



**Oct 2010**

*Dear seminary friends,*

**Greetings from Penang!** For many of you, a new school year is starting. I know it is a busy time. But what a remarkable time it is for HCD development! It is a pleasure to send you once again some brief highlights of HCD development around the world. I hope you find this issue of the *Communiqué* useful. Please be sure that your comments are always welcome.

Last time I wrote, I was in 'go slow' mode, having just had some stents placed in some 15 year-old bi-passes. But God is good. The stents seemed to solve the problem and I am back fully at my work. In the recovery time, my wife and I took some days to visit my daughter and family in Chengdu, China – a refreshing and blessed time.

There were a number of important events during the quarter. In August, I joined some 200 seminarians at the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Asia Theological Association (ATA). Drs. Joseph Shao and Theresa Lua, and many others organized a memorable event. We did a couple of workshops on HCD

in Seminaries, as well as make a short presentation on HCD as one of the 'friends' of the ATA. The ATA have been very supportive of HCD development in their member seminaries, and it is always good to enjoy their company in gatherings like that.



40th ATA Anniversary, Aug 2010

Then there was the amazing 4/14 Window Global Summit II at the Promise Church in Flushing, New York. See next page for a review of that remarkable event. The *Academic and Theological Transformation (ATT)* track in the 4/14 Window Movement closely parallels what we are doing in the Global Alliance.

Finally, I was able to do some teaching – what I really like to do – here in Penang, as well as in an 'undisclosed' location in China, and in Makassar, Indonesia.

One more note: In an August meeting with the folks at Overseas Council International at their headquarters in Indianapolis, we agreed to work together on a survey of HCD activities around the world, and to set up a global directory on HCD activities. Some of you may be receiving a questionnaire on HCD courses and programs. We appreciate you completing the short survey when you receive it, to help us in developing this database.

We'll probably see some of you in Cape Town at the Lausanne Conference. If you have time, please join us in the Multiplex there entitled, "There are no unreached children."

Every blessing as you equip the future church for the next generation.

**Dan Brewster**

## 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

The *Communiqué* contains news and information about the development and promotion of HCD programming around the world. It is published four times a year in English.

### The HCD Global Alliance

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The **Global Alliance for Advancing Holistic Child Development** is a partnership between *Compassion International* and its member institutions. Dr Dan Brewster is the general secretary and also director of HCD International for *Compassion International*. He has studied and written extensively in the areas of child and community development, missions, and missions strategy.

## The 2nd Global Summit on the 4/14 Window

ABOUT 570 Christian leaders from over 75 nations recently came together in New York to consider the global needs, challenges and opportunities poised by children between the ages of 4 to 14. The **2nd Global Summit on the 4/14 Window** was hosted by Promise Church in New York from Sept 2-5, 2010 and facilitated by Dr Luis Bush, International Servant Catalyst, Dr Bambang Budijanto, chair of International Steering Committee, and Rev. Nam Soo Kim, senior pastor of Promise Church.

The focus of the 4/14 Window initiative is to make an urgent appeal to consider the strategic importance and potential of the 1.2 billion children and youth in the 4/14 Window. It is a plea to the Church to reach and raise up a new generation that experience personal transformation and can be mobilized as agents for change in the world.

### ATT Track

The effort of the Global Alliance to encourage and enable seminaries and theological institutions to implement academic programs in HCD aligns well with the purpose of the 4/14 Window initiative. Within the 4/14 Window Global Summit, the **Academic & Theological Transformation (ATT)** Track was convened to encourage the inclusion of seminary offerings regarding children and youth, including courses on 'at risk' children, the new discipline of Child Theology and many other such offerings. The Track was facilitated by Dr Dan Brewster and chaired by Dr Jesudason Jeyaraj from India.

Dr Bill Prevette, one of the ATT Track members and first-time Summit participant, commented that the Global Summit with its 4/14 emphasis was a key event in global missions. Having been involved in missions and



4/14 Window Summit II in New York City, Sept 2-5, 2010 (Source: 4to14window.com)

children at risk for the last 25 years, he was greatly encouraged to see that "the theological and missiological concerns about ministry with children are [now] at the centre of the participants' concerns." Bill presently tutors research practice at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, and also works with youth and children at risk under Assembly of God World Missions Europe.



