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Dear seminary friends,

Greetings from Penang! It is great to see the development of the HCD movement around the world. This *Communiqué*, our 6th in the series, highlights some of those developments and several other ways in which children and youth are taking their place on the agendas and priority lists for Christian organizations and movements. Probably most significant in this past quarter, was the fine exposure on the platform at the *Lausanne Congress* in Cape Town. We give a snapshot of that in this issue.

Around the world, we see a growing understanding of the missiological significance of children and youth. This will also be highlighted in the upcoming *Now and Next Theological Conference on Children* which will be held in Nairobi in March. That will bring together key seminarians, theologians and missiologists to reflect theologically on children, and assess their role and place in the church and missions today. See page 3 for more information.

Most of you know that we formed the Global Alliance for HCD as a forum for seminaries and seminarians to share on their development of HCD programming and resources. We have an excellent and very useful website managed by our good friend Kok Chik Bu here in Penang, and lots of good things happening around the world in HCD. What we don't have is a good directory of seminaries and institutions which are developing HCD programs. Nor, for that matter, do we have any formal way for institutions, individuals or organizations to formally be a part of the HCD Alliance.

We would like to address that problem by creating a membership process by which we can gather information about the institutions, programs and resources. No, we won't be charging membership dues, or limiting participation. But we do want to be able to respond more appropriately when a Seminary President asks us, "How do we become a member of the GA?"

Soon many you will receive a GA registration form which we would like to have you complete for us. The form will give us the institutions, the names of key contact persons, information about HCD programming planned or in progress, and about available resources, events and activities. We envision individual, institutional, and organizational membership categories. By having seminaries 'join' by completing a short questionnaire, we can build an updatable directory of HCD programs, events, and resources.

So, when you receive the registration form, please take the time, (or perhaps have your assistant – if you have one!) – complete that form and get it back to us. As the Directory emerges, we will make it available on the GA website.

Thank you all for your interest and support over the past year. We are trusting and expecting that 2011 will be the best year ever in HCD development around the world – for the sake of the children, the churches and the seminaries.

Warmly,

Dan Brewster



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Cape Town 2010: There are no Unreached Children!

Children and youth were well represented at the Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization held from Oct 16-25 at Cape Town, South Africa. The theme for the Children's presentations at the Lausanne Congress in Cape Town was the remarkable truth that "There are No Unreached Children!"

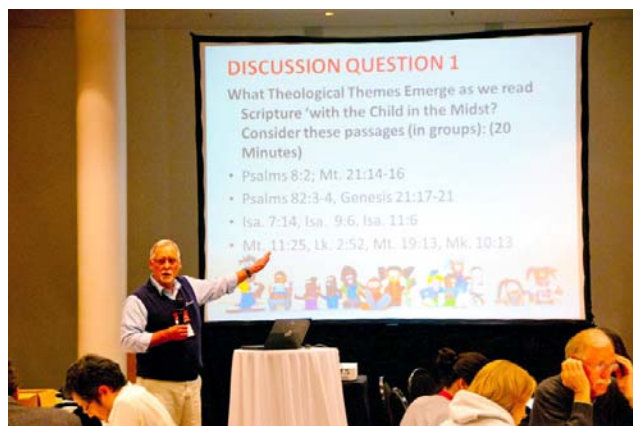
If the Church does not reach the children, they still will be reached. Unfortunately, if they are not reached by the Church, they will be reached by other faiths, political ideologies, secularism, corporate marketing, people traffickers, or a myriad of other frightening and unwholesome possibilities. Children need to know the truth of His claims, to experience a personal relationship with Him and to be equipped to follow and serve Him throughout their lives.

The Third Lausanne Congress, perhaps the widest and most diverse gathering of Christians ever held in the history of the Church, gathered 4,200 mission and church leaders from 198 nations to address challenges and opportunities that are before the church with respect to world evangelization.

Those involved in highlighting children and youth affirmed that children are the shape of things to come. Either we help to shape their lives in godly ways, or the world will shape them into its mould. Children and young people also have great potential as active agents in God's mission. They represent an enormous untapped pool of influencers with sensitivity to the voice of God and a willingness to respond. Just as we see in Scripture, God can and does use children and young people—their prayers, their insights, their hands, and their feet—in changing the hearts of humankind. They represent 'new energy' to transform the world.

At the Congress, participants were called to reflect on children from a biblical perspective. There is a growing sense that equipping Christian workers to better care for children and youth is a significant challenge and opportunity for churches, seminaries and Bible schools in the coming years. Many seminaries are approaching this as the best possible way to achieve what they have set out to do – equip the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world.

The Lausanne Movement is a worldwide movement that mobilizes evangelical leaders to collaborate for world evangelization. For information, please visit www.lausanne.org or contact media@capetown2010.com.



