

## Domestic Abuse and the Church's Response in Asia



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A recent survey among married Christians, conducted in four Asian countries (Mongolia, Nepal, Indonesia and the Philippines), revealed a rather horrific reality. The online survey was done in October-December 2021, with 1,150 respondents representing these four countries. The survey looked at five types or dimensions of domestic abuse:

physical, emotional, financial, spiritual and sexual. The survey indicated that one of every five women and 17.8% of men had experienced physical abuse from their spouse in the past three years. Additionally, 11.3% of women experienced sexual abuse from their husband and almost half of all female respondents reported emotional abuse.



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## DOMESTIC ABUSE



Based on Gender

In terms of physical abuse, whereas Indonesia and the Philippines present a typical picture, with more women than men identifying themselves as victims, Mongolia and Nepal are quite different. In those two countries, the percentages of men and women claiming to be victims of domestic abuse were roughly equal. In Mongolia, more

than 34% of husbands indicated physical abuse such as being slapped, pushed, shoved, punched or kicked by their wife in the past three years. A similar percentage of women (35.3%) claimed to have experienced physical abuse by their husband.

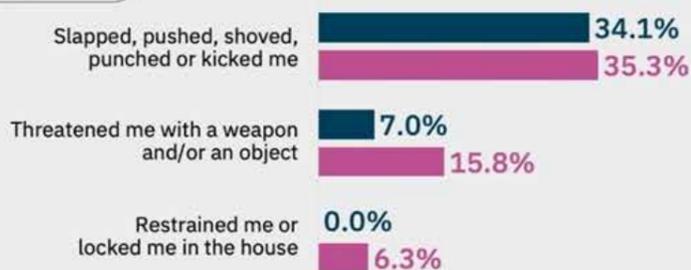
## PHYSICAL ABUSE

In the last 3 years, My Wife... My Husband...

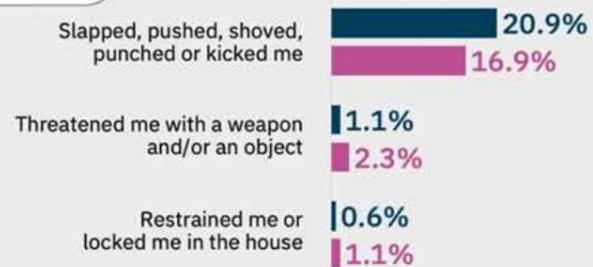
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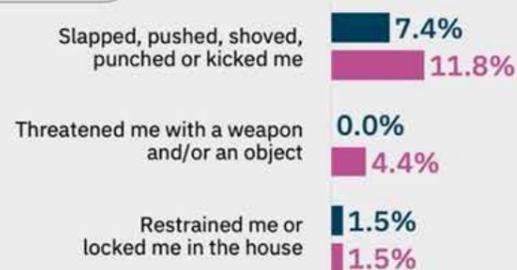
### Mongolia



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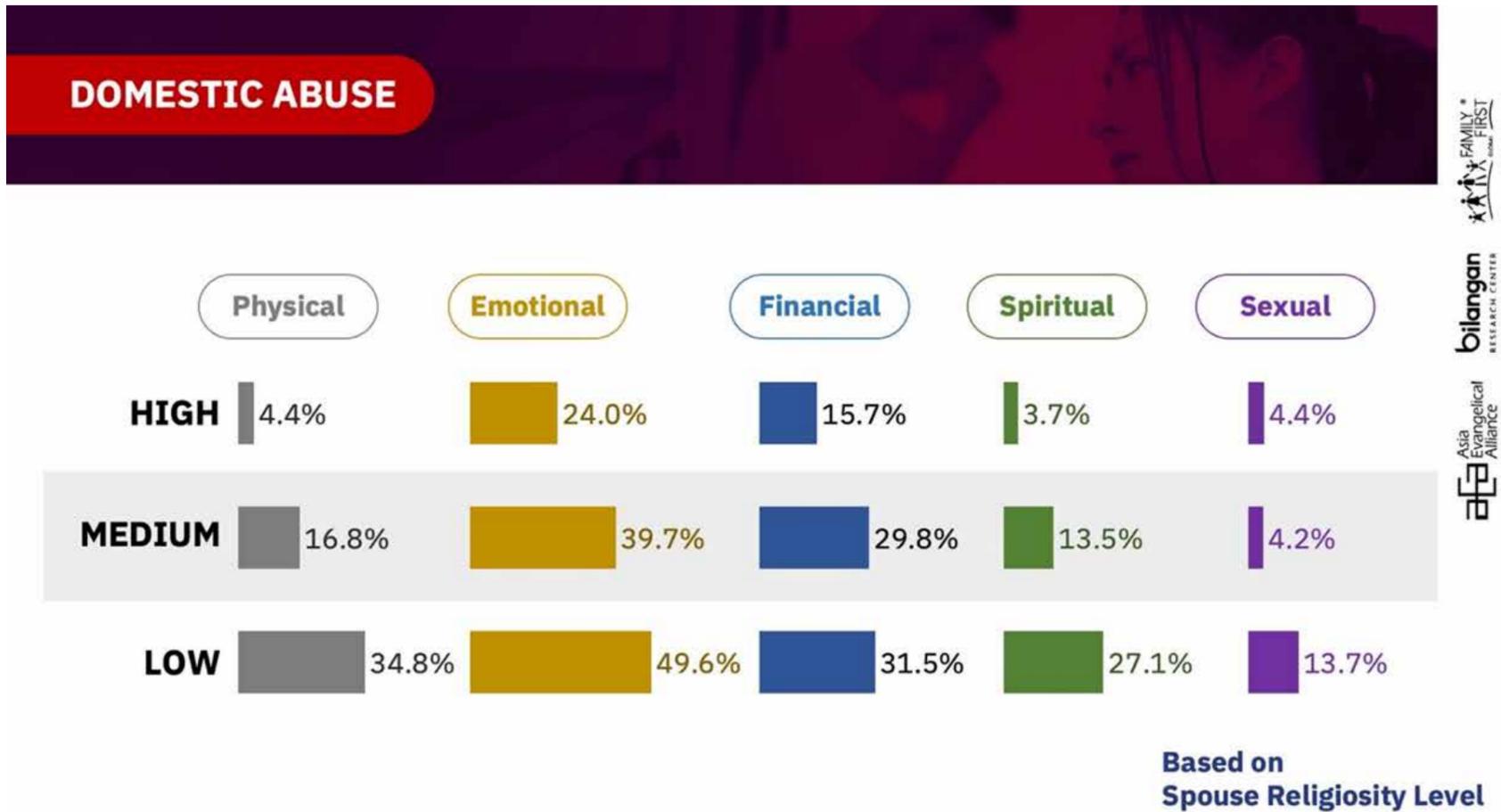


### Philippines



The survey also looks at how religiosity and people's engagement in local church ministry influence the way they treat their spouse and children. The level of religiosity was determined through four questions: engagement in

daily personal devotion (prayer), daily Bible reading, weekly church worship, and weekly Bible study or cell group activity.



