

Editorial

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I'm pleased to present the Fall 2021 issue of *Seedbed: Practitioners in Conversation*.

When making disciples among the least reached, we strive to be both biblical and fruitful, finding ways those two priorities converge rather than conflict. This issue offers a variety of articles and reviews, which explore matters of biblical fidelity and fruitful effectiveness of our disciple-making practice from a variety of angles.

Enclosed are contributions from the Arab world, Asia, Africa, and the United States. Many address Muslim contexts, while a couple are informed by Hindu and Buddhist settings. Context plays a key role in shaping our practice, so we encourage contextual reflections on broadly relevant issues in frontier church planting. I find that looking at how a practitioner in another setting approaches a similar challenge I am facing can help me transcend my own context and give me fresh insight into my own challenges.

Five practitioners reviewed books related to movements, fruitful engagement of Muslims, and community development in frontier church

planting. We aim to feature “practitioner’s angle” reviews in *Seedbed* which include personal reflections regarding a book’s helpfulness and relevance to the reviewer’s kingdom work and to likeminded colleagues serving in similar contexts.

Our goal at *Seedbed* is to provide a space for a variety of opinions and approaches. The least-reached labor force is far from uniform, and it is critical to cultivate safe places for diverse views to be heard and discussed, both charitably and constructively. To that end, you will encounter various approaches and proposals in this issue of *Seedbed*, including a response piece to an article published in the last issue. Each article in this issue is accompanied by discussion questions to stimulate thinking and encourage dialogue with colleagues and teammates—the best kind of practitioner conversation.

We enjoy hearing from you. If you have an article idea, would like to review a book, or have feedback or suggestions, please contact us via our website (seedbedjournal.com) or by email (editor@seedbedjournal.com).

My deep gratitude to all the contributors and my editors who helped bring this Fall 2021 issue to fruition.

In God’s joyful service with you,

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