

GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON CARE INDONESIA 2010 SENTUL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER BOGOR - INDONESIA 15-17 MARCH 2010

OVERVIEW

Global Conference on Care is a vessel for God's people from all church denominations to sit together, interact and share how to fulfill God's calling to be the salt and light for Indonesia by doing benevolence and CARE ministries to this nation.

The truth of God's Words, the casting of vision and mission of CARE ministries, and the sharing of experiences in various fields from respected servants of God in CARE ministries are aimed to equip participants of this conference to start, carry on or even to find creative ideas to be involved in benevolence ministry.

Global Conference on Care was initiated by The Foundation of Love and Care for Indonesia (of GBI Gatot Subroto, Jakarta) working together with International Division of Benevolence and Care Church of God, USA and supported by Church Institutions of PGI (Church Alliance of Indonesia), PGLI (Church and Institution Alliance of Indonesia), PGPI (Pentecostal Church Alliance of Indonesia), JDN (National Prayer Network) and TW (Transform World).

This conference was held in Sentul International Convention Center, Bogor – Indonesia, on 15-17 March 2010 and attended by a total of 7,300 participants which consisted of:

- 6,500 delegates from 32 provinces in Indonesia and overseas
- and 800 dedicated committees

The theme of this gathering was "Freedom from the Prison of Poverty".



Some of the renowned speakers of this conference included **Dr. Niko Njotorahardjo** (Senior pastor of GBI Gatot Subroto, elder of YKPMI (Love and Care Foundation in Indonesia) and member of Advisory Board of Transform World Connection), **Dr. Raymond F Culpepper** (General Overseer of Church of God), **Dr. Jacob Nahuway** (National Overseer - GBI), **Dr. David M Griffis** (Assistant Overseer of Church of God), and **Dr. Donnie Smith** (Director of Division of Care – Church of God).



CONFERENCE TOPICS

The programs in Global Conference on Care were basically divided into 2 main categories:

- Main / general session
- Workshop

There were a total of 20 workshop sessions altogether during this conference. Each day, on 16 and 17 March 2010, delegates were given a choice to choose 2 out of 10 workshop topics covered on that day which interested them.

Some of the topics covered during this conference included:

- New paradigm in benevolence and CARE ministries
- Compassion and CARE worldwide – Biblical Principles and Practical Applications
- Lighting the fire – releasing your passion for the world's poor
- Creating and implementing CARE for the poor through multiple CARE ministries within the local church
- Preventing compassion fatigue: self care for caregivers
- Counseling and crisis intervention for benevolence and CARE ministry
- Caring for children and youth in crisis
- Chaplaincy – a Biblical model of modern day care
- Building an administrative team committed to global care
- The challenge to care for a world in peril
- Casting a vision for global care – pastors and Christian businessmen
- Beacons of hope – transforming your church into an outreach of benevolence and hope
- Ministry of love to the Middle East
- When God uses you to meet multiple needs
- Fulfilling the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment

- The roles of multimedia in CARE ministries
- Creative concepts in CARE ministries
- Ministry of CARE to the widows, strangers, poor, and disasters victims.

VISION AND MISSION

Vision

- To transform churches / God's people to become agents of change through creative CARE
- To reach out the victims and those who need CARE and mercy ministries
- To provide methods of ministry to facilitate growth in ministry patterns
- To empower / minister to those who are bound by poverty and social disabilities
- To experience healing in physical, mental, financial and broken relationship in families and communities.

Mission

- To challenge / encourage God's people with the capacity to CARE to fulfill Great commandment by having a heart to love God and their neighbors as they love themselves.
- To rise up and minister to the poor communities that will greatly impact and change every individual, family, community and city.

A BRIEF REPORT SUMMARY – MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2010

*** Dr. Donnie Smith (Director of Division of Care – Church of God).**

Dr. Donnie Smith emphasized the needs of the church of God to fulfill God's greatest commandments found in Matthew 22:36-39 to "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

More than 400 verses in the Bible speak about God's passion to the needy.

As comparison, statistics show:

- More than half of world's population (3 billion souls) are starving
- 25,000 children died because of poverty
- Out of 2,2 billion children live in the world, more than 1 billion of them are living in poverty.

Today, God is calling His church to become the world's changing agent by doing benevolence and care ministry. Believers are also called by God to serve and care for the poor widows; outcast, needy people and victims of natural disaster.

As the hands and feet of Lord Jesus in this world, we are called to have a compassionate hearts to those in need while proclaiming the Gospel to them because faith without works (care) is dead (James 2:26b).

