



Evangelical Alliance of PNG

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Editorial,

At the recent World Evangelical Alliance General Assembly in Pattaya, Thailand more than 500 Evangelical Church Leaders representing 128 countries made a declaration to play an active role in caring for the Environment. "As followers of Jesus Christ, committed to the full authority of the scriptures, and aware of the ways we have degraded creation, we believe that biblical faith is essential to the solution of our ecological problems."

The declaration further said "In Christ, the presence of the kingdom of God is marked not only by renewed fellowship with God, but also by renewed harmony and justice between people, and the rest of the created world. Therefore we call upon all Christians to reaffirm that all creation is God's; that God created it good; and that God is renewing it in Christ." The Micah Network also resolved to dedicate its July 2009 Conference in Nairobi, Kenya as a Creation Care Conference.

The Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea has taken a positive initiative through its General Secretary and Pastor Simil Hondolwa to take care and rehabilitate their tribal forest areas. In Psalms 24.1 the Bible declares that "*The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*"

Therefore as God's children we are mandated to care for the environment. That is the reason David Kima worked to establish the Hogave Conservation project and Simil Hondolwa worked to replenish the depleted forest in Lai Valley in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.

David is currently discussing with senior officers of the Ministry of Environment and Conservation to have Hogave and Mt Michael declared as a protected area under appropriate government legislation. The total forest area around Mt. Michael is more than 100 square kilometres and it is hoped that the other tribes and clans who have ownership right to the mountain and forest area will join in the efforts to conserve their heritage. Success in this area could then impact other remaining pristine areas in the country as local people note what has happened and are motivated to begin to conserve their own flora and fauna.

LOCAL NEWS

GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT

17-18 July 2008

Steve Grace a gospel musician and singer decided to come to PNG this year after meeting the Goroka Pastor's Fraternal delegation who went to Toowoomba Australia. Upon invitation from the Evangelical Alliance and Goroka Pastor's Fraternal he was able to come to Goroka on the 17th of July to the 18th. He came with former MAF pilot Pastor Wayne Dillon and aircraft engineer Mark Hitching who had worked in PNG for several years. They flew in a chartered aeroplane piloted by Wayne Dillon.

Prior to his coming, Goroka Pastors Fraternal put up the Steve Grace Concert posters in their churches and the public notice boards for the public to see and come to the concert. Also the pastors worked tirelessly to set up a stage in the National Park opposite the main market. The people, old and young, were excited and looked forward to this unique and live performance that was open and free for them to come. For such a concert normally only those who had the money would have attended in a secure place.



Steve Grace & fans

The concert started on Thursday night on the 17th and many who knew about the concert gathered there early to see Steve perform live with his acoustic guitar. He was backed up by the local musicians and youths from the different churches that participate in the pastors fraternal.

On Friday morning more people came with visitors from outside the town to witness another live concert, but due to power failure things did not proceed normally as expected. As Steve saw that the people were not satisfied on that day and wanted more, he and the Pastor's fraternal decided to have one more last concert in the night to satisfy the people's desire.

The night concert was a great success and even the drunkards were able to stop their drunkardness and₂

stood still to listen to the music while it ministered to them. All the music CDs and cassettes were sold out and some who wanted to buy the CDs missed out.

Steve and his team were overwhelmed by the good turn up of people and their passion to hear more of this type of classical, country western music. He is planning to come again and even pave the way for American Evangelist Franklin Graham to come to PNG in the near future. Steve also said during the concert that he might come next time with all his band members.

AGM 22-24 AUGUST

EA Annual General Meeting once again was held at EBC Church, West Goroka on the 22nd – 24th of August. Guest Speakers were Robert Opplinger, Deputy President & SEBM Field Leader of Evangelical Brotherhood Church and Ossie Fountain A/General Secretary of Christian Brethren Church. Robert shared devotions on Friday and Saturday morning from Romans 6, 7 and 8. In his introduction he pointed out that Adam and Eve fell into sin, causing a lot of trouble for mankind to this very day. Robert's message deals with three areas in particular that caused us a lot of worries.



The retiring Missionaries: Ossie Fountain, Robert & Margaret Opplinger – enjoying lunch

He said, however, “we want to praise the true God, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit for His mercy and grace to deal with these areas. He provides for us a way out of a vicious circle that finally ends in eternal separation from God. Praise the Lord! God comes to our help and offers a solution to all our problems.”

