

# FROM HARM ► TO HARMONY

**Designing Reformative Principles  
For Missionary Work**

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# Hello, Friends!

I'm Sohoon Yi, designer who believe in God



## THIS PROJECT BECAME MY LIFE-LONG MISSION.

At first, my thesis was started from a missionary-care service. I saw missionaries suffering from burnouts and mental issues while they were in difficult positions to ask help. So, I thought there's some problem in the ecosystem and this group of people needed care. But, while I was researching I encountered some problems around the history of bloodshed and controversies around Christianity in the wider perspective. Above all, I got to know there are many people who feel uncomfortable with Christianity.

Especially here in the US, diversity and equality are the most important topics. Because of Christian dogma, people have come to think that Christianity block people from seeing the diverse cultures, creating the perception that Christianity is harmful. Also Christian evangelism by missionaries in the indigenous area has been considered as white supremacy and colonization which was harmful to the local communities and those in other religions.

Honestly speaking, I felt very lost as I know more about others' perspective about Christianity because it seemed there's no way to communicate with them about missionaries. But at the same time, I thought it could be a great opportunity to shift my topic from thinking internally to externally, seeing in non-believer's perspective towards Christianity, such as 'How might we build the better principles of missionary work, so that it is open to communicate with the people who feel uncomfortable and think it needs to improve?' That was the starting point of this project, 'From harm to harmony', and now it became my life-long mission.

Including myself, Christians believe in God, His realm and order. However, we usually rely on our decisions and follow the secular rules for money and success. The place where God occupied was replaced by myself.

Therefore, 'I' become the one who decides the right and wrong and justify the way 'I' took. Not only that, but also judging others who have different ideologies than me. It causes all the conflicts and tragedies around Christianity.

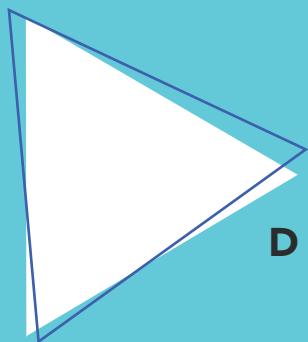
***It's the time we reflect on ourselves,  
and as we realize which side we stand, we see  
the fundamental things that are deeply rooted in us.***



## DESIGN THINKING PROCESS

1

**RESEARCH** DISCOVER - EXPLORE - DEFINE



2

**DESIGN** IDEATE - PROTOTYPE

3

**IMPLEMENT** TEST PROTOTYPE - FINAL INTERVENTION

# 1 RESEARCH

## MISSION WORK BECAME HARMFUL TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES - GIVING OR FORCING UNNECESSARY HELP -



### # Different\_ImmuneSystem

PEOPLE IN A TRIBE DIED WHEN AN ORGANIZATION GOT THEM TO WEAR CLOTHES.

When native people neglected to change or wash their clothes, they became a potential health risk, especially for the undernourished people who are already more susceptible to infection and disease.



### # Toxic\_Charity # Creating\_Dependency

ONCE THEY GET RELIEF SUPPLIES, THEY CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT RECEIVING THEM CONTINUOUSLY.

Even though they live in the land where double or triple-cropping is available with the climate there, once they receive food or supplies, they become dependent.



“

**I am right,  
you are wrong**

“

**This is good news to me,  
so it is for you as well**

“

**I feel good NOT because  
I'm helpful to you, BUT  
because I'm doing good**

**But there are still 41% of the world's population that have not encountered Christianity which means Christian Missionaries still want to reach out to those areas.**

**In other words, it is still possible to cause harm with these false ideas**

**Missionaries interpret the local people's need with their own assumptions and think the way they give help will be helpful to the people based on the false ideas.**

**Without knowledge about the culture and traditions of the communities they visit, consciously or unconsciously missionaries can keep hurting people.**

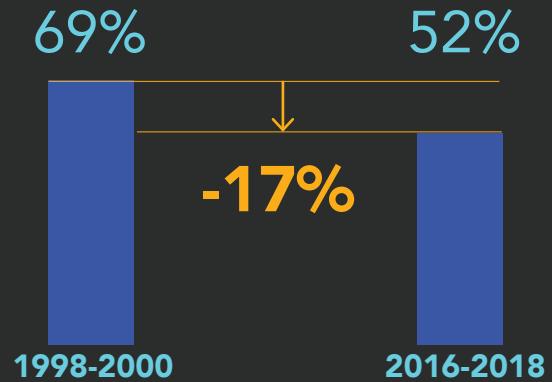
## BASIC STATISTICS AROUND CHRISTIANITY

The value of believing GOD is decreasing,

**54% say it is NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values**

Pew Research Center, 2019

The number of adult church members also has declined sharply,



**The rate of U.S. church membership has declined sharply in the past two decades Thousands of U.S. Churches are closing each year.**

Gallup, 2019

## Survey of current non-religious people who were raised in a religion



One-in-five of them  
**dislike organized religion**

Pew research center, 2015

even the people who were raised in the religion,  
one-in-five of them dislike their religion  
and they have left their church saynig :

