

TW2020 Update

GOD IS ON THE MOVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA!



A colourfully diverse region of 11 countries with a myriad of cultures, tastes, peoples, religions and pace of development, Southeast Asia consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam.

With a population of more than 620 x10⁶ speaking 3,800 languages where only 40% have been reached by the gospel with more than 700 unreached people groups and where nearly a third are under the age of 15, Southeast Asia houses adherents of the world's major religions and ideologies with 100 x10⁶ Communists, 130 x10⁶ Christians, 160 x10⁶ Buddhists and 220 x10⁶ Muslims.

God is on the move in Southeast Asia, inspiring, birthing, mobilizing and heightening transformation! It is indeed heartening to see His goodness! He is pouring out His anointing, authority and grace on His children as He amazingly opens doors and brings about breakthroughs in the different nations in our region!

To align with what God is doing in the region in today's postmodern context of rapid change, progress and innovation, it is critical to address and rise above the following four major crises in culture (root issues) based on Isa 58:12 - the crises of identity, integrity, intimacy & influence.

Transform World Southeast Asia (TWSEA) comes as a servant catalyst to serve the people of God contextually, based on the needs in a nation/sub-region to fulfill God's transformative purpose to build His kingdom in this, His KAIROS time! To this end, 155 key national leaders from all 11 countries in the region met together for the TWSEA Summit from 29 Oct to 1Nov 2013 in Sentul, Indonesia.

The TWSEA leadership hope to catalyse the formation of national teams in each country as well as regional teams for each of the challenges, spheres and generational groups to stand together to be:

. Rebuilders of God-given Vision in a confused society . Raisers of God-given Values in a compromising community . Repairers of God-given Vitals in a corrupted world . Restorers of God-given Vineyards in a competitive nation and region.

Prioritizing building Unity and collaboration among churches & Christian organizations in every nation is of paramount importance especially with regards the missional purpose of church planting and growing Christ followers through growing a committed core, relational emphasis, vision casting, empowering seminars and regional prayer gatherings.

In Indonesia, denominations, churches and Christian organizations across the nation have come together in humility, in solidarity & in prayer under the banner of Transform Connections Indonesia wisely led by visionary servant- catalyst Dr Iman Santoso (TWSEA Regional Facilitator) whose anointed and cohesive team have facilitated and catalysed transformation movements in various spheres (business, church, family, arts) to meet societal challenges (poverty, ideological, justice, missions, orphans, prayer) since 2005. More recently from October 2010, there have been great initiatives in the Education Sphere through church- based community-centred endeavors whereby 26 E-Learning Centres have been set up (with more in the pipeline) to serve 1500 in-service teachers (even in rural ares) who need to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Education by 2020 as required by law.

In Thailand, through the leading of the Holy Spirit as well as after much communication, prayer and discussion, the process of wholistic transformational movements began in the Northern Region (which houses 90% of the churches and Christian organizations in Thailand) in April 2014 via strategic relational small group vision-casting consultations facilitated by Juliette Arulrajah (TWSEA Co-Regional Facilitator) rather than large conferences. Key leaders of the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand (EFT), senior pastors, professors, a national researcher, businessman & mission agency leaders (between 30 to 60 years old) participated in the second vision-casting meeting held on 12th May 2014. The EFT in the North is seriously considering how TW vision, mission, etc can further energize their vision, how they have been doing missions, their national plan, etc as they relook at deeper issues of what are the root problems causing the current crisis in their culture before they begin to reshape and shift paradigms for wholistic transformational missions which impacts the community for the long term. We are hoping to have a meeting with all key leaders of every province in the north to create awareness and further discuss. The committed core team for Thailand are Dr Buakab (EFT Chairperson of Northern Region), Rev Gampon Kumdee (advisor to EFT Chiangmai), Dr Preecha (former national EFT President) & Dr Angeli (Chairperson of EFT Chiangmai).

In the last quarter of 2014, about 300 Vietnamese Christian leaders (ranging from the Gen Y to experienced senior leaders in their 80s) gathered in one of the other Southeast Asian nations for a time of empowering and equipping.

They were denominational leaders & pastors of groups of churches of up to even 100 or so as well as heads of Christian organizations and bible schools. A team from Indonesia's National Prayer Network led by Mark McClendon, Pa Charles & Pa Tony Mulia shared about the prayer & unity movement in their nation whilst Juliette Arulrajah was invited to share about Transform World Southeast Asia, transformational movements and being servant-catalysts. Practically all present responded to be servant catalysts and to work for unity in and for Vietnam at the separate altar calls!

In November 2014, the abovementioned Indonesian team went to Yangon to share with key Christian Myanmar leaders about the prayer & unity movement in Indonesia which also reaped a great positive response!

The TWSEA Leadership seek to co-labour with other like-minded leaders from the SEA nations to INFLUENCE & IMPACT our communities - from the home to the marketplace to the church to the public square, LEAVING A LEGACY for future generations!

Greater wholistic transformation in our own nations and the region is our heartbeat, both in the imminent future and in the coming years as we hope to arise to each of our destinies and shine for Jesus as visionary catalysts, strategic leaders, loving empowerers, godly disciples, committed servants, discerning influencers and wise nation-builders!

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