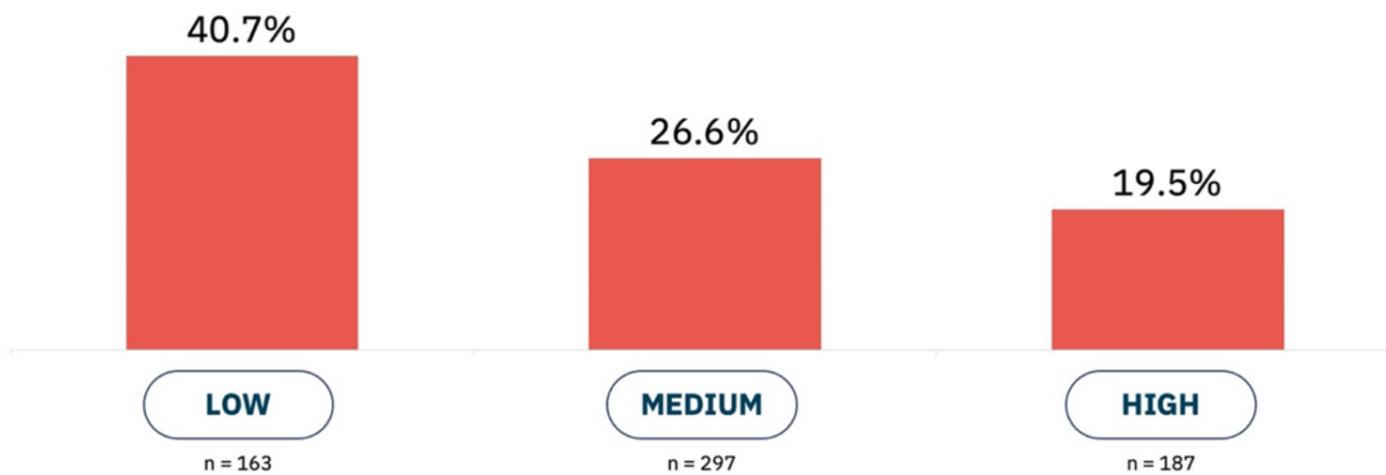
The results indicate that one's level of religiosity does impact how one treats his or her spouse and children. Respondents at higher levels of religiosity had fewer incidents of domestic abuse. Although it is totally unaccept-

able for any abuse to occur in a Christian family, the survey shows that spiritual disciplines appear to play a significant role in reducing incidents of domestic abuse at home.



## CHILD ABUSE

In the last 3 years, my spouse physically abused our child (slapped, pushed, shoved, punched or kicked them)



\* Only those have children under 21 y.o. right now living with them or under their care

Based on Spouse Religiosity



Christians' engagement in local church ministry, on the other hand, did not show a consistent correlation with a reduction in domestic abuse. The survey found that 19.3% of people whose spouse engaged in a local church ministry claimed to be victims of physical abuse at home. While

within the margin of error, this was actually slightly higher than the percentage (18.5%) for people whose spouse was a passive church member (i.e., did not engage in any ministry of the church).

## DOMESTIC ABUSE



Based on Spouse Role at Church



Similarly, 37.8% of respondents whose spouse was actively engaged in a local church ministry stated that the spouse had physically abused (slapped, pushed, shoved, punched or kicked) their children in the past three years.

This exceeds the 27.3% rate of child physical abuse among respondents whose spouse was just a passive church member.

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**Based on  
Role at Church**



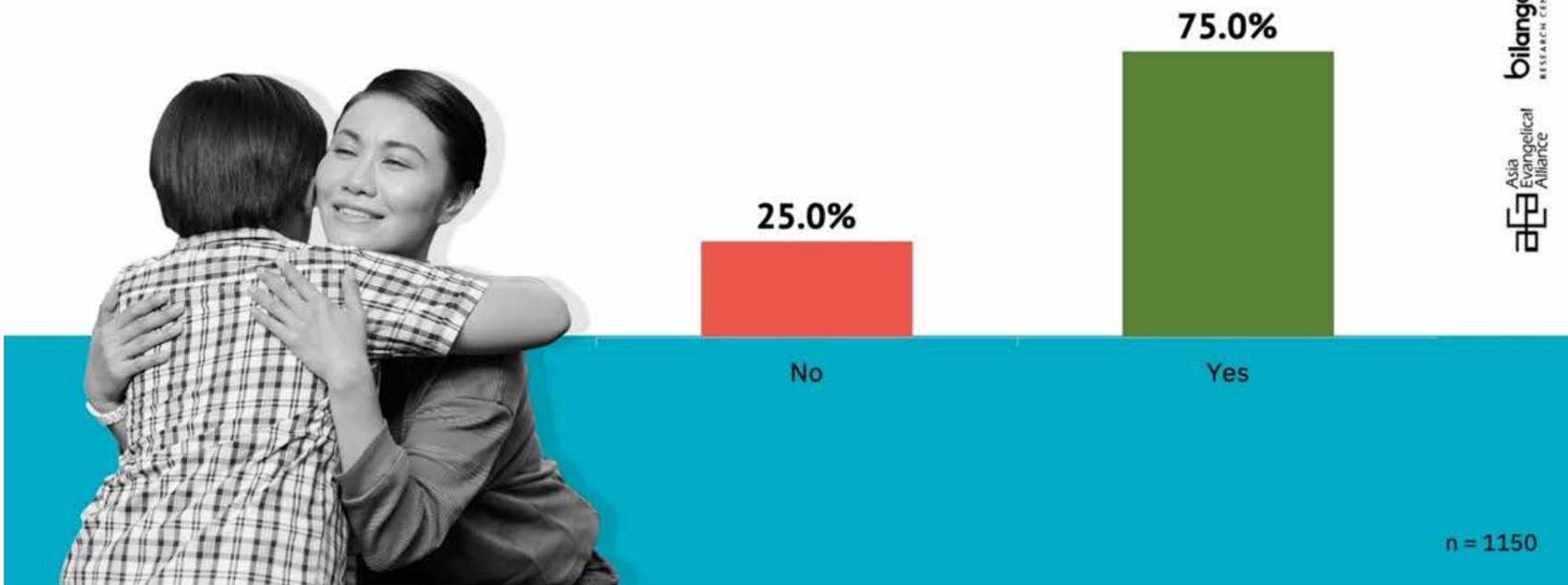
Three of every four churches represented in this survey have taken steps to raise awareness regarding domestic abuse. However, it seems that these awareness-raising efforts have not yet had a positive impact. In fact, the inci-