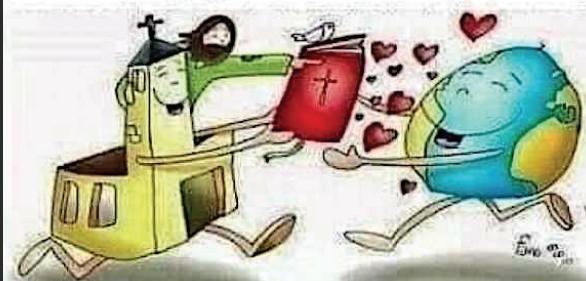
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***I think that more harm has  
been done in the name of  
religion than any other area***

“

***Too many Christians  
doing un-Christiian things***

**The way Christians explain how Christianity spread across the world**



**How it actually happened**



## Christian Devils: How the Bible Was Used to Mobilize Oppression of Native Americans



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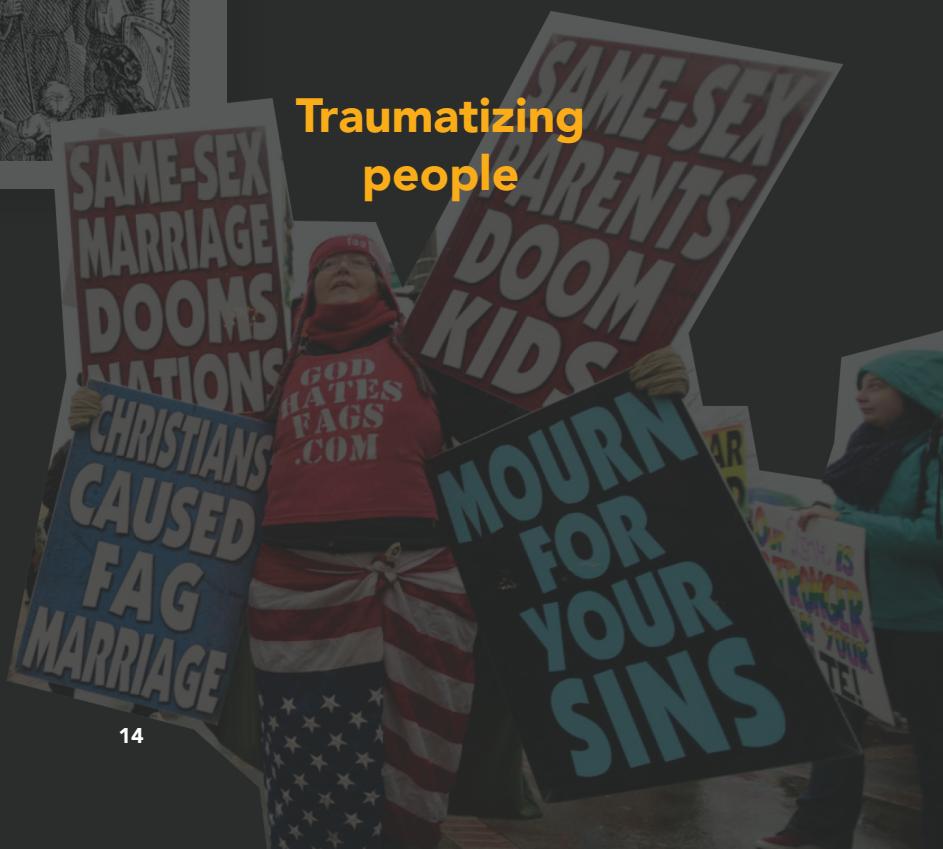
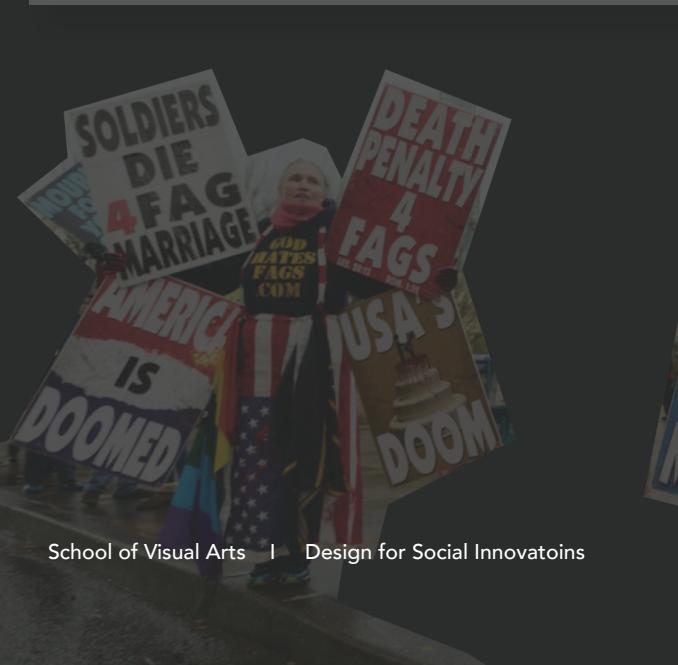


