

Chapter 1 : Reproducible Pastoral Training – Reaching Africa's Unreached

Description. Patrick O'Connor highlights specific action-oriented principles from the teachings of George Patterson as he guides the reader through the various aspects of cross-cultural ministry: the gathering of new believers, the development of new churches, the mobilization of new churches into a movement, the training of new leaders, and the departure of the pioneering ministers.

I recently wrote about the epidemic of false teaching around the world and how our response is providing under-resourced pastoral leaders with much needed theological training. Our Curriculum We have developed a 2-year certificate-level program in theological studies. Our curriculum consists of eight courses and is flexible, efficient, and reproducible. It is designed specifically for pastoral leaders around the world with little to no theological training. We provide theological training to pastoral leaders in their context, allowing them to continue to serve both their families and ministries without interruption. Our training centers are made up of a group of pastoral leaders from the surrounding area. As a group they decide the place, date, and time of the monthly trainings. Our curriculum is modular It is designed to be delivered in small, manageable pieces. We strive to have twelve hours of face-time with pastoral leaders on a monthly basis for two years. This allows pastoral leaders to miss very little time doing ministry and spending time with their families. Furthermore, we believe that this face-to-face, life-on-life educational model transforms the learning process. Our curriculum is dynamic It is designed for a small group of persons. Ten of these persons must be pastors of a local church. Furthermore, each pastor is encouraged to invite into the program two of his principal leaders in the church. Both a small and close pastors and their leaders group helps to create a healthy learning atmosphere. Our curriculum is structured One of the problems we encounter is that pastoral leaders do not have a coherent framework by which to evaluate and communicate truth. We provide pastoral leaders with a Study Bible, Bible Dictionary, and theological resource that compliments each course. When a pastoral leader completes our program, he will have his own personal theological library to use at his disposal for the rest of his life. By Brett Lamberth T Brett Lamberth Related Posts.

Chapter 2 : John Patrick O'Connor (Author of Reproducible Pastoral Training)

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As a result, true Christianity hides its face, resulting in the death of sanctification. Seeking only numbers and affirmation, he adds, this new evangelicalism uses the culture to attract, with no interest in the deadly poison that lies below the surface of it. History shows that antinomianism follows hard on the heels of a recovery of the doctrines of grace. Because the doctrines of grace can be pressed hard in the direction that everything is settled and secured, it leads easily to blatant and out-rageous antinomianism. Contextualization of the gospel today has infected the church with the spirit of the age. The world now sets the agenda for the church-it has done it musically, and is now doing it in terms of the message. In 2 Corinthians Today, everything seems directed away from this. We want to get as close to the world as possible. When Paul says he became all things to all people, he simply means he would make any personal sacrifice to reach a person. To fulfill this mandate, the shepherd must recognize seven things: The power of the flesh. Do you understand the power of the flesh, how easily temptation is excited? Your people need to be protected from their own flesh, from inciting the flesh by painting word pictures of sex organs. The battle has to be won on the inside Rom 7; James 1. I never want to be a person who is used to solicit any kind of evil in the mind of anyone. Because "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" Matt The power of the world. Whatever you borrow from the world has the potential to corrupt. Friendship with the world is enmity with God James 4: The last thing you want to do is kick the church doors open and bring the world in-rubbing out the line between the world and the church. I want to build a wall so when you come to church your experience is disconnected from the world. The power of Satan. Shepherds not only feed and water sheep; they also protect them. You never want to be the instrument by which the devil gains access to your flock. The battle is fierce in their hearts-at work, at school, watching television, etc. The shepherd must be their protector. The power of the Scripture. Thy Word is truth" John We are pruned and purged by the Word, and that is why the shepherd is committed to the exposition of Scripture and thereby unleashing its sanctifying power. The power of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit basically means to let the Word dwell richly within you cp. As shepherds, we want our people to come under the sanctifying power of the Scripture and the sanctifying power of the Spirit. The power of confrontation. How can you do that in a church where you just want everybody to feel good about being there? The power of example. You can tell what a man thinks by his speech. Furthermore, when you stand in your pulpit, your people are getting the most sanitized version of you. The real you is not that sanitized! Christ-likeness is the goal of ministry in the church Eph 4: My prayer for you is that you would be sanctifying shepherds.

