

MISSION-THE THIRD WORLD REPORT

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The committee meeting has been called three times and discussed the major questions. The following are brief reports of our discussions and approvals.

I. Priority Targets and Goals in Next Decade

1) *Asian's Priority Targets for Third World Mission*

- a. Before the Christmas of 1975, Asia Mission Association will be formed. Prior to this convention, each country in Asia should form their national Missions Association.
- b. Before the end of December, 1974, 200 Asian missionaries will be sent out, as the All-Asia Mission Consultation, Seoul '73 already proclaimed.
- c. "Seoul '73" also set a goal to establish East-West Center for Missionary Research and Development which will be located in Seoul by 1975, with the goal to train 10,000 Asian missionaries by the year 2000. And individual countries are also being encouraged to start their own missionary training institutes.
- d. The Continuation Committee Meeting of Asia Mission Consultation which was held in Hong Kong in April, 1974, decided to send 100 missionaries to Borneo (Kalimantan) Island and Northern Thailand, as a united effort.
- e. It was proposed by the Rev. David J. Cho that the First Third World Mission Consultation be convened before the end of 1977.

2) *The Priority Targets of African Missions*

The Rev. Akangbe gave a report that there are some missionary societies in various countries in Africa, and yet, they have not formed any Association of Missions in Africa. Most of the African Churches have worked together for the Evangelism-in-Depth and set their goals to reach unevangelized people within two decades.

Evangelical Churches in West Africa have sent out 115 missionaries beyond their regions, and promoted cooperative missionary efforts throughout the entire African continent. Rev. Akangbe also stressed that African Churches would welcome missionaries from Asia and mutual assistance among the Third World churches.

3) The Rev. Juan Isais *from Mexico (representing Latin America)* expressed the opinion that the churches in Latin America would welcome mutual exchange preaching-mission between Latin America and rest of the Third World. He also pointed out that as far as Latin America is concerned there are no indigenous organized missionary societies, however, some churches inspired by foreign organizations send their missionaries to other regions.

II. Strategy

- a. To encourage the National Missions Associations to hold short-term seminars or institutes for missionary promotion and orientation.
- b. To study the East-West cooperative channels for the united efforts of the worldwide outreach.
- c. Third World Mission leaders should be encouraged to conduct fact-finding surveys to ascertain needs and establish priorities.
- d. To study feasibility of establishing a system whereby all resources, human and financial, could be shared together.
- e. To encourage the exchange of missiologists and other specialists in missions between East-West in order to provide Third World Mission Societies with Third World missiologists.

III. Specific Action

- a. Immediately upon return from the Congress, several feedback seminars will be held in Korea for the further study and implementation of the Third World mission involvement.
- b. All the churches in the Third World must be encouraged to have mission messages at least once a month so that the Christians will give more for world mission.
- c. Encourage to inaugurate mission courses at theological schools to promote general mission works among pastors and church leaders.
- d. Mexican church leaders will organize mission-tour groups to Indonesia in order to provide inspiration for the missionary outreach.
- e. Encourage the local churches to organize prayer groups for the worldwide mission.
- f. Encourage the churches in Latin America to send missionary offerings to Indonesia.

IV. Beyond Your Own Resources

- a. It is desirable to exchange technicians and specialists mutually between East-West and from one country to another for training and communication study.
- b. In initial stage of projects (of Kalimantan) the Asian missions may need outside assistance in the form of Western lay technicians and specialists supported at least in part by Western funds.

V. Continual Efforts

After this Congress, the Lafricasia Missionary Organizations will continually expend mission philosophy, strategy and general operation among the Third World mission. We also have desire to form a Third World Mission Consultation before the end of 1977, as a result of our joint efforts.