



MAY TRAINING WEEK FOR PASTORS & LEADERS

The Training Week in May was a resounding success. The week is designed to train Leadership, Ministry and Team principles as well as develop Biblical Knowledge into the C3 (and other) churches of South Asia.

The participants all reported just how helpful the week was with practical and challenging teaching and training.

Attended by 37 Pastors & Leaders from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan, there was a clear spirit of unity throughout the week.

The region is going through radical social change and is one of the hot beds of the Holy Spirit's activity in the world today - just ripe for the 2020 Vision to explode!

There was an evident hunger for all God is doing among the Pastors & Leaders, so much so that a number of the participants spent over 40 hours travelling on trains to attend.

One of the Pastors commented that the week's training will form the basis of the training for his network of 13 church planters when they get together in June.



Some of the participants at the C3 Church South Asia Intensive Training Week.

BUILDING A GREAT CHURCH

Building a Great Church is a difficult calling. Hearing and obeying God, leading and pastoring people, resisting the enemy... growing churches takes energy, effort and discipline and spiritual disciplines!

I recently read a short monograph by Jim Collins, a leading Business writer, who writes on the development of great organisations. This monograph was specifically written to the not-for-profit sector where he has adapted some of his business principles to those whose motive for endeavour is not profit – read money!

This month in South Asia News I want to present the second of four principles, expanding on his thoughts and contextualising them to church.

Stage 2: Disciplined Thought

Once you have the correct people with you, you have to engage in 'Disciplined Thought'. All too often you can simply think too little. 'It will all work out' is a common enough phrase that typically suggests that you don't want to address the issues that are currently in need of work!

There are two concepts that really help us in our thinking.

The first concept is that we must – '*Confront the Brutal Facts*'.

We must always retain unwavering faith that we can and will prevail in the end, regardless of the difficulties, and at the same time have the discipline to confront the most brutal facts of our current reality, whatever they might be.

Holding these two perspectives is not always easy – but to get to the end point of the vision we must engage in the journey and there are times when the journey is difficult. We may be ill equipped, tired, bored, ineffective. We need to identify these times and confront what is happening.

If we do not take stock we will never see our true successes or failures for that matter.



Ongoing maintenance is required on vehicles as it is on churches. We need to review what is happening and if there are things not working well then we need to address them quickly - before they grow to being major issues.

The second concept is called "*The Hedgehog Concept*".

This concept is about concentrating on what you are best at! Keeping the main game the main game! Greatness comes about by a series of good decisions consistent with a simple, coherent concept. This concept expresses: what we can be the best in the world at, what we are deeply passionate about, and what best drives our resource engine (time, money, talent).

Keeping our thinking aimed at what we can be the best in the world at, what we are deeply passionate about, and what best drives our resource engine (time, money, talent) keeps us most able to achieve our God given purpose.

No two churches are the same. Each church has a unique God given anointing to achieve the purpose they have. Staying true to your church's anointing and not trying to become something you are not by comparing yourselves to others or worse still trying to clone another church is essential for your long term healthy development!

Staying true to the things God has given us to do and to be keeps our passion high! It releases God's resources through His people!

Disciplined thought is essential to achieve the vision God has given to a church, a person, organisation, whatever!

Until our next instalment of South Asia News I encourage you to be about getting the right people into your team and thinking in a disciplined way to achieve all God has for you!

C3 South Asia Conference

Dates: 3-6 November 09
City: Hyderabad, AP
Theme: 'Leaders Living Life Well'
Who: All Pastors, leaders & teams in South Asia
Contact: southasia@ccccarlingford.org.au

This conference is a not to be missed event that will focus and re-fire you, propelling you into your destiny as a leader.

The conference will have Ps. Simon McIntyre (C3 Church International Secretary), Ps. Pat Antcliff (C3 Church Asia/Africa Director) and Ps. Richard Botta & Ps. Sue Botta (C3 Church South Asia Regional Overseers) speaking plus a host of other speakers and workshop leaders.

The Conference will be held at the Alankrita Resort in Hyderabad, India.

Start planning now to attend the conference. The conference brochure will be distributed in July from which time registrations will be taken.



UPDATING STATISTICS ON THE WEBSITE

Updating your church statistics each month is an important aspect of being part of C3 Church. These statistics should be input within a week of the end of each month. It's a simple process; just log on to the C3i Global web site www.c3iglobal.org input your email address and password and then put your stats in. Your assistance in this greatly helps!

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