Chapter 3 : Mission Frontiers - More FREE Books

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Check out this 90 second video for Radical Together. Request your free review copy through Mission Frontiers while supplies last. For individual copies, try Amazon. *The Art of Non-Evangelism* by Carl Medearis David C Cook, Carl Medearis and his family lived in Beirut, Lebanon for 12 years where they encouraged university students, business professionals and political leaders to live their lives by the principles and teachings of Jesus in order to change their societies and nations. For individual and bulk copies, see William Carey Library. His Waymakers ministry describes prayerwalking this way: Many Christians have been learning to quietly pray in the places that they live, work or play. Prayerwalking is usually a low-profile affair: Friends or family stroll two-by-two through their own neighborhoods, schools and work places, praying as they go. Once in a while the prayers can be demonstrative, but most prayerwalking is fairly quiet. Discover more resources and join the community of CPM practitioners. You, too, can ride the camel: Learn why thousands of Muslims are turning to Christ. Learn how you can confidently share the Gospel with Muslims. Learn how you, too, can see Muslims come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The Camel method is an intelligent and effective way to share with Muslims. See book description above. How misreading the Exodus as just a spiritual analogy for deliverance from sin has blinded us to the principles God has recorded for the proper functioning of every facet of culture. *Real Life Discipleship* by Jim Putman NavPress, Through more than a decade Jim Putman and his team have modeled an effective approach for making active disciplers rather than entertaining spectators. In their members baptized unbelievers in their small groups. The insights in this book have been refined through the process of introducing hundreds of other churches to their model. His assessment is as relevant today as it was then. *Transforming Discipleship* by Greg Ogden IVP Press, Ogden analyzes the discipleship failure of the American church and then proposes a realistic model to start making disciples through reproducible threesomes. After going to print he observed that foursomes may work better than threesomes due to the frequency of travel in with which someone may be absent due to travel. Still, he provides a solid background for such further refinements. *Going Radical* focused on the mobilization significance of David Platt and this book. Taking the gospels at face value leads Floyd to define a radical strategy for discipling new believers while strengthening our own devotional lives. Through it all, Floyd emphasizes the importance of following Jesus personally rather than adhering to ineffective rules or traditions. See William Carey Library.

