



Transform World seeks to engage in the transformational mission of God that results in the healing/blessing of the nations so that the presence, power, and peace of God may be experienced by all.

Transform World Connections exists to serve communities of servant-catalysts engaged in God's mission of transformation by catalyzing and connecting them together in consultation with people and communication resources, to equip the body in motivating the whole Church to bless the nations through prayer and collaborative action to see all nations redeemed, restored, and transformed, as cultures increasingly reflect the value system of the Kingdom of God the value system of the Kingdom of God.

Report of the Transform World: Karnataka State-wide Conference, Bangalore, India. (Oct 31-Nov2, 2007)

Introduction

Two hundred and sixty Christian leaders, missionaries and servant catalysts gathered at United Theological College, Bangalore campus for the first ever Transform World Karnataka State-wide conference from October 31-Nov 2, 2007. Hosted by the Karnataka Missions Network, this conclave brought together representatives from each of the twenty-seven districts of the state to consider *Mission as Transformation* in a gathering termed as "historic" by many present at the conference.

Significant Happenings

Twelve Focus Groups including (Family, Literature, HIV/AIDS, Youth, Leadership, Children, Education, Church) were well represented as group facilitators interfaced with the challenges of Karnataka and meaningfully discussed ways forward for the Church in the state. Participants were given adequate research information from Tony Samuel of National Resource Center, New Delhi of the status of mission work in each district of Karnataka and were encouraged to make research the backbone of going mission activities. Caleb Premanandan of Harvest Ministry, Andhra Pradesh shared with pastors of the role of the Church in the transformation process as seen and experienced in the tremendous growth witnessed in his ministry. Jose Joseph, Pune representing the Arts With a Mission group demonstrated to the joy of the crowd the way Arts can effectively interface with the local culture and encouraged those in his group to use the arts as a means for evangelism and church planting.

Ivan Kostka encouraged the participation of Kannada writers towards the national dream of a Christian Literary Renaissance. Reference was made to Global Day of Prayer, 24X7 Prayer as newer initiatives in the nation, and encouraged delegates to raise up armies of prayer in every district of the state. Participants were challenged by existing models of responses to the poor by Raja Auto, as he showed how the Church can and should be involved in responding to the needs of the poor and suffering. The presence of several Korean missionaries from Karnataka and beyond demonstrated their ongoing solidarity towards the transformational process in the state through Bible training, distribution of literature and mercy ministries. Rev. YB Lee needs special mention as a member of the KMN and special catalyst among expatriate Korean brethren.

Outcomes

Firstly, a general awareness of the transformational motif calling the Church to engage in the transformational mission of God seeking the healing/blessing of the state of Karnataka to seek His presence, peace and purposes fulfilled in every facet of society.

Secondly, establishment of a core group of servant catalysts to learn further and take this important message to each region and every district of Karnataka.

Thirdly, embracing of different hitherto "isolated" streams and bringing them into fellowship and unity to see a joint witness reflecting multi-dimensional Christian witness with enhanced synergy to a fractured society through the youth, services to the poor, cutting edge research, and an understanding of the challenge of the Silicon Valley of Asia.

Ongoing Steps

A few decisions have been made for ongoing momentum in the state as a result of this gathering.

1. Regional TW conferences in each of the five regions of the state planned for 2008.
2. The compilation of findings of each Focus group into a manual for future missiological reference.
3. Focused Leadership training programs for youth in the state including state Youth conclave.
4. Establishment of Biblical value based family magazine for the state by the literature group.
5. The need to engage the Church in greater understanding of HIV/AIDS and responses to the same.
6. Establishment of a School for the Arts in Bangalore.
7. Plans finalized for Urban Church planting seminar finalized.

Prayer Points

1. Prayer for Dr. Siga Arles (Conference Facilitator) as he provides leadership to the emerging TW network in the state and his core group.
2. Prayer for ongoing transformational initiatives in the state and effective leadership to take on this new responsibility by the core group and representatives from various districts and regions of Karnataka state.