

Forums

Environment Forum

New Environmental Forum Within Micah Network



In spite of the seriousness of the global environmental crisis, and the existence of a strong biblical basis for environmental responsibility, there has been a limited response from the Evangelical Church to this issue. The situation presents a challenge to the Church, but at the same time an enormous opportunity to influence the churches through Micah Network.

A new environmental forum within Micah Network

Hypothesis:

Members of evangelical churches would do more in response to the present environmental crisis, both on a personal level and in a wider capacity if:

- they were adequately informed
- they had access to materials and resources that would help them relate their faith and their life-styles to this issue, from a biblical perspective
- they had access to practical and creative examples of how to contribute practically to protecting the environment
- they felt that they were part of a bigger effort

Methodology:

- Through the application of a questionnaire, identify people within the Micah Network who are committed to the environment, and are willing to work together as part of the 'Environment' forum.
- Jointly define: a) which strategic environmental topic to cover as a Network; and b) the respective strategies and timetables for activities.
- Bring together and publicise a pool of resources
- Carry out a joint campaign that unites churches around a key environmental theme

The Micah Network Advocacy Forum also deals with climate change as an advocacy issue, so there will be good communication between the forum facilitators to ensure that participants in both groups can benefit from these discussions.

For more information on the forum including the full proposal, a letter of invitation and a copy of the questionnaire please visit

http://en.micahnetwork.org/forums/environment_forum

If you are interested to participate in the Environment Forum, please contact **Juliana Morillo** eco@micahnetwork.org or eco@redmigueas.org. Juliana is based in Lima, Peru and is looking forward to facilitating this forum.

Events

Inaugural Francophone consultation in Ouagadougou

Recent event a success



Francophone consultation organising team pictured with Micah Network Africa Coordinator John Wesley Kabango

85 participants from 18 countries convened in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 19-23 November for Micah Network's inaugural Francophone consultation on Integral Mission and the Church.

The consultation was hosted by **CREDO**, an active and longstanding member of Micah Network in Burkina, with assistance from Tearfund's local team, **ANTBA**, **Compassion International** and **AEAD**.

The participants actively engaged with the themes of the consultation, which included:

- Integral mission
- Integral mission and advocacy
- Micah Challenge - new campaign formation
- Holistic approaches to HIV & AIDS
- Integral mission and children
- Disability and Development
- War, conflict and the church

The papers were all excellent and will be translated into English for sharing in the near future! To read the papers in French visit http://reseaumichee.org/evenements/evenements_passes/burkina_faso. More news from the Francophone consultation in our next edition.

Thanks to the local organizing team for a wonderful event – the participants are eagerly looking forward to another Francophone event in 2008 and are already discussing about the location and host organization!

Africa coordinating group meeting in Ouagadougou

Africa's regional coordinating group held its second meeting in Ouagadougou on 24 and 25 November 2007, following the Francophone consultation.

The Africa coordinating group meeting reflected on and celebrated the Francophone event, and also began to plan:

- Consultation on the Church and Good Governance, to be held in Nigeria in August 2008
- Consultation for Theological Educators on HIV & AIDS, to be held in late 2008

Micah Network Africa will have a continuing focus on:

- Encouraging integral mission
- Further developing the network within Africa
- Supporting Micah Challenge in Africa
- Convening regional events on issues which concern our African members

To find out more about Micah Network's activities in Africa, contact John Wesley Kabango johnwesleyk@yahoo.fr.

Global Christian Forum - Limuru, Nairobi, Kenya 2007

A report from the recent global Christian forum

Micah Network was represented recently at the Global Christian Forum held in Limuru, Kenya.

The Forum took place from 6 – 9 November 2007 and brought together some 245 Christian leaders from 72 nations and five continents, representing a broad range of churches, confessions and organisations.

The purpose of the gathering was to promote greater understanding and cooperation among Christians, while respecting the diversity of identities, traditions and individual gifts.