Chapter 4 : Spotting Wolves In Your Church

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William Carey Library, Arguably, George Patterson is one the dozen or so most influential CP specialists of his generation, maybe the most. Patterson, who coined the phrase obedience-oriented education, contributed the chapter on saturation church planting in Perspectives on the World Christian Mission and authored Church Multiplication Guide Pasadena, William Carey Library. His menu-driven pastoral training materials, written in rural Honduran Spanish, became the widely translated Train and Multiply programme now produced by Project WorldReach www.ReproduciblePastoralTraining.com. Reproducible Pastoral Training is offered as a kind of checklist of 68 guidelines that have wide applicability wherever churches reproduce rapidly and require far more pastors than those that Bible schools can prepare. The keys lie in having current pastors and missionaries empower and personally train, mentor and supervise novice, mostly-unpaid leaders, on the job, as these launch and grow new congregations and cells and train even newer leaders, in turn. The books title would perhaps reflect more the genius of the guidelines were it called Reproductive Pastoral Training, for the guidelines purposefully and intentionally foster methods that allow leaders to reproduce, whereas any stagnant, unproductive practice can easily prove irreproducible. Permit the setting to shape your methods. Let the right people do the work. Follow proven guidelines to gather flocks. Spy out the land. Bond with the people and their culture. Form and train the right kind of task group. Find the receptive vein within a society. Find a hospitable person of peace. Proclaim the good news with a power that keeps it flowing. Pray for healing of body, heart and soul. Let seekers and new believers host harvesting meetings. Use stories and the arts to teach with greater effect. Find pointers to Christ in pagan lore. Reach entire families for Christ. Baptize without delaying for legalistic reasons. Make disciples in a New Testament way. Worship and break bread in a way that fits small flocks. Teach the Bible biblically. Promote dynamic interaction in small groups. Develop all activities that God requires a flock to do. Oversee work in a region in a liberating, reproductive way. Evaluate results with ruthless honesty. Let everyone in their flock serve in a vital ministry. Lead with the Spirit's power; do not simply enforce rules. Cultivate the fruit of the Spirit. Listen as the Lord speaks through His Word. Resist demons in a biblical way. Let the poor give sacrificially. Let children do serious ministry. Organize women for significant ministry. Build mutually edifying relationships. Boldly affirm the Almighty's forgiveness. Connect Jesus' commission with His command. Keep church body balanced; avoid stressing pet ministries. Let God's Spirit play the midwife as flocks reproduce. Envision what God will enable his people to do in pioneer fields. Mentor in the background in order to sustain genuine apostolic succession. Encourage flocks to follow God's rules rather than man's. Make sure mission funds meet real needs. Lead humbly and firmly. Let a big church form tiny ones within it. Let house churches and cells reproduce normally. Organize for dynamic body life in the way that Scripture prescribes. Create interchurch cooperation and friendship. When storms rage, stay focused on crucial objectives. Send the right harvesters to the right fields. Apply God's oil to rusty organization. Tap others' experience to solve snags with a trouble shooting chart. Train new shepherds to obey Jesus first. Learn and do God's Word; teach integrated units. Listen to flocks and shepherds before instructing them. Keep a useful balance between the classroom and mentoring. Give unbiased career guidance. List optional studies in a training menu. Deal prudently with movements to Christ within other religions. Follow up mission courses with useful action. Mentor workers with proper authority. Write training materials that fit specific fields. Identify servants with a shepherd's heart. Discern how and how long to mentor. Equip sending churches like the one in Antioch. Decide wisely who should mentor new leaders. Commission and send out workers. Uphold a high view of the flocks. The biblical character of the guidelines appears clear enough and most are illustrated or supported from the experiences of Patterson, O'Connor and others. This book is not, however, a scientific study of how current church planting movements grow, nor does it propose an ideal curriculum in one size that fits all. David Garrison, in Church Planting Movements, demoted mentored training programmes to a common factor rather than a universal. But, then, if mentored training facilitates

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CPMs far more commonly than does traditional, classroom-confined education, then let us do both! George Patterson continues to consult internationally and invites correspondence at [MentorAndMultiply gmail](mailto:MentorAndMultiply@gmail.com).

Chapter 5 : Reproducible Pastoral Training by OCONNOR PATR ()

"Reproducible Pastoral Training: Church Planting Guidelines from the Teachings of George Patterson" is a comprehensive manual and important guidebook for Christian discipleship based on New Testament principles modeled by the life and teaching of Jesus and further developed by the life and writings of the Apostle Paul.

