

4/14 Window West Bengal

19-21 October 2011

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Dear Friend,

Do you know there are 350 lakh (35 million) children in West Bengal below 18 years (38% of West Bengal population)? Do you know Window 7/17 population in West Bengal now 249 lakh (24 million)? India has the highest number of population in the world below 15 years age. India's 4/14 Window (age between 4 and 14) population is 30% higher than China's 4/14 Window population. West Bengal has around 200 lakh (20 million) 4/14 population.

They are tomorrow's youth, future of the nation and future of the church.

What a challenge to work together for the cause of these millions of children. Thousands of children and young people are coming to know the Christ as the missions and churches are ministering to them. We praise God for all the churches and mission those who are investing and focusing on the children and young generation.

The phrase "4/14 Window" was introduced by Dr. Dan Brewster (Vice- President, Compassion International) in 1996. Dr. Brewster says, "God is calling us to a new mission focus '4/14 Window' of opportunity to transform the world." He also says, "It has been clear that 4/14 Window is not just a catchy phrase, but a true window of receptivity - an established fact.

"People do tend to come to Christ while they are young." Dr. Luis Bush (International Facilitator, 4/14 Window Global Initiative) says, "One way in which we can join God in 'missio dei' is to reflect, reach

and raise up a new generation of Christ followers from the 4/14 Window. That vision is catching on among servants of God around the world. In India the call is going forth with enormous transformational impact potential since one-fifth 4/14ers in the entire world live in India which has also experienced such a growth in the church over the last 15 years." Dr. Bambang Budijanto (Chairman, Intl Steering Committee, 4/14 Window Global Initiative) says, "It is the prompt of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of many leaders around the globe which have caused this global movement to raise up a new generation of 4/14ers to transform the world."

"The 10/40 Window referenced a geographic frame; the 4/14 Window describes a demographic frame - a life season comprising the ten years between the ages of 4 and 14. It is a plea to open your heart and mind to the idea of reaching and raising up a new generation from within that vast group-a generation that can experience personal transformation and can be mobilized as agents for transformation throughout the world.

Our vision and hope is to maximize their transformational impact while they are young, and to mobilize them for continuing impact for the rest of their lives. I invite you to join with many others who are making a commitment to fulfill this vision and realize this hope. To maximize the transformational impact of children and youth in the 4/14 Window we must address the spiritual, mental, physical, relational, economic, and social issues they face. This requires that we become acutely aware of what is taking place in their lives. Only with this kind of informed awareness will we be able to reach them, shape them, and raise them up to transform the world." (Luis Bush)

Childhood years are the formative years. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it". In light of that truth, our task is to "train up" the 4/14 generations in the way they should go, so that as they grow older they will be used by God to transform the world. "This is a multi-faceted challenge we face, and it can be met only with a holistic approach. In raising up the 4/14 generation for transformational impact, we must address their physical needs (especially the physical needs of those in poverty), their intellectual needs, and all the relational, social and spiritual dimensions of their lives. We must embrace the whole person, endeavouring to see 4/14ers as God sees them" (Luis Bush). Dan Brewster notes, "It is not enough to improve only one dimension of a person's life and leave other dimensions in inadequacy."

