

## Session 2 - Living out Integral Mission in a World of Conflict

On Tuesday (12 Sept) small groups engaged in collaborative dialogue over these three questions:

1. All participants to share what 'struck' them in the presentations by Christopher Marshall (Monday evening) and David Coffey (Tuesday morning).
2. What 'themes' or sense of direction arise from what was shared?
3. What do these themes suggest we, disciples of Jesus, need to do as we live-out integral mission in a world of conflict?

### Summary of the Feedback

**Question:** What do the themes that struck us suggest we, disciples of Jesus, need to do as we live-out integral mission in a world of conflict?

#### "Quotable quotes"

"We are here because of our local communities and



a global consultation is only as useful as we are able to bring back the riches to the local community"

"Strength is in vulnerability because it forces dependence on God"

"My life is my message"

"The church is called to moral honesty, not perfection"

"The task seems overwhelming but Jesus calls us to small steps (the cup of water)"

Themes that struck us and that we want to respond to are:

- Vision by implementing partners should proceed 'provision' by supporting partners
- North-South dialogue needs to be authentic, listening, non dictating and grounded in relationships
- Real forgiveness requires supporting and implementing partners to really respect each other
- We need to stress the importance of the unity of the body of Christ, through humility, service and valuing each other, coming out together in one voice, reducing conflict and impacting society
- Stimulate prophetic pioneering, individuals risking being a prophet and agencies taking the risk to support such prophets – taking risks does pay!
- Recognize that violence is not only physical but includes abuse of power, control over resources, gender domination, discrimination etc
- Affirm protest: it is a Christian responsibility to publicly articulate pain
- Stop the "America bashing" and instead support those who labour to bring about change
- Consider the church in the community not church and community
- Integral mission must be local church-based and empower local churches
- The Micah Network can help to resolve the conflicts between churches and NGOs

- Micah Network needs to empower the local church to be an effective change agent in our communities
- Micah Network should facilitate and strengthen linkages among churches, between churches and NGOs, and between the church and the community
- We need more of Christ in us to give more to others

