

month later, if he finds several little congregations in any one of these towns. And if he should find them, the only explanation I can think of for it would be that the ~~people~~ people were so divided into squabbling factions ~~and~~ already, that the church would die out very very soon in that area. One of the very finest missionary work that I have ever heard of anywhere is the work which the ABWE is doing in the Philippines. [^]And there their practice is to go into a town that is absolutely unevangelized and to set up a tent there. And ~~in~~ at this tent they have rather popular pictures and things that will interest a lot of people. They will do that for an hour or two, and then they will have a specifically Christian message. And they say that they will have a ~~tremendous~~ tremendous tent, and they will start ~~in~~ with over a thousand people. They have interesting things, and they attract the people. And then maybe three hundred will stay for the next meeting. And they will keep it up for ~~over~~ over a month. And at the end of the month, their crowds have dropped off a great deal, but the people who are coming are people who are greatly interested. And ~~there~~ the result is that at the end of a month they may have a fairly sizable ~~and~~ church started. In that town, instead of just coming in a couple of days and getting a few people and start with a tiny handful. They start with pretty good sized ~~and~~ churches in these ~~town~~ towns. But I have never heard ~~of~~ of them going into a place and starting that way and at the end of a month having six or eight little congregations that started out. I am sure that any missionary leader would ~~think~~ think that that would be the foolishest thing in the world to ~~do~~ do. To try to start in a little town, or in a big town, as your ~~first~~ first start a ~~lot~~ lot of little congregations. ~~When~~ ~~they~~ When they ordained elders in every city, on the return from this missionary journey when they had covered ~~so~~ so many cities quite recently, there may have been one place which had two congregations, but I doubt it. ~~But~~ But I certainly don't think that there was more than that in the whole bunch. And so it could easily have ~~said~~ said, they ordained an elder in each city. They could have said it. But it doesn't say that. It says, ordained