Bill, Denise and Barbara

Two other ATT Track members expressed similar sentiment. For Dr Denise Muir Kjesbo, professor and lead faculty of an MA program in children and family ministry at Bethel Seminary in Minnesota, USA, she was especially heartened to interact with other theological educators, and to be a part of a strategic moment. She said, "I believe the ripple effect of this conference will be used by God in

ways that are beyond all that we can ask or imagine."

Meanwhile, Barbara Ruedger of King's Kids International appreciated seeing pastors and ministry leaders taking on the vision and being resolved to go back to their countries to make a difference. "When pastors-to-be catch the vision of the 4/14 Window," she said, "it will be much easier for their churches to reach out to children."

Barbara has an MA degree in HCD from the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary, and has been involved in ministry to children for about 20 years, both in the church and outside.

Some 350 people from about 70 countries participated in the last 4/14 Window Summit in Sept 2009. Since then, many national 4/14 Window Summits have taken place around the world, as well as initiatives to awaken the Church to the needs and potential of children and youth. ■

For more information, visit <http://4to14window.com>.

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## HCD is catching on in India, says Indian missiologist



4/14 Window South India Conference in Bangalore, India, Aug 9-11, 2010

FROM Aug 9-11, 2010, about 150 Christian leaders from the South Indian States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, came together in Bangalore, India for the **4/14 Window South India Conference**. The conference was organized by the Centre for Contemporary Christianity (CfCC) and eight other organizations working with children in India to challenge local churches and NGOs to consider the needs and opportunities to reach children and youth in India. A key outcome was the plan to hold state-level 4/14 Window conferences in the four South Indian States. This coincides with ongoing effort to advance the 4/14 Window initiative in the North Indian States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. Already, a

4/14 meeting is expected to convene in Bihar from Nov 15-17, 2010.

The global 4/14 Window initiative seeks to mobilize the Church to reach and raise up the 1.2 billion of children between the ages 0 and 18 to transform the world. Its purpose parallels the effort of the Global Alliance in seeking to grow and enrich the HCD movement. According to missiologist Dr Siga Arles, one of the primary movers in spearheading HCD in the South Asian region, the HCD movement is catching on in India. He noted that several bishops of the Church of South India and the Methodist Church have given assurance of full cooperation in prioritizing children and youth in their ministry and mission efforts.

Siga presently directs the CfCC. Originally founded as publishing house in 1994, CfCC is a post graduate research study center offering MA, MDiv and PhD studies. In Feb 2010, CfCC received the first batch of students for its HCD program, with six enrolments in the MTh program and three in the MA program. In July 2010, a second batch of seven students was received. Later in Nov 2010, four PhD candidates are expected to join CfCC.

Of the world's 1.2 billion children, one out of every four resides in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. South Asia therefore plays a critical role in the missional focus on children. ■

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## STTJ offers new MA program to reach children and youth in Indonesia

MULTIPLE crises and family poverty in Indonesia have led to an increase in the number of at-risk issues affecting children and youth. These include drugs abuse, homelessness, lack of education, child labor and child trafficking. In view of the situation and the need to train Christian leaders from churches and organizations to reach the next generation, *Sekolah Tinggi Theologia Jaffray* (STTJ) in Makassar, South Sulawesi province of Indonesia, recently launched an MA program in HCD with a soft opening and the *Child, Church and*

*Mission* class led by facilitators Dan Brewster and Sartika Batubara. The inaugural launch on Sept 27, 2010 was the culmination of a year long process with input from the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary and a number of HCD alumni members.

Three pastors and five children workers from Jakarta, Medan, Kalimantan and Papua have enrolled in the first batch of the program, scheduled from Sept 27 till Oct 22, 2010. The 40-credit program requires one month of

on-campus studies for each semester, and can be completed in four semesters. The program is conducted in the Indonesian language.

