MISSION AS COMMUNITY

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I'm sitting in three days of meetings in Burkina Faso. There are people from a number of different churches and organisations here and community is very much at the heart of our discussions. On one level we are talking about how the groups can work together to promote the Gospel. We are also talking about the way that the Gospel changes communities and is not limited to individuals 'getting saved'. Tim Chester has a good blog post today, from a very different context, but which speaks into the situation I'm working in today.

> *We are called to be missional communities â€“ not lone evangelists. The life of the covenant community is to be a light to the nations. â€˜By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.â€™ (John 13:35) Our love for one another reveals our gospel identity. The world will know that Jesus is the Son of God sent by God to be Saviour of the world through the community life of believers (John 17:20-23). This does not primarily mean inviting people to meetings. It is about shared life into which other people are welcomed. (Read More)*

It is well worth reading Tim's whole post.