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“The year only starts after the Carnival” is a Brazilian saying, and it is not difficult to understand why people believe it is true. In years as this when the Carnival comes late in February, schools, some public services and even some church activities will only start in March. For us in the Global South, January and February are summer months and the tempo is slower than usual.

In the North there is full activity and productivity reaches the highest levels. Climate and geographical differences are just two aspects of the complex world we live in.

If we add to that cultural background, historical development, economic realities and the enormous diversity of traditions and ecclesiastical contexts, we will have the picture of challenging global scenario in which we try to work together.



There is certainly need for a lot of patience, love and willingness to overcome barriers, prejudices and misunderstandings. At the same time it gives a very special flavour of diversity and cultural richness – a privilege we have in the missional community worldwide. The Carnival ended on February 16 this year and now we can start working again!

Bertil Ekström.

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ETHNE CONSULTATION IN BOGOTA



For four days this November, over 400 leaders from nearly 60 countries came together for Ethnè09 in Bogota, Colombia, for one purpose – to energize the Body of Christ to multiply ministry among the —forgotten fourth|| of the world who still lack access to the Gospel.

What happened in Bogota during the movement's triennial gathering for UPG-focused individuals, churches and ministries?

The Church Planting Strategy Group said —Yes|| to helping mobilize and cross-train workers for catalyzing church planting movements among unengaged unreached people groups. They'll be working together with the Prayer and Information Strategy Groups to see this happen.

The Prayer Strategy Group said —Yes|| to strengthening the hands of church planters through prayer. They will create a strategic prayer coaching team to mobilize, train and send prayer journey teams focused on specific unreached people groups, in concert with onsite church planters.

The Member Care Strategy Group said —Yes|| to promoting better care for missionaries, especially after hearing one sad story after another of missionary difficulties and failures.

COMIBAM agreed to facilitate the work of church representatives from different regions across Latin America to develop, communicate, and implement member care strategies over the next three years.

The Latinos in the EthnoArts Strategy Group said —Yes|| to championing this key communication strategy for reaching unreached people groups, organizing themselves into Asociación Latinoamericano De EtnoArtes (ALDEA, meaning —village|| in Spanish).

This Ethnè09 gathering was led by an international steering committee, and hosted by COMIBAM, the Iberoamerican Missions Network (www.comibam.org) so sessions were conducted in Spanish and English (and occasionally in French, Arabic, Malay, and Korean.). Each day's multi-cultural expressions of worship, led by a team from Malaysia, Philippines, Syria, Colombia, and the USA, included songs in English, Spanish, Arabic, Malay, Swahili, Turkish, Russian, Tagalog, French, and more.

Participants heard reports of what God is doing all over the world, and then prayed together for each region. Here are some highlights and prayer challenges:

- There are more missionaries in Turkey than there are Turkish believers.
- The majority of unreached people groups in Latin America are in Brazil (348).
- The North Caucasus region of Russia has a seemingly infinite number of language

groups — a new language at every bend in the river||.

- India has 310 unreached people groups of over 1 million people, and only 63 of its 500 languages have complete translations of the Bible.

- Sudan has more UPGs than the 22 other African countries combined.

- Japan has never had more than 1% of its population as Christians.

- There are twice as many Lebanese in Brazil alone (8 million) than in Lebanon itself.

- In one sensitive nation of 6 million people in N. Africa, there are only 20 known believers among 40 unreached people groups.

- And finally, something to rejoice over. 20 years ago in Mongolia, 3 evangelical churches existed with about 40 Christians. Today there are over 400 churches with over 50,000 Christians.

This was NOT simply a conference, but a working consultation focused on confirming Ethnè's vision – peoples joining together to glorify God among all peoples – and fulfilling its three priorities:

- CELEBRATING Great Commission progress among the least reached peoples
- ASSESSING current opportunities and resources
- ACCELERATING movements to Christ among every people

To enable this to happen, an on-site team of intercessors supported the event in prayer, manning an interactive prayer room, and reporting each evening what they were hearing from the Lord to the gathered assembly.

