

# Advancing God's Kingdom for Asia

# **AEA** Newsletter



# National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh

CFB is a movement for the purpose of encouraging Christians and Churches in Bangladesh to pray, study, plan and work together for the evangelization of Bangladesh. In 1980, seven Evangelical Churches challenged

Rev. James Karmoker by the Lausanne Covenant desired to cooperate together in mission established the National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh (NCFB).

In 1983 National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh (NCFB) forged links with evangelical Christians throughout the world by joining the Asia Evangelical Alliance and the World Evangelical Alliance.

Our vision for the final decade of the 21st century and beyond is for a growing Church. We dream of a praying Church. We are striving for a maturing Church. We are promoting a sharing Church. Seeking to work together in the proclamation of the gospel and the extension of Gods Kingdom. Finally we are building a serving Church. Stimulating ideas and coordinating programs of social transformation for the benefit of the poor and the development of our nation.

The churches in Bangladesh earned a reputation in the fields of education and works of mercy, including health services, for all especially the poor, underprivileged, and helpless. In a country where almost 85% of the people are Muslims, running such educational and welfare institutions and organizations under a Christian banner remains difficult. Christians contributed immensely in the field of Bengali literature.

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# ISAI FELLOWSHIP IN BANGLADESH (IFB)

In 2002, some visionary MBBs having good academic and solid theological started meeting for prayer. For two years this continued in inviting some like-minded MBBs for a possible platform. Lots of discussion, brain-storming, prayer and networking were held for giving birth to Isai Fellowship in Bangladesh. In 2004, IFB has been officially registered as a Trust to work with legal validity.

### Some of the objectives of IFB:

- 1. To britdge the gap between MBBs and Christian mainline churches to exhibit unity and fellowship to strengthen the ties.
- To educate, equip and ensure leadership at different ages down to the children, maturity and gender groups in the grass-root level and higher level with quality and numbers.
- 3. To network among the Christians and missions for reaching the vast majority of Muslims, exchange resources, studying the church, doing survey and complimenting to each oher.
- 4. To stand side by side for advocacy in persecution either in isolated cases or more social ones from personal level or church as a whole.
- 5. To generate holistic approach in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the MBBs through socio-economic development activities.
- 6. To challenge the Bangladesh church for more missions involvement targeting the Muslims through writing, consultation and networking.

Shamsul Alam Palash, *Chairman*, Pastor Anwar Hossain, *Vice-Chaiman* Rev. Edward Ayub, *General Secretary* 



# A New Kairos for Asia.

he birth of the church took place in Jerusalem at Pentecost as the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. At the moment of inception of the Church, the gathering of people from every nation understood the message of the words and works of God not in mutually understood common language but in the language of each hearer. Clearly God communicated to his Church, primarily from Jewish background, the gospel is for all people, all tribes, all nations, the divine truth is to be understandable for every person.

The persecution of the church in Jerusalem scattered the believers to Phoenicia, Cyrus and Antioch, where ever the believers spread they narrated the message initially only to Jews (Acts 11:19). However, soon the church became missional, they crossed the Jewish cultural boundaries and began to speak to Greeks telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

The church in Asia has entered into the new phase of growth. The emphasis now is on the local church, which does not import and imitate the lifestyle, law, liturgy, and theology of the European churches. The churches are increasingly culturally rooted in their contexts. It is indeed a new kairos moment for the church in Asia.

The indigenous Asian cultures have discovered Christianity and Jesus Christ; with implications for a fresh understanding of the gospel in the Asian history. The fact Asians are responding in the midst of militant resurgence of anti-Christian forces suggests a degree of indigenous compatibility with the gospel.

Pray for the witness of the Church in Asia.

# Mongolian Evangelical Alliance (MEA)

One Body, One Spirit, One Lord

n 1996 a number of local pastors realized that they needed informal fellowship simply to encourage one another in the work of the Lord, to pray and update each other. The group grew rapidly in a few months, which allowed the group to extend its ministry to the wider community.

In winter 1997 this local pastors' group decided to reform the fellowship into the Mongolian Evangelical Fellowship, and at the first meeting, most of the churches and mission organizations in Mongolia sent representatives to a historic meeting where the Mongolian Evangelical Fellowship was officially formed.