The three areas which he elaborated in detail throughout the devotions were:

1) Our first problem is Sin and our Sinful nature

Rom. 5:21 ...sin reigned in death

God finds a solution to our SIN problem

Romans 6:1-11. We die to sin. Our old self is crucified with Christ.

2. Our second problem is the LAW OF MOSES

Galatians 3:13. We are not able to fulfil the Law. The Law curses and condemns us “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who hung on a tree.”

God finds a solution to the LAW OF MOSES cursing and condemning us. Romans 7:4. “So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ.” The cross of Christ brings the solution.

3) Our third problem is our FLESH

Galatians 5:17. “For the sinful nature (or better ‘flesh’ KJV) desires what is contrary to the Spirit. They are in conflict with each another”.

God finds a solution to the evil desires of our FLESH. Romans 8:12. “...but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body (flesh), you will live.” With the help of the **HOLY SPIRIT** we will not have to gratify (please/fulfil) the desires of the sinful nature (flesh). We are able to overcome temptations.

Ossie on the other hand provided a future road map of EA and also addressed other issues for which a working



EA Delegates

committee was set up at the AGM. The committee are currently working on how EA can further advance its visibility in the nation.

The AGM concluded on Sunday morning with Ossie speaking again on EA's future and after that the dedication of the new EA vehicle, book presentations and cutting of a cake as a farewell for these retiring missionaries.

Books were bought from Shalom CLC bookshop from funds received from the Van Cooten family in Australia and these were given to delegates who attended the AGM.

Replacement of old car

In July money came from donors in Australia through World Relief Australia to replace the old Mazda which was in need of replacement. The executive decided to give the old vehicle to Simil Hondolwa to use it in his Eco-Forestry project. On the 24th of August after the morning service at EBC, the new vehicle, a Toyota Hilux was dedicated and prayed over by the delegates who came for the AGM.

NATIONAL NEWS **ORO NATURAL DISASTER**

Cyclone Guba did enormous damage to the Oro Province when the disaster occurred on November 12-14, 2007. The Cyclone caused extensive damage to bridges, roads, food gardens and cash crops. It also swept people and homes away. There were more than 200 deaths during the disaster. Other deaths in isolated areas were



Relief & Rehabilitation Supplies packed to be distributed at Togaho

not recorded due to communication and transport difficulties. During the flood thousands of people were injured and displaced.

The Papua New Guinea National Government declared a State of Emergency for the Province. The Province then was in desperate need of



A new Health Centre being constructed to assist the victims

medical supplies and basic needs for survival, such as food, shelter and clothing.

On the 22nd of November Evangelical Brotherhood Church (EBC) Health Services Officials made their first visit to Oro Province. They brought food and Medical supplies to two EBC stations (Popondetta & Togaho) and evacuated staff and families for safety. As it was a very desperate situation the EBC Health Officials chartered a helicopter and an aeroplane from Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) to provide immediate relief and evacuate staff to safe areas.

The Health Officers then advised the EBC Church in Goroka town and EA as to how we could best pool resources and even source other partnership to provide relief assistance to the victims of the disaster. The relief assistance sought was to be given to Kumusi River Region affecting almost 20,000 people.

Samaritan Purse Canada Assists Oro Disaster

We made a request to Samaritan Purse Canada after we were advised by Dr. Bill Bieber and Sharon from Medical Ambassadors International that Samaritan Purse were keen to assist with funding for the disaster victims. So we submitted our request for assistance and Samaritan Purse Canada was kind enough to swiftly send US\$20,000 to assist the victims of the natural disaster. The amount when converted into PNG kina was K54,332.83. The money was used to supply basic needs including medical supplies, building and construction tools, clothing, mosquito nets, and cooking utensils to the victims of Cyclone Guba.



Site Visit

David Kima, General Secretary for the Evangelical Alliance was able to fly to Oro with Peter Kaman, EBC₄

Project Manager in May to see how the relief items were distributed and also to find out how these items and the help given to these people have affected their lives. Many people express their gratitude to EBC for the assistance they were given in their time of greatest need. Two brothers who had actually survived the Cyclone when a nearby river swelled and flooded their village were very grateful for the basic materials given including a hammer and packets of nails which they used to construct their new huts. They survived by holding onto a log the whole night when the water was rushing through the village. They believe it was a miracle that they survived the disaster.