Dan Brewster facilitating a Child Theology session



9 year old Kamvelihle from a Cape Town township helps Menchit Wong and Shiferaw Michael highlight the needs of children.

The Third Lausanne Congress was held in collaboration with the World Evangelical Alliance. Cape Town 2010 continues to make an impact for ministries, churches and organizations with many post-Congress gatherings taking place around the world. It has also inspired participants with new vision and courage for their ministries. ■

Find training



Master of Theology in Holistic Child Development Ph.D in Holistic Child Development

Centre for Contemporary Christianity, Bangalore, India

The Centre for Contemporary Christianity is a post graduate research study center offering MTh and PhD studies in Holistic Child Development. Program is conducted in a modular format with 2 week courses offered 3 times per year. The MTh is a two year program and PhD four years. These courses are open to Christian leaders and workers as well as lay people. For more information, write to Siga Arles sigaarles@gmail.com.

Theological Conference on Children in Nairobi, March 9-12



The Theological Conference on Children “Now & Next: Together in Mission” will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from March 9-12, 2011. Leaders of sponsoring organizations, seminaries, denominational institutions and representatives of the Christian community will meet to reflect and explore on a theological understanding of church and mission. The focus is on children and young people who are seen as agents of God’s mission, through whom new insights into God in Christ can be learned.

The program will include presentations by key speakers on four themes – 1) *Children as Signs of the Kingdom: a*

challenge to us all, 2) Child Theology: a challenge to the seminaries, 3) Child in the Midst: a challenge to churches, and 4) Children in Mission: a challenge to Christian movements and organizations.

This is a smaller conference than we mentioned in the previous issue of *Communiqué*, but will include selected seminarians, global leaders and influencers who are passionate to champion the cause of children from sound theological and missiological perspectives. Through their contribution, it is hoped that this 3-day conference will open up way for new streams of theological understanding of church and mission.

The conference is a follow-up of the 4/14 Global Summit and the Lausanne Congress at Cape Town. It also follows on the INFEMIT reflections on the “Now and Next Generation” taking

place in the same venue just prior to this conference.

Speakers may include Marcia Bunge, Keith White, Samuel Vinay, Victor Nakah, Ruth Padilla, David Ramirez, Roger Gaiwad, Dietrich Werner, Catherine Stonehouse, Sunny Tan.

Conference co-sponsors: 4/14 Window Global Initiative, Child Theology Movement, Compassion International, Daystar University, HCD Global Alliance, INFEMIT, Lausanne Movement, Overseas Council International, and World Evangelical Alliance / Africa Evangelical Alliance.

Participation is by invitation. For details about the conference, please go to www.hcd-alliance.org/nowandnext, or if you are interested to participate, email nowandnext@hcd-alliance.org. ■



Churches envision Ukraine without orphans

Collaboration with the Odessa Theological Seminary and the work of committed Christians to help churches zero in on the needs and potential of children and youth in Ukraine have led to the first national conference of its kind in Ukraine.



From Nov 11-13, 2010, more than 500 leaders of churches, organizations, educational institutions, adoptive parents and key representatives of the Christian community met in Kiev to discuss an effective strategy for reaching children at risk.

Ukraine is a key gateway to the Russian speaking world. In this part of the world, ‘orphans’ is the catch-all term for children at risk, and state-run orphanages is the standard response

to needy children, whether they are actually orphans or not.

A landmark event was the launch of a national alliance called *Ukraine without Orphans* which seeks to defend orphan’s right, encourage Christian families to adopt, and stop child abandonment. Its vision is to see Ukraine a country without orphans by the year 2015.

The conference also affirmed the role of churches and Christian communities in serving children at risk, and the role of seminaries in creating a child-focused mindset among Christian leaders. One important highlight was the presentation of a key resource book *Child, Church and Mission* (pictured left), made available in the Russian language for seminaries and others throughout the Russian speaking world.

More than 100 churches and 90 organizations from 23 out of 25

regions in Ukraine were represented at the conference. The conference leadership is commended for giving the churches a new vision of their role and potential in caring for children, both inside and outside of the church. ■



APNTS hosts Child Theology forum

On Dec 4, 2010, the Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS) in Rizal, Philippines hosted a one-day Child Theology forum themed "Let the Little Children Come." More than 80 participants from churches, seminaries, local ministries were in attendance.

Ten speakers were invited present papers on children and theology. Some of the fine papers included:

1. Dr Darin Land, *Child Theology and the New Testament*
2. Dr Nativity A. Petallar, *Emerging Themes of Child Theology and the Context of Filipino Children*
3. Dr Nori Dela Paz Lacquian, *Endangering the Filipino Children's Developing Concept of God*
4. Dr Floyd T. Cunningham, *Perspectives on Children in Holiness Churches: The Church of the Nazarene as a case study*
5. Dr Lee San Young, *Children? Who are they?: Comparative studies on children from a perspective of Dong-hak and Christian teaching*
6. Dr Rowena Hatcher, *Childhood Salvation: How do we see children?*
7. Dr Bill Kwon, *Living in Yellow Submarines: Comparative study of Korean Missionary Kids (MKs) at Faith & Hankuk Academy in the Philippines*
8. Prof Beverly Gruver, *Language Learning and the Child in the Midst*

These papers can be downloaded from the Global Alliance website www.hcd-alliance.org.