dence of child physical abuse was higher among families attending churches that had taken steps in raising awareness (28.7%) than in families whose churches had not taken any such steps (25.1%).



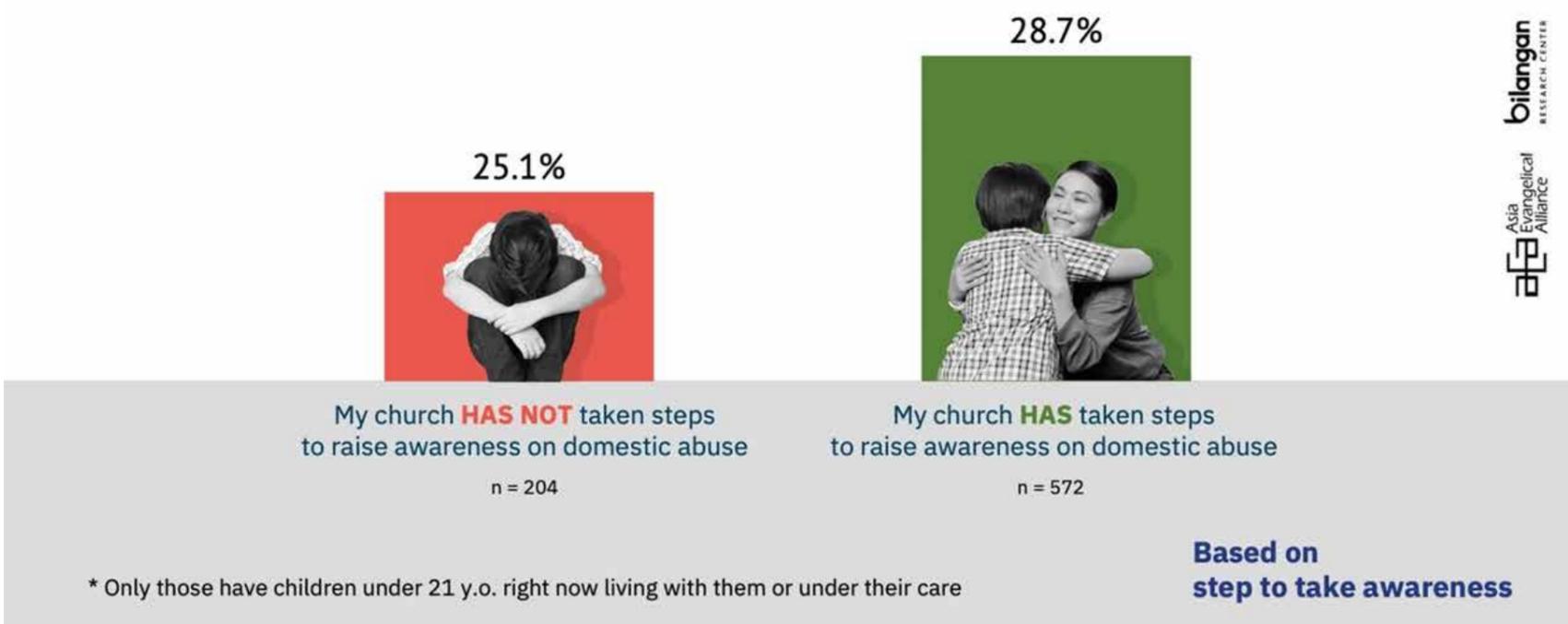
## CHURCH RESPONSE

My church has taken steps to raise awareness  
on domestic abuse



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## SUMMARY AND CLOSING REMARKS

**1** Spiritual disciplines (religiosity) were significantly correlated with a reduction in incidents of domestic abuse.

**2** Surprisingly, involvement in local church activities did not reduce and, according to some results, could even be associated with an increase in abuse. These findings warrant further examination.

**3** Efforts by churches to raise awareness regarding domestic abuse do not appear to have been effective in reducing or preventing domestic abuse.

**4** The family is the most important place for spiritual, socio-emotional and physical development and growth. Domestic abuse is a direct assault on the core unit of the church, society and nation.

**5** The Bible provides zero tolerance for any kind of domestic abuse or violence. This study calls for the church in Asia (not to judge, but) to help its members to strengthen their families by identifying, reducing, preventing and finally eliminating domestic abuse.

**6** AEA invites all the National Evangelical Alliances and all networks of churches in Asia to dive deeper in understanding the magnitude of the issue of domestic abuse in their domain and their scope of influence, and to collaboratively build relevant resources in support for churches throughout Asia to battle domestic abuse effectively. ■



# Ubiquitous Women of Influence



**Grace Hee**

Executive Director of Women Commission  
Asia Evangelical Alliance

Ubiquitous means “present, appearing, or found everywhere”. When this word is attached as an adjective to women, you know what it means. Women make up 50% of Asia, more than 60% in churches and is the thermostat of every family. Having the privilege of facilitating a group of powerful evangelical women leaders across Asia, I am more convinced than ever that God made women to be significant servant-leaders or helper-leaders or true leaders when it comes to passion. Women’s influence in all spheres of life are legendary, even as mindsets are changing about giving recognition to women in leadership, and history books are being rewritten.