And everyone participated in one of eight ongoing strategy groups, where true multi-national collaboration is at the heart, with all nationalities serving as equal decision makers and implementers:

1. Prayer – tying prayer efforts together to give focus and create synergy around specific needs at specific times www.ethne.net/prayer ; regular e-mails available via subscribed group at prayer@ethne.net
2. Ethno Arts – promoting appropriate indigenous artistic expressions (either originating from within or adopted) by each ethnè to know, worship, and testify about the True God www.ethne.net/ethnoarts
3. Church Planting Movements (Holistic Gospel Movements) – collaborating to stimulate training and call out workers to peoples where little is happening www.ethne.net/cpm
4. Frontier Crisis Response Network — connects workers and networks into effective efforts which continue to leave long term workers in place long after the initial crisis is past www.ethne.net/fcrn
5. Member/Pastoral Care—committed to provide quality member care resources to support the mission community as it works among least-reached people groups www.ethne.net/memberscare
6. Information/Research—working together internationally to collect, coordinate, and disseminate accurate, up-to-date information about least reached peoples, hard-to-reach populations, and the needs of the church
7. Young Leaders —mobilizing, equipping, encouraging and enabling new generations to engage with least-reached peoples and to help shape emerging strategies
8. Training Interest Group—a new initiative focused on collaborating in missionary candidate training

Each strategy groups has follow-up plans for their area of focus, including some of the highlights listed above: establishing a new EthnoArts organization in Latin America, and beginning work among a number of previously unengaged unreached people groups.

In addition, significant conversations took place among regional networks like COMIBAM and the African Movement of National Initiatives (MANI) to facilitate cooperation in sending, training, and placing workers.

And some are now considering vision trips related to disaster prone regions (i.e. Southeast Asia), refugees, nomads, business as mission, human trafficking, and urban and rural unreached people groups.

Looking ahead

The next Ethnè family gathering in three year's time will be hosted by the India Mission Association (IMA) in Hyderabad November 28 to December 2nd, 2012.

The steering committee and convening group for the Ethnè movement are truly global.

In addition to IMA, they include leaders from mission organizations and facilitators of partnerships such as the Philippines Mission Association, Malaysian Centre for Global Missions, Nigerian Evangelical Missions Association, Indonesian Evangelical Alliance, Buddhist World Network, COMIBAM, US Center for World Mission, Central Asia Consultation, Francophone Africa Partnership, Arabian Peninsula Partnership, Southeast Asia Unreached Peoples Network (SEALINK), YWAM, Mission to Unreached Peoples, and International Partnership Associates

NEW MISSION COMMISSION WEBSITE

Within the coming two weeks the *new website for the Mission Commission* will be launched. On this site, you - as MCA - can:

1. read and download all issues of Connections on-line
2. be involved in (chat) forums
3. Announce events of your organization and look at the activities of other MCA's
4. Change your contact details
5. Register for MC conferences / consultations
6. And -in due time- many more

Soon you will receive your personal login and password to access the site and to be able to make full use of the site. *Please do visit the site and check if your personal data are correct and - if not - do change them.* This will enable us to deliver the hard copies of Connections to the right address and to contact you by email when needed. (for example for sending you AGORA!)

In case of any question or advise, please contact Kees van der Wilden: kees@weamc.org



THE LAUSANNE GLOBAL CONVERSATION

Starting in March, Christians around the world will be able to add their voice to the Lausanne Global Conversation (LGC) when the new LGC website is unveiled. Thought-provoking articles, blogs and videos will be posted in an open forum with an invitation to the global Church to join the conversation.

The LGC is an opportunity to wrestle with important issues related to world evangelization from a worldwide perspective by engaging with brothers and sisters from around the globe.

The LGC is closely connected with the Lausanne Movement's Cape Town 2010 Congress, which is being held in collaboration with the WEA. Presentations at the Congress will be shaped by input from the LGC.