HIV/AIDS TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

We are grateful to the Lord that we were able to train 41 Evangelical Alliance agency school teachers on the HIV/AIDS study material which we have produced. Majority of these 41 teachers came from the Eastern Highlands and a few from Madang. Dr. Bill & Sharon Bieber who helped initially to put the study material together were the trainers and ably assisted by Emma Wakpi of Community Health Evangelism program. The interactive training was conducted for five full days at Kompri EBC Station. Teachers were instructed to pass on what they've learnt to their students in their schools.

We are thankful to UNICEF for providing the funds to train these teachers. About another 100 EA agency teachers in both Madang and Eastern Highlands have yet to be trained. We intend to train other EA agency teachers working in different provinces of the country.



Part of a 'Serious Group Discussion'

The EA Provincial Education Secretary, Gabriele Bina compiled the following response from the teachers. He said "they were enthusiastic, creative and able to communicate effectively in their group presentations and individual lesson facilitation. As teachers, they understand group learning dynamics and were a joy for us to work with them. We realized how relevant the Bible is to this topic, and feel it is the best way to present HIV training to both our school children and other community groups.

Several teachers said this teaching has changed our own lives and attitudes: there are many things we must go back and practise now. A few others said "we wondered beforehand what we would get out of this training as we've heard everything about HIV/AIDS as propagated by many organisations – but we found these lessons more practical and applicable even to our own lives!"

A UNICEF representative who officiated at the closing ceremony assured EBC and EA that they will continue to fund further training for our remaining teachers and any other initiative we may undertake.

MADANG LAND OWNERS FORUM - UNDERSEA-MINING KARKUM VILLAGE, MADANG

Karkum National Sea Bed Mining Forum was held at Karkum village in Madang from 25 -27 June. Pastor Simil Hondolwa and David Kima were invited by the Ramu Bismarck Group on behalf of the Madang Peoples Forum to participate at the Under Sea Mining Conference. Simil unfortunately was not able to attend due to study commitment at CLTC and so David went by himself. David gave a talk on why we should care for the environment as Christians. Many landowners in the village expressed that they had never heard before that as Christians they were mandated to care for creation. And the people expressed their desire to care for their environment including the ocean and their marine resources.

The forum was the first of its kind to address the issue of *undersea mining* and participants were invited from various fields of expertise and organisations to give their opinion on undersea mining. It was reported that Nautilus Minerals Company was doing research and exploration in the Bismarck and Solomon Seas and it is also widely known that they are going to do an undersea mining operation once they get their full approval from the National Government. In the light of what is happening, the Karkum National Sea Bed Forum brought together a biologist, a geologist and a mining law expert from overseas to come and give their opinions about the proposed Under Sea Bed Mining.



Unitech Students at the Forum

The Karkum National Sea Bed Mining Forum Statement was signed by those who attended the forum and was published in the National on Thursday the 19th of June.

Part of the Karkum declaration reads. “We, indigenous people of the Bismarck-Solomon Sea declare our rights to Free Prior informed Consent over anything potentially impacting our land or sea resources, and that this right arises from our customary law and is outlined in the UN Declaration on Indigenous People. The Goals and Directives of our National Constitution commit the Nation to ensuring the equal opportunity of all citizens to participate in and benefit from the development of our country; and the conservation of our natural resources and environment to be used for the collective benefit of us all and be replenished for the benefit of our future generations.



A Geologist from Ecuador in the middle

“We declare and reaffirm our customary rights and connections to the Bismarck and Solomon Seas including economic, cultural, social, political and religious rights. Our livelihood and culture is based around these oceans, and it is an inseparable part of our culture, identity and way of life. Our lives are interconnected with the

cycles of the sea; it is our calendar and we are dependent on it for our survival.

“We met in Karkum village to discuss our concerns over seabed mining in our seas.

“The protection of the ocean and coastal areas of the Bismarck and Solomon Seas is of the utmost importance to all of us and our future generations, and we will never compromise in protection of our seas. The seabed mining currently proposed and already under exploration lease for our seas – the first of its kind in history – is of serious concern to us.”