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Brutality



Traumatizing people





Judging people  
not embracing

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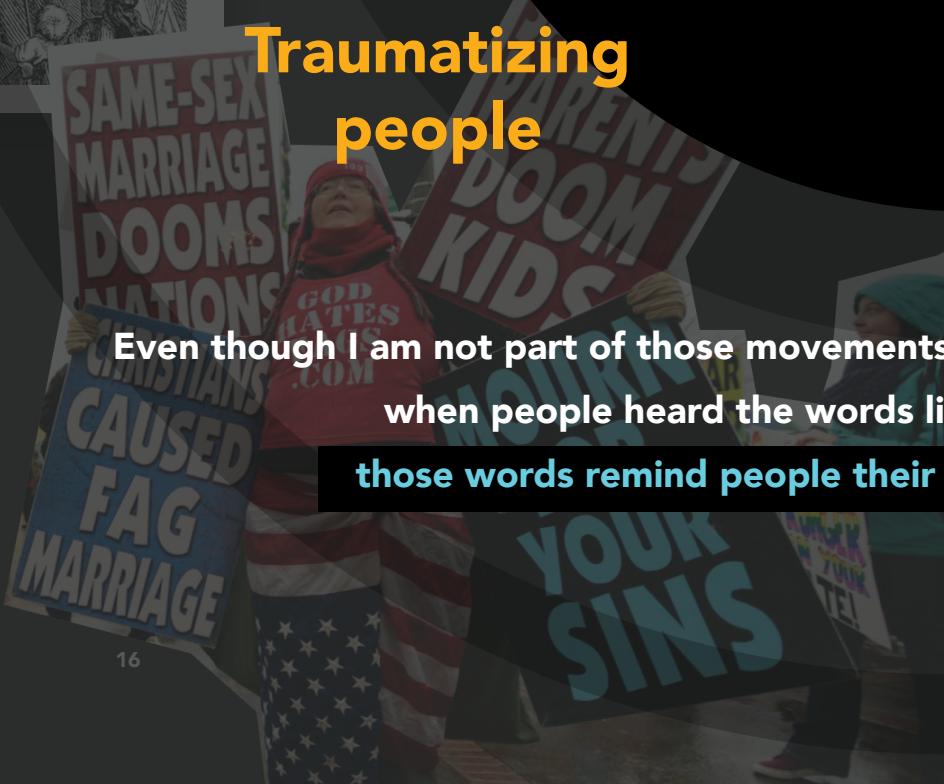
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Missionaries  
Christianity

Gospel

Traumatizing people

Even though I am not part of those movements when people heard the words like those words remind people their





The way Christians explain how Christianity spread across the world



How it actually happened



## History of Bloodshed

### Christian Devils: How the Bible Was Used to Mobilize Oppression of Native Americans



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Assuming the local's needs

Doing the mission work as a feel-good-activity



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I am not  
you are

This is good  
so it is for

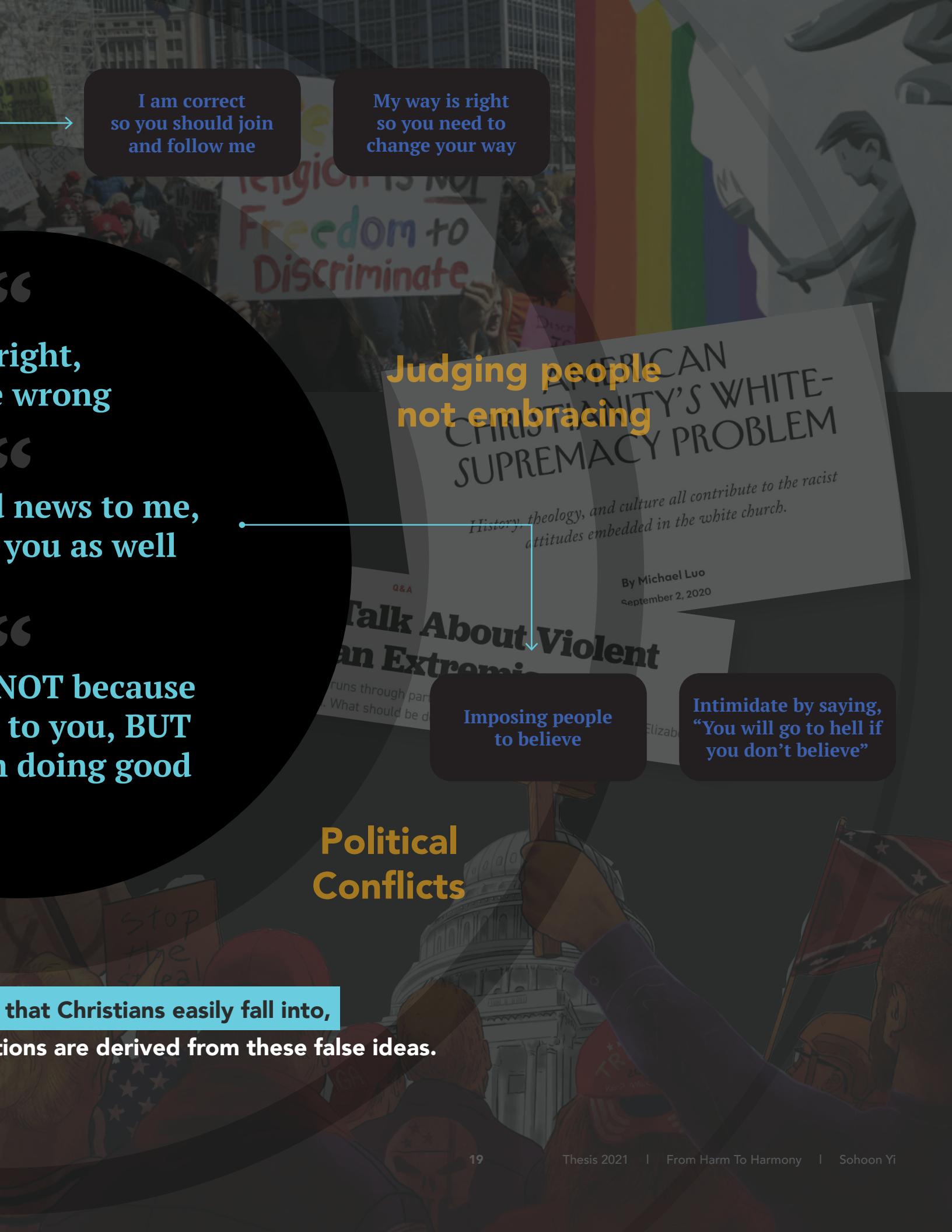
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people

