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## ABSTRACT

This essay seeks to examine the method of church planting used by CAPRO church planters. Also the various strategies used in the light of biblical methods, as suggested by experts, were also considered. The writer, used library research as well as oral interview in the course of this research. Through his research, the writer found out that CAPRO church planting work were carried out according to the 21<sup>st</sup> century methods and strategies. This they did by seeking to plant indigenous churches that would carry on the work after the departure of the missionaries from the land. In this research the following problems were identified: lack of Bible in the people's language, the cultural hindrance, the zeal of the missionaries to finish the work in least shortest time that make them to jump the set priority lay down by the organization, lack of access feeder roads. The prospects are as follows: the uniqueness of CAPRO missionaries, their training, and the uniqueness of the Dukkawa family. The writer hereby suggested that missionaries training should be carried out under a cross-cultural condition, as they are likely to encounter on the mission field. That from the onset established churches among the natives should start with the mind of being self-supporting, self-propagating. The needs of proper research of the people group before entering.

## CONCLUSION

There are problems and prospects in CAPRO work in Dukkawaland. These problems and prospects when studied and well understood. The Dukkawa churches, CAPRO workers and mission-minded Christians in other denominations were also be challenged. The CAPRO workers, the Dukkawa churches and every mission-minded individual or group should take positive step to assist Dukkawa work. When this is faithfully done out with steadfastness, the labor of missionary activities of Brother Israel Wade, Brother Mike Augustine and others, will not be in vain. The clarion call to Dukkawa churches is to be awake and be alive to perform Christian duties that will aid the growth of God's kingdom. The churches in Niger-Kebbi states should pray always (1 Thes. 5:17) to face the problems and prospects of the CAPRO work in the area. In pursuing this line of action, the following recommendations are made:

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The training of missionaries should be carried out under a cross- cultural condition, as they are likely to encounter on the mission field.
2. Primarily, missionary organizations should ensure that the aspect of language and cultural learning are taken seriously by their missionaries. As the saying goes “the way into a man’s heart is through his stomach” in the same vain, the way to the reach the unreached people is through their language and culture.
3. Proper research of the people group should be carried out to enhance proper planning.
4. The missionary agencies need to educate their missionaries on how and when to apply social ministry in mission works. Some fields have become addicted to material aids; non-sustenance of such aids have in some instances, served as a draw-back to mission work.
5. Churches should have a focus of indigenizing mission work.
6. Established churches among natives should from the beginning be self-supporting, self-propagating.
7. The use of interpreter is good but not the best. Let missionaries strive to have a command of the local language in which there are working.