*** Ps. Djohan Handojo (Chairman of Steering Committee)**

Ps. Djohan Handojo shared that "Freedom from the prison of poverty" was chosen as Global Conference on Care's theme because all of us are going through the difficult or darkness period in our nation.

God calls us to be His hands and feet by ministering to those in need regardless of their race, country, religion and background as found in the parable of Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The parable of Good Samaritan is one of the examples of true ministry that the church of God has to apply in this dire global situation.

God will also raise up His Joseph in this period to do benevolence ministry so that His light will shine so bright before men and as the result, they will praise Him in heaven. (Matthew 5:16).

*** Mr. Sujono**

(Representative of Dr. Agung Leksono, Indonesian of coordinator ministry of social welfare)

In Indonesia, the Government together with 22 cabinet levels are working together to fight against poverty by forming TPPK / Response Team for Poverty Eradication. This team is headed by Coordinator Ministry of Social Welfare, Dr. Agung Leksono under the Ministry of Social Welfare.

In his speech, Dr. Agung Leksono emphasized that many people need love and care, especially 2,5 million orphans and fatherless, thousands of elderly, 400,000 victims of women trafficking trade, 35 million poor people and those who lost their families because of natural disasters.

The government welcomes any participation from Indonesian communities and church to work together in poverty alleviation program with the motto "Together against Poverty."

The TPPK itself was inaugurated by Coordinator Ministry of Social Welfare, Dr. Agung Leksono on 28 January 2010 in Jakarta. Ps. Djohan Handojo and Ps. Shephard Supit are two leaders who will act as the church representatives in this team.

*** Rev. Paul R Widjaja (member of Executive Conference Committee)**

Rev. Paul Widjaja introduced TAGANA (Emergency and Disaster Response Team) whose main responsibility is to do aftercare ministry, especially to the victims of natural disasters, e.g by providing clothes and food and building temporary shelters.

This team is formed under Health Ministry of Indonesia and open for all volunteers from cross wide spectrums of society regardless of their religion and background. At the moment, there are 50,000 Christians from many church denominations who have become the part of this team.

Rev. Paul Widjaja invites all servant of God, especially those ministers as front line minister, to participate in this care ministry and show God's love through action.

He hopes to reach 1 million Christian volunteers from all over Indonesia, filled with God's love and Holy Spirit in TAGANA team, by the year of 2011.

*** Rev. Dr. Ir. Niko Njotorahardjo**

(member of Honorary Chairman – Executive Conference Committee)

Dr. Ir. Niko Njotorahardjo shared that the initiative of Global Conference on Care was based on his conversation with God few years back. At that time, God asked Dr. Niko, how he would like his ministry to be known by other people.

Dr. Niko replied to God that he didn't want his church to be known as a mega church, or a church which plants many new churches, or a church with wonderful praise and worship or a church with beautiful building.

Rather, he would like his ministry and church to be known as a church which cares and serves the poor in Indonesia and give impact to the communities and cities for the glory of God.

From this point of time, God has led Dr. Niko to many like-minded people, e.g Dr. Donnie Smith from the Division of Care in Church of God and David Lawrence. The foundation of YKPMI (Love and Care ministry in Indonesia) on 16 December 2004 was also birthed from Dr. Niko's obedience to God's instruction to care for the needy.

Therefore, Global Conference on Care, was not just an event, rather, it is God's movement that announces to the world that CARE ministry is indeed what God wants to do for His people through His hands and feet – the Christian – all believers and churches around the world.

A BRIEF REPORT SUMMARY – TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2010

*** Ps. Djohan Handojo (Chairman of Steering Committee) CARE and Benevolence Ministry in Indonesia**

Ps. Djohan Handojo started his sharing on Tuesday, 16 March 2010 by quoting Luke 4:18-19
"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,

*Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD"*

God is calling His church to be His partner to do breakthrough and be a neighbors to all needy people by becoming a good Samaritan (the parable of Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37).

We need to care for Indonesia by becoming the agent of change in Indonesia. All of us must be categorized as sheep, and not goats, who care for the strangers, the poor and prisoners (Matthew 25:31-46).

Statistic shows that for the past of 13 years, from 1996-2009; the poverty level of Indonesia does not change. The same goes for unemployment and abandoned children level in Indonesia.

God calls all believers to CARE ministry, just as God called Moses to become His instrument to freed Israelites from the slavery. For this calling, God will give us 3 signs: pain, passion and compassion.

