

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL MAPPING?

It is an attempt to see our region as it really is and not as it appears to be (George Otis Jnr.). He also says it is the discipline of diagnosing the obstacles to revival in a given community through fervent prayer and diligent research.

Cindy Jacobs says it is the researching of a city to discern any inroads Satan has made, which prevent the spread of the gospel and its evangelization for Christ.

Victor Lorenzo is an experienced mapper in Argentine. He believes that spiritual mapping combines research, divine revelation, and confirmatory evidence in order to provide complete and exact data concerning the identity, strategies and methods employed by spiritual forces of darkness to influence the people and the churches in a given region.

Harold Caballeros says that what an X-ray is to a physician, spiritual mapping is to intercessors.

Eph 6:12

It reveals the conditions behind enemy lines. In other words, spiritual mapping can be described as seeing a city or town, community or region from God's perspective. And that includes its redemptive call, the seed sown into it by the early pioneers and how the enemy has gained legal ground there.

WHAT SPIRITUAL MAPPING IS NOT

Spiritual Mapping is not an end in itself- it is a means to an end.

- It is not demon hunting or searching for names of demons, although the Holy Spirit will reveal names and /or identities where He feels we need to know.
- It is not a one person task, but teamwork.
- It is not about learning a lot of principals and carrying them out, but about doing the God appointed thing for your city.
- It is not the only way that God works in transforming the city, but it is a major component.
- It is not conclusions based on inadequate investigations. It must be done properly.
- It is not spiritual warfare, but a preparation for it.

THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUAL MAPPING

Spiritual mapping is not new. There are many Biblical examples. But today, the Holy Spirit is renewing the revelation of it to the body of Christ.

Deuteronomy 1:22-23; Joshua 2:1; Joshua 18:4-6; Numbers 13:17-20; Ephesians 5:11

We are moving towards the last days and the greatest harvest the world has ever known. The Lord is allowing us to be partakers with Him in certain strategic moves that will enable the church to rise up in victory for the purposes of the hour.

This fresh move of God to give us the keys of the Kingdom in spiritual mapping possibly started in the mid 1980's. Part of the paradigm shift came about because we intercessors sought God for more effective keys in spiritual warfare. A major breakthrough came in 1989 with John Dawson's book Taking Our Cities For God. The result was a wake-up call to the Body of Christ. Then in 1995 at the Global Congress on World Evangelization in Seoul, Korea, George Otis Jnr. introduced the concepts of spiritual mapping. And the rest is history. But the biggest breakthrough came in 1999 when George Otis Junior published Informed Intercession, which is now the standard research methodology for spiritual mapping.

THE ORDER OF SPIRITUALLY MAPPING A COMMUNITY

- The gatekeepers commission the watchmen to spiritually map their community. They act as spiritual covering.
- The watchmen working in teams intercede, investigate and collate the relevant data.
- The information is summarized in a series of reports released to the gatekeepers.
- The gatekeepers decide on the appropriate action deemed necessary i.e. identification, repentance, spiritual warfare, reconciliation.
- They lead and mobilize the watchmen into appropriate action- prayer walking, worship meetings, strategic level spiritual warfare and so forth.
- The gatekeepers participate with the watchmen rather than just allocating them to the task.

Ruth 4:1-11

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SPIRITUAL MAPPING?

The main purpose is to give information that helps sustain fervent intercession and pave the way for effective evangelism. George Otis Jnr calls this "informed intercession".

- To see the city released from the strongholds of the enemy- enabling evangelism to be effective by first binding the strongman.
- To see the city transformed by the Gospel and the power of God.
- To see God's Kingdom come in a greater way in our city.
- To see the redemptive call of our city realized.
- To see nations, regions, and communities released.

Isaiah 58:6-end; I Kings 42-45; 2 Samuel 24:25; Matthew 6:10; Romans 1:16; Matthew 3:10; 12:28-29