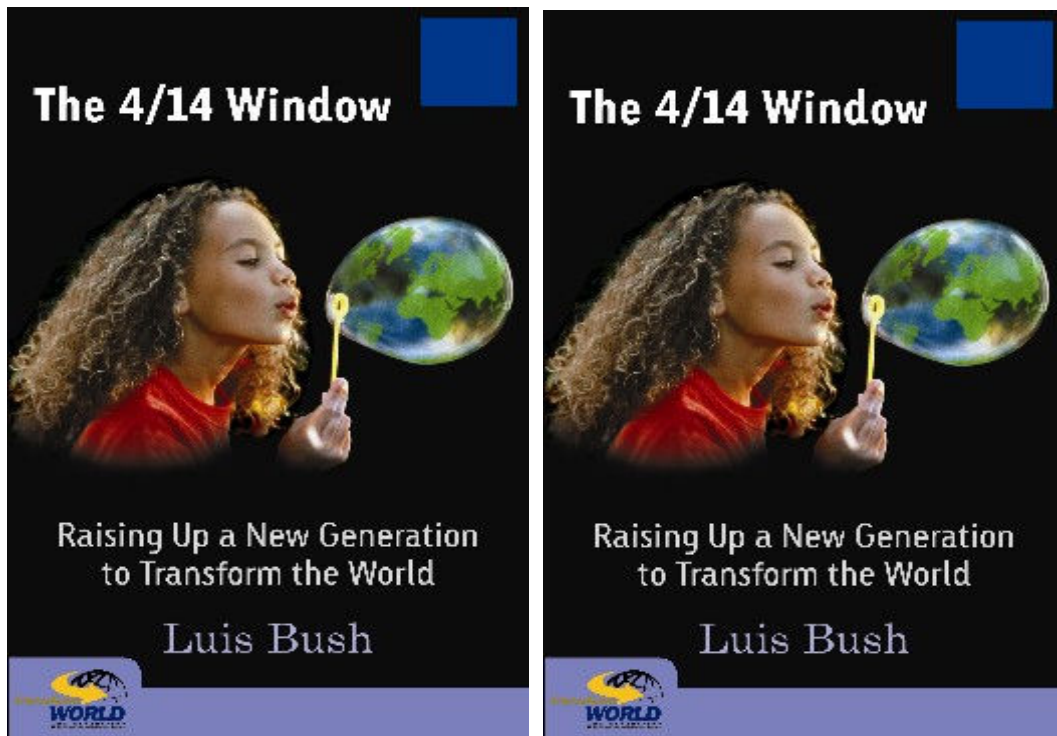
4/14 Window Global Summit I was held in New York in August 2009 where 150 participants were expected but 350 participants came from 70 countries.

4/14 Window Global Summit II was held in New York in September 2010 where 570 participants came from 70 countries.

Transform Korea 4/14 Window Global Conference was held in Bundang, South Korea in May 6-7, 2010. First ever consultation on the 4/14 Window for India held in Prui, Odisha on February 17, 2010 where 200 church leaders and mission leaders came from 14 eastern and north-eastern regions of India.

South India conference was held in Bangalore on August 9-11, 2010 where 150 leaders came from four states (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh). First ever state conference on the 4/14 Window in India was held in Patna in November 15-17, 2010 where 150 church leaders and mission leaders came from Bihar and 20 observers came from different North Indian states.

Everywhere the missions, the churches and the Christian NGOs are catching the vision of 4/14 Window.



In last November 2010 we did participate in 4/14 Window Bihar Conference in Patna with a special invitation of the Steering Committee. It was so challenging, motivating, and inspiring. It was not another conference but a life-touching experience for the ministry among the 4/14ers of our nation. The presentations: CANA (Christian AID/HIV National Alliance), VIVA (a Global Children Ministry Network), IMA (India Missions Association), CEI (Compassion East India), CCT (Crisis Care Training) on human trafficking and sexual exploitation, EFICAR (Evangelical Fellowship of India- Children at Risk), ISSU (India Sunday School Union), One Hope, Constitutional rights and privileges for children, Health aspects, Child Theology and Holistic Child Development (HCD), Bible teachings on 4/14 Window and others, were eye opening to all the participants. Bihar is moving forward with a fresh vision for the four to fourteen age group populations to reach them and to raise them up to transform Bihar.

Large number of these children is underprivileged. Many are dropped out of school even before they complete basic primary education. There are poverty, malnutrition, health issues, child labour, human trafficking, and hopelessness. There are social issues and broken families where the children do not have any care and guidance during these foundational years. There are children with disabilities and orphans. We need to focus our ministry to this neglected group of our generation (4/14ers). Children are the future of the nation and the future of the church. We need to bring joy, happiness and holistic development in their lives. They also need to know Jesus who loves them. Thousands of these children do not have an opportunity yet to hear about Jesus. 4/14ers will be always there in our church and in our society.

We have a role to play. We have to raise them up. We have to train them up. Parents and families are also taken into account as we focus to the children and young generation. Church leaders and mission leaders, missionaries and theologians, children ministry leaders and Christian NGOs, all of us, we need 4/14 Window exposures and awareness. We need to reflect and interact on 4/14 Window for strategic engagement and networking so that the children and young generation will be cared for, reached and raised up in the way God wants them to be.