Ps. Djohan also gave illustration, taken from 2 Kings 7:3-20, about 4 lepers in the city of Samaria. At that time, Samaria was besieged by Aramean army and its people were starving. Because the 4 lepers - the downcast people at that time - were willing to take a simple step to go to the camp of Arameans, they could save the others. They did so by sharing the good news about abundant food found by them to other Samaritan.

Ps. Djohan concluded the sharing by inviting all delegates to be the Good Samaritan and the 4 lepers who care for others.

*** David Lorency (President of Operation Compassion) Compassion and Care Worldwide – Biblical Principles and Practical Applications**

David Lorency shared about Operation Compassion, a CARE ministry that is recognized as one of the top 70 CARE organizations in US among the other 3 million organizations.

He shared that there are 40 pages of Bible verses which talk about CARE ministry. This individual verse can be fit into one of the 4 big categories:

- God's commandment to feed the poor
- God's blessing for those who feed the poor
- God's promise to take care the poor
- God's curse and judgments for those who neglect the poor

David also mentioned that we have to align our CARE ministry with God's by:

- Finding ourselves in the perfect will of God
- Starting to walk in the favor of God
- Walking in the anointing of God.

*** Dr. Victor Pagan (Assistant Director of Church of God)
Sharing the Vision for Care and Benevolence Ministry**

Dr. Victor challenges all delegates to think about "What side of the road are you walking on?" based on the parable of Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.

We can see that there are 4 characters in this parable:

- **The victim**
We don't have much information about this victim: his name, marital status, education, or his background. But we do know that he was robbed, alone, needed help and relied on the mercy of other people to be saved.
- **The priest**
This is the prototype of people who know God and are supposed to care much to other people.
Instead he did 2 things: saw the wounded man and passed to the other side of the road.
- **The Levite**
As the descendant of Aaron, he was supposed to be a man who was close to God, and active in religious duties.
He did 2 things to the wounded man: came closer and look to him and went to the other side of the road.

Regardless of what the priest and Levite did, we can conclude that both of them were actually smart people who were able to assess the dangerous situation ahead of them and therefore decided not to be the next victim.

But the danger of doing nothing is even greater than doing something.

- **The good Samaritan**
Represent the type of people who care for others.
God wants us to be a good Samaritan to our neighbors and those in need.
The good Samaritan is a prototype of person who walked in the right side of the world.

Dr. Victor said further that this Samaritan was previously known as a man from Samaria only, but when he decided to help the wounded man, he was later known as a **GOOD SAMARITAN**.

*** Rev. E.J Moodley (Deputy General – Full Gospel Church of God in South Africa)
Lighting the Fire – Releasing Your Passion for the World's Poor**

Rev. E. J Moodley shared that church has a sacred duty. Jesus Christ, our role model, commands all believers to have a compassionate heart to those in need and to show our care to them.

As found in Acts 2:41, Rev. Moodley challenged all delegates to come back to the time when all believers united and cared for each others. During that period, early Christians were willing to sell their possessions and give them to those in need.

Today, Christians are also called to care and sow in the time of famine.

*** Dr. Jacob Nahuway, MA (National Overseer of GBI)
Doing an Even Greater Thing**

Dr. Jacob Nahuway challenged all delegates to do even a greater thing with God and at the same time remember to always lift up the name of Jesus.

When Jesus' name is lifted up, He will bring people, resources and all blessings that we need to help us care for others and do His ministry to us, as stated in Psalm 127:2 'In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat — for He grants sleep to those He loves.'

Dr. Jacob also emphasized that if we want to do great things; the first thing that we have to do is dream big. But all of our dreams must be aligned to one vision: to glorify Jesus (John 17:1,5)

We also need to remember that all great things given by God are just a complimentary or bonus of our primary focus to seek HIM.

*** Dr. Orville Hagan (American Ablaze Ministries Inc)
Building an Administrative Team Committed to Global Care**

Dr. Orville Hagan shared about how to build an administrative team committed to global care.

There are 5 principles that a leader has to follow to build a solid team:

1. Model the way

A leader has to earn to right to lead and get respect from his team because people will only follow a leader's plan after they decide to follow the leader.
One way that a leader can do to model the way is by being a person of prayer. (Mat 6:6)

2. Inspire a sharing vision

A leader must share the vision and ignite the passion of his team.

3. Challenge the process

Leaders are pioneer. They must not be afraid to venture out. Jesus teaches us in Mark 11:22 that a leader must have faith in God because they will face many mountains on their journey to accomplish their mission.

4. Enable other people to act

Leaders can see abilities of others to deliver promise when there is a relationship between leader and his team.