Your voice in the conversation is needed. As iron sharpens iron, and as there is wisdom in the counsel of many, we trust the Lord will use the global discussion to spur us on - not only to further dialogue, but to strategy and action so that all may hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

Global Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable

A collaboration of refugee organizations from around the world, the Refugee Highway Partnership (RHP) was launched at an historic 2001 Refugee Consultation in Izmir, Turkey, sponsored by World Evangelical Alliance. Nearly 200 global leaders gathered to build connections and develop collaborative strategies to respond to the incredible need of refugees in our world. Since then annual leadership meetings and strategy roundtables have been held to build and grow this partnering effort.

The mission of the RHP is to use collaborative strategies to mobilize the worldwide church to bring the hope of Christ and provide refuge for the over 42 million refugees and forcibly displaced people around the world. For more information about the RHP

visit: www.refugeehighway.net

The 2010 Ephesus Global Refugee Highway Roundtable, co-sponsored by the Mission Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance, has been designed for participants to:

Learn more about the Refugee Highway Partnership and ways to engage the church to meet the needs of the refugee community; Get a more accurate

understanding of the Refugee Highway backdrop and hear what is being learned about working among displaced peoples in similar and diverse contexts; Gain personal encouragement from being among people with a common passion for refugees;

Hear first-hand regional accounts about the impact of refugee movements and internal displaced persons; Connect and build relationships with like-minded leaders and organizations serving in transit and destination countries of the Refugee Highway; Explore possible collaborative outreach initiatives; Partner with the Middle East church through prayer, encouragement and engagement.

Roundtable Participants:

Target participants are strategic Christian leaders, including denominational leaders, mission representatives, pastors, and para-church staff. The goal of the roundtable is to involve decision makers who have the motivation, the influence and ability to mobilize church involvement in refugee ministry when they return home. We assume these will be leaders who have had some prior exposure to refugee issues and for whom this event could be the catalyst to greater involvement. We would like participants to be influencers who will share what they learn at this event to engage others.

The number of participants will be capped to allow for strong connections to take place.

The Global Roundtable will immediately follow a Middle East Refugee Ministry Roundtable, and key leaders from that event will participate in the global gathering. (Note: the largest percentage of refugees and displaced peoples are currently located in the Middle East.)

This is an invitation only event. Applications to attend are available on the RHP web site: www.RefugeeHighway.net. You will be notified when your registration is accepted. Please DO NOT reserve flights or make other arrangements unless you receive official notification that your reservation is accepted.

Please inform us if you would like information on the Middle East Refugee Ministry Roundtable being held prior to the global RHP Roundtable, May 17-19, 2010. This is also an invitation-only event designed for groups either seriously exploring or currently working in the greater Middle East region.

For questions, contact Chris Bruno at [BrunoREACT@gmail.com](mailto: BrunoREACT@gmail.com), or Linda Moorcroft of the Refugee Highway Partnership at [Linda.Moorcroft@christiastreetc.com](mailto: Linda.Moorcroft@christiastreetc.com).

Sincerely,
RHP Leadership Team

WHEATON DECLARATION ON BUSINESS AS INTEGRAL CALLING

During October 2009, women and men of Christian faith with diverse backgrounds drawn from sixteen countries and five global regions gathered in Wheaton, Illinois to explore the place of business in God's purposes, together with the sacred calling of a life in business. We began with an acknowledgement of God's sovereignty and Lordship over all aspects of human life, including our work, our business, our money, our profit, our economy, and our working relationships.

As a body of diverse believers, we shared a common conviction that business, as all human structures and institutions, is created, fallen and in need of transformation so that it can become an expression of the Kingdom of God for the establishment of justice and shalom.

1) Lamentations

We lament that the church and business itself have undervalued business as a vehicle for living out Christ's calling, and have relied excessively on non-profit approaches that have resulted in dependence, waste, and an unnecessary loss of human dignity.

