



## CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

*This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:*

*Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.*

*Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.*

### **FULL SESSION SUMMARY – Next Generation - Children and Youth**

**DATE OF SESSION:** 22 October 2010

**SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY:** Phil Henry (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)

**PRESENTER(S):** Cassie Carstens, John Yip, Nkosinathi, Menchit Wong, Shiferaw Michael, Karsten Huettmann

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE/ PROBLEM:** The regional focus of this session was on Africa. The introductory DVD, while stating that Africa is still a nation in social crisis, shared the exciting news that the church had grown by 3000% in the last 100 years.

**REGIONAL FOCUS:** Africa

### **KEY POINTS:**

- \*Leaders of African nations were influenced through the training of missionaries
- \*The church's evangelistic efforts as well as their work in building schools and hospitals have blessed so many of the nations
- \*The challenge to both share and model their faith to others including the Muslims
- \*That the youth will be the future agents of transformation in Africa
- \*The need to model the Christian faith in the workplace with integrity, humility and love, although there is much corruption through the public and governmental institutions
- \*Mission Africa was established after Lausanne I and has been ministering in 13 countries across the continent with wonderful results
- \*Africa has been a missionary receiving continent and now it is a missionary sending continent
- \*One of the ongoing problems facing Africa is that it is a "fatherless continent" with only one in 40 children having a reasonable relationship with their fathers
- \*Sports Ministry across a number of the nations especially using soccer coaching has been developed to help support and help the youth as the coaches act as mentors for the children and youth on their teams

The global issue of focus in this session was on "Children and Youth". Again a number of excellent DVD presentations helped define the statistics of 50% of the world population (two billion) are young (under the age of 25 years old) and a third of them have never heard about Jesus Christ. The Biblical mandate declares that children also matter to God and Psalm 78 calls the adults to be responsible for teaching the next generation the truth about God. Ministry to children and youth should be a primary focus of the church's ministry as we remember Jesus' heart to not withhold the kingdom from them (Mark 10:13-16) and that they will be the shape of things to come.

**TAKEAWAY:** Our youth are at a critical age for receiving Jesus, as many of us received Him before the age of 18 years old. While technology is playing a significant role in their evangelization, they are a generation at risk and need our prayers. A key strategy of training youth to reach youth for Jesus was highlighted.



## 1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Focus on Africa  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Panel on Africa  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 22 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Four leaders representing three major languages: French, Portuguese, and English, discuss the impact the Gospel is having across Africa socially, politically, and among different faith beliefs. Amidst hardships, the church continues to grow rapidly.

They discuss particular challenges facing the church in Africa. These include how the Church can be effective in reaching Muslims, how the Church can effectively give a sense of hope through its youth, and how Christians can practice integrity, honesty, and love in a secular work environment.

Study questions:

1. How has the Gospel impacted your community socially, politically, and among different faith beliefs?
2. What role do Christian youth play in communicating the Gospel and promoting hope in your community or context?
3. What particular challenges do Christians face in integrating their faith and life in your community, context, and country?



## 2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Next Generation – Children and Youth  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Sports Ministry Ubabalo – Cassie Carsten, John Yip and Nkosinathi  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 22 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Many children in Africa are fatherless due to war and social problems. Through soccer, men are impacting the lives of the next generation by providing counseling, spiritual support, and mentoring.

In the ministry of a program called Ubabalo, church happens while the youth are on the soccer field. Both coaches and children experience the Gospel and the love of Christ. Faith is integrated with life. Children receive spiritual support and follow-up by men committed to them. Coaches in sport become mentors in life.

Study questions:

1. What are the main challenges facing the family in your context?
2. What critical needs face children in your community?
3. How might a sports ministry be received in your church or community?
4. How can both adults and children be impacted through a sports ministry in your church or community?



### 3. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Next Generation – Children and Youth  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Children: Celebrate What God is Doing – Menchit Wong and Shiferaw Michael  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 22 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Children have always been a part of God’s plan. God has often chosen young people to do His work. Children can and should play a significant role in the life of the church. The challenges are great but the potential is even greater.

Two billion children in the world are waiting to be cared for, evangelized, and disciplined. The church has both the opportunity and the responsibility to impact and shape the next generation. The church through teaching and modeling can impact both the world of today and the world of tomorrow.

Study questions:

1. What are some of the reasons that children are overlooked in our communities?
2. How has the church or your organisation in your community overlooked its responsibility to shape children with the Gospel?
3. How can the Church work together more effectively and impact the next generation for the sake of the Gospel?
4. What benefits would you anticipate in your community as the Church shapes children with the Gospel?



#### 4. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

**TOPIC:** Next Generation – Children and Youth  
**SEGMENT TITLE:** Vignettes of Youth Around the World – Karsten Huettmann  
**SEGMENT DATE:** 22 October 2010  
**SYNOPSIS WRITERS:** Josue Fernandez and Tim Brannagan (CT2010 Globalink Team)

There is a worldwide youth culture. One-half of the world population is under twenty-five years old. One third of the world is under 18 years old. Karsten Huettmann describes youth as a generation at risk, but also as those who are best able to reach their own. Youth shape our world and culture.

Stories of transformation demonstrate God is at work in the lives of youth all around the world. Geared to the times and anchored to the Rock, youth are best able to share amongst each other from a common point of experience. The challenges are great and God is faithful.

Study questions:

1. Can you share stories of transformation among the youth from your church or community?
2. What specific items could your church or ministry do to reach more youth in your community?
3. Various projects were shared: Jesus House, 24/7 Prayer Movement, See You At The Pole. Which could fit well in your community or context?
4. How can we work together to better encourage youth to become co-laborers in prayer and sharing God's good news?