However, its insights are also helpful to anyone who is either starting a church or seeking to see it grow. Various topics are explained in the text. How does one reach a culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What is better, door-to-door evangelism or another technique? Is it best to begin with a multi-cultural church or to start with one culture? How does one utilize contacts for the sake of the Gospel? Also, how does one prevent establishing a foreign church rather than a native one? Furthermore, the author goes into issues like how leaders are trained and when they should begin serving. I found myself revisiting preconceived notions of what is done in Western churches and thus is considered to be biblical. For instance, the distance between the time someone accepts Christ and is baptized. This and many more ideas of how to start, run and develop a church are tackled in this volume. I would recommend this book to missionary candidates and pastors alike. Board members would be challenged to think more biblically as a result of reading it. Perhaps someday we will see the impact this book has on missions and pastoral ministry. An interesting aside to this review was that our church had missionaries come and about 10 years prior, one of them had met the author and was told by him he would write a book and this was it. I felt led by the Lord to give him my copy. This book was given to me free of charge in exchange for a review. Blake on Sep 28, "Reproducible Pastoral Training" is a compilation of sixty-eight specific guidelines from the teaching of George Patterson, cross cultural missionary, who served for twenty years in northern Honduras. These sixty-eight principles are developed in a logical progression in five chapters which cover topics including: These principles also include church growth and evangelistic outreach. I found the figures, tables, checklists, and clever "talking bird" illustrations helpful, practical, and adaptable. I also appreciated the extensive bibliography filled with missiological principals, strategies, and related church planting methods, as well as important Biblical teaching on Christian living in cross cultural environments. Church Planting Guidelines from the Teachings of George Patterson" is a comprehensive manual and important guidebook for Christian discipleship based on New Testament principles modeled by the life and teaching of Jesus and further developed by the life and writings of the Apostle Paul. I received a complimentary copy of this book. The opinions I have expressed are my own. Good-bye, Great White Bwana! Those who micromanage and who are unable to delegate will not find this book congenial. It begins with a list of the 68 guidelines, which are then expanded and illustrated by field experience in the next eight chapters. Therefore, they lay out the mentoring and coaching guidelines to train these new believers who are given the freedom and responsibility to set up new churches. The mentoring church planter works with the new believers, using their individual abilities and giving them step-by-step training and coaching. As each new church planter works in a different situation, the coach chooses which area is needed first and customizes the training. Eventually all the bases of Biblical knowlege are covered, but in the order best suited for each. Some practices might be controversial, such as baptism immediately following conversion instead of a long probation period. This is definitely not just a book for church planters. I have shared this material with our Hispanic pastor who is doing just as Patterson did in training new leaders. My students are now using their beginning skills in the field and not just absorbing and parroting Biblical knowledge. Flexibility, cultural sensitivity and learning by doing are the three key elements. I highly recommend this book, even as I am at times overwhelmed by the need to change my whole orientation to passing on the faith. Do you like specifics? By Joe Faldet on Nov 10, If you are looking for a book on the specifics of church planting and pastoral training this is the book for you! Are you trying to get the children more involved in the church service? There are suggestions for that. Are you struggling with getting men to take responsibility? Well here are some suggestions. Yet for all the theory here the focus is on what works. Solomon tells us that the prudent see danger and avoid it but the simple keep going and suffer for it Pro Why should I make the same mistakes that Patterson made or observed? Reading this book has been like listening

to a wise counselor and I am planning on going back to it again and again for the wisdom it contains. If that is what you want, then you have come to the right place. Many years ago I read a series of small booklets by George Patterson detailing the process of working with new believers towards the goal of developing new churches. Over and over again he draws out principles and practices from the New Testament that can guide our ministry today. He does this in a way that emphasizes the truth and practicality of scripture. He attempts to strip away the non-essentials of church life that have built up through the centuries, in order to draw us back toward the essentials of working with individuals and small groups as we develop new leaders and new churches. As a pastor in the USA I am particularly challenged by his concepts. The instruction is straightforward and extremely simple to understand, however I find it challenging to implement. This is in part due to various church traditions and practices that get added over time, and also due to the fact that Patterson calls us to not only teach the Bible, but to live it out as well! I believe you will be blessed and challenged as you read and seek to implement the principles and strategy in this book. It is truly a manual on reproducible pastoral training, and it will be particularly helpful for anyone who is open to developing leaders to reach people outside of our established church structures. I received this book at no cost in exchange for a review. This particular edition is in a Paperback format. It was published by William Carey Library. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

Chapter 6 : A Curriculum Designed for Pastoral Leaders - Chosen People International

