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Dear Colleagues in Transform World,

In May 2005 over 550 leaders from 55 nations met in Jakarta, Indonesia, for a leadership forum called Transform World. The gathering climaxed as 100,000 believers filled the National Stadium for a four hour prayer meeting. This final event was simultaneously connected with 56 other sites with one million participants.

In less than three years the Transform World movement has spread to five continents with national gatherings taking place in India, Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, Burundi, Africa, and across Latin America. Momentum continues to grow as new events are planned in nations and regions around the globe.

In the United States leaders of ethnic communities called for a special gathering over the 4th of July holiday last year in Washington, D.C. Several of those present expressed gratitude for the role the United States had played in bringing the gospel to their nations. As a result these leaders felt a debt of love to the U.S. Their goal in D.C. was to revisit the spiritual heritage of the nation and explore their roles as catalysts in God's movement of transformation. They were passionate for the United States to rediscover and fulfill her spiritual destiny. The Transform World movement has served each of these gatherings.

This movement was a result of the World Inquiry. In collaboration with Lausanne and the 2004 World Evangelization Issues Forum and co-sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary, a three year research project visited 100 global cities and met with leaders from 800 cities. The World Inquiry was looking for expressions of the mission of God.

The World Inquiry discovered that servant catalysts were experiencing new and dynamic ways in which God was impacting their areas of influence. The report described these expressions as emerging streams of transformation. In several cases the results were so significant that a call was issued for a global forum. The response to this call was the first Transform World event in Jakarta, Indonesia, in May 2005.

Our international colleagues believe it is time to introduce this

movement to leaders in the United States. Several have mobilized groups and prayer networks in their nations to pray toward this goal. In response to their encouragement and their prayers, plans are underway for Transform World Houston, November 16 to 20, 2008.

I. The Need

We believe God is on a mission of Transformation. In our gathering we seek to join God on His mission. We affirm the global nature of the transformation movement and want to take practical steps to work together as the Body of Christ toward the transformation of our churches and our world.

II. The Event

Transform World Houston 2008 will be hosted by the local Houston Host Committee. This group represents a team of networks and leaders across the Greater Houston area. Several have participated in Transform World events in other nations. In addition, the National Steering Committee for Transform World USA and an International Facilitation Team are helping to shape the Houston event and identify those who should participate.

Out of 350 participants, approximately 65 international leaders involved with the Transform World movement will be our special guests. This group has much to share from their perspective and vast experience. Other leaders attending will represent different cities in the United States and the local area. We are currently planning 16 specific focus groups with 20 to 25 leaders per group.

Transform World Houston will be a working consultation. Many new relationships will be formed with the potential to advance God's Kingdom around the globe. Several of the Transform World events have birthed ongoing initiatives among leaders in their area, region or nation. Transform World Connections Indonesia is one current example.

III. The Program Dates and Content

Participants from outside the area will arrive by the afternoon of Sunday, November 16. Transform World Houston will commence with a welcome dinner beginning at our venue site at 6:00 p.m. We will meet together in general sessions and in focus groups the following day. The event will conclude with lunch on November 20.

Transform World Houston will provide a unique opportunity for leaders from cities across the United States to interact with their international colleagues. Together we will build important relationships as we work to discover how we can partner with God and His movement of transformation so that it can take root and spread in our communities, cities and nations.

In order to maximize the impact of the event, we will highlight a number of areas where significant breakthroughs are taking place around the world. To accomplish this our evening sessions on November 17-19 will be open to a larger audience, in a venue that can accommodate up to 10,000 people.

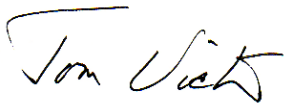
IV. Participants

Transform World Houston is an invitation-only event for Christian leaders representing the different focus areas. Those invited must demonstrate a commitment to God's Kingdom purposes beyond individual or organizational goals and assignments.

For others wishing to participate, the evening sessions will provide an opportunity to experience the Transform World Movement first hand. Each night unique and powerful examples of God's movement of transformation around the world will be highlighted.

May each one of us become His agent of transforming grace and power to our generation and to the nations of the earth.

Gratefully His,



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