The declaration further read. “We suggest to the government and companies involved that they should concentrate on properly managing existing mines before they propose or permit new areas to be developed. Instead we ask our government and others to focus on



Professor Steiner, an eminent Marine Biologist from University of Alaska and Thesa a Mining Lawyer from Australian Mineral Policy Institute

constructive alternatives of low impact sustainable industries.

“We don’t want our health, livelihood and resources to be subjected to a large scale experiment. The burden of proof to show that these activities are safe must rest upon the companies and government. Given all these things above, we do not consent to the sea bed mining activities in our waters and seas.”

CHURCH & STATE PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT 7TH OCTOBER AT CROWN PLAZA, PORT MORESBY

A Church & State Partnership Summit was held on the 7th of October at the Crown Plaza in downtown Port Moresby. This one day summit was initiated by the Minister Hon. Paul Tiensten and Secretary for National Planning Mr. Joseph Lelang. EAPNG was invited to join other Churches which included Seventh Day

Adventists, Anglicans, Lutherans, the Salvation Army and Catholics. As they wanted three representatives from EA, Mathias Hamaga, National President and Dorothy Kima, Admin Assistant were able to accompany David to the summit.

The purpose of the summit was to work out a Partnership Policy Framework (PPF) for service delivery between the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Christian Churches. According to both the Minister and Secretary for National Planning the partnership arrangement will provide more flexibility on the part of Government to provide financial resources to enhance the work of the Christian Churches. Both men acknowledge that there is existing arrangement between the Church and State on Education and Health, but they believe more can be achieved especially in general community improvement programs.

In his keynote address the Secretary for National planning Mr. Lelang said the partnership, if agreed upon, was to complement and enhance what the churches were already doing – that is, to improve services to the people through partnership and co-operation.

The Minister for National Planning Hon. Paul Tiensten also thanked the Churches for responding positively. He said it was a great milestone to pave the way for fostering growth and development with limited resources. Pioneers overcame great obstacles to achieve great things and some of the statesmen are products of the churches. Where the government cannot go the churches have gone in to bring education and health services. He said PNG social indicators in relation to Health and Education were among the worst in the world.



Minister for National Planning Hon. Paul Tiensten and Church Leaders with the Signed Document

Churches have ample experience, so by developing this Partnership Policy framework we can find ways to tackle the social indicators affecting our nation and move forward.

Many commented that the partnership initiative was long overdue but thanked the government of the day for initiating this summit and paving the way forward.

David Kima also thanked the government for recognising EAPNG and gave a report of our member denominations, missions and Church Agencies who are involved in serving the remote areas of the nation through health and education services.

The Church & State partnership policy framework was signed by Hon. Paul Tiensten and church leaders in the evening during a cocktail party. The policy framework will be reviewed every two years. Under the policy the Government intends to provide budgetary allocations for churches beginning in 2009.

CHURCH & STATE PARTNERSHIP SEMINAR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**7TH – 9TH OCTOBER HOLIDAY INN PORT
MORESBY**

There was another seminar with the Education Department and Church Education Agencies. This summit was arranged by the National Department of Education with the theme ‘**40 Years of Partnership.**’ The three-day seminar was organised primarily to enhance the existing partnership that the Church and State have had for the last 40 years. And in this existing partnership arrangement, the Church may build a school and the teachers’ remunerations are provided by the Government. Recently both the National and Provincial Governments made financial resources available for infrastructure development in church agency schools.

The Holiday Inn Seminar was to:

- 1 Consider the background to the existing partnership, its strengths (what is working well) and areas for development
- 2 Improve Understanding between the partners
- 3 Identify areas for strengthening working relationships
- 4 Communicate future directions for education in PNG including integrating planning and budgeting across the sector.

At the summit we were reminded about the basis on which the partnership arrangement was put in place. The Education Act of 1983 which clearly spells out the powers, functions and responsibilities of member

education agencies of the national education system in PNG.

One other issue that was discussed and recommended for implementation by the National Department of Education was about increasing the Church Education Secretaries (CES) Grant. It was noted that CES' do not get paid much, like all other teachers, yet they do a lot of work, even performing the task of standard officers. Therefore it was unanimously agreed that their Grant in Aid must be increased.