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How can the house church movement in the West complement effective congregational models like that of Real Life Ministries featured in the Jan-Feb issue of MF? A network of leaders in India offers fresh insight through their integration of knowledge and power. Thus I was privileged to spend four weeks interviewing and learning directly from leaders of rapidly growing CPMs. These leaders, along with their expatriate colleagues, provided invaluable feedback throughout the development of this article. Work with Others v. Traveling in groups is consistent NT practice. There is more power when a group agrees in prayer. Groups bring a wider variety of giftings. Prepare by Prayerwalking⁶ v. In one instance, prayer was focused on just one of two adjacent, identical apartment buildings. Beg God to Thrust Out Workers v. Our testimony is strengthened when God works ahead of us and provides through those who receive us. Seek out the Person of Peace v. Church reproduction stalls without ongoing mentoring which generates plans, and teaching to support those plans. Rapidly Multiplying Churches commonly This leads the church to rapid multiplication. This makes the church obedient. This leads the church to disciple all peoples in every place. Wait for guidance and power, then obey in faith. Resist the urge to rush into self-assigned activity, or to ask God to bless plans made solely on the basis of available resources. Goals Multiply Fruit Prayerfully develop increasing annual goals for baptisms, disciples baptizing others, self-funding, giving, etc. Swift Obedience Fuels Rapid Growth Baptize new believers immediately even if with just a bucket until immersion is practical , then urge immediate obedience in witnessing to and baptizing others. Multiplication Involves Everyone Teach everyone, including women and children, to reproduce, and give them the same authority to make disciples which Christ has given you⁶”to go, to baptize, and to teach others to obey. Ministry Should Happen Everywhere Coach believers to start discipling others wherever they gather⁶”in their own home and workplace, and in the homes of family, friends and co-workers. You are also usually the best person to win and disciple those closest to you. We have created an international welfare system that undermines the faith and interdependence of the people of God. The financial assistance they accept is for travel, training and literature to accelerate the spread of CPMs throughout India, and to other lands. All who seek together to obey Jesus are His Church. When we focus on going and making obedient disciples our job , Jesus builds His Ekklesia His job. Rapid Growth Generates Suspicion The faster these movements grow, the more difficult they become to track⁶”especially if they lack buildings and other obvious Christian trappings. Yet any reporting of big numbers, especially from India, prompts some to simply dismiss these movements as wild exaggeration. Until research can verify the numbers involved, let us test and learn from these movements, and rejoice in growth that outpaces our ability to measure it! Adoption is Better than Orphanages These leaders are increasingly opening their homes to needy children, and their example could lead toward the placement of all needy children in families. Pentecost Celebrations Fuel Growth This network of CPMs has seen tremendous growth as individual leaders disciple throughout the year toward an annual goal of 3, or more immersions on or by Pentecost. The result is a more effective testimony to the abundant life Christ offers now: One man has a disciple in each of twelve districts of his state. Each month they all meet in a different district for five days of prayer and planning, learning from and supporting one another in their oversight of rapidly multiplying house churches. Together they estimate that , people have been baptized through this network, and they expect to see half of their state baptized over the next few years! Another pastored seven small churches for 14 years, each day of the week spent serving a different church. A year ago he quit pastoring to focus on making reproducing disciplers through house churches. Now he estimates 40, baptisms in one year through the generations of disciplers within his network. A third once worked hour days overseeing a region for his denomination. Now he estimates that more than , have been baptized through his generations of disciples, while he also enjoys fruitful work with his wife and children among their high-caste, land-owning Hindu neighbors. This is central to Perspectives lesson

13â€™ Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches. Next Steps In light of unfolding world events, Dr. Choudhrie has scheduled another Summit this October specifically for those working among Muslims. Practitioners from any country are welcome, but help is needed to underwrite travel costs for those coming from Asia and the Middle East. Digging Deeper Throughout this article I have footnoted links for further study and exploration. Here is one suggestion from the field: Pray and practice with them their message, first approach, and appeal for faith. Regarding the model of Acts Paul was in Ephesus for three years, of which he spent a fruitless three months in the synagogue; one year and nine months in the Hall. The NT does not report what he did in the third year, but it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that he visited and strengthened his disciples all over Asia. No wonder he had little post-harvest loss. The hall of Tyrannus was situated in the middle of the fish market. My wife recently visited the site. Paul made tents inside the hall, as he taught to an audience who were his clientsâ€™ itinerant people who needed the tents, such as the shepherds, the fishermen and petty business people who itinerated. This captive audience not only heard teaching with their ears but also saw mighty miracles with their own eyes. This mix triggered the CPM, simply because his disciples would go and share the radical teachings as well as describe and perform signs wherever they went. Talk to any one of our grassroots workers and he or she will tell you the latest miracle that has happened to accelerate growth. There are more dynamics for the success of this model: In the synagogue Paul was dealing with Jews only, once a week on the Sabbath. In the marketplace, he interacted with both Jews and Gentiles, and on a daily basis. It does not matter how well crafted your discipleship materials are, the essential ingredients are: Without both components in place, any model will falter. In addition to the 8.