In this past year, as Executive Director of Women Commission, we highlighted a few eye-opening issues for the Asian church that women have always intuitively known and have been attending to them quietly. In these unprecedented times, we felt they should be brought into the light of the church (1 John 1:5-7).

Firstly, the presence and plight of widows in the midst of our churches and communities. Marriage is a covenant for life between a husband and wife. But when one is gone, everything falls apart, from well-being, finances, roles, community responses and even reputation. When the women commission hosted the “Widows Connect” event, it brought much tears, comfort and camaraderie to the widows and the realization that they were not forgotten, and that the church does exhibit James 1:27 “Religion that God the Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress”

Secondly, the attention and patience needed to those suffering grief and sorrow due to life-altering losses in their lives. The COVID-19 pandemic exponentially increased losses. It would be safe to say that no one was spared - from loss of beloved family members, to friends, to colleagues, to jobs, to business, to church and family gatherings and to things that define us. All suffered a loss, and entered into grief. During the “Grief Care” seminar, experts advised us that this God-given emotion must be allowed to take its full course for restoration of the soul. In the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35, we see Jesus adeptly and sensitively attending to the grief of two disciples and later to Peter. Grief care requires the sensitivity of Jesus, and advises us not to judge a grieving person as “not being strong”.

Thirdly, within the safety and security of our homes, an insidious pandemic called domestic abuse lurks, made worse by the lockdowns of the last two years. What should alarm us most is that the church family is not spared. Anecdotal data reveals that domestic violence in christian homes may be consistent with the world's trend especially in patriarchal communities. In these situations, homes are not safe havens but rather a place of fear and terror particularly for women and children. The AEA leadership bravely followed-up the women commission's webinar on domestic abuse with an Asia-wide “Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse” survey. The survey has recently concluded and in this issue, some of the results are shared. It is our hope and fervent prayer that the survey will lift up the heads of church leaders and families to give

voice and begin to teach about the occurrence of domestic abuse in christian homes. Home and abuse must be mutually exclusive like oil and fire. A home must be the safest place on earth as depicted by the Lord for us in Psalm 91:1-2 "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Lastly, I continue to be amazed at the resilience of women in the face of resistance to their leadership potential. As readers, I pray we meditate on Genesis 1:27-28

"God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them (man and woman) and said to them (man and woman), "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over (together) ... " May we rise up in faith to accelerate the day when men and women sit around the same table of communion to make decisions on all matters of life, work and godliness, for the image and glory of the Father. Amen ■



# How Christian Women in Myanmar are Responding to God in the Midst of Troubles



**Rev. May Pan Lynn**

Chairperson of Women Commission Asia Evangelical Alliance  
Leader of Myanmar Evangelical Alliance Women Commission

It has been more than two years of crisis in Myanmar stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic and political turmoil. We have never had to experience such twin troubles before and could never have imagined it to happen. Many people have lost their jobs and this condition is destroying their dreams and hopes. The waves of pandemic and unstable politics have not been favorable to Christian women in Myanmar. We are severely affected on all fronts socially, financially, mentally and spiritually. However, we cling to the incomparable blessing of having Jesus in our lives, our real Hope for deliverance and salvation. Our Emmanuel God has not abandoned us in the midst of these tragedies. He has been faithful to those who call upon His name.

Our women's responses to God in these challenging times are simple but very encouraging. The first and foremost is prayer which has been very powerful indeed. We are petitioning God not just as a responsibility, but with hearts of compassion and brokenness. Many women are coming in unity to the presence of the Lord. Since June 2020, as the leader of the Myanmar Evangelical Women group, we have held regular Tuesday zoom prayer meetings. It has been a wonderful place of encouragement and support as we walk through the valleys of sadness, hardship and hopelessness. Though Myanmar women are by nature shy and slow to respond, they do not hesitate to come before God to seek Him and ask Him for deliverance and mercy. The prayer and intercession times among the women have been such a beautiful experience!!

Secondly, as most Myanmar women are housewives at home, they initially felt helpless and thought there was nothing they could contribute to alleviate sufferings in their midst. It turned out this was not true. One of the cleverest ideas that came forth was using their skills in cooking.

Seeing so many people in desperate need even for a meal in Myanmar right now, the housewives now cook very delicious simple meals for hundreds of people and then distribute them in their neighborhoods. They give them to the ordinary people like trishaw drivers, hawkers, and even to the poor sex workers. They do not only give a meal box but also share the gospel by giving tracts. It is such a wonderful opportunity to spread the good news in Myanmar. People receive the meals with tears of joy. A meal does not cost too much but it conveys powerfully the love of God to these people.

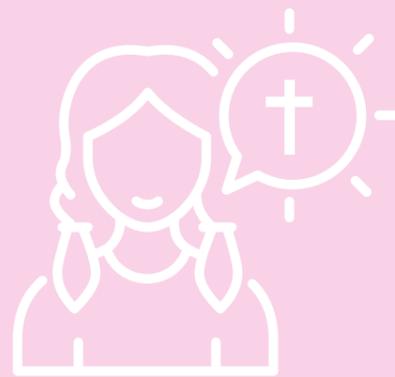
Thirdly, for some Christian women, they do not just pray but they show their faith in action. They raise funds from their friends to support the displaced people, especially the children. This has made a great impact on these people.

The final way of response is the intercessors' immediate prayer for the needy. They do not wait for the next prayer meeting but have developed a habit to pray immediately when they hear or read posts of injustice and suffering on social media in Myanmar. It might seem like a small easy contribution but its effect is immeasurable.

The Myanmar people are in pain and brokenhearted to see the sorrowful things occurring around them. We want to end this suffering right away, and we will continue to call upon the Lord, and wait for His mighty hand of love to move in our land.

Let me conclude with these verses in Habakkuk 2:17-18 - "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be in the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." ■

# A Glimpse into Women's Influence in Mongolia



**Erdenebayar Ragchaa**  
Chairperson of Women Commission  
Mongolia Evangelical Alliance

The women's ministry of MEA (Mongolia Evangelical Alliance) has been implementing "the Mountain of Influence Movement" - a strategy to unite lay Christian leaders at the marketplace. The idea was first birthed in 2019 during the National Women's Forum where participants were organized into the Mountains of Family, Religion, Education, Media, Entertainment, Business and Government. Since then, the Mountain of Health (there are many Christian doctors and health workers) has been added making it a total of eight Mountains of Influence. Each group has a coordinator who is transitioning the work from voluntary ad hoc meetings into a more synergized effort to bring the Lordship of Christ into each Mountain.