2) Celebration of Faith and Hope

We celebrate the growing movement of people seeking to be used by God and to deploy business economic activity for God's Kingdom.

- Business can create value, provide the dignity of work, and transform communities by improving livelihoods.

- Business can be an integral calling to proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God by honoring God, loving people, and serving the world.

- Business can also provide a powerful opportunity for the transformation of individuals to achieve their full potential for creativity and productivity and to flourish and experience a life of abundance as envisioned by the Kingdom of God.

- Business can be used to help restore God's creation from its degraded state.

3) Foundational Principles

- In business, practicing the values of the Kingdom of God should be characterized by operational virtues, including:

- Passion – a zeal for mission that expresses other-centered concern.

- Humility – a commitment to serve others with respect.

- Faith – a willingness to take bold risks.

- Wisdom – the application of truth to complex circumstances.

- Integrity – the alignment between our words, deeds and values.

- Hope – the joy of expectation, especially in the midst of hardship, that comes from a conviction that God's Kingdom is already present and will be fulfilled in eternity.

- The question then becomes: What is truly valued? In particular, we call for further reflection and experimentation on how to measure areas such as:

- Promoting human dignity and flourishing.

- Encouraging the development of the whole person.

- Ensuring every voice is heard.

- Aligning of mission, values and practice consistent with Kingdom purposes.

- Restoration of justice through right relations with God, others and the rest of creation.

4) Commitments – We commit to:

- The creation of a culture within the church to address the training of pastors, evangelists and the priesthood of all believers, to affirm, equip, and support business people for faithful discipleship in business.

- Collaborate and network with one another and with other networks to continue our process of learning and discernment.

- Affirm and advocate for Kingdom-centered corporate governance and responsible governmental action within our individual contexts.

- Strive to change our consumption patterns and personal lifestyles as Christ's body, responsibly stewarding creation for God's glory and the common good.

- Encourage one another and our faith communities to implement the principles and values expressed above.

It is our deep conviction that businesses that function in alignment with the core values of the Kingdom of God are playing and increasingly should play an important role in holistic transformation of individuals, communities and societies.

Signed by the participants

Internet

Evangelism Day April 25 is worldwide web focus day for churches

"The last 15 years have changed our world for ever –claims Tony Whittaker, co-ordinator of Internet Evangelism Day. —Digital media are transforming the way we communicate, behave and even think. If Facebook was a country, it would have the fourth largest population in the world.æ

Internet Evangelism Day is a strategic resource to help the worldwide church understand these issues and use the Web to share the good news. It is both a year-round online guide and an annual focus day – to be held this year on Sunday 25 April.

Churches are encouraged to use Internet Evangelism Day resources to create a presentation for their members on or near that Sunday (or at any other time they choose). The IE Day site offers free downloads: PowerPoint, video clips, handouts, drama scripts, music and posters. These enable any church (or homegroup, college, or conference) to build a customized program, lasting from five minutes to fifty. 2010's focus day will be the sixth to be used by churches around the world since the initiative's launch in 2005. Over this period, digital media have developed dramatically, with the advent of YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, and the growing use of mobile phones to access online services. The outreach opportunities have multiplied too.

IE Day's website is also a one-stop resource covering many subjects, including how to build a church website that is 'outsider friendly', using Twitter in evangelism, and blogging. Perhaps surprisingly, you do not need to be technical to share your faith online. And you can volunteer to be an email mentor to inquirers with several large online outreach ministries.

Internet Evangelism Day is an initiative of the Internet Evangelism Coalition, based at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton. It is supported by a wide range of leaders and groups.

—I am glad to commend Internet Evangelism Day,|| says John Stott.

For more help, visit the website: InternetEvangelismDay.com

IE Day is an initiative of the Internet Evangelism Coalition, an umbrella group of online ministries based at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton. It is completely free and has no fund-raising component.



Haiti: Cursed or Blessed?