Appointment of teacher positions was also discussed and it was resolved that protocol must be maintained to ensure that the right people are appointed to vacant positions.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NZ REPORT:

A ROCHA CONFERENCE

This conference, with the title "Eden to Aotearoa: from Biblical Hope to Ecological Action", took place from Friday night 30th May to Monday 2nd June, at Raglan, New Zealand.

The conference was introduced with the statement "*The worsening environmental crisis has caused Christians throughout the world to rediscover ecological hope in the Bible.*"

A Rocha International, a Christian environment organisation, has been acting on this hope since 1983 through conservation projects. A Rocha now has Creation Care projects and programs in 18 countries. The conference was primarily to inspire Kiwis to hope biblically for their part of the environment and the planet, and empower them with practical skills. The conference also aimed to work out the A Rocha vision in Aotearoa NZ. Keynote speakers were A Rocha Founder Peter Harris and A Rocha CEO Marie Connett Porceddu.

The conference involved group discussions and field visits to project sites. We visited conservation areas, and a recycling plant. We heard various speakers but the most interesting speaker was from the New Zealand government Dept. of Nature and conservation. The presentation showed how the NZ government was taking care of its environment. It also showed that they have a comprehensive conservation program.

EAPNG Secretary David Kima was invited by A Rocha International to attend this conference and at the same time discuss conservation programs

for PNG with A Rocha partnership. A Rocha is keen to partner with EAPNG to implement conservation programs and activities and also enhance what we are already doing, especially the Hogave and Nipa Lai Conservation and Eco Forestry projects.



Dr Marie Porceddu – CEO A Rocha International.
Field visit into nearby Nature Reserve at Raglan, NZ.

WORLD RELIEF AUSTRALIA

EA Capacity Building

An EA Capacity Building project proposal was prepared on behalf of EA by Dr. Graeme Swincer a Development Consultant and an avid friend and partner of EAPNG. The purpose of the project is to help build the operational capacity of EAPNG. Australian donors of funds sent to EA from sources in Australia through WRA are entitled to a tax refund (most commonly at least 30%) from the Australian Government. This project is now registered through World Relief Australia as an official channel for sending funding assistance to EAPNG.

The first fruit of this program has resulted in EA getting its new vehicle and some of the funds have been used to provide for airfares to attend the A Rocha environment conference in Raglan New Zealand.

WORLD EVANGELICAL

ALLIANCE NEWS – Pattaya Thailand

World Evangelical Alliance General Conference was held in Pattaya, Thailand from 25-30 October. Preceding the WEA Conference Micah Network had its week long conference at the same venue focusing on HIV/AIDS and Poverty issues. Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea was represented by Gail Edoni from SIL, John B Kumulgo from Goroka and David Kima, General Secretary of EAPNG. Over 750 delegates were at these conferences representing 128 member countries.

The conference was led by WEA international director Dr Geoff Tunnicliffe. Some of the main outcomes are indicated below as reported by the WEA news team.



EA Leaders: David Kima - PNG, Geoff Tunnicliffe- WEA International Director & Glyn Carpenter - NZ

The World Evangelical Alliance has commissioned two new leaders to take forward its work in the areas of poverty and religious liberty. The Rev Dr Joel Edwards, former head of the Evangelical Alliance in the UK, was the first to be commissioned at the WEA's General Assembly on Sunday as the new international director of Micah Challenge, a worldwide movement of Christians lobbying their government to do more to meet the Millennium Development Goals of halving extreme global poverty by 2015. Micah Challenge is a WEA collaboration with the Micah Network of Christians advocating on behalf of the poor within NGOs and government bodies.

Commenting on his appointment, Edwards said, "The MDGs are a prophetic thing for governments to have agreed to. As Christians, we have a responsibility to deepen our commitment to the poor, to walk with the poor, to serve the poor. But we also have a responsibility to hold governments to account to the promises they have made." Edwards said that the scale of the challenge to rid the world of poverty was no reason for people to give in to cynicism. "Jesus said the poor you will always have with you. The longevity of poverty is always going to confront us. But as Christians we have an amazing responsibility to bring not only optimism but hope into fairly difficult situations. "There is no doubt about it. There is the capacity and ability to do something positive and definitive about the issue of human poverty. "If the Christian community globally could begin to reach into its soul and respond to the challenge of the poor then

we can actually do something which makes a difference."