Most MEA ministries were previously led by pastors and pastors' wives. However, with the abovementioned movement, lay people began to take up leadership. In particular, the Governance group coordinator started weekly prayer meetings in 2019 in order to pray for the Christian women leaders serving in the government. These prayer meetings were greatly appreciated by those working in that sphere, and have grown from initially 2 people to 14 members. They gather to pray every day for specific prayer requests. Great answers to prayers have occurred. For example, one Christian woman won a seat in the parliament and another is serving as an Advisor to the Prime Minister. In January 2021, the group also initiated monthly meetings among Christian women leaders serving in the government, state-owned enterprises and international organizations, and were able to invite speakers from all over the world to this event, including a former Advisor to the U.S President.

The prayer meetings and gatherings have greatly encouraged the sisters. First of all, they realized that they are not alone; secondly, the temptations they face are not new

and the Lord bears them all; thirdly, they learn to draw their strength from the Bible and Holy Spirit. We saw amazing transformations of lives among the sisters who now put on the armor of God to strengthen their positions, embrace their weaknesses and glorify God. They sense a greater purpose and calling. In the past, it was very difficult for women to be selected and appointed to high positions of decision making, but now, it is happening. In addition, the need to gather has become more apparent as they discover that high positions attract lots of attacks - both demonic and human - such as envy and temptations of fame. The sisters encourage each other with God's strength and resist temptations so that each is able to bear much fruit for God's glory.

The other groups are also growing. I personally desire to work with the Entertainment domain and understand the perils they face. We hope to further expand our work, to deepen the relationship between Christians and in the spheres that God has called them. With the Lord's help, the women in Mongolia aspire to adhere to the highest moral standards and be the light and salt to the world. ■



# Webinar : Overcoming Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse in Asia

Survey Findings on Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse in Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal and Mongolia



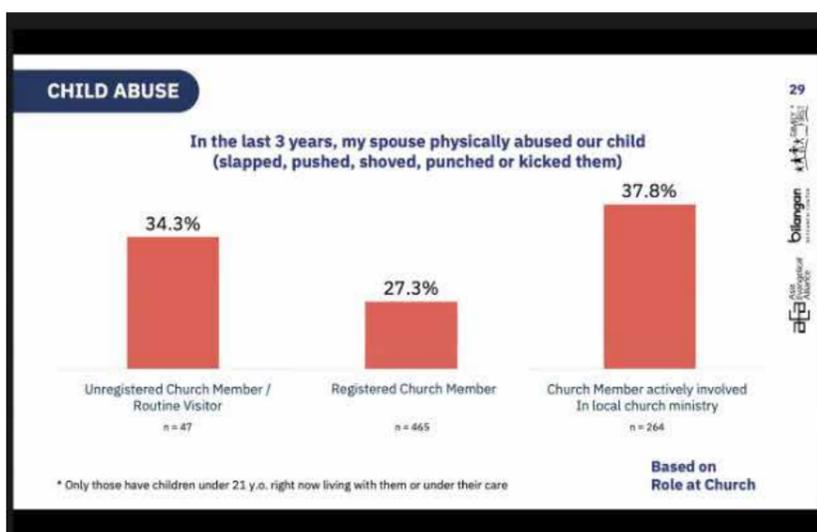
Nepal and Mongolia" last March 1, 2021 via Zoom and YouTube. There were a total of 10 Asian Countries engaged in this survey. At the time of the webinar only 4 countries had completed the data collection and analysis. We do hope the remaining 6 countries will soon complete the data collection and analysis as well.

One of the major recommendations that came out of the webinar "Biblical Understanding Domestic Violence in the Family " spearheaded by the Asia Evangelical Alliance (AEA) Women Commission last September 3, 2021, was the request to conduct a research on Domestic Abuse in Asia. There is an overwhelming lack of awareness among churches about the issue of domestic abuse and something has to be done.

Six months later, after more than 200 hours of combined work between AEA, Bilangan Research Center (BRC) and Family First Global, the results of the research were presented during the Webinar "Overcoming Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse in Asia – Survey Findings on Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse in Indonesia, Philippines,

This highly anticipated event was attended by 1529 participants from 29 countries. Dr. Richard Howell, Ambassador at Large of Asia Evangelical Alliance, opened the webinar with prayer, while Mr. Handi Irawan, Project Leader of the survey, gave the Opening Remarks providing the audience with the rationale and objectives of the webinar highlighting that aside from the information that will be shared, it is the goal of the event to provide the pastors, church leaders and organizations with concrete steps on how to overcome domestic abuse that is happening even among Christian families.

Dr. Bambang Budijanto then presented the key interesting findings from the online survey which was conducted in October-December 2021, with 1,150 respondents representing the four countries. The survey looked at five types



or dimensions of domestic abuse: physical, emotional, financial, spiritual and sexual. (Please refer to the main article of this newsletter for major findings of this research)

Prof. Gregory Slayton, Founder and Chairman of Family First Global, followed with a presentation sharing the key strategies that churches and families can do so that domestic abuse will be prevented. He encouraged all church leaders to stand firm against any kind of domestic abuse (physical, financial, spiritual, emotional and sexual) and to do whatever it takes so that it will not happen to the next generations. He emphasized the need for churches to declare that any form of abuse has no place in the church and to commit as a family of believers to together identifying, reducing, preventing and finally eliminating domestic abuse.

