

Focus	Praise / Thanks	Prayer
Mekane Yesus IMS (p.1)	<b>Praise God</b> for those who have come to faith through MYIMS.	<b>Pray</b> they would be able to send the planned workers next year.
Church of N. India (p.2)	<b>Thank God</b> for the thoughtful discussions on discipleship.	<b>Pray</b> that God deepen discipleship in the Church of North India.
Global Leadership Consultation (p.2-3)	<b>Thank God</b> for the gifted leaders who will be taking part.	<b>Pray</b> that God would provide finances and glorify His name.

**Prayer Campaign for the Global Leadership Consultation**  
 We do not want to presume that we can undertake such a key meeting without God's grace and power.  
 Would you consider supporting us in prayer over the period of the Consultation?  
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## 10 Key Trends in Global Mission



**“Clear, provocative and motivating”**  
 Archbishop John Sentamu, Archbishop of York

We hope you have found our guide interesting and helpful. We're enclosing order cards so that you can share the offer with family and friends.  
 We are also offering a **10 Trends presentation for your church** - an engaging talk on mission with fascinating stories by a Faith2Share staff member. If your church would be interested, please contact us at [F2S@faith2share.net](mailto:F2S@faith2share.net)

*“a fascinating ‘helicopter’ view of the key global issues, challenges and opportunities.”*  
 Canon Philip Mounstephen  
 Executive Leader, Church Mission Society

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# Missionet

Focus On Emerging Mission Movements

## Ethiopia blesses the nations

Emerging mission movements are a top priority for Faith2Share and it is a great privilege to participate as God works in new ways around the world. Mekane Yesus IMS (MYIMS) sprang out of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) ten years ago and is developing quickly into a significant mission movement. MYIMS aims to impart a mission vision to every part of their church and to send missionaries to the unreached world. The movement's Director, Wondimu Mathewos (pictured below right), has been a friend of Faith2Share for a number of years. In a recent call, Wondimu told us about the exciting progress this young organisation is making in a number of different countries.



New believers gathered in Northern Kenya



Wondimu Mathewos  
 Director, Mekane Yesus IMS

It is fascinating to see different cultures presenting opportunities for the Gospel. Some groups of the Fulani people believe that their ancestors originated in Ethiopia so when Mekane Yesus IMS sent a family to them, they were adopted as one of their own and the Fulani said they were free to preach anywhere! The family has had to move twice because of instability in the region but God is using them to bring people to faith in Christ and a church has been started.

In Guiana a MYIMS family is working with the local Lutheran Church which is struggling with syncretism and a lack of passion for mission. The family is helping the church to regain a vision for mission and is working with local Muslims and Buddhists. The President of the Lutheran Church in Guiana recently wrote to Wondimu requesting more missionaries.

Another family has been sent to Chad and is currently in the initial stages of language study. However, they have begun to share their faith and have already seen two people come to Christ even before they were supposed to start their work! In Northern Kenya God has used a MYIMS family to bring 76 people to faith.

Let us thank God for what He is doing through this exciting new mission movement. Let us pray for MYIMS as they seek to send yet more people (see back page).



MYIMS family in Northern Kenya

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## Indian Bishops Reject 'Second-Hand Theology'

**"Give new disciples the Bible but let them find their own theology."** This was the advice of one Indian bishop as we discussed together how discipleship can be deeply rooted in the lives of new Christians.



**"Second-hand theology is like second-hand clothes,"** added another participant, "it never fits properly, they smell wrong and they soon wear out. Every tribe, every group of Christians needs its own theology – it is the Bible that unites us."

We were meeting in Delhi at a consultation for Church of North India (CNI) bishops and leaders facilitated by Faith2Share under the title "Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making".

Over the past few years Faith2Share has facilitated a number of *Whole-Life Discipleship* consultations from India to Peru and Ghana to Myanmar. Having learnt a lot through this process we are now in a position to begin a process of multiplication. With the recent publication of a consultation handbook Faith2Share is encouraging churches and mission movements to run their own consultations. The bishops who met in Delhi in July have already committed themselves to a consultation next year for three dioceses in north India and then to rolling out this programme to all CNI dioceses.

**"We have too many church members and too few disciples – members follow their clergy but disciples follow Jesus, only that will change our world."**

## Global Leadership Consultation

Faith2Share is a *relational* network of mission movements. When we bring mission leaders together, 'iron sharpens iron', relationships are built and new collaborations are birthed. Faith2Share's Global Leadership Consultation will take place in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in October and we would like to introduce you to some of our delegates.

**Mar Coorilos** (right), President Bishop of the Mar Thoma Evangelistic Association, in India, will join us in Chiang Mai to represent over a thousand evangelists working within this ancient church. The Mar Thoma Church grew out of the Syrian Orthodox Church, which is believed to have been brought to India by St. Thomas himself. In the mid-nineteenth century a renewal movement grew up within the Syrian Orthodox community, encouraged by CMS missionaries, so that today the Mar Thoma Church is one of the largest mission movements in India and a valued member of Faith2Share. In February each year they hold the famous 'Maraman Convention' when hundreds of thousands gather in a dry river



**(Bishop) Mar Coorilos**  
Mar Thoma Evangelistic Assoc.

## Global Leadership Consultation (ctd.)



**Lucy Ochieng with Zaza Viera, President of PMI**

**Lucy Ochieng** (left) is Head of Operations with CMS Africa . We have known Lucy for a number of years and, after an introduction by Faith2Share, Lucy travelled to Nigeria to run programmes in collaboration with the Church of Nigeria Missionary Society, which focused on equipping women for ministry.

Meetings such as the Global Leadership Consultation are a key ingredient in building the relationships which form the basis for effective collaboration.

This year we are joined for the first time by **David Serunjoji** (right), a priest in the Anglican Church of Uganda. David ministers in the slums which surround a local church, where he reaches out to the community with the love of God. David says, **"I hope that my attendance ... will help me improve the quality of my ministry through acquiring new perspectives, interactions, encouragement and networking."**



**David Serunjoji**  
Church Army Africa

Leadership in God's mission can be lonely work with little time to reflect or benefit from training. Whether members of an ancient church (Mar Thoma), an emerging mission movement (Mekane Yesus), or an indigenous movement reaching the marginalised (Church Army Africa), delegates see our Global Leadership Consultation as a unique opportunity to connect with peers from around the world for encouragement, equipping and collaboration.

You can contribute to the success of the Global Leadership Consultation by supporting these leaders in prayer during the week. Please see back page to sign up for our prayer campaign during the Consultation.

**"It means so much to me that Faith2Share is there to listen, pray, advise and encourage."**

Wondimu Mathewos, Director of Mekane Yesus IMS (p.1) is also booked to attend the Global Leadership Consultation. In a recent call Wondimu expressed his appreciation for the support given to him as the leader of a new mission movement.



**Wondimu Mathewos**  
Director , MYIMS (see p.1)

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