On Monday 27th, church leaders laid hands on Sri Lankan national the Rev Godfrey Yogarajah, newly commissioned leader of the WEA's Religious Liberty Commission who takes over from Johan Candelin. Yogarajah said the Commission will focus on the 'three Es' of Educating and training churches to withstand persecution and suffering; Exposing the persecution happening in certain countries through monitoring, documenting, lobbying and advocacy work; and Encouraging Christians and churches in persecuted countries to stand firm for Christ by offering practical assistance.

"These things will be a priority as we go forward," he said. He continued: "I come from a country where there is so much persecution so my heart goes out to many in other countries where there is persecution. It is a big challenge but it is also a calling on the WEA Religious Liberty Commission to respond to these matters. It is also a time to prepare the church for suffering and persecution. If the church is prepared it can usually withstand persecution and experience tremendous growth. It can be a great opportunity."

He reaffirmed the WEA's commitment to world evangelisation. "If anyone tells you that we've gone soft on world evangelisation you can tell them that we are totally committed to world evangelisation because it is only Jesus Christ that changes people's lives," he said. "He is doing things. We just need to align with what He is doing."



David & John with Musa from Cape Town South Africa. Musa is musician who advocates equality for HIV/AIDS victims

A highlight of the week was an address from the Rev Joel Edwards, who was commissioned during the assembly as the new director of Micah Challenge, the Christian anti-poverty movement. In his address, the former head of the UK Evangelical Alliance told delegates that the power to rehabilitate the word 'evangelical' lay in their hands. "Whatever people9

think of evangelical Christians, if people are going to think differently about evangelicals the only people who can actually change their minds are evangelicals,” he said.

“We must reinvent, rehabilitate and re-inhabit what evangelical means as good news. We must present Christ credibly to our culture and we should seek to be active citizens working for long-term spiritual and social change. “Words can change their meaning. If 420 million evangelicals in over 130 nations across the world really wanted it to happen, evangelical could mean good news.”

In another key address, the head of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, the Rev Richard Howell said that an identity anchored in Christ and a universal God was an evangelical non-negotiable in an age of pluralism. “We have but one agenda: obedience to the Triune God revealed in Jesus Christ,” said Dr Howell. “We



Brother John in PNG colours with an Indian delegate

are evangelical Christians for the sake of God.” “Our identity has to be related back to God. Unless we do that, we will never know who we are. Our identity comes from God and God alone.”

“The Christian belief in the oneness of God implies God's universality, and the universality implies transcendence with respect to any given culture. “Christians can never be first of all Asians, Africans, Europeans, Americans, Australians and then Christians.”

The assembly also heard from the Chair of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelisation, Douglas Birdsall. The World Evangelical Alliance is collaborating with the LCWE in its major Cape Town 2010 meeting, which will bring together 4,000 evangelicals to assess the

next steps in realising the movement’s vision of ‘the whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole world.’

“You might ask is there a need for an international congress that deals with world evangelisation,” Birdsall told the assembly. “I would say that throughout history, such a gathering is only necessary when the future of the life of the church is threatened by some type of challenge – either internal challenge or external pressure.”

The assembly also saw the launch of the WEA Leadership Institute, a brand new initiative to see the leaders of the WEA’s 128 national alliances trained to serve and proclaim Christ within some challenging contexts. “Leading an Evangelical Alliance is not easy,” commented Dr Tunncliffe. “That’s why we want to provide them with the relevant training and resources.”

Dr Tunncliffe concluded the assembly with a call to evangelicals to keep in step with God’s work on earth. “It is my prayer that we in our community will be women and men who live with divine purpose within our lives, that we will be good leaders envisioned by God to make a difference in the world,” he said. “The most important thing that you can do with your [life] is to integrate it into the never ending story of God’s kingdom. God’s already at work in the world. He’s doing things. We just need to align with what He is doing.”

Dr Geoff Tunncliffe told delegates that they faced additional challenges to fulfilling the Great Commission from radical secularism, postmodernism, declining Christianity at the same time as growing interest in spirituality, trafficking and migration.