These are the FALSE IDEAS

and I believe many of their harmful acts





I am correct  
so you should join  
and follow me

My way is right  
so you need to  
change your way

right,  
the wrong

news to me,  
you as well

NOT because  
to you, BUT  
in doing good

## Political Conflicts

that Christians easily fall into,  
actions are derived from these false ideas.

# THE MOST NOTICIBLE FACT AROUND CHRISTIANITY

## - HARMFUL MISSION WORK -



Caitlin Lowery

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I used to be a missionary. I would go on short term mission trips to Eastern Europe or Africa for the sole purpose of "earning souls for Christ". We kept count of the number of people we "saved". We put on a play or volunteered for a little while to show our love for Jesus. Then after praying with them and adding their soul to the tally marks, we would never see them again.

I thought I was doing God's work. But if I'm being honest, I was doing work that made me feel good. I would volunteer in an orphanage or help clean out a house, both tasks requiring that the people who lived there had to teach me what to do. This actually took their time away from their family or their work. Yet I believed I was serving them.

Ask me what their names were. I must have worked with and met hundreds of people. Do I remember who they were? Did I even attempt to keep in contact with them or show them that I still care after they'd been added to the notches in my cross? No. Not even once.

I prayed over their houses of worship, that they would repent and see that their faith was dead. Yet I never once sat down and asked to learn what they believed. Why did I assume that my faith was the right faith? Why did I assume that my presence was so precious that it would change their hearts and lives? Why did I assume that they were lost, living their beautiful content lives right where they were? Why did I assume their lives needed changing?

This is white supremacy. This is colonization. White people entering a foreign land under the guise of caring to turn people into followers of the white peoples god and life. Do not pretend colonization doesn't happen anymore. It just lives under a new name: mission trip.

Do not victimize the missionary that was killed for not following the laws of the tribe he claimed to love. Do not demonize the tribe that simply tried to protect their children from disease and violence. If he cared he would have already known their beliefs and laws and would not have disrespected them. But he didn't care. They were just going to be another notch on his cross.

If you've gone on mission trips before, and this feels like an attack, sit with that feeling for awhile. Is it good to help people? Yes. Is it good to insert yourself into someone else's life without asking based on your own assumption that you are the most important person in the room? No. It's time for us to reflect on that notion and change our ways.

Colonization needs to end.



55K



30



43K



***I used to be a missionary.***

***I thought I was doing God's work. But if I'm being honest, I was doing work that made me feel good.***

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A shocking FB post written by a former missionary



How did mission work turn to white supremacy and colonization?



#### HOW

- People who have different ideology were judged and excluded : Non-christian, LGBTQ communities, and more.
- "Christians --> Conservative people --> Institutions --> Whites" : By this thought process, people tend to perceive Christianity as a white people's religion covered by white privilege and supremacy causing harm and excluding others.

#### WHY

- [EXCLUSION & CONFLICTS] US is the country of immigrants. Although this country was built upon Christian Faith, increased diversity produced religious and cultural pluralism, amid monotheistic Christianity. In many areas Christianity exerted influence over not only in religious issue but also in political and social issues, generating conflicts.
- [COLONIZATION] Christianity has a history of destroying native people while oppressing them to convert their religion to Christianity. Also missionary actions brought some unexpected negative consequences

## MY THESIS JOURNEY



### STARTED WITH MISSIONARY-CARE

#### Primary research

- Cultural Probe
- Interviews

#### Secondary research

- Article
- Books



### FOUND A FACEBOOK POST

that describing mission work as violence of white supremacy and colonization based on the real experience that describing mission work as violence of white supremacy and colonization based on the real experience



### MET MISSIONARY PARK

Through my community partner, GMT, I met missionary Park and heard his 23-year mission work story of harmonizing with the locals



### RESEARCH

- History of bloodshed
- Conflicts around Christianity
- Harm caused by Missionary (especially in Jungle or tribal areas where isolated or protected by the government)



### DISCOVER

### RESEARCH

### EXPLORER & DEFINE



## MY TOPIC TOOK NEW TURN

The topic was shifted from Missionary-care to building the better principles of mission work

### RESEARCH

- Problems of charity when missionaries go into the developing countries
- Sustainable way / any improved practices that is verified in the mission field

## PROTOTYPE - MAKING

### PROTOTYPE 1

- Missionary Park's stories (as the example of making harmony & causing harm)

### PROTOTYPE 2

- Discussion Guidebook that helps self-learning or group discussion

## PROTOTYPE - TESTING

### Paired contents of videos and discussion guide

- Not only Missionary Park's story, but also in other cultures where missionaries should be mindful especially of cultural difference