STTJ is an evangelical and inter-denominational seminary, established in 1932 to build up Christian leaders in God's Word and missions. It is one of the oldest theological institutions in Indonesia. ■

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## Latin America reports significant growth in HCD programming



Latin American HCD Consultation in Santiago, Chile, Dec 15, 2009



Future HCD instructors

AN intensive 8-month “*Defensoria de la Niñez*” diploma program in HCD, the first of its kind in the Dominican Republic, was jointly offered by the *Universidad Nacional Evangélica* (UNEV) and Compassion International in Oct 2009. In June 2010, 25 Christian leaders became the pioneer group of students to successfully graduate from the program. With the increase of interest in the program, 80 more new students began enrolling in Aug 2010.

Following this, UNEV initiated a strategic process to train future HCD instructors, with a 2-month training in adults education methodologies. Two Dominican pastors who graduated

from *Seminario Ministerial Sudamericano* (SEMISUD, Ecuador) with an MA degree in HCD will lead a team of graduate teachers in this venture to expand and enrich the HCD movement in the region.

Elsewhere in mid-2010, three new diploma programs in HCD were launched by three seminaries in the Latin America region; the first by the Church of God Siloe Theological Seminary (Uruguay) in March, followed by the *Seminario Teológico Bautista de Venezuela* (Venezuela) in May, and the Church of God *Seminario Teológico Ministerial* (Chile) in July. These academic programs were developed

following a key consultation in Dec 2009 where six seminaries from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, and Venezuela came together to draft a Statement of Declaration which became their foundational framework for designing and developing programs in HCD. Three other seminaries from Chile and Brazil are expected to start their own programs based on the principles outlined in the document. The Santiago consultation was hosted by CETI-Kairos and SEMISUD in partnership with Overseas Council International. ■

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Class in progress



Tryphena and Dan

## Not forgetting the next generation of China

MANY amazing things are currently happening in the Church in China, and the next generation is not being left behind. In Sept 2010, about 90 children ministry leaders from house churches in China came together for a diploma-level program in HCD.

I (Dan Brewster) was privileged to facilitate a couple of courses. It was fun to be able to teach in a remarkable certification course for pastors and children’s workers in China. I had a delightful time with all of them, aided in translation by a colleague, Ms Tryphena Chin, who then taught another Children at Risk course herself. Tryphena had a busy week!

Four courses were conducted – *Child and Church*, *Child and Mission*, *Program Models in Children’s Ministry*, and *Ministry to Children at Risk*. According to China HCD coordinator Rev. Eva Ching, the feedbacks were positive. Having understood the core value of children ministry in mission, the students have been challenged to share God’s vision for children and mission in their own area.

The China HCD program has academic coverage from the Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary, based in Penang. Recently, the seminary initiated a teacher training program to equip some 20 Chinese Christians to competently teach HCD in mainland China. ■

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Save the Date!

# Theological Conference on Children and Youth

KCB Leadership Center, Nairobi, Kenya, March 9 - 12, 2011



The **Theological Conference on Children and Youth** will bring together some 300 leaders of Theological Institutions (Seminary Presidents and or Academic Deans), as well as key leaders of the 4/14 Window Global Movement, Child Theology Movement, the HCD (Holistic Child Development) Global Alliance, and others. This gathering will seek to open the way for new streams of theological reflection and mission engagement focusing on the place, the call and the role of children and youth in God's divine agenda for the church and the world today.

The conference will be hosted by Daystar University and Compassion Kenya Office.

## Objectives

Through the conference process participants will:

- Be introduced to new approaches in doing theology with a child in the midst.
- Reflect on the significant role of Children and youth in the 21st century mission
- Revisit and challenge the roles of Seminaries, Bible Colleges and other centers of Christian higher educations in the new Kingdom landscape in the light of Child Theology.
- Explore the emerging Global Kingdom landscape and discern ways in which theological institutions can reposition their focus to fulfill their divine mission today.
- Be exposed to different resources, links, networks, best practices and practice models for Seminaries to better equip local churches to reach and build the next generation of leaders.
- Contribute to the development of a theological framework of the 4/14 Window movement and other global initiatives, which are focusing on reaching, equipping and empowering children and youth for ministries of reconciliation and transformation.
- Identify new areas for biblical reflection, theological deliberation and research for resourcing the church as she engages in mission for and with children and youth.