Sister Grace Hee, Executive Director of Women Commission in Asia Evangelical Alliance, then moderated a panel

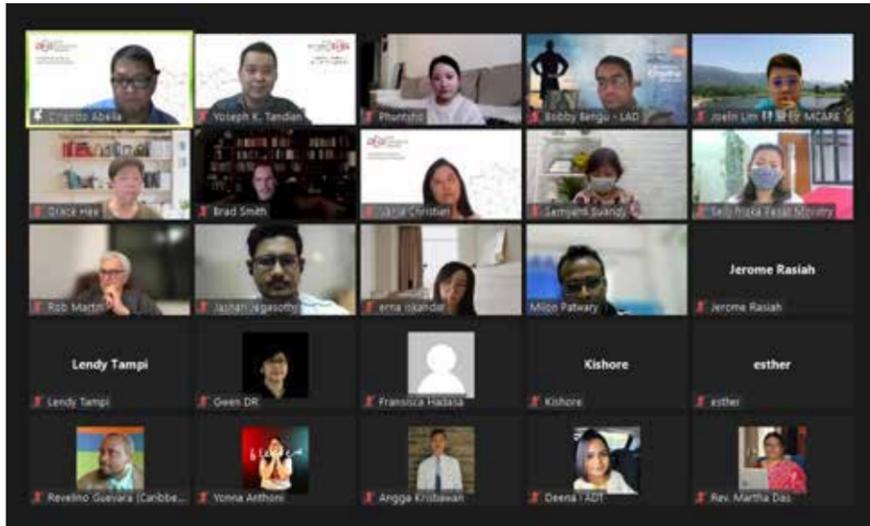
discussion with the speakers asking the hard questions from the participants. There were findings that created more questions and Dr. Bambang emphasized that this research is just a start and it should be the common goal of all involved to dig deeper and know more so that we could understand and respond to the issue of domestic abuse. Sister Bolortuya Daminjav, member of the Executive Council of Asia Evangelical Alliance and Brother Glenn Yu, President of Pamilya Muna Pilipinas, closed the 2 hour webinar with their remarks, encouraging churches and Christian organizations to work together to overcome family conflict and domestic abuse.

Everyone agrees that there is more to be uncovered and a lot more to be done about this issue. As more data are being collected and analyzed from the participating countries and beyond, a follow up Webinar is being planned in the near future that will further raise awareness of churches in Asia about this hidden pandemic. ■



# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY BUILDING

## 16 weeks of coaching on Fundraising



As a means to meet one of the main challenges of National Evangelical Alliances in Asia, AEA started a journey of Resource Development Coaching for Asian leaders. In collaboration with World Evangelical Alliance's Global Institute of Leadership (WEA-GIL), AEA Capacity Building Team designed a training strategy that involves 16 weeks of coaching in resource development particularly on fundraising. This is a journey to equip the leaders with fundraising skills that is aligned with the unique mission of each nation's context.

In order to get the full support of the General Secretaries, Executive Committee board members of National Evangelical Alliances, leaders of AEA Associate Members, and AEA Commission Directors, they were invited to an online vision casting on November 19, 2021. The purpose of the event was to share the rationale and also the potential impact of the training to their organizations. The 45 leaders from the different member countries, commissions and associate members agreed that the coaching strategy is valuable and gave their full support. As a result, 14 teams and 39 participants registered for the coaching sessions. Initial activities were conducted to familiarize the participants with the process and also to get to know each other but the actual lessons started formally on January 14th, 2022. The coaching process is still ongoing, with main sessions every Friday morning at 9AM to 11AM (Bangkok time) plus individual coaching sessions for teams that need them within the week. Dr. Brad Smith, President of Bakke Graduate University as well as the Director of WEA Global Institute of Leadership, and Rob Martin, former

CEO of First Fruit Foundation and author of "When Money Goes on Mission," provide the world class coaching for the whole duration of the training. Eight sessions have been completed and the rest is estimated to be finished by the last week of April, 2022. During the first 8 sessions, participants were equipped with the fundamental principles of fundraising. The coaches emphasized fundraising as disciple-making, being a trustworthy leader and good steward of God's mission, and building trust with the donors. They were also given assignments to build the book of LOI (Letters of Inquiry) based on each organization's unique characteristic and calling. The book of LOI consists of a working paper, budget plan, projects plan, and resource capacity development plan. The process may be difficult and challenging, but it is a valuable investment, because the document that they are working on will be a core document for each organization's fundraising process in the future.

Most of the participants stated that they were facing unexpected difficulties and challenges in doing their respective documents but really enjoyed the learning process, in hope that they could help other leaders, pastors, and churches to do fundraising in the future. May Pan Lynn, AEA ExCo member and Women Commission of MECA shares that "This coaching has opened my eyes to see what I have never seen before. It changed my mindset about fundraising which I thought of like begging. I can see now that Fundraising is Disciple-making. It also helps my faith stronger and makes me bold enough to move forward approaching the right people to raise funds and resources for the needy." ■



# LEADERSHIP CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT YOUR ONE DEGREE WORKSHOP FOR ASIA BATCH 1

**Bring Clarity, Focus, and Effectiveness  
to Life and Ministry**



As a part of leadership capacity development, AEA has just completed a 4-weeks Your One Degree Asia Workshop (Mondays, February 7th,14th,21st, and 28th) in collaboration with Your One Degree International and Leaders for Leaders International. The Your One Degree (YOD) is a self-discovery leadership journey which is presented in the format of Workshops and Coaching. The purpose is for the leaders to find their One Degree based on God's unique design that will bring clarity, focus, and effectiveness to the life of each leader. This workshop was attended by 14 participants, who are the senior leaders representing 10 countries from different parts of Asia.

In the workshops, the leaders were guided through a series of exercises to find their DESIGN. The word stands for the components of finding Your One Degree. Those are Drivers, Experiences, Skills, Interests, Spiritual Gifts, and Nature. Each component was elaborated in the form of self-discovery assessments. The process was quite challenging because sometimes it was not easy to do self-evaluation. To help each participant go through the process, private coaching sessions were provided. The main workshop sessions and the individual coaching helped them to understand better each exercise and more importantly guided them in how they can put into practice the lessons to their life and ministry.

We are so thankful to our coaches that facilitated this amazing self-discovery journey. Dave Jewitt, the founder of Your One Degree himself was involved as a coach

together with Dr.Pat Calhoun, and Dr.Bambang Budijanto, the General Secretary of AEA.

It was wonderful to be among senior leaders who shared their struggles and discoveries during the learning cess together. The leaders were open and humble in sharing their journey both in plenary and also during intense discussions in breakout room sessions with their respective coaches. At the 4th and closing session, each leader shared their testimonies on how this training had given significant impact to their life and ministry. Here are some of the testimonies.