Chapter 7 : Mission Frontiers - Church Planting Movements from One Indian Perspective

The ideas in Reproducible Pastoral Training are not unknown by those who have read George Patterson. Nevertheless, O'Connor's distillation of his ideas into five phases with sixty-eight guidelines provides a sequential approach that helps you apply the material.

Paul ordered his apprentice Timothy: As for you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Join me in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Such chains enable a leader to prepare many shepherds rapidly, starting with only one or two apprentice shepherds. Such chains prove both reproductive and reproducible. William Carey Library, , an expanded checklist of church planting and pastoral training guidelines. For best results, train new leaders "and help others to do so" in the way that Jesus and the apostle Paul did, in order to multiply rapidly both new leaders and churches or cell groups, as they did in apostolic times. Perhaps the main obstacle to such training, whether done by workshops, personal mentoring or a series of training sessions, is the compelling, non-biblical Western educational tradition. Lead Workshops for Church Planters and Pastoral Trainers Pray that the Holy Spirit will give the workshop participants a concrete vision of multiplying leaders and churches, and teach with this aim in mind. Let them write down whom they will send to start new churches or cells, where these flocks may be located, and indicate possible granddaughter and great granddaughter flocks. Let the participants pray for each group, that God will help it to carry out the plans. This time of reporting and praying is often the most motivating highlight of such workshops. Prepare trainees during breaks to act out Bible stories or to do simple skits that illustrate useful skills. A training menu lists activities that the New Testament requires of flocks, integrated with the doctrines that correspond to each activity. Remember, no vital doctrine of Scripture was revealed without its corresponding duty. Following a traditional, linear curriculum alone hinders such responsive teaching. Loving obedience to Jesus gives new flocks the right foundation. Recognize the Challenges of Menu-based Training Unfortunately, few educators can shake themselves loose from the monologue lectures in order to train new pastors in the way Scripture shows that it should be done. Trainers select a study that applies to an urgent need. When such a seminar is over, the participants forget much of it, or it is contradicted by existing, traditional programs. Thus, the studies listed in the menu get used up and trainers resort to any traditional textbooks that are available. This leads back to institutional education, and the expensive, non-reproductive but popular traditions. Coordinators must be gifted leaders who are passionate about church multiplication and continue to coordinate as long as the Lord gives them strength and grace to do so. It is a crime to fail to integrate biblical doctrines with their corresponding practical work. Failure to connect doctrine and duty fragmentizes biblical doctrine, leading to a distorted view of Christ and His church, and seriously limiting the services rendered by a church body. New leaders are often effective mentors of other new leaders, because their young flocks share similar needs, and they are concerned about the same issues. However, there must be an experienced mentor at the head of all mentoring chains, who knows how to deal with issues beyond the grasp of new workers. New Churches and Home Groups. Fellowship, Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Prayer and Spiritual Warfare. Spiritual Care and Transformation. Training Leaders for Mother and Daughter Churches. New churches and new leaders, especially in new fields, have urgent needs and ministry opportunities that require attention now. A linear curriculum overlooks urgent needs. Jesus and His apostles taught mainly in response to needs by listening first, then responding. Jesus said in Matthew Every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old. Well-experienced pastors and missionaries may not need such a menu, because they have the options in their mind, but less experienced trainers need a menu to train others in a relevant way. When to Teach with a Monologue We need both types of training "mentoring and classroom lectures" to provide a balanced education. New leaders of new flocks, like newborn babies, have urgent needs that require the immediate attention of a mentor. Mentoring is too time-consuming to continue indefinitely, and the time comes sooner than most trainers expect when it is no longer needed on a

regular basis. When workers mature, they can continue learning from time-saving lectures. Jesus and Paul did both: Receive credit from Western Seminary or a certificate from Community Vision International for being mentored.

Chapter 8 : Reproducible Pastoral Training by John Patrick O'Connor

"Disciples who are shepherds-in-training should begin at once to train others, passing on what they receive from their trainer." Reproducible Pastoral Training: Church Planting Guidelines from the Teachings of George Patterson (p.

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Chapter 9 : The Helping Series |

Reproducible Pastoral Training is a timely and easy to read book written by missionary Patrick O'Connor. Do not let the title fool you. This book is user-friendly, hands-on, and practical in making disciples who then reproduce themselves.