Various international organisations which participated in the consultation had some helpful preliminary discussions about possibilities for collaboration around major global issues.

Micah Challenge which is a joint initiative of the Micah Network and the World Evangelical Alliance was promoted as one way in which Christians from various traditions can work together for a common purpose – to mobilize Christians against poverty. See www.micahchallenge.org.

More details about the Global Christian Forum can be found at www.globalchristianforum.net and to access the full report on the gathering visit <http://en.micahnetwork.org/news>.

General Micah Network News

Changes with Micah Challenge

A message from Steve Bradbury National Director of TEAR Australia, Chairman of the Micah Network

The last few months have seen very significant changes in the governance and leadership of Micah Challenge at an international level. First, in order to strengthen governance, the Micah Challenge International Council, which used to meet once per year, has been replaced by an international Board of 10 people (4 each from Micah Network and WEA, plus 2 others recruited by the Board to ensure a full complement of skills, expertise etc). At the same time Micah Challenge International will be incorporated in the UK.

WEA representatives on the new Board are: **Joel Edwards** (UK & Chair), **Paul Mususu** (Zambia), **Tehmina Arora** (India) and **Geoff Tunnicliffe** (WEA International Director). MN representatives are: **Loida Carriel** (Equador), **Andy Atkins** (UK), **Steve Bradbury** (Australia) and **Jane Furniss** (International Coordinator). The two independents are **Fidelis Wainaina** (Kenya) and **Peter Vander Meulen** (USA). The Board has also appointed **Ken Morgan** (UK) as treasurer.

Various factors, and in particular the problem of securing adequate financing for Micah Challenge International, has resulted in the decision not to renew **Michael Smitheram's** contract as the International Coordinator. We wish Michael well in his future steps and thank him sincerely for his significant contribution to Micah Challenge in the past 4 years.

Regine Nagel will continue to work as Micah Challenge's national campaigns coordinator, but will now be employed by the Micah Network in this capacity.

While Micah Challenge International is not currently in a position to replace Michael, it has allocated key responsibilities to members of the board on an interim basis:

- Global representation and Chair: **Joel Edwards**
- Advocacy policy: **Andy Atkins**
- Fundraising: **Steve Bradbury**
- National campaigns: **Jane Furniss**

The Micah Challenge International Board will be working very hard over the next 12 months to set in place a strong international strategy and work plan, and secure long-term funding for a stronger international secretariat into the future. Please pray for us as we do this. I am confident that by the end of 2008 we will be in the position to provide stronger and better-directed support to existing national campaigns, as well as help birth new campaigns.

Prayer

Prayer points

Please join us in prayer for the following:

- Praise God that Micah Network's inaugural Francophone consultation on *Integral Mission and the Role of the Church* held recently in Burkina Faso was very successful. Please pray for the participants as they process what they have learnt and consider how to apply to their work and ministry. Please also pray for God's guidance for the next steps of this group.

- Please pray that Micah Network's online community forums continue to develop as an avenue for encouragement, sharing and learning for the participants.
- Please remember Micah Network Secretary and Treasurer **David Boul** undergoing corrective surgery for heart problems on the 10th of December.
- Please continue pray for the thousands of people waiting for emergency food and medical care and dealing with devastating loss after the recent cyclone in Bangladesh.
- The fighting between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and government forces in the north and east of Sri Lanka has led to the death and disappearance of hundreds of people. Please pray for peace to come to Sri Lanka.

CONTACT MICAH NETWORK

Call us: +61 3 9877 7444

Email Us: ic@micahnetwork.org

Visit our website: <http://www.micahnetwork.org>

Write to us: PO Box 164 Blackburn Victoria 3130, Australia

Subscribe: [Subscribe](#) - Unsubscribe: [Unsubscribe](#)

Sent by: Anita Deutschmann (E) - support@micahnetwork.org

Micah Network,
Australia

Copyright Dec 07,
[Micah Network](#)

The vision of organization
appears here
[Email Micah Network](#)

Powered by: [MicroAid](#)