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TW2020 focuses on the transformation that is presently taking place globally through activating people's lives locally in a ministry of both proclaiming and doing Christ's work. The TW2020 Global Leadership Summit taking place June 9-14, 2014 will foster this objective through planning and promotion with key leaders and resource people.

## **PAST TRANSFORMATIONS**

Christians involved in the transformation of their society is not new and we can be inspired and encouraged by earlier efforts at influencing their world for Christ.

Perhaps one of the best known movements for change is the Clapham Sect in England from 1787 to 1834 led by wealthy and influential people who advocated for social reform and for the religious impact on society. Perhaps their best known was their determined fight against slavery. They also supported overseas missions through the establishment of the Church Missionary Society and through the advocacy of the plight of indigenous peoples in the colonies. There is just as much need for reform today and for the power of Christ to be manifest through Christians who directly and intentionally address the issues and injustices of our day. TW2020 and this summer's Global Summit are meant to confront the issues of our world today.

The Clapham Sect is an example of an influential group in society confronting societal needs, however often individuals, without much notoriety, are also transformative agents. In Taiwan for only 17 years before her death in 1946 at the age of 75, Chi-oang evangelized her mountain Toroko people against the expressed policy of Japanese rule over the island. At the end of the war several thousand mountain Christians awaited baptism due to her persistence under trying circumstances. Chi-oang led in introducing the power of Christ to her people.

## **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT, JUNE 9-14, 2014**

This is what TW2020 Global Leadership Summit this summer is doing in bringing resource people and Christian leaders from around the world in order to identify and promote the transformative process in their parts of the world. Through these consultations the participants will be <u>informed</u> about the challenges, the spheres of cultural influence, the generational issues, and the unique matters confronting various regions of the world.

The Summit will <u>identify</u> the priorities in each region, which require the transformative power of Christ. In addition it will <u>inspire</u> leaders to be catalysts for change in their localities and to encourage everyone to support one another in this global endeavor.

This process is already underway. A very recent example is the Bihar summit which has brought together key people in this Indian region to concentrate on the most pressing need of the Church there and to foster cooperation among various Christian organizations. They have identified the most needy people groups in their society, which need to be influenced by Christianity and have promised to cooperate in the transformation of this region.

## YOUR PARTICIPATION

If you are interested in participating in the discussions at the Global Summit from June 9-14 in Geneva, Switzerland and Macon, France, contact Ana Herlina, registrar at ana@bcs.org.sg

For those of you already registered remember to forward your registration payment.