METAPHORS AND MISSION

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Mark Woodward has picked up on Tim Davy's post about metaphor which I mentioned a few days ago. Mark has written a very challenging post that gets to the heart of what mission is all about:

> *When talking about Bible translation, do we talk about completing a task or sowing seeds? Talking about completing a task may reflect a focus on ourselves and our work, when in fact God invites us to join in with what he is already doing around the world.*
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> *Are we advancing towards our goals or working with others to help them achieve theirs? Just as God invites us to join in with what he is doing, he also expects us to be united with other believers around the world. This doesnâ€™t just mean allowing them to be part of what weâ€™re doing, but truly respecting and serving them as they play their part in Godâ€™s mission.*
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> *Is our aim increased efficiency in reaching people or better relationships in serving people? Western culture may value efficiency, but at the end of the day Godâ€™s mission is about him transforming hearts and lives, not us achieving tasks. In our desire to see the most lives changed as quickly as possible, we cannot afford to focus on simply accelerating a process at the expense of real relationships with people. (read the whole post)*