### YouTube Channel and Webpage

- For the public access, all the contents are gathered on the Webpage and the video contents can be accessed on YouTube for the open discussion using comments section

## FINAL INTERVENTION

DEVELOP

DESIGN

DELEVER

**How might we build the better principle  
for missionaries so that their mission work  
does not hurt people but harmonize with  
the local communities?**

## THESIS STATEMENT

**With  
Global Mission Team (GMT),  
  
I am building  
reformative principle for missionaries  
  
to achieve  
better understanding in both  
the fundamentals of mission works and  
the cultures of their engaged population**

## MISCOMMUNITY PARTNER

### - GLOBAL MISSION TEAM -



Missionaries from about 13 Nations

## GMT MISSIONARIES

SHARIINIG Concerns & Prayer Topics

REPORT News

WEEKLY  
GLOBAL MEETING

WEEKLY  
REGIONAL MEETING

MATERIALS Textbook & Video contents

TRAINING Weekly zoom school

MESSAGE Weekly message

MENTORING w/Sr. pastors

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14 Lec. / Urdu (Pakistan) / Letter	gmt237   2020.12.07	0
16 Lec. / Japanese / Half Letter	gmt237   2020.12.07	22

## GLOBAL MISSION TEAM

Missionary organization in New York  
<https://www.gmt237.org>

GMT reaches out to the multi-ethnic people currently living in New York who are willing to participate in the training program of GMT. Afterwards, they go back to their home countries to help out their own people. Typically, mission agencies here / send out Americans to other countries, but GMT sends the LOCAL PEOPLE to THEIR own countries. That's because they know that the local people can understand their communities better than anybody else. GMT knew about the potential harms from missionaries and GMT realized this was the only way to prevent the further harms in their ministry.

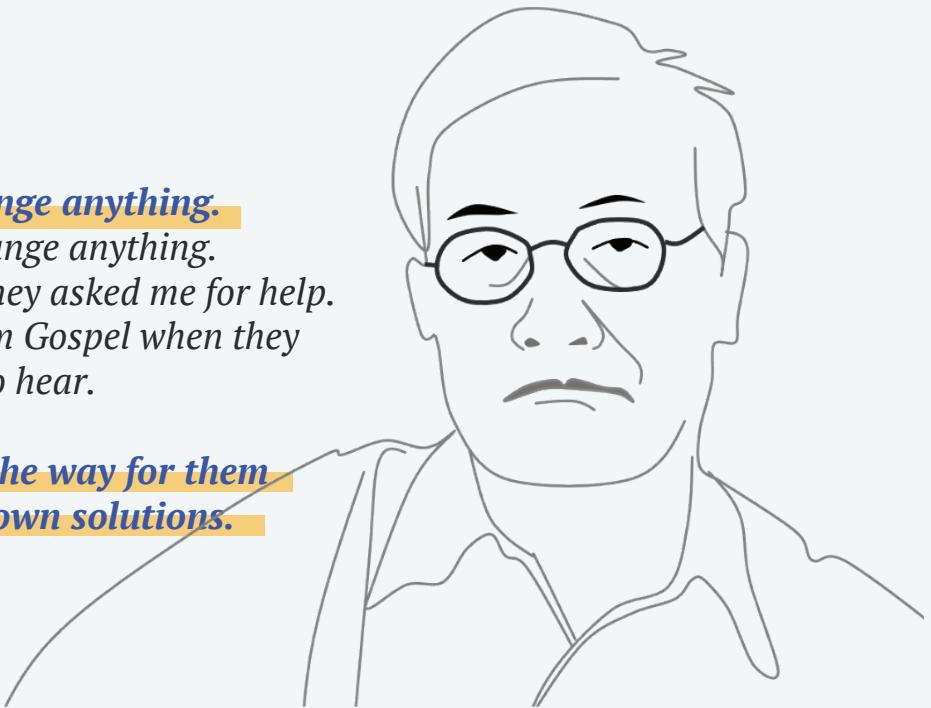
# DESIGN

MISCOMMUNITY PARTNER  
- MISSIONARY PARK IN PANAMA(IPETI) -

“

*Don't try to change anything.  
We shouldn't change anything.  
I waited for them until they asked me for help.  
Likewise, I taught them Gospel when they  
wanted to hear.*

*We are helping in the way for them  
be/become their own solutions.*



**HE STAYED WITH THE KUNA TRIBE OVER 20 YEARS, AND NOW HE IS CALLED  
“FATHER” BY THEM**

I met missionary Park through Global mission team(GMT).

He has been in Panama 33 years and working as a missionary in jungle area called IPETI for 22 years.

Now he is called “Father” by Kuna tribe.

**I FOUND HOPE IN HIS MISSION WORK**

and his practices became my directions for my thesis.

**HIS MISSION WORK WAS ALWAYS BASED ON HIS FAITH IN GOD**

which led him to sincerely love the local people and truly help them with what he can offer.