## Highlights

- Biblical studies and theological reflection exploring key aspects and foundations of Child Theology
- Worship, prayers, fellowship, and best practices.
- Panel discussions and plenary sessions on new themes and models in child and youth theology, including Agency, Transcendence, Partnership in Mission, The Child in the Midst, etc.
- Discussions on the theological foundations for 4/14 Window Movement Missional Focus.

## Planned Program Tracks

Each participant will have the opportunity to engage more deeply with one of the four tracks of the conference:

1. **Child and Youth Theology** (facilitated by CTM): Expand the reach and understanding of Child and Youth Theology as it applies to mission, theological training, and religious education.
2. **Holistic Child Development Program** (facilitated by HCD Global Alliance): Explore different avenues to expand, enrich, and institutionalize Holistic Child development programs in Seminaries, Bible Colleges and other centers for Christian higher education.
3. **4/14 Missional Focus** (facilitated by 4/14 Window Global Initiative): Develop a sound theological foundation for the 4/14 Window Movement's Missional Focus.
4. **Mission for and with the Next Generation** (facilitated by INFEMIT): Explore models and facilitate meaningful partnerships with the younger generations (9-17 and 8-30) in mission-as-transformation through the local churches.

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The HCD Global Alliance, World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), The 4/14 Window Global Initiative, The International Fellowship of Evangelical Mission Theologians (INFEMIT), Child Theology Movement (CTM), Compassion International, and Overseas Council International (OCI)

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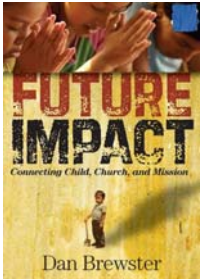
#### Master of Arts in Holistic Child Development

*Sekolah Tinggi Theologia Jaffray (Jaffray School of Theology), Makassar, Indonesia*

This program is designed for Christian leaders of churches and organizations to reach out to the children and youth in Indonesia. The program aims to increase and develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Christian leaders and children ministry workers in order to better care for children holistically, both in the church and outside. This 40-credit program requires one month of on-campus studies for each semester, and can be completed in four semesters. It is offered in the Indonesian language. For more information, contact STTJ HCD program coordinator Ms Ivone Petti Palar at [ivone01pp@yahoo.com](mailto:ivone01pp@yahoo.com) or visit <http://jaffrayupdate.blogspot.com>.

For more programs, visit [www.hcd-alliance.org/hcd](http://www.hcd-alliance.org/hcd)

### New resource



#### Future Impact: Connecting Child, Church and Mission

*Dan Brewster (Compassion, 2010)*

This is a revised resource book for Christian child development workers, designed to help them better understand the meaning and nature of the relationships between child, church and mission. This material may be used as a study course in Bible colleges and also as a training resource for children's ministry workers, workers with at-risk children (specialized groups) and training conducted by Christian child development networks. For information, see [www.amazon.com/Future-Impact-Connecting-Church-Mission/dp/0984116915](http://www.amazon.com/Future-Impact-Connecting-Church-Mission/dp/0984116915)

To find out more resources, visit [www.hcd-alliance.org/resources](http://www.hcd-alliance.org/resources)

### Be informed



#### The Girl Effect – The Clock is ticking

*Produced by GirlEffect.org*

By the age of 12, girls in developing countries are at risk to become trapped in a cycle of poverty, due to a lack of economic opportunities, disease, child bearing and other factors. This 3-minutes video explains that, when empowered, girls can lift themselves and others out of poverty to build stronger, healthier communities.

GirlEffect.org is an organization created by the Nike Foundation to raise awareness and funds to help girls escape poverty around the world.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1e8xgF0JtVg>

### HCD Global Mapping



- **49 full fledged programs in 25 countries**  
(7 Certificate, 7 Bachelor, 21 Diploma, 3 Higher Diploma, 8 Master, 3 PhD)
- **39 institutions offering full programs in 25 countries**
- **20 institutions have taught modular courses in 10 countries**

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### About the logo



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.