By Dr Gerry Seale,
General Secretary and CEO,
Evangelical Association of the Caribbean

Every time a disaster happens anywhere in the world some within the Christian community tell us it's the judgment of God being poured out on sinful people. It has become increasingly difficult for me to think in those terms. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sin entered the equation the entire creation was impacted. All creation fell and —*groans and labors with birth pangs together until now* (Romans 8:22). Since fallen humans live in a fallen creation we can expect disasters like the Haiti earthquake to happen from time to time. Hence the term *natural disasters* as they can be expected to occur quite naturally in a fallen world. If one subscribes to a premillennial interpretation of end-time prophecy, then an increase in such tragedies would be expected based on Matthew 24:7-8. There are specific instances in the Old Testament where God used natural disasters to express His judgment on a nation or people. However, this was not the norm in ancient history. They too had their share of disasters occurring naturally in the context of a fallen world. In Luke 13:1-5 Jesus clearly teaches that tragedy is not necessarily the consequence of greater sin for then none of us would escape. *To begin with, He made it clear that human tragedies are not always divine punishments and that it is wrong for us to 'play God' and pass judgment. Job's friends made this same mistake when they said that Job's afflictions were evidence that he was a sinner. If we take that approach to tragedy, then we will have a hard time explaining the sufferings of the Prophets and Apostles, and even of our Lord Himself.* (Wiersbe: 2001)

So the earthquake in Haiti does not need to be placed in the context of a judgment from God. But what of this supposed covenant with the devil made by the Haitians to gain victory over the French in their war for freedom and independence? That all depends on how the historical facts are interpreted. I used to believe just such a covenant had been made but have come to understand that there are valid interpretations of the historical events that do not include demonic covenants. There was undoubtedly a time of prayer led by the Jamaican, Boukman, in Bois-Caiman but it is difficult for me to take the available

evidence and turn it into a demonic contract. Indeed, the oral traditions that preserved the prayer indicate that the prayer was addressed to God. (Heinl and Heinl:1989) The available evidence could be interpreted to have been a gathering of uneducated Roman Catholic – or even animist – slaves who sought, in the best way they knew, the help of God in obtaining their freedom and defeating the French, the British and then the Spanish. In fact, *Practicing Voodoo was —strictly forbidden by Toussaint [L'Ouverture]*. (James: 1989) This satanic covenant idea is perhaps one of those statements that have taken on the aura of an urban legend. (Ireland: 2010)

So why has Haiti seemed to languish in underdevelopment? Perhaps the reasons are less dramatic than satanic covenants. Here are three things that have had a strong negative impact on Haiti's ability to develop alongside its Caribbean neighbors. Firstly, when Haiti defeated the colonial powers of the time and succeeded in declaring freedom and independence, it posed a serious threat to the system of chattel slavery practiced throughout the colonies and depended on for the enrichment of the colonisers. *It is no exaggeration to say that Haiti's revolution was the first major blow to colonialism by [blacks], and the first assertion of black rights in the Americas* (Ireland: 2010) Many in the Caribbean believe that the Haitian revolution's success in 1804 had a direct impact on the British Parliament's decision to abolish the slave trade in 1807. Consequently, *Haiti was isolated at birth – ostracised and denied access to world trade, finance, and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history* (Beckles:2010)

Secondly, France demanded and received reparations from the Haitians – initially set at 150 million francs but later reduced – for all French property lost in the war of independence, including the value of the hundreds of thousands of slaves who were freed. It took until well into the twentieth century for Haiti to pay off this reparations debt, sometimes paying as much as 70% of the foreign exchange earned in any given year towards this debt.⁷ The value in today's world of these reparations has been estimated to be billions of Euros. This national —debt(Beckles: 2010) severely retarded Haiti's ability to develop economically.

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ARABS SERVING IN UNITY

Arab World Evangelical Ministers' Association (AWEMA) has the honor to invite you to its 25th anniversary gathering to celebrate God's goodness over the past 25 years. We look forward to your presence and participation at this very special event.

