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Rene Padilla in her article “Holistic Mission” pointed out that the idea of Holistic Mission remained vague in Evangelical circles until the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1974. Padilla argued that a holistic approach to mission must be both vertical and horizontal. She explained that the vertical interpretation of the gospel is largely concerned with God’s saving action in the life of individuals and the horizontal interpretation has to do with Christians socio-political involvement in the world. Citing the document by the “Radical Discipleship group” on the theme “Theological Implications of Radical Discipleship, she pointed out that “there is no biblical dichotomy between the Word spoken and the Word made flesh in the lives of God’s people because men will look as they listen and what they see must be at one with what they hear.

Padilla, also discussed the biblical basis for holistic mission, Jesus’ holistic mission in the world, the outstanding historical example of holistic mission by the Moravian missionaries in the eighteenth century and the role of the local church in holistic mission.

Indeed, the proclamation of the gospel should go hand in hand with social justice and meeting the material and physical needs of the people. Mission should therefore not take care of only the spiritual needs of people but must look at all areas where there are needs to be met - socially, economically, emotionally, educationally, environmentally and in health. It is unfortunate that many churches in the world today are still struggling with the idea of holistic mission because for them mission is about evangelism.

Michael Frost in his book *Surprise the World* discussed how Christians could foster missional habits. These five habits include Bless people, Eat with people, Listen to the Holy Spirit so you would be led by the Spirit, Learn Christ to become more Christlike and remembering that you are Sent into the world to make a difference in your own neighborhood or community.

In conclusion, Christian could make a huge difference in the world if we embark on holistic mission as our LORD Jesus did. “If there is light in every corner the whole city will be lit.”

**Reference**

Frost, Michael *Surprise the World* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2016)