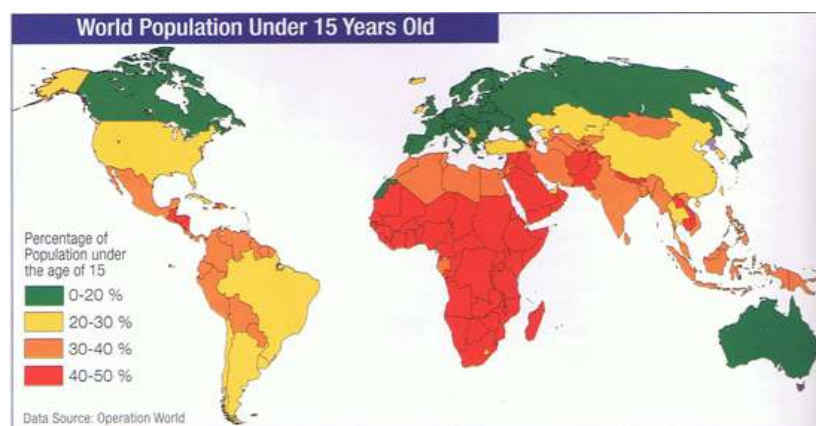


Transform World Connections: Brief Report of 4/14 Focus Events in South Asia

Introduction God is calling us to a new missional focus: the 4/14 window of opportunity to transform the world. God is calling us to radically change the way we view children and to respond to their strategic importance and rightful place in His Kingdom. In God's hands, this enormous and largely ignored people group become agents of transformational mission under the headship of Jesus Christ.

The world's 1.2 Billion children are this new focus group. It is recognized that we are losing the children of the world spiritually and statistics show high percentages of teens and young adults ages 15 to 24 are departing from the Christian values they were raised with.



Regional Significance: Of the top 10 countries in the world with children in this age group, fall the three South Asian countries of India (248m children), Pakistan (38m children) and Bangladesh (36 m children). South Asia therefore assumes critical significance in this missional focus on children and her often desperate needs. The top 10 countries have a collective population of over 700m children vs. the 1.2billion of the world (58%) and together is larger by 16% of all other countries of the world put together. 1 out of every 4 of the world's 4/14'ers are from South Asia.



The Transform World South Asia Conference was held October 21-24, 2009 in Kathmandu bringing together about 100 South Asian leaders. This was perhaps the first time South Asian Christian leaders from the eight representative nations of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bhutan and the islands of Maldives were intentionally brought together to consider *mission as transformation* theme for all activity.

Specific National Events

INDIA – 2 Regional Summits were successfully organized in covering the Eastern, North-Eastern and Southern parts of the country. These two events brought together more than 400 leaders representing over 120 missions and denominations.



PAKISTAN- 4 Mini consultations were held in Lahore, Peshawar, Sindh and Faisalabad under the auspices of the Pakistan Sunday School Mission -about 80 Missions and Denominations attended all these meetings and a total of 210 leaders participated.

SRI-LANKA, NEPAL and BANGLADESH are planning events which are to take place later this year. More details will be forthcoming.

AFGHANISTAN, MALDIVES and BHUTAN still need significant help in targeting the 4/14 communities in their respective countries. Bhutan has a growing Church who need in addition to the other two our prayers, encouragement and support to launch these initiatives.

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BHUTAN – Rev. Sonam Lendhup

AFGHANISTAN – TBA

MALDIVES – TBA

Specific Issues of Importance to Further the 4/14 Mission in the South Asia Region

1. The formation of a Regional Think Tank to promote, plan and encourage events at a South Asian level. (At the moment the TW South Asia Committee could handle this responsibility with the addition of a few new members).
2. Activation of National Committees to plan and encourage sub-regional summits leading towards a National Conference in 2011. The National Church representatives are thereby empowered and re-focused on the issues within the national context and take suitable action on them. (Applicable for India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal especially).
3. Encouragement of prayer for high persecution countries (Afghanistan and the Maldivian Islands) and where the Church is struggling in her identify and full expression (Bhutan).
4. A group of 4/14 Ambassadors in the region who will
 - a. Commit to pray towards the needs of 4/14 in their countries
 - b. Seek to build partnerships and relationships of trust among ministries in their countries
 - c. Plan sub-regional and national 4/14 events in cooperation with accepted evangelical leaders of the nation
 - d. Launch nation-wide 4/14 movements using guidelines provided from the post Conference Action Plan manual.



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