APNTS is the graduate school for the Church of the Nazarene in the Asia-Pacific region. Based in Metro Manila, the seminary currently has 15 graduate students enrolled in its HCD program, with 10 in the PhD program and 5 in the Master program. ■



Child Theology Forum held at APNTS Wooten Chapel, Dec 4, 2010

South African Theological Seminary to host 4/14 Conference

From May 11-13, 2010, the South African Theological Seminary will be hosting a 4/14 Conference in Johannesburg, focusing on practical ways to help churches read and interpret the Bible from a child-focused perspective.

Key experts in child development, counseling of traumatized children, and child theology will be invited to speak at the conference. A number of South African children who have been identified as potential Christian leaders will be included as delegates at the conference.

Conference speakers: Dan Brewster, Daniel Sweeney, Keith White.

For more information, please contact jenny@sats.edu.za. ■



Francophone West Africa begins HCD development

Several biblical and theological institutions from Francophone countries in West Africa are taking their first steps forward in HCD development.

After two important consultations in 2006 and 2009 in Ouagadougou under the facilitation of Compassion Africa, more than 23 academicians from Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo have expressed interest in starting HCD courses. Following are the main items they have been working on to develop HCD in their seminaries:

1. To translate basic teaching materials from seminaries into French;
2. To translate the book *Church Child and Mission* into French;
3. To facilitate a training of trainers in HCD for Francophone zone seminaries; and
4. To implement their agreed upon common curriculum beginning 2010-11.

In 2013, they will meet for the first assessment of their program. ■





2010 Regional Report Card – SE Asia focus

Myanmar



Some years ago, a Myanmar church leader initiated a network among local churches to provide education for needy children who reside in the remote areas along the borders of northern Myanmar. In 2011, the Global Alliance will work with the network in a *Training the Trainers* program. The aim is to train at least 20 trainers in the first cycle who can teach and disciple the children workers and educators in their contexts using their local dialects.

Hong Kong/China



The HCD diploma program in China is now into its second cycle with more than 90 students. The next module will be held in March 2011 with two optional tracks – education or community development.

Alongside the diploma program is the *HCD Teachers Training* program. 20 graduates from the first cycle were selected to attend a 2-week module at the MBTS campus in Penang. They will have to complete more modules before they are recognized as HCD trainers by their churches.

Thailand



Student enrollment and program coordination has not been up to par at the **Bangkok Institute of Theology**. MBTS has been offered to take over and run their HCD courses as an extension program. A follow-up is need in 2011.

Cambodia



In June 2011, the **Evangelical Fellowship of Cambodia Children's Commission** will offer a certificate program in HCD in Phnom Penh. The program will be accredited by the **Cambodia Bible Institute**. Students who enrol should have completed an initial training in the *Celebrating Children* course.

Malaysia



The MA program at **Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary** is now into its tenth cycle. In 2010, 38 students graduated from their respective program in HCD – 29 certificate level, 2 graduate diploma, and 7 master. The 2011 session will begin in June.

Philippines



Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS) started its Ph.D program in 2010 with 6 students. Other than regular course work, the students are also engaged in related conferences and research.

Singapore



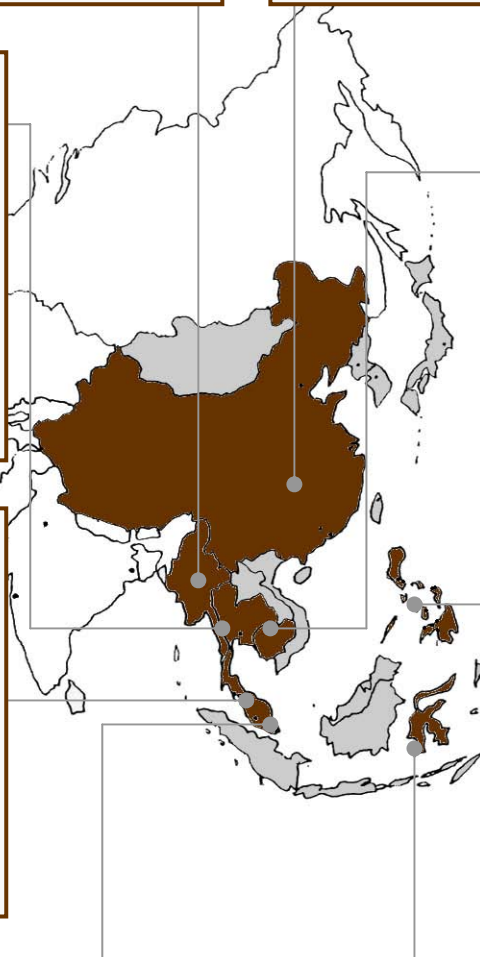
AGST Alliance, a consortium comprising several seminaries in South East Asia, is currently developing an EdD program with HCD as major. The program comprises course work in the education track as well as a research dissertation related to children.

