Title: Towards an evangelistic strategy to reach Koreans in China: preliminary studies

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Abstract:

This thesis seeks to discover evangelistic strategies which may be effective in reaching Koreans living in China. In spite of the great concern for Koreans there by many Christian groups, in recent years the results of their mission work have proved not to be as successful as was expected. This is because zeal, without understanding the culture and context of the Korean-Chinese, has brought about many missiological problems. This fact has inspired this researcher to study and work towards an evangelistic strategy which will reach Koreans in China.

This paper covers three traditional areas in the study of missions—biblical, historical, and anthropological divisions. It is descriptive, in that in delineates the history and culture of the Koreans in China, as found in the content of relevant literature. In order to understand their present way of life, this study reviews their historical circumstances, their sociopolitical and socio-cultural context, as well as their religious context.

Many evidences of God’s purpose for the nations and indications of the church’s missionary task in the world are presented in the Bible. The Bible makes provision for cultural diversity, but it is evident that cultural differences should not serve as barriers to exclude people or as criteria for inclusion in the church.
Several political changes in the short history of Koreans in China have influenced their values. The historical and political atmosphere has caused them to have a dualistic culture which partakes of characteristics of both the Korean and the Chinese cultures.

Culturally relevant strategies should be developed for effective mission work. The researcher concludes with suggestions for evangelistic strategies to use in reaching Koreans in China.