The Historical Experiences of Good News Mission that will Contribute to Sustainability

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Abstract

This study examined the thirty-year missionary history of the Good News Mission in the Philippines with particular focus on its historical development, intercultural missionary engagement, challenges, adjustments, and sustainability. The Philippines, being one of the largest Christian nations in Asia, presents a unique context for intercultural mission because of its strong religious traditions, widespread familiarity with Christianity, and relational socio-cultural environment. Using a qualitative historical-descriptive and missiological research design, the study analyzed missionary experiences, ministry practices, mission documents, theological reflections, and relevant literature related to the long-term ministry of the Good News Mission in the Philippines. The research was guided by the missiological perspectives of David J. Bosch, Stephen B. Bevans, and Paul G. Hiebert, particularly their works on mission theology, contextualization, and intercultural ministry. Findings revealed that the Good News Mission experienced significant historical development through evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, youth ministry, and church-centered missionary activities. The study also identified major intercultural and organizational challenges, including communication differences, contextual adaptation, leadership expectations, and institutional concerns. Despite these challenges, the mission sustained its ministry through strong spiritual commitment, missionary identity, sacrificial service, and organizational continuity. The study concluded that sustainable intercultural mission requires the integration of biblical faithfulness, contextual sensitivity, ethical credibility, spiritual endurance, and collaborative ministry practices. It further proposed directions for more sustainable missionary engagement in the Philippine setting and contributed to broader discussions on Korean missions and intercultural missiology in Southeast Asia.

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