I was writing my Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) dissertation on educational empowerment for the ST and SC children with special ref. to Malda district of West Bengal. One of my conclusions was that quality educational foundation for the children ages 3-14 has to be taken seriously.

By age 3 a child seems to be learning lot of things through seeing, playing, touching, and doing things and by 14 years of age a child should complete Class VIII standard. These formative years in primary and upper primary levels of education have to be taken seriously if we wish the children to have a better and brighter future. This is related to education. But there are many other significant issues and challenges too for our consideration for ministry.

Do you know there will be a 4/14 Window West Bengal Consultation in Kolkata in October 19-21, 2011? Theme: "Raise up a new generation from 4/14 Window to transform the world."

They are the generation Z. They are the future of our family, church and society. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19.14 ESV)

You are welcome to join us in the 4/14 Window West Bengal Team. Come as a participant, come as a resource person, come for fellowship with the Christian leaders of West Bengal, and come to exhort the participants, come as a national/international observer, and come to lead some sessions. We would be happy to have you and appreciate your help.

Together let us reach and train up the young generation by helping them meeting their needs. This is the challenge.

Write to us for further details about the **4/14 Window West Bengal Consultation**- about the tracks, the 4/14 Window model ministry presentations, and about partnership.

Date: October 19-21, 2011. Venue: Seva Kendra, Kolkata.

We would appreciate your prayer and partnership.

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON 4/14 WINDOW

To reach and raise up the children and young generation together
for transformation

4/14 Window West Bengal Steering Team organizing

4/14 Window West Bengal Consultation 2011

Consultation Date: October 19 - 21, 2011

Venue: Seva Kendra, Kolkata

**Registration Fee: Rs. 100.00 before 31/August/2011 and Rs. 200.00 after
31/August/2011**

(Registration fee includes all the meals during the consultation and you can attend all the
sessions)

Free accommodation will be provided to those who come from distant places of West Bengal
and they should register before 31st August

Limited number of full/partial scholarships for train/bus fare available on request for
deserving participants from West Bengal those who travel from long distance and they should
register before 31st August

**Participants: 175 from West Bengal and 25 from other states and neighbour
countries**

(Participants from other states and neighbour countries have to bear their own travel and
accommodation expenses)

Consultation Topics:

1. Children Ministry/Teaching Methodologies/Children's Church/Intercession
2. Preparing your church for effective children ministry
3. Holistic Child Development
4. Our most personal 4/14 Window: Building godly generations in our own families, our children and grandchildren
5. Child Rights
6. Children Trafficking & Child Sexual Abuse
7. Child Care and Counseling
8. Platform Children
9. Child Health/Children living with HIV/AIDS
10. Leadership of Connecting and Facilitation in 4/14 Window
11. Child Labour
12. Education
13. Understanding Children: Biblical, Contextual and Missiological Perspectives
14. Modern Technology
15. Children with Disabilities (Differently Abled Children)

Presentations:

1. Global Mapping 4/14 Window
 2. Music Kits
 3. Compassion East India
 4. Seva Bharat
 5. World Vision
 6. Asian Sahyogi Sanstha (Platform children ministry)
 7. Christian Service Society (Children's Home)
 8. Youth Alpha
 9. CANA (Christian AID/HIV National Alliance)
- And others

Resource persons and special guests from India and abroad for interaction, fellowship, and learning together. There will be more than 15 resource persons from India and abroad.

Who can attend?

Mission leaders, Pastors, CEOs, care givers, school teachers, Sunday School in charge, children ministry leaders, Missionaries, Bible College teachers and final year students, children project managers, and others those who love and care for the children and young generation.

International participants: observers, well-wishers, and prayer partners are most welcome. Registration fee: US\$ 50.00 (includes all the meals during the consultation and you can attend all the sessions.)

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The 4/14 Window (demographic age group between 4-14) is a Global Initiative with Dr. Luis Bush as the international facilitator and Dr. Bambang Budijanto as the Chairman, Intl Steering Committee. Dr. Alex Philip, Dr. Siga Arles, Mr. D. G. Jebaraj (Compassion East India), Rev. Noel Kotian (CEEFI) are some of the members of National Facilitation Team (NFT).

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You are most welcome to this unique consultation in October 2011

**Would appreciate your Prayer, Partnership, donation and contribution
to cover the cost of the consultation**

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