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- Map of Canada as we know it today....



NORTH AMERICA





The Northwest Passage



Routes through the Northwest Passage
took almost 400 years to find



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Europeans saw locals
as “Pagans”

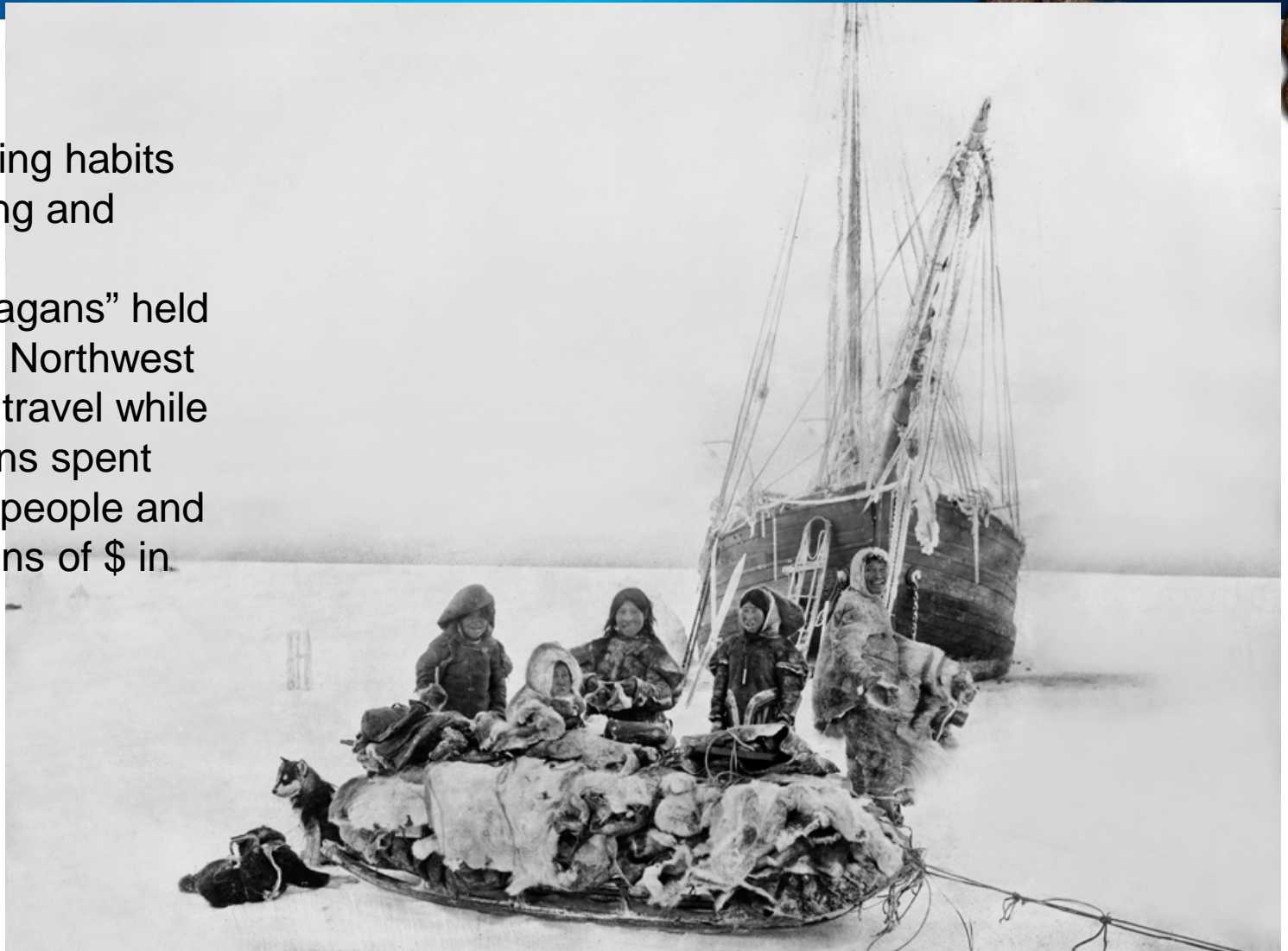
- Primitive transportation
- Primitive clothing



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- Primitive eating habits
- Primitive living and furnishings
- But these “pagans” held the secret of Northwest survival and travel while the Europeans spent hundreds of people and millions/billions of \$ in ignorance



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Finally the
“asked the
locals”
- The
Esquimalt
Helped the
Europeans
map and
survive the
Northwest
Passage



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Side note:

The Snowmobile
was invented
approximately
500 years
too late for
Northwest
Passage
explorers



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Missions without local partnership in the Great Commission



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Our Calling - throughout the Scriptures



Revelation 7: 9-12

Mission is complete; Every ethnic group praises Jesus' name

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen. (ESV)



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Our Expedition, the “Mandate of the Church” Acts 1:6-8

Mission: Reaching the Unreached

Vehicle: The Great Commission

Cyclist: The Bride of Christ; the global Church

Powered by: The Holy Spirit



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The Great Commission; the Acts 1:8 mandate of the church. It takes the entire bicycle to reach the unreached.