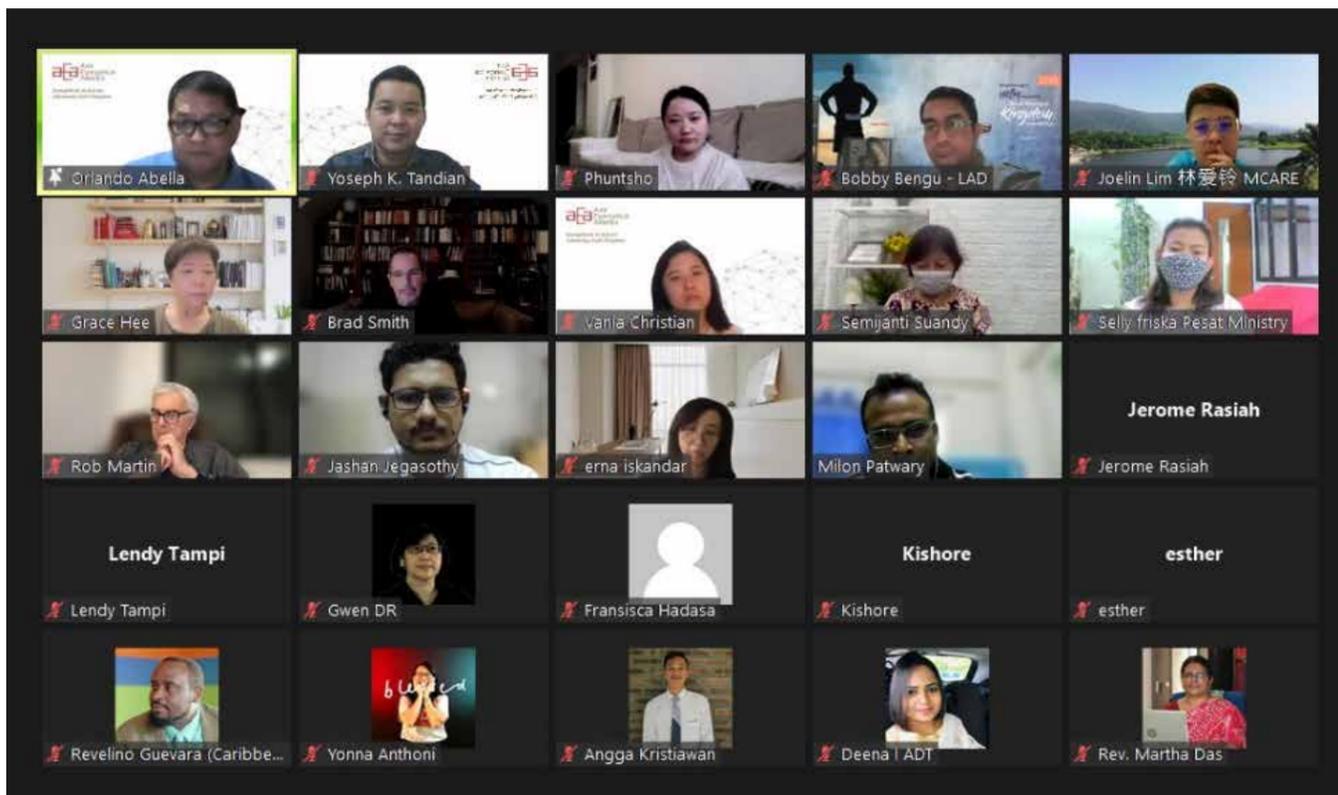
"It is a privilege and joy to join Your One Degree Workshop. Through this workshop I came to know myself more clearly. I am actually more sharp in words, teaching, and wisdom. My leadership is only because of God's grace. I will need to refocus at least in another 10 years from now and prepare for what God wants me to be." – Rev. Aye Min, Chairman of MECA.

"It's been a blessing to me and a great opportunity to understand myself. It was joyful to really know about who



I am according to God's design. This workshop really gives me conviction that each leader must go through this journey of self-discovery, especially for younger leaders." – Rev. James Hisao Tanabe, Foreign Affairs Director of Japan Evangelical Alliance. "I thought I was too old to join this training, but through this journey I can really pause, reflect, and think through the more significant path that I will be doing in my life ministry. I was also wondering about what's next in my life, and this workshop was really used by God to talk to me. This is not the end of a self-discovery, but a

beginning of more significant things God will do with our life." – Rev. Godfrey Yogarajah, Chairman of AEA Executive Committee. The sessions were completed but the journey of self-discovery continues. YOD offered private coaching sessions to the leaders who are interested to go deeper with the next steps. In the future, AEA plans to conduct the next batch of Asia Your One Degree Coaching Workshops, with the hope that we could help more Asian leaders to be more focused, clear, and effective in life and leadership. ■



# News and Prayer Points from Nepal



**Pastor Sher Bahadur A.C.**  
General Secretary  
National Churches Fellowship of Nepal

The good news is that everything is going well and there are no restrictions in Nepal right now. The markets, schools and colleges are opened and churches are also doing their fellowships physically. The vaccines are available for everyone and people are positive about it too. The political situation was not good for the past few weeks due to the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) by America. The parliament passed it yesterday and is ready to apply as soon as possible. So, there will not be more conflict on it in the days to come.

God has given us the privilege to come together and the agreement paper between Nepal Christian Society (NCS) & Federation of National Christian Nepal (FNCN) was signed in the second week of February. This was a result of the long time of prayer and process, and God opened the door and made us the one voice of Nepal from Christian Society. The program has held in the leadership of

Rev. Hanok Tamang, chair of National Churches Fellowship of Nepal (NCFN). He was the one to see vision and brought them in the one place to do it. We had done the agreement with NCS in 2018, and we have done again with FNCN too. Thank God for giving me an opportunity to write the draft of both agreement papers. All the Christian society, Church groups, denominations and mission agencies are very happy and positive after seeing the agreement of three umbrella organizations in Nepal. The survey of Christian Church and society, which started last year, is almost done but there are few works that need to be done within two months.

