



Transform World: Fellowship of the Committed 30th March – 1st April, 2007

A Report

Introduction

The Transform World: Fellowship of the Committed meeting grew out of a conviction felt at the TW: India 2006 Conference, Hyderabad, October 24-28, 2006. In response to the eagerness and commitment expressed by Conference servant catalysts to facilitate State-wide TW events, it was suggested that a *Follow Up* meeting be first convened to prayerfully consider next steps. 35 men and women representing a spectrum of Focus groups and states in India, therefore gathered to hear what the Lord was saying to us as His Body in and for this particular season towards Transformation in India.



Summary of Objectives

The two-fold objective of this meet were to (1) inform, educate, hear, cheer-on and pray for transformational streams in the nation of India and (2) to prayerfully plan dates and action plans towards State-wide events in 2007 and 2008. The program was therefore generally open ended allowing time for reflection, sharing and informing the group, of significant "transformational stories" that were occurring in the country. Brief seasons of prayer dotted the conference program.

India Today – New India Tomorrow?

The April 9, 2007 issue of the Outlook which has just hit the stands has on its cover page

"Forget the 9.2% Growth – **Just look at How the Other India Survives**" featuring a young lad sweating after perhaps a hard day's work and with a bouquet of roses in this grasp. Growth Story yes- but there are 300 million yet to see it. Welcome to India Today.



In Bad Health

Primary healthcare centres serve only 21% of villages

Medicines are unavailable in 74% of villages

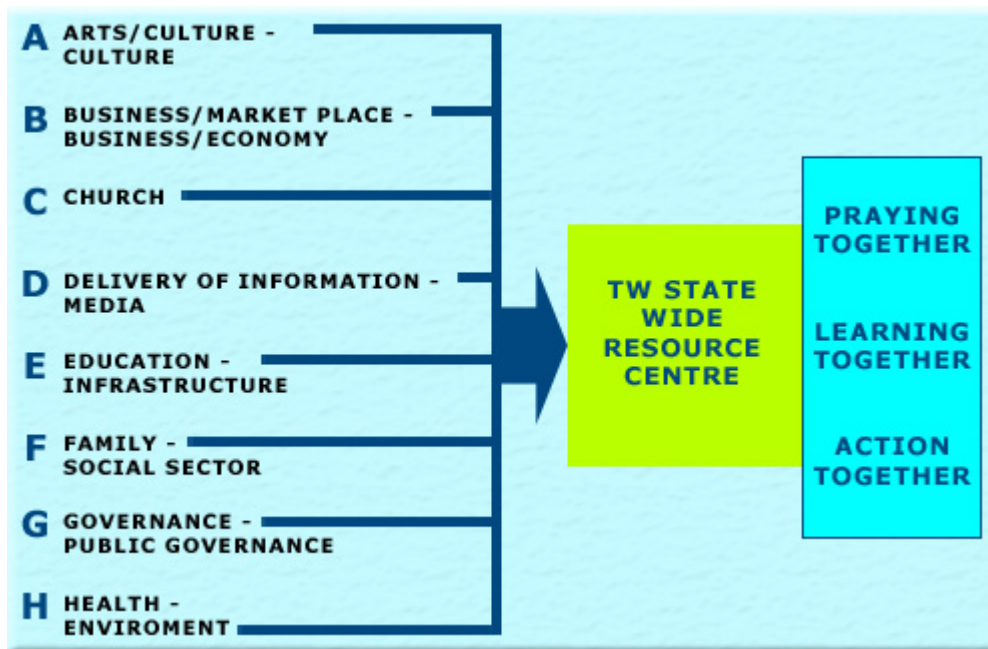
70% of the population lack adequate sanitation

Only 38% of the population have piped household water

It is in the context of such a nation, that the Church has been called to be the "salt" and the "light". The lost focus of the Church towards meaningful engagement with society at large, in all her facets is the need of the hour. *Mission as Transformation* needs better and many more practitioners from among the Indian Church's 68 million or so. The Transform World movement seeks to be that catalyst which will serve to inform, educate, connect and motivate the Church in India to put the stamp of Jesus on the very fabric of society, bringing reconciliation, restoration and reformation in the nation.

Outcomes of the Gathering in New Delhi

- A sense of unanimity among the group that this was a *kairos moment* for the Church and that the Transform World Movement could contribute significantly towards India's transformation.
- Finalization of firm commitments from ten states and regions to have state wide events including, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra & Pune, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
- A clear historical outline of transformational mission with particular application to India was traced with particular emphasis on the prime missiological importance of this movement in India today.
- Reaffirmation and prayer to see the Church as the foundational agent of transformation in every facet of human society was a spelt out providing challenge for all to hear and recognize yet again.
- An urgent appeal to the Church to stand with and pray for the OBC/Dalit (Other Backward Caste) community in their present struggle for spiritual liberty was accepted and a warm hand of fellowship extended to cooperate with and assist in this struggle
- The Christian hospital as an agency for transformation in a community was briefly explained and possible models of "agencies of transformation" were outlined. Biblical Worldview as the basis for any and all transformational models were presented and well received.
- The Family Track, Arts Track, Health Track, and Media Worship Track all assured the group of their ongoing commitment to state wide events.
- EFI General Secretary Richard Howell welcomed the movement in India and endorsed the ongoing need for transformational initiatives along the length and breadth of the nation.
- Representing the IMA Dave Hicks and James Kaiser (from EFI) brought the endorsement of the IMA network to this emerging platform seeking to bring together various transformational streams to connect, synergize and strengthen each other
- Over 500 Korean Missionaries in India were represented and brought a strong commitment from the east to the nation of India in cooperating with the establishment of TW Resource Centers in various parts of India to further facilitate TW initiatives at the sub-state and local/regional level with information, research and resources for effective ministry partnership.
- TW's new Knowledge and Connections Management wing, which seeks to provide ongoing inter-facing, synergy, networking and connections to facilitate smooth, timely and efficient communications was introduced
- The seven point Nation Building Focus was brought to light by Luis Bush, who said that the Body of Christ India could become God's agent of transformation within India in the primary areas/spheres of society such as – Public Governance, Infrastructure Development, Health, Business, Environment, Social Security and Culture; With God's help, a New India would emerge! He further encouraged State wide Facilitators to prepare state wide TW Centers to facilitate these Focus groups further at state level conferences and also in the follow up processes.



Next Steps

- States will go ahead with preliminary preparations for their respective TW state events. States which have firmed up dates and events are Karnataka (Oct 31-Nov 2); Kerala (Nov 5-8), Tamil Nadu (Nov 8-10). TW: Rajasthan (Jan 22-25, 2008), Pune/Maharashtra are committed to Vision casting seminars this year in at least 3 regions for a day each. New Delhi will decide in April firm dates for a TW: New Delhi event, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh will continue facilitating regional meetings in Jabalpur and Raipur. Dates are yet to be fixed for a sub-state UP event. Requests for TW events in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, and Jharkhand have been received and are under process.
- A 15 – 20 member Indian delegation will prayerfully consider traveling to the TW: Korea 2007 from October 21-23 in Jehu Island, S. Korea. Catalytic servant facilitators are encouraged to attend the said meetings.
- On going communication and connections will commence following this meeting in order to keep the momentum going for Transformational. A TW India Resource Center would need to be established in India.
- Finally with regards to nomenclature, the Fellowship of the Committed will be modified to **Transform World India Connections – TWIC**. Chairman, Richard Howell, Vice Chairmen: Siga Arles & Pau, Facilitator, Alex Philip were nominated by the group present.

O Lord come and Transform the nation of India!

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“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen! (Eph 3:20)

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