He insisted, however, that great challenges also brought great opportunities for evangelical engagement. “We see this tremendous growth and this seismic shift in the church around the world and we are excited to what God



Capt Frank Heinrich, Salvation Army representative from Germany. Capt Frank requested for prayer as he intends to contest for Political Office in Germany next year.

is doing as he raises up women and men around the world in so many different places,” he said. “As we think about the global reality of the world in which we live, there are immense challenges but also immense opportunities.”

Dr Tunnicliffe also said that the WEA would remain committed to integral mission "or holistic transformation, a proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel". "It is not simply that evangelism and social involvement are done alongside of each other but rather in integral mission proclamation has social consequences. We call people to love and repentance in all areas of life," he said. He reaffirmed the WEA's commitment to world evangelisation.

After five days of intensive discussion focussed on plans for cooperation in world evangelisation, the delegates agreed on six major resolutions setting out evangelical responses to religious liberty, HIV and Aids, poverty, peacemaking, creation care and the global financial crisis.



Brother John in serious group discussion with a Thailand Group

"The worldwide financial turmoil is, at its root, evidence of what happens when too many are captivated by greed and put their faith in, and entrust their security and future aspirations to, a system animated by the maximization of wealth. Many legitimately feel betrayed," read the resolution on the global financial crisis.

"While we hope that the painful consequences of the turmoil will be mitigated, our concern is that its impact will continue to permeate into more regions and economies of the world. We

recognize that this economic crisis will have the most painful impact on the poor, who are the most vulnerable.

"We reaffirm our faith in God and acknowledge that He is in control. We repent when we have placed our trust in money, institutions and persons, rather than God. Our security is not found in the things of this world."

The resolution called on Christians to care for the poor during the crisis and live simply and generously.

"The Body of Christ, His Church, is living with HIV," stated the resolution on HIV, a major focus area for the WEA. "With brokenness we admit that as Evangelical Christians we have allowed stigmatisation and discrimination to characterise our relationships with people living with HIV. We repent of these sinful attitudes and commit to ensuring that they are changed."

In the preamble to the resolution on the Millennium Development Goals, evangelical leaders stated, "In coping with the financial crisis of 2008, governments and international institutions have shown how quickly



Part of the 500 WEA delegate at Jomtien Palm Beach Hotel

and effectively they can move to mobilise massive resources in the face of serious threats to our global, common economic well being. "Yet one child dying of preventable causes every three seconds and 2.7 billion people barely sustained on an income of less than two dollars per day has yet to evoke a similar level of urgent response.

"We believe this to be an affront to God, a shame to governments and civil society, and a massive challenge to the witness and mission of the followers of Christ."

Audited Financial Report 2007

Financial Year

Detailed Profit and Loss Statement for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2007

	2007 K	2006 K
Income		
Annual Fees	6,400	9,100
CES 10%	-	2,031
Computer Sales	-	4,205
Environment Book Sales	1,231	6,847
National Department of Education	131,969	180,213
Projects	76,120	22,274
Sales of EA House	-	23,000
TOTAL INCOME	215,812	247,685
Less: Expenses		
Agency Grants	92,799	139,832
Audit Fees	4,000	3,273
Bank Fees	389	392
Depreciation	2,109	2,677
Electricity	2,007	2,828
Executive/Meeting Expenses	3,570	16,183
Freight	-	378
GST Expenses	300	-
Medical Expenses	-	900
Project Expenses	58,310	20,045
Rental & Bond Fee	10,122	4,800
Salaries	17,163	21,124
Stationary/Post/Printing	4,800	4,479
Telephone/Fax/Email	7,443	4,389
Travel Meals & Accommodation	5,499	4,169
Vehicle Expenses	6,288	9,703
TOTAL EXPENSES	214,798	235,172
NET SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	1,013	12,513

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2007

	Notes	2007 K	2006 K
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	2	66,230	107,400
Interest Bearing Deposit	3	48,581	3,573
IBD Interest Earned		84	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		114,895	110,973
NON- Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	4	8,673	10,781
TOTAL ASSETS		123,567	121,754
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals	5	3,800	3,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,800	3,000
NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		119,767	118,754
RESERVES & SUPLUS FUNDS			
Capital Reserves	6	24,069	24,069
Surplus Funds	7	95,698	94,685
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY		119,767	118,754

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