Date: November 2-6, 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey

Arabs Serving in Unity

Since its inception, AWEMA realized that uniting Arabs to work towards a common goal would be a challenge. However, the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst over the past years has unified us and enabled us to serve together and see this dream come true.

Reasons to Celebrate

- 1- To remember that it was neither by might nor by power but by His Spirit that God built this ministry.
- 2- To evaluate together what has been accomplished during the past 25 years.
- 3- To look forward to the future and determine what the Lord would have us accomplish in the Middle East and North Africa in the coming years.
- 4- To discuss as ministry partners how to collaborate to bring about this vision.
- 5- To strengthen our fellowship through worship, prayer and a time of sharing.
- 6- To ask the Lord to open our eyes to the needs of the unreached countries which are still crying out, "Come over and help us!"



Haiti... (Cont)

Thirdly, lack of adequate leadership has also been an ongoing difficulty facing Haiti. Leader after leader seems to have concentrated on acquiring a personal fortune rather than building the nation. Governmental corruption in Haiti has become legendary. Without proper leadership no country can be built for *Everything rises and falls on leadership.* (Maxwell: 1993)

Given all of this, outlined here so briefly, there is no question in my mind that the heart of God aches over the devastation that has befallen Haiti as a result of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. It has been such an encouragement to hear persons in Haiti testifying in the news media to their confidence that it was God alone who saved them amidst the carnage. Surely God is —walking|| the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Hearing the singing of hymns relayed by the television news channels night after night in the parks and on the streets of Port-au-Prince since the earthquake has reminded me that about one-third of the population of Haiti is said to be Evangelical Christians. Some of the largest

Caribbean churches in the Caribbean are in Haiti, with single congregations numbering in the thousands of members. Could it be that the earthquake in Haiti is nothing more than an egregious natural disaster? Is God willing to step into this calamity and give Haiti another chance to build a righteous nation? Does Haiti have a new opportunity to develop a transformed nation? With the help of the world pouring into Haiti surely we can build new and effective governmental structures, better schools and hospitals, efficient electrical and telephone systems, proper roads, habitable housing for all, delivery systems for potable water and a system of roads that will facilitate economic development. As I intercede for Haiti I have a sense of the Holy Spirit hovering over that troubled nation *as a hen gathers her brood under her wings* (Luke 13:34). I urge Christians everywhere to intercede for Haiti in the months and years ahead that God would enable her to rise to take her place among the nations as an equal.

Let us pray that Haiti will move very quickly from disaster relief to national construction and that those who make the decisions will be endowed with divine wisdom to make those decisions that will lead to a successful Caribbean nation replacing the almost failed state that Haiti had become. Pray also that the system of

corruption that has seemed inherent in Haiti would have perished in the earthquake. May God fill Haiti with His glory. May His anointing flow down the streets of every city, town and hamlet of that country. May His people there find the courage and strength to step out by faith and build a new nation to the honour and glory of God Almighty.

PhD in Theological Areas in Belgium

The Evangelical Theological Faculty in Leuven, Belgium, is the only fully accredited evangelical institution in continental Europe offering a Ph.D. in Theological areas. They have students from twenty countries among the fifty or so in the doctoral program. They represent many denominations and cultures and all are involved in leadership roles in ministry in their home countries. Some are Americans preparing to serve and teach overseas, so this also should be an attractive next step for someone with a quality ThM.M. from a North American school. You can find more about ETF from two web sites: <http://friendsofETF.com/> and <http://www.ETF.org/>

BULLETINS AND WEBSITES

Many resources and updated mission information are available on the websites and in the bulletins of our networks, partners and associates. The list below is a sampler of some of the MC global partners.