5. Encourage the heart for the team member to climb the top

A leader is an encourager. Just as David strengthened himself in the Lord his God (1 Sam 30:6-8), a leader should strengthen himself in God, especially if his team wants to stone him back. A leader should also find ways to encourage one another.

A BRIEF REPORT SUMMARY – WEDNESDAY, 17MARCH 2010

*** John Gregory (President of Lazarus Foundation) Sharing the Vision of Global World Care**

John Gregory emphasized to delegates, especially Christian businessmen that everything that we receive come from God. Christian businessmen must have a mindset that they have privilege to be involved in God's works by giving to the Kingdom of God what God has given to them.

The church needs to work hand in hand with Christian businessmen to expand the Kingdom of God as businessmen can support the work of God financially.

Of course, it would be better if church engages and involves those who have already had a heart for benevolence and care ministry, rather than approach any businessmen with their church's benevolence program.

In order to engage businessmen to be involved in the works of God, especially in care ministry, and present their vision, pastors must first know the characteristics of businessmen:

1. Most businessmen are hard working and educated
2. They usually work based on a plan
 - o Working plan
 - o Financial plan: budget, profit and loss analysis
3. They are result oriented
4. They are goal oriented

Therefore some of the points that a pastor should know when they want to present the vision of benevolence ministry in their church to Christian businessmen in their community are:

1. As most businessmen are result and detailed oriented, pastors must have a written plan with all the details in hand when they present the vision to businessmen.
 - o Include numbers
 - o Be honest and realistic about the program and the desired outcome / goal
 - o Be ready to answer any question related to benevolence program. If you do not know the answer, admit it and commit yourself to come back with the answer
 - o Be ready to discuss benevolence program from the Word of God's point of view. Prepare some Bible verses to support your vision and program.
 - o Know how to explain the end goal of this program. How do you know if you have finished this project?
2. Make a specific request
 - o The amount of cash needed
 - o Gifts in kind
 - o Consider to have a matching gift, e.g for every USD1,000.00 contributed by the donor, you will try to raise at least USD1,000.00 to match their contribution.
 - o Pray with the businessmen before you leave, regardless of whether they decide to make a contribution or not.
3. Do a follow up
 - o Do a personal follow up, either by phone or subsequent meeting
 - o The best follow up expected by businessmen is a report of project's expenses and return of income
 - o Update the donor with the program's vision – especially if there are changes along the way
 - o Do not forget to say "thank you"

*** Dr. Coleman Peacock**

Multimedia Roles in Care Ministry – How Modern Technology Can Help you Outreach the Poor

According to Mark 16:15-20, all believers are commanded to preach the Gospel to all creation. If we are going to reach out and fulfill this commandment, we have to use every means to do it, including multimedia.

By using multimedia, we can reach and bless more people, and in turn we will be blessed by God. There are many options of multimedia that we can use to reach out: website, newspaper, video recording, etc.

Before a church decides to use multimedia, the pastor needs to consider many things, e.g type of media to be used, layout and design of multimedia used and how they can distribute it.

One of the most important things that we need to have while using multimedia, especially if the church's budget is limited, is creativity. Creativity will bring us far.

Dr. Coleman and his team also reminded that multimedia is mainly used to reach out the businessmen or well-to-do people who are the potential donor for the ministry of care and benevolence. In other words, multimedia is not used directly to minister to the poor.

*** Richard Baker (Executive Director of Lazarus Foundation)**

Global Vision of Lazarus Foundation

In Luke 16:19-31 we read a story about a rich man and Lazarus. The rich man went to hell not because he was a rich man; rather he went to hell because he didn't have benevolence.

Lazarus foundation was founded with a global vision to help the Lazarus in the world in humanitarian ways.

James 1:27 encourages us to become the doers of the Word by doing care ministry to those Lazarus, especially the orphans and widows, because they are in God's heart.

Richard Baker further said that when we find out where the heart of God is and do it, the resources that we need will automatically come to us. God will also bless and enlarge our territory.

*** Rev. Dr. Ir. Niko Njotorahardjo**

(member of Honorary Chairman – Executive Conference Committee)

Dr. Ir. Niko Njotorahardjo shared that Global Conference on Care is not just an event; rather, it is a movement in CARE and benevolence ministry.

In Joel 2:23-27 God promises restoration and abundance for His people. In order to experience this promise, we have to follow and do God's Words. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). We also need to know that the last day's ministry is the ministry to the poor.

Dr. Niko also shared how he was led by God to build Sentul International Convention City, which will become a house of prayer for all nations and a place that will give influence to transformation of Indonesia.