

## **Pentecostalism and Challenges to Mission in Today's Socio-culturally Sensitive Globalized World: Lessons from Debiso**

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Christianity has always been a travelling faith invading unfamiliar grounds. This expansion into new territories are carried out by missionaries which form minorities within foreign communities. In our charging world where social status and racism are becoming major issues, will it be possible for minority groups from Africa, Asia and Latin American to send the gospel to Europe and North America? What about a couple from Europe to nationalistic Asians and culturally entrenched Africans and North Americans? Through a critical content analysis of the challenge faced by a Pentecostal denomination in Gomoa Debiso in Ghana and literature, this paper argues that even though mission works is currently from “everywhere to everywhere”, as the centre of Christian vitality moves to the global south, the future missionaries of the gospel are likely to be Africans, Asians and Latin Americans. And even where missionaries are from Europe and North American, they will have to work among more unfriendly foreign group of people as a result of entrenched social and cultural tensions. The paper further argues that since missionaries are minorities and in the future are going to be more wholly or partially excluded from full participation in the societies which they are supposed to minister to, there would be great challenges in global mission. It therefore recommends that future missionaries must be equipped with social inclusion concepts that improve the terms for minorities to participate in society.

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