MC related Networks:

International Missionary Training Network – IMTN - theimtn.org/tiki-index.php
 Global Member Care Network – GMCN - www.globalmembercare.com/
 Refugee Highway Partnership – RHP - refugeehighway.net/
 Tentmakers International – TI - tentmakersinternational.com/
 International Partnership Associates – www.betterpartnerships.net
 Ethne - www.ethne.net/

Regional Mission Movements:

COMIBAM, Latin America – www.comibam.org
 EEMA, Europe – www.europeanema.org
 MANI, Africa – www.maniafrica.com/
 CARIBBEAN – www.caribbeanevangelical.org

National Mission Movements

Africa:

Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association – www.nematoday.org/index.php
 WENSA, South Africa - www.wensa.org.za/

Asia:

Philippines Mission Association - www.cybermissions.org/pma/
 Indian Mission Association – www.imaindia.org
 Singapore Centre for Global Missions - www.scem.info/
 Japan Evangelical Missionary Association – www.jema.org
 Japan Overseas Missions Association – www.joma.mydns.jp
 National C. E. Alliance, Sri Lanka - www.nceasl.org/NCEASL/missions/home.php
 Korean World Mission Association – kwma.org/eng/index.html
 Malaysian Center for Global Missions – www.mcgmn.net.my

Europe:

Global Connections, UK - www.globalconnections.co.uk
 Swedish Mission Council - www.missioncouncil.se
 Norwegian Council for Mission and Evangelism – www.norme.no
 Danish Mission Council – www.dmr.org
 AEM, Switzerland – www.aem.ch

(German)

EZA, Netherlands – www.eza.nl (Dutch)
 AEM, Germany – www.aem.de (German)

Latin America:

Brazilian Association of Cross-Cultural Missions, Brazil – www.ambt.org.br (Portuguese)
 COMIMEX, Mexico – www.comimex.org (Spanish)
 FEDEMEC, Costa Rica – www.fedemec.org (Spanish)

North America:

Cross Global Link, USA – www.crossglobalink.org
 Mission Exchange, USA – www.themissionexchange.org
 Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - www.evangelicalfellowship.ca
 South Pacific:
 Mission Interlink, Australia – www.missionsinterlink.org.au
 Mission Interlink, New Zealand – www.missions.org.nz

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2010

APRIL

13-18 – Alliance of Evangelical Missions in Germany – Mosbach – www.ccdnetwork.de
 20-24 – EEMA, Turkey – info@globalconnections.co.uk
www.globalconnections.co.uk;
www.europeanema.org

MAY

11-14 – Tokyo 2010 – www.Tokyo2010.org
 19-22 – Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable – Turkey – www.refugeehighway.net
 19-23 – International Day of Prayer Conference – Cape Town, South Africa – www.omsa.org.za

JUNE

2-6 – Edinburgh 2010 – edinburgh2010@ed.ac.uk

AUGUST

9-13 – Global Mission Networks' Roundtable, UK – bertil@weamc.org

More information about this meeting soon.

OCTOBER

16-25 – Lausanne III, Cape Town, South Africa. A significant number of MC Associates will attend the Cape Town event and as MC we plan to gather the associates on Thursday evening (the free day). We recommend the Breakwater Hotel as a possibility for the MCAs to stay in the same hotel.

Student Volunteer Movement 2 Upgraded Website

Student Volunteer Movement 2 (SVM2) is an international network catalyzing student mission movements among today's emerging generation of believers.

SVM2 announces a newly upgraded WEBSITE (www.svm2.net) The new site serves the student mission movement internationally through clear paths of participation for students, local leaders and ministries. It is very user friendly and reflects an emphasis on formalizing networking relationships with **PARTNER MINISTRIES** and local leaders or **AFFILIATES** across the student mission world.

Don't miss the newly released SVM2 promotional video "**CONNECTING**" and share it with your churches, ministries and small groups.

SVM2's focus is to serve churches, ministries and campuses with a contagious vision for reaching the world with the love of Jesus Christ. This is primarily done through empowering students and leaders to effectively mobilize their ministries through the use of the **FOUR CORE COMPONENTS**. These

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.Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him – to the only wise God be glory for ever through Jesus Christ! Amen. (Romans 16: 25-27)

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