## DIRECTIONS

### - WHAT MISSIONARY PARK DID IN PANAMA(IPETI) -

#### DIRECTION 1

##### GIVE NEEDED HELP



PHYSICAL SUPPORT

#### DIRECTION 2

##### ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPECT



MENTAL SUPPORT

#### DIRECTION 3

##### APPROPRIATE & TIMELY SHARING



SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

##### HE INFORMED KUNA PEOPLE THE BENEFICIAL SERVICES THEY DON'T KNOW

They are a very protective and cohesive group; they usually don't accept anything from outside. So they have no idea even the national service they could get. So missionary Park informed them of free medical services when they needed them.

##### HE BOOST THEIR PRIDE ABOUT CULTURE, NATURE RESOURCES AND COMMUNITIES THEY HAVE

He didn't give anything to them, because they already have abundant resources so they actually don't need anything else. But he let them know how amazing the things they have. So that the people there do not rely on relief supplies, but try to work things out on their own.

##### HE HAS WORSHIP WITH THEM WHEN THEY ASK AND TEACH THEM IN THE TIMELY MANNER

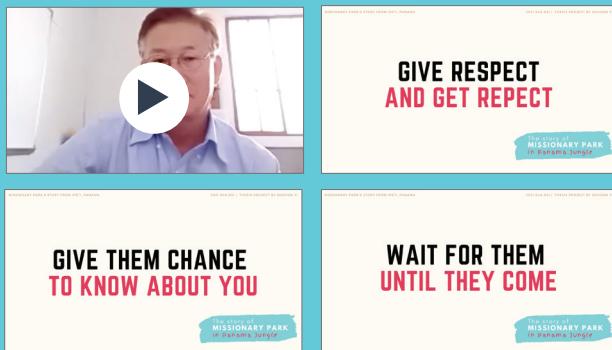
When they want to have worship, they come to missionary Park's place and ask him to do it. When they want to save their family member from a shaman's curse or they want to know about Gospel

I HOPE HIS PRACTICE WHICH IS THE BIBLICAL WAY OF NOT CAUSING HARM BUT MAKING HARMONY  
CAN BE KNOWN WIDELY SO OTHER PEOPLE CAN LEARN FROM HIM

# PROTOTYPE IDEAS

## PAIRED CONTENTS OF VIDEO & DISCUSSION GUIDE

VIDEOS ABOUT MISSIONARY PARK'S STORY.  
EACH VIDEO CONTAINS THE PRINCIPLE.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS THAT  
GOES WITH THE VIDEO CONTENTS

### Reflection Questions

Category	Isolated Tribe
Title	Title: The Guna (Kuna) in Ipeti, Panama
Video No	3

The Kuna tribe is a very cohesive and protective group. Did you get any sign or reaction from the Kuna that showed their above characteristics?

How did Missionary Park approach them and did it proper? What could have been better? or what went well?  
1) To Kuna / 2) To missionay Park

Was there any specific sign that showed from Kuna? Was there anything missionay Park understood not in a proper manner?

### Quick Survey

1. How much did you enjoy with the reflection questions?  
I didn't enjoy at all  1  2  3  4  5  6  7 I was so much enjoyed

2. Please tell us why you think like above.

Through my research work, knowing that I'm working with international communities via zoom during pandemic, I came up with an idea to provide resources through an online platform. And as we all know, video content is way more powerful than texts on papers.

The Video contents are about missionary Park's story and each video contains a principle according to his practice. Also, several questions follow with each video that help people to think deeply. Every video has a simple discussion guide, and this guide can be used for self-learning as well as group discussions.

### VIDEOS

Each video is under 5 minutes working as a tool to provoke the thoughts and opening up the discussions. His short stories lead people to think what went well and what went wrong, and how it could have been done in a better way.

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

It provides a simple guide so anybody can refer to and apply this to their workshop. Or, for someone who just want to learn alone, he/she can use this to check the questions and have time to think about.

THESE CONTENTS HELPS TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY  
AND OPEN MORE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION AROUND MISSION WORK



## PROTOTYPE PROCESS

### COLLECTING DATA

### MAKING CONTENTS

#### DATA COLLECTION

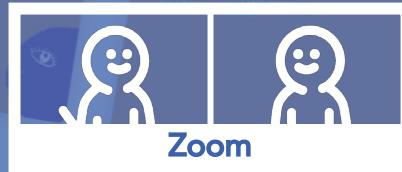
- Weekly Scheduled Meeting (zoom)
- Recording the meetings and organizing the main contents

#### STORY FRAMING

- Framing the stories and make synopsis
- Select the stories with missionary Park