In December 1999 the Mongolian Evangelical Fellowship was registered with the government as a membership-based Non-Government Organization. In February 2002 the Mongolian Evangelical Fellowship changed its name to the Mongolian Evangelical Alliance, with a network of over 170 churches and organizations.

- ❖ In January 2011 we organizing the "Future of Mongolia and 4/14 Window" Summit on Children Ministry where will be speaking about children's holistic ministry. From this summit we are going to establish the National Strategy to reach children from 4 to 14 years old.
- The next big event is Mongolia will be hosting the Asia Lausanne in 1-4 June. Delegates from over 20 Asian countries are going to participate. Along with this event we are going to meet with all our Mongolian missionaries who work and serve in overseas. So far, Church of Mongolia has send 20 missionaries to 6 countries.
- From year 2010 to 2011 Church of Mongolia are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Church of Mongolia. Back in year 1990 the door for the Gospel was being open and from that time on God has done tremendous work to build the His Church in Mongolia. From 4 believers today the number of Christians has grown into 50-60 thousand believers within 500+ churches. Only in the capital Ulaanbaatar over 300 churches and around 30 thousand believers.

In September 15-18, 2011 we will celebrate 20th anniversary and all the churches will be invited to participate in the many events and activities in that week. We are going to invite as much as possible our old friends and partners missionaries who gave their involvements to lay the foundation of the Mongolian Church early in 90's. Many guests will be invited to participate in this celebration events.

The 20th anniversary will be not only the celebration but also the evaluation time and planning our future of the Body. As we was mention in our introduction about MEA, the Church of Mongolia put the Goal called 20/10 - by the year 2020 we want to disciple the 10% of our population - 300'000 strong disciples of Christ and plant 3500 churches.

MEA is working with 7 regions and 8 districts through the country to develop step by step programs to reach to the 20/10 goal.

MEA is always appreciate for the cooperation with AEA in many form of ministry. And we want to see this cooperation will be seen in many area of our ministries.

Batbold Munkhzul, General Secretary, MEA Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

## WRITE AN APPEAL TO THE HEAD OF YOUR COUNTRY Sub: - "Attempts to Eradicate Christian presence in Iraq"

In the past few months, violence against the ancient and historic Christian Community in Iraq has increased significantly. Tens of thousands of Iraqi Christians have fled to neighbouring countries and the safer Northern Kurdistan.

Iraq and Egypt are two Muslim countries in the Middle East where Christians make up the single largest non Muslim minority group. The Christian Community in Iraq has existed there since the founding of Christianity two thousand years ago.

Bishop Philip Adhikary

# Talitha Koumi Church Bangladesh

From the beginning until now Talitha Koumi has successfully accomplished our work area in 17 major districts of Bangladesh. We have 1256 churches and 57959 baptised believers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Talitha Koumi being a church based religious organization has employed approximately 500 staffs from the field level to the head office personnel with one motto. Change lives, Bring Peace and reach to the unreached, share the Love of our Lord and join hands to wake up the mankind from their spiritual and religious region.

We conduct training using the curriculum of Train & Multiply. It helps our organization in growth, strong believers and an enduring Self Reliant Church ministry.

The effective measures to build self-reliant churches are as follows:

- Inspire members to obey the command of Jesus Christ
- Motivate members to give "tithe and offerings" to their churches
- Suggest members to increase their household income by involving themselves in income generating activities taking loan support from "Children Development Program (CDP)" which is the development wing of Talitha Koumi.
- Suggest members to receive training on income generating and skill development to enhance their skills.

### Our goal is to continue to grow.

It is my prayer that more and more people in Bangladesh come to know Jesus Christ.

Grasp International Ltd was launched in the year 1989 with the desire to start a "Tent making Ministry" which was registered and approved in the year 2000 by the Bangladesh Government. It is a business oriented organization that includes Real estate, construction developer, travel agency, rental spaces for commercial and residential purpose and more over innovative value added ideas are upcoming to make available more opportunities for expansion and progress of our occupation. Although, the large portion of the profit amount of Grasp Business goes to the land and other essential ministry purpose of Talitha Koumi which upholds our interest to become a "Tent Making Ministry" as our ultimate desire.

