work.

# 4.- Provincial Missionary Plan

The Provincial Mission Plan is an interdenominational plan to plant churches based on common lines of work and objectives. It will have the possibility of being denominational in the sections of theology and doctrines. It will be a Plan that will have the support, participation and loan of strategic resources and equipment from the congregations and denominations that are involved.

To participate in the Plan, churches and denominations must select and adopt cities for which to pray and make plans to achieve them. The plans must be shared with the rest of the churches and denominations



### PHASES OF THE PROJECT:

- 1. Adoption of a Population.
- 2. Elaborate Approach Methodology.
- 3. Create a Specific Plan.
- 4. Joint Support Plan.

Socio-religious and anthropological analysis of society

- The strength that traditions have in the city that is intended to be achieved.
- Attitude of civil authorities towards the presence of the Evangelical Church.
- Other religions already present in the city.
- Cultural and Economic Issues.

Analysis, use and results of investigations. Valuation of acceptance levels.

- † Detect the Bridges and entrance doors to the society under investigation.
- † Guidelines for Action derived from the results of the Investigation.

# 5.- Missiological Map

The creation of a Missiological Map has been the next natural step in our line of work, since we had the data and the necessary information to design and build our Missiological maps with a purpose: to make known the actual and updated status of the fields that are ready to be reached with the Gospel and the plantations of new congregations throughout Andalusia, and in this way, promote prayer, create awareness of what is missing and contribute to the expansion of the Kingdom.



The Maps meet the need of the Spanish and foreign Evangelical Churches, as well as missionaries, Missionary Agencies, Seminars, Bible Schools (and in general, all interested and involved evangelical believers) to know how many, which and where is each town over four thousand (4,000) inhabitants that do not have Evangelical Church at the same time that stimulates and advises the planning of their actions and missionary projects.

¿Why a map? Because a picture is worth a thousand words

# 6.- National Strategic Plan

With the National Strategic Plan, we intend not only to develop a national mentality but a unity mentality, dividing the national geographic map



The towns will be classified as follows:

### 1.-Green zones

20/30 km. of a mother church

### 2. Yellow Zones

30/50 km from Mother Church

### 3. Red zones

High level of anonymity

### **National Plan Roadmap**

- 1. Schedule
- 2. Available resources
- 3. Decide on planting process
- 4. Identify planters and equipment
- 5. Identify churches / missions / denominations / coachers

# 7.- Statistics, National, Regional and Provincial.

The present study is focused exclusively on the field of the Evangelical Christian Churches that exist in Spain. We offer the data to the evangelical churches and we believe that they can be taken into account in Spanish society in general and in the sectors that study religious sociology in particular.

We wish to offer these data in order for the national evangelical leadership to know the real dimension that we as a church have achieved within our society and for us to project ourselves towards new levels of implantation throughout the national territory (populations), where it does not yet exist an Evangelical congregation.



What does The Evangelical Guide offer?, In addition to containing the most up-to-date and reliable directory of each community and relevant articles from different leaders, we offer a variety of statistical information and analysis on the growth of Churches, organisms and ministries, number of believers and populations without church. What churches are doing what things at the level of pioneer work, mission points, social work, resources for evangelization. as well as the musical resources of the churches in each province, in addition to other valuable resources.

# 8.- Chronological Investigation.

The information is offered for the analysis of growth in the number of church planting for decades so that we know the impact of the economy, prominent social events and type of national and regional government

# **SPAIN: Comparable Decades**



# 9.- Interactive Map

We are more than convinced, that the church can not lack the information: because it produces vision, prayer, passion and commitment.

The Missiological Interactive Map is the next step in our vision to offer and provide the church with the most relevant and relevant information. In this map different research areas would converge, always focusing on what has not been reached and what is not:

- Towns without church;
- Ministerial Information at the level of the Autonomous Community, Province and Population);
- Statistics and Growth;
- Ethnography;
- Towns with evangelical churches;
- Districts without churches of the urban centers;
- Presence of other religions, among other information.