#### VIDEO MAKING

- Making videos : 3-5 clips of each culture

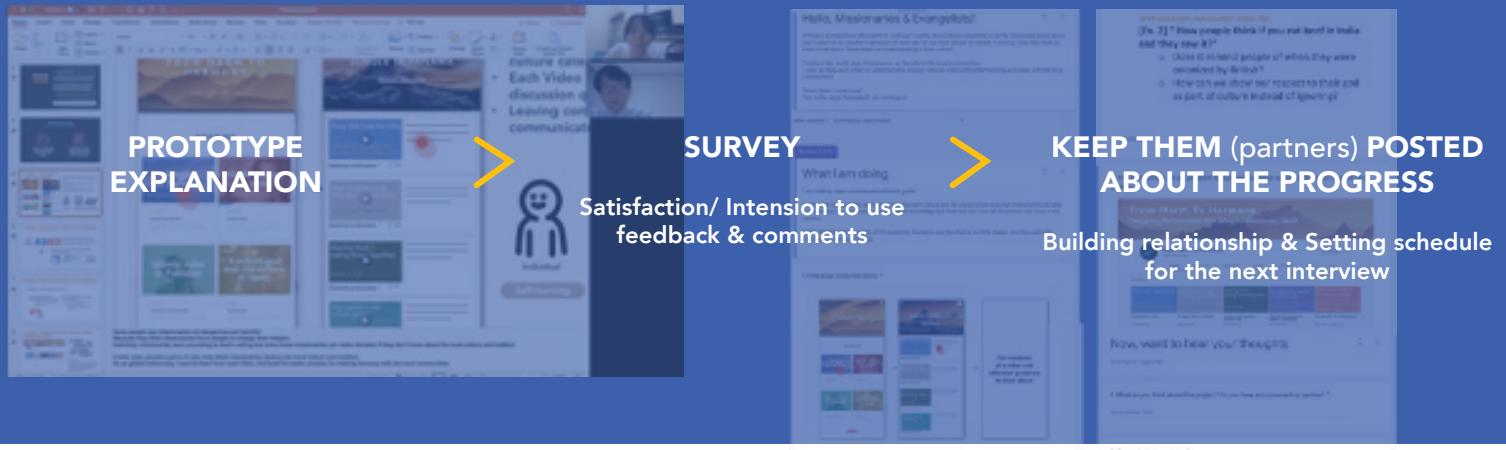




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# IMPLEMENT

## TESTING PROTOTYPE ONE ON ONE INTERVIEW



SELF LEARNING    GROUP DISCUSSION    JOIN AS A PARTNER

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		Missionary in Japan SANO YUMI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		Missionary in India JEONGHWAN OH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I got Feedback about my prototype from four GMT missionaries

Through the survey they answered, they all wanted to use these contents for self-learning and group workshops. And they wanted to be partners to inform me about their cultures, so the videos and guide contents about their areas can be made

“



**JAEHEE LEE**

Mission dept. director of GMT, USA

**I suggest to use this contents  
for kids as well at the Sunday Bible School**

“



**PASTOR AMJAD SHAKIR**

Pakistan

**That's the one that I really wanted and would  
be happy that I can  
participate as a partner**

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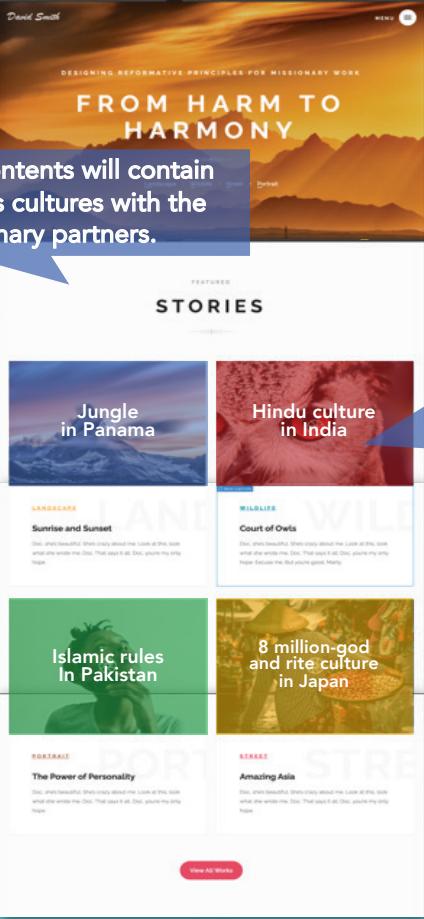
**MISSIONARY SANO YUMI**

Japan

**It's so meaningful to hear  
not from books but from the locals and their true  
stories and experiences**

## INTERVENTION

# WEB + YOUTUBE CHANNEL with the missionary-partners



The contents will contain various cultures with the missionary partners.



From Harm To Harmony  
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From Harm To Harmony 2.94M subscribers

VIDEOS

Uploads

They didn't ask for help	Wait for them until they feel comfortable	Sharing food & eating them together	Counting the number of saving souls	Missionaries' work can be extremely harmful if they believe that THEY are making the world a better place
Therefore, missionaries are the unwanted guests	Wait, wait and wait...	means a lot	is nothing to do with their salvation	My good is not others good
Unnecessary help	Enough time is needed	Having meal together means a lot	Goal-driven approach doesn't necessary	20K views • 2 days ago
1.2K watching	8.3K watching	765 watching	951 watching	

+

When you select one of them, videos and guide contents will be provided



the discussions will be extended to the public

## WEB

When you select a culture on the main page, corresponding videos and guide contents will be provided. And anybody can watch the video contents and download discussion guide for their use.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Videos uploaded on the YouTube channel will be a great way to make it accessible to the public that have interest in mission work or the missionaries who didn't have such critical point of view before

THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE COMMENTS SECTION FROM BOTH THE WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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ONE DISCIPLE IN ONE NATION

DESIGNING  
REFORMATIVE PRINCIPLES  
FOR MISSION WORK

Hindu & Islam • Isolated Tribe • Religious Rituals • Anti-Conversion Law

→ **Main page**

FEATURED

DIVERSITY

**HINDU & ISLAM**

**Variety in India**

Do you still perceive Hindus as just vegetarians, and Muslims as being aggressive? We probably cannot understand everything about their rules. But there are something we are aware of incorrectly.

