

\* are we willing to cross boundaries?

\* are we ready/equip to do @ work?

\* are we partnering @ others to reach further?

how @ church responded to the famine showed real act<sup>n</sup>, love & outcome

practical help to one another & commty. ← Fundraising for @ needy & partnership (Koinonia) to help @ needy → platform to show & share God's ♥

@ appointed leader from @ church } yet HUMBLE STEPPED ASIDE

Barnabas knew his limitat<sup>n</sup> & looked for Paul to take @ lead! @ Barnabas was full of @ Holy Spirit

practical help + high expectation



word origin...

ENCOURAGEMENT → call out alongside

Anonymous Christians doing outreach lack credibility → Barnabas sent & witnessed @ work encouraged @ ministry

eg. Christian Koreans moving in USSR due to Japanese invasion ⇒ Christianity spread

CHRISTIANS

3 Validated by GOOD WORKS

2 Nurtured by ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Spurred by PERSECUTION

only talking to Jews but ordinary, anonymous Christians spoke to Gentiles!

Shift from one specific group (Jews) to a mixed group.

from group who knew @ OT to those who knew nothing

Ingredients for transition

Shift from centre of north gravity of to south Christianity

THIS IS NEW WORLD REALITY



CROSSING BARRIERS

CLIVE CHIN • ACTS 11:19-30