South Sulawesi, Indonesia



Jaffray Theological School (STTJ) launched its MA program with an HCD major in 2010. The program is endorsed by the Indonesia Ministry of Education. Located in Makassar, STTJ trains pastors and full time workers in the native Indonesian language.

In August 2011, STTJ will host the first *South East Asia HCD Torchbearers Retreat* for the regional program coordinators.



Programas in América Latina

Es muy grato informar en breve lo que esta pasando en Latinoamerica y el Caribe con respecto a los programas academicos DINA (Desarrollo Integral de la Niñez):

SEMISUD (Ecuador-Iglesia de Dios): Se encuentran desde hace 4 años impartiendo la Maestría en DINA a nivel Latinoamericano. Ya cuenta con un primer grupo de 10 egresados y 2 generaciones más cursando actualmente diversas materias.

Seminario Siloé (Uruguay-Iglesia de Dios): Se inicio la Diplomatura en DINA en Marzo del 2010 con más de 30 estudiantes.

SETEMIN (Chile-Iglesia de Dios): Inicio clases en Diplomatura DINA en Agosto 2010. Modalidad Presencial.

SEBIMA (Argentina-Iglesia de Dios): Se abrieron cinco núcleos de estudios en Diplomatura DINA en el 2010.

CGST (Jamaica): Estan en el Segundo año de programa y han iniciado un proceso de concientización de la Iglesia de Jamaica en el tema niñez; así esperan también contar con mayor respuesta de las iglesias al programa.

CETI (Argentina): Están en el segundo de programa y han continuado con el desarrollo de los núcleos de DINA en Bell Ville (9 estudiantes), Villa María (10 estudiantes), Trevelin (10 estudiantes) y Rosario (4 estudiantes). Además, han abierto la opción del programa a metodología E-learning con cursos de adolescencia. Actualmente cuentan con 5 estudiantes.

Seminario Bautista de Venezuela (Venezuela): Inicio clases en Diplomado DINA, con 23 estudiantes en septiembre del 2010 en modalidad Semipresencial.

Seminario de las Asambleas de Dios (Colombia): Inicio clases en Diplomado DINA en el 2010, con 46 estudiantes.

Universidad Evangelica de Republica Dominicana: Iniciaron su programa de Diplomado DINA en el 2010

Seminario ESEPA (Costa Rica): Inicio un Programa Certificado en DINA llamado PRODINA en el 2010.

El Seminario SEL (Peru): Inicio con el dictado de un curso en DINA

La Universidad Evangelica de El Salvador, el Seminario biblico del Nordeste- SBN de Brasil, IBN de Chile y Juventud para Cristo de Uruguay - Kairos iniciaron las coordinaciones para implementar programas DINA en el 2011.

El Seminario Regional Sendas (Iglesia Nazareno para Latinoamerica): Inicio dialogos para desarrollar un programa DINA de 14 cursos en la modalidad On-line para toda Latinoamerica para fines del 2011. ■

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The figure in the logo represents the child in our midst. The circle depicts God's image in the child at creation. Hence, spirituality is not a domain but the core 'being' of the child. The four colors symbolize the four domains of child development. Our mission is to motivate and inspire the Christian community to provide safe places where the continuing work of a creative God can be evident through the physical, mental, social and emotional domains of development.

About Us

► Who We Are

A voluntary group of seminaries, Bible schools, and other Christian academic institutions working together with researchers, trainers, practitioners, and other Christian leaders to create a global movement of academic programs in holistic child development (HCD).

► Our Vision

In response to God's heart for children, programs in HCD will be an integral component of the ethos and programs of a majority of Christian educational institutions in every country and region around the world.

► Our Mission

Encourage and enable seminaries, Bible schools, and other Christian academic institutions to implement contextually sensitive, academically rigorous, and developmentally sound HCD programs which will motivate and train practitioners, and inspire and equip church leaders, advocates, and other Christians to increase and improve their ministry and advocacy on behalf of needy children.

► Our Partners

- Encourage Christian institutions to implement HCD programs
- Contribute to the development of HCD resources
- Participate with like institutions to further HCD research
- Collaborate with like institutions to improve the quality of existing HCD programs
- Support the development of advocacy structures for advancing HCD programs
- Develop contextual curriculum for the training of trainers