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Front wheel: “on the ground” ministry – Local Church



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Back wheel: sending/providing partners in ministry



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Bicycle chain: connecting services and resourcing mechanism



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The Great Commission functioning on the journey



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The time comes for the Local Church to become the back wheel reaching into new frontiers; growing new believers. The previous rear wheel retools for new work.



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A new Front Wheel working alongside the global Church to multiply the advancement of the Kingdom of God.



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Partnership cycle of giving and receiving

- Assist the local Church – enable
- Provide services for the journey - empower
- Grow local partnerships - encourage
- Become back wheels for other Pioneering partners – enable...



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Faith Reliance:

Addressing issues to encourage being part of Church multiplication:



- Freedom from foreign funding in “funding mix” as equal participants in the Great Commission
- Believers are taught biblical concepts of generous giving along with discipling
- Model integrity; avoid corruption and “double dipping”: use transparent and public accounting methods
- Local ministries use culturally adapted biblical fundraising



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Other issues that can prevent us:



Missionaries: Even great Foreign Missionaries ...

- Sometimes have a “saviour” mentality that does not allow local leadership to grow (LT)
- Sometimes work from their own agenda rather than the vision of the local church
- Sometimes lack an “exit strategy” for foreign involvement or know if they should have one



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Dream for Material possessions



James 1: 9-11

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.



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Who decides your ministry direction?
God or Money-in-hand?



James 2: 1-4

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?



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Dream for God's gracious guidance!



▪ **Forward motion, together, in the Expedition**

- “What does God want me to give?”
- Illustrated in Mark 12: 41-44: The Widow's offering of two copper coins was not a parable
- We give out of gratitude to God as we join Him in the work of the Great Commission; His name is praised as more are brought into the Kingdom; they give out of gratitude to God; the cycle continues...



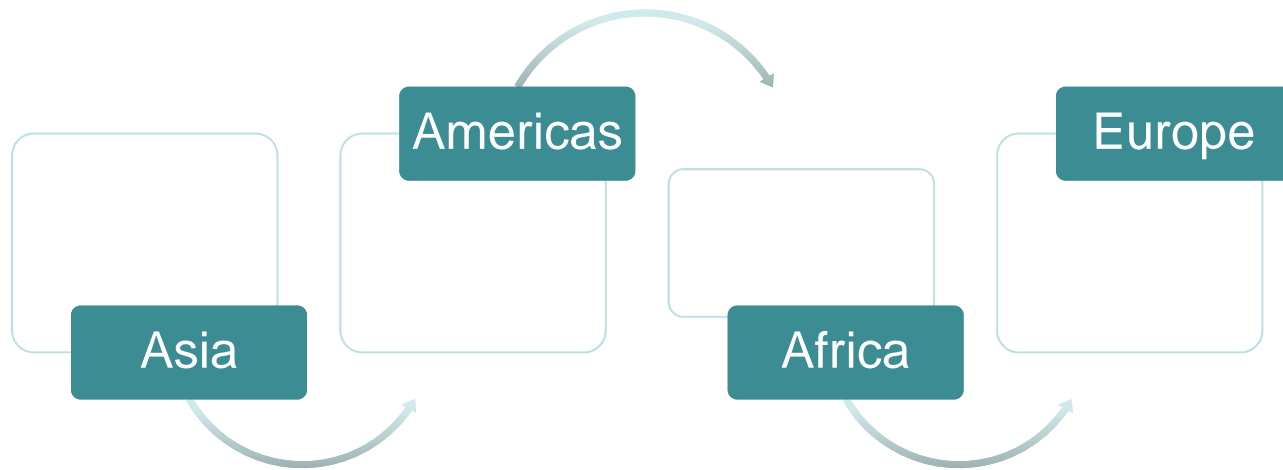
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60+ partners' interdependency



TWR's Global Fund Development:
"From anywhere to everywhere"





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