Regarding the Christian political parties in Nepal, the chair of FNCN, C.B. Gahatraj has resigned from his position and started a new party recently. There are four political parties and there is no unity among them at this time. We need to pray for them so that they may not lose their Christian



Identity. Please continue to pray for the implementation of the agreement between NCFN, NCS and FNCN. Pray also for the upcoming GA and Conference of NCFN on April 5-7, 2022. In the same way, there will be conferences of

seven provincial and national youth & women commissions. Pray for the guidance and protection of God for everyone here in Nepal. ■



# News and Prayer Points from Pakistan



**Rev. Shahbaz Masih Boota**  
General secretary  
The Evangelical Alliance Pakistan

## Leadership Seminar and Farewell to Dr. Ifrahim Mathew the former General Secretary

We conducted a leadership seminar where we were also privileged to give a farewell to Dr. Ifrahim Mathew, the former General Secretary, and acknowledge his services to the Evangelical Alliance in Pakistan. The new General Secretary, Rev. Shahbaz Boota, and Chairman, Rev. Aslam Nazik, along with other executive members, and pastors and leaders from different churches, Christian organizations and institutes were present at this program. This was the time of sharing the ministry of the Evangelical Alliance with leaders and inviting them to become part of this ministry. Many new pastors and leaders joined the Evangelical Alliance and became regular members. By the grace of God, the ministry of the Evangelical Alliance is increasing day by day and God is bringing like minded people with a good number of youth and women leaders joining this ministry.

## National Conference of the Evangelical Alliance

We are organizing a Missions Leadership Conference on 28-30 April 2022 where different delegations from all over



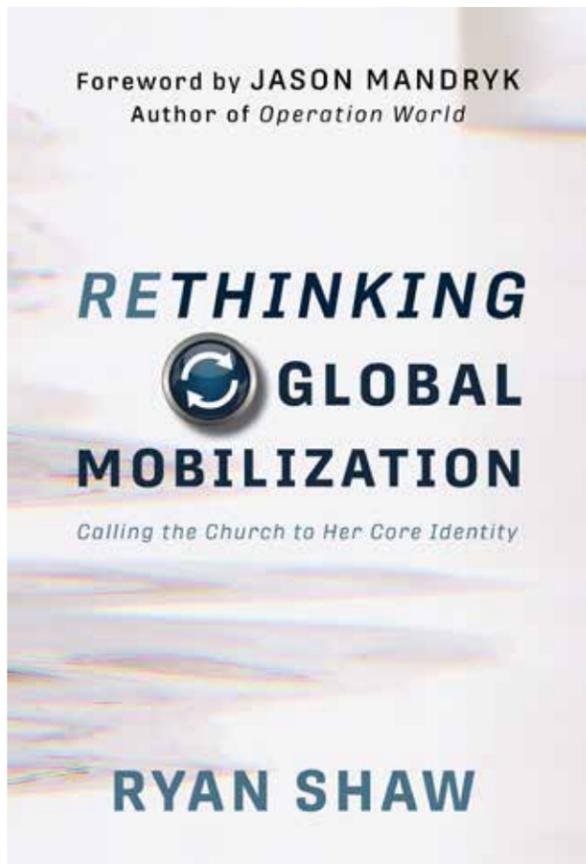
Pakistan will be attending. We want to extend our invitation to countrywide leadership, churches, organizations, and institutes. We praise God for the selection of 10 coordinators under the umbrella of the Evangelical Alliance in 10 different cities where a majority of leaders are young men and women.

## Prayer Points

- Pray for the registration and other legal matters of the Evangelical Alliance in Pakistan.
- Pray for the boldness of doing God's work in Pakistan in the time of fear, suffering and pressure.
- Pray for the extension of the alliance work in Pakistan toward more like minded people.
- Please pray for the upcoming national conference in April 2022.
- Pray for the wisdom for the leadership of the Evangelical Alliance of Pakistan. ■



# AEA Recommended New Book : Rethinking Global Mobilization : Calling the Church To Her Core Identity



**Rethinking Global Mobilization : Calling the Church To Her Core Identity** by Ryan Shaw is a must read book for every believer who understands the heart of God for missions. From his missiological and historical observations, Shaw concluded that the global Church is in a new time and situation requiring new viewpoints and paradigms. This is particularly true in the realm of mission mobilization.

The book provides a strong and solid biblical argument that if today's Church is to truly arise as that generation to see the fulfillment of the Great Commission, we must approach mobilization differently, more comprehensively. Scriptures reveal that the Great Commission is meant to be at the heart of every local ministry globally. Serving

Jesus' global purpose in this age is the corporate reason why the Church exists. This means that mobilization then has to also be at the center of the lives of our fellowships, integrating mobilization tools into our small groups, prayer ministries, Bible studies and more. It means educating, inspiring and activating all church members to understand Jesus' Great Commission, value it and identify their own roles in serving it, even if they never leave their hometown. Mobilization cannot merely be about trying to recruit more people to go out but be about equipping and empowering every disciple to love Jesus with all their hearts which includes loving His plans and purposes of reaching all the ethnic groups in this generation.

The book expands our outlook and understanding on who is a mission mobilizer from a recruiter with a mission sending organization to even the five-fold ministry roles having a portion of their function as a mobilizer. If God really has the Great Commission at the center of His plans, then shouldn't every ministry leader, whether a pastor, evangelist, bishop or teacher, be committed to equipping the saints to grasp Jesus' heartbeat.

Rethinking Global Mobilizations will help believers get to know the Holy Spirit's four-point strategy of reaching the world for Christ as an answer to the question of what the Church is meant to be mobilizing people to do. This concept brings us back to the all-important priority of considering the ways that God has set up to draw people to Himself. The book provides a look into the early Church in the New Testament to see how they proved so successful in mission and outreach. It is necessary to rethink many of our current strategies to see if they are actually in alignment with God's ways of bringing the nations to His feet.

In Rethinking Global Mobilization, you will learn that mobilization movements within local ministries are step one. And

that from these will come a larger number of believers whom the Spirit will set apart to be sent out, most to near culture unreached peoples and some to distant culture unreached peoples. What will they go to do? Multiply church planting movements that are used by God to ignite peoples movements to Christ among the communal based

unreached ethnic peoples of Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and more.

**For digital and paperback copies of the book, please click this link : <https://amzn.to/3Mei05W>**



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