**ISOLATED TRIBE**

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Stories from missionary Park who has been doing his mission work in Panama over 30 years and he is called 'Father' from Kuna people in Ipeti area. How missionaries should approach those isolated area?

**ANTI-CONVERSION LAW**

**Nepal, the country of Criminalization Christian Evangelism**

A Nepali bill on 'hurting religious feelings' and conversion has come into force. What missionaries must be mindful and what this law is about exactly?

**RELIGIOUS RITUALS**

**Japan, highly developed nation with 8-million-god**

Japan has 8-million god officially. Why Japanese need so many god in their lives? What people wish for and what people do with the 8-million god? What is behind this culture?

**View All Works**

AWESOME

COLLABORATORS

GMT 237 USA INDIA JAPAN

PAKISTAN PANAMA

→ **Culture category (more cultures will be added according to the missionary partners' location)**

- Hindu & Islam
- Isolated Tribe
- Anti-Conversion Law
- Religious Rituals
- and more

**Click to see the videos and discussion guides**

→ **Collaborators**

**Display the missionary-collaborators who partner with**

FEATURED

# DIVERSITY



## HINDU & ISLAM

### Variety in India

There are about 660 tribes in India with each unique tradition and culture. How those cultures are intertwined, what separate them from each other and what characteristics are penetrated among those diversity?



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THE GUNA (KUNA) IN IPETI, PANAMA

MISSIONARY PARK STORY FROM PANAMA

ISOLATED TRIBE

COUNTRY: Panama (Ipeti area)

POPULATION: The Guna people - about 50.000

COLLABORATOR: Missionary Geonwon Park



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Download  
Discussion Guide

The Guna are very cohesive and protective group

Still looking round me again, and seeing no possible chance of spending a sufferable night unless in some other person's bed, I began to think that after all I might be cherishing unwarrantable prejudices against this unknown harpooneer.

[Discussion Guide Download \(78kb\)](#)

MISSIONARY PARK STORY FROM PANAMA

THE STORY OF MISSIONARY PARK FROM PANAMA JUNGLE (COVER MP3)

Videos  
(connected to YouTube)

GIVE RESPECT  
AND GET RESPECT

THE STORY OF  
MISSIONARY PARK  
IN PANAMA JUNGLE

## THEORY OF CHANGE

Goal	<b>Reducing harm to local cultures and its population that is caused by the missionary work</b>				
Thesis Goal	<b>With Global Mission Team, I am building reformative principle for missionaries to achieve better understanding in both the fundamentals of mission works and the cultures of their engaged population</b>				
Pre-Condition	Acknowledged harms that missionaries can cause	Understood missionaries' practices in the perspective of cultural diversity	Realized a better principle based on the true stories of missionaries	Increased understanding of the concept of Biblical mission	
Outcomes	Increased understanding the characteristics of each culture	Recognized the customs and values the local people think crucially	Raised awareness about cultural diversity (traditions, social norm and religions)	Learned what could have been better, what shouldn't have done and what should we do.	Understood word of God correctly to realize missionaries' role that God commanded
Output	Learned cultural diversity and its characteristics that missionaries should know in advance	Deep dive discussions among the people who want to be a missionary	[self or group] Reflection time around the missionaries' practices after watching the videos on YouTube or webpage	Public discussions through comments sections on YouTube and webpage	
Input	Webpage that show videos and discussion guides, and all the contents are categorized in each cultural areas	YouTube Channel that show all the video contents publicly in a more accessible way	Creating 4-5 video clips based on missionaries' story on each culture that show their practices as the example of making harmony	Following questions with each video that provoke people to think deeply <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to understand the culture</li> <li>• to think the missionary's practice --&gt; What could've been better &amp; What should have done</li> <li>• to learn the Biblical mission</li> </ul>	Discussion guides which are paired with each video and gives guidance for the group discussion
Intervention	<b>Open space for forum with media contents that help to realize the mistakes and harms missionaries can cause and think a better principle for missionaries</b>				
Indicator	Number of people who watch the video contents	Number of people who download the guidebook	Number of comments that left with each contents	Number of webpage visitor	
	Degree of satisfaction about the questions	Number of cultural areas the contents cover	Number of missionary who collaborate with	Number of YouTube subscription	

## TAKE AWAYS & NEXT STEP

I noticed Christianity has its own share of harmful and shameful history. Moreover, the history keeps repeating itself by the people who do not care and think only in their own point of view. Christians need to keep reflecting themselves by having open discussion to see what went wrong and how it can be improved. God and the Bible don't change, but the world we live in keeps changing. So we need to evolve our way of faith towards harmony with our communities. Christians believe that they are saved not by their own capability but by the power of the Savior. Therefore Christians should be thankful and be helpful to the people, not pointing their fingers to those who are not Christians. But I see the hope in that we can still gather together and discuss these matters, both positive and negative. Change hurts. Reformation is not easy. But I believe when we reflect on ourselves and keep building better principles, we can change to bring a better world.

**This project will continue with the missionary partners from GMT.**

Starting from the Panama tribe, Japan and India will follow.

I hope this project embraces as many cultures as possible.

**I hope these initial pieces open forums and discussions broadly around mission work**

**I look forward to seeing more people engaged as the discussions are accumulated so that we get to understand each other better. Togetherness can be spread with respect**

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