

Transform World Silk Road Back to Jerusalem Consultation Report

Introduction

The invitation-only meeting was convened by the Silk Road Transformation Connection Committee of twelve chaired by Joshua Kim from one of the Central Asian countries. In the invitation letter the conveners made the following declaration:

We believe that this is a KAIROS moment for the Silk Road and we agree to partner together for transformation in every city and every country along the Silk Road. We agree to love and respect one another and work in unity as agents of transformation.

We will act by faith to see the Holy Spirit working in our region through transformational prayer, revival, multiplicative church planting, development of the poor, city reaching, the Back to Jerusalem Apostolic Movement (BJM), Market Place Ministry and transformational worship, spreading the Gospel along the Silk Road, through the Arab World and back to Jerusalem

We believe that what God is doing today through the Back to Jerusalem Movement is a key to seeing transformation along the Silk Road and beyond. Therefore, we are planning to come together to learn more about the background of the BJM, what God is doing today and explore how we can be involved in this movement.

A Report

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God is calling His people back to Jerusalem! This was very apparent at the two-day *Silk Road Back to Jerusalem Consultation* where more than 90 pastors and leaders gathered together to learn more about the Back to Jerusalem Movement (BJM), to see what God is doing today along the Silk Road, and to explore how to be involved. Central Asian pastors and leaders were the largest group in attendance, but there were also guests from Hong Kong, China, Philippines, Korea, Jordan, Arabian Peninsula, USA and a handful of expatriate workers who are based in Central Asia.

I. Vision Casting

One of the primary activities of the consultation was that of vision casting, which included three main aspects:

General Missions Vision:

Thomas Wang described the “westward” movement of missions, initially from Jerusalem to Europe, then to the Americas, then to Asia. Now is the time to complete the “westward” movement of missions, conquering the last remaining strongholds resistant to Christianity—Islam,

Hinduism, and Buddhism—found in the remaining gap between Asia and Jerusalem. He also emphasized the great spiritual need of western Europe.

Complementary Visions:

A number of complementary visions to the BJM were also shared, including:

- The Korean “2020 Million Tentmaker Movement”
- The mobilization of university students outside of China to go and reach students on campuses in China. These Chinese student will in turn reach out to the unreached both in China and along the Silk Road
- The need for us as Christians to not neglect our obligation to reach out to Jewish people—from whom we initially received the Gospel

II. Involvement Invitation

The other primary activity of the consultation was the specific invitation for the Consultation participants to be involved in and to cooperate to see the fulfillment of the above visions. Two main types of involvement were emphasized, *reception* and *mobilization*. Both of these are interwoven with the significant need for more prayer and for greater unity in working together.

Reception

With the fact that workers from China and other nations are coming to Central Asia, the group explored what could practically be done to prepare for their coming and properly receive and assist them. Small groups discussed the obstacles and challenges of many coming, as well as the needs and the opportunities. Some of the specific comments and/or recommendations include:

- There is a need for Chinese “forerunners,” initial coordinators/networkers to come to key cities along the Silk Road to specifically prepare the way for the many workers coming after them. It would be advantageous for these “forerunners” to know both English and Chinese.
- There is a need for training centers to be established throughout the region to assist the new workers to better adapt, become established, and be more effective in their outreach.
- Nationals expressed their responsibility to *adopt* these workers in order to assist them and learn from them.

- The whole issue of communication needs to be seriously wrestled with to overcome the tension between maintaining tight security and properly informing those who need to know.

Mobilization

Central Asians were challenged to join the Chinese and the Koreans who are taking seriously the Great Commission call, and to be concretely involved in reaching out to the rest of the Silk Road, back to Jerusalem. Information and stories shared by workers from the Arabian Peninsula and by nationals from Jordan helped the consultation participants better understand potential ministry in those locations. The Central Asian pastors and leaders specifically expressed their need to:

- Vision cast for missions, hold mission conferences, and share the BJM vision
- Intentionally assist in outreach work amongst the minority groups around them
- Recruit, train and send out workers to other countries
- Each seriously disciple individuals around them to be strong, healthy believers who are able to effectively reach out

Conclusion

All participants came away from the Consultation with the clear realization that God is orchestrating something far bigger, far more complex than anyone can comprehend, of which the BJM is a significant component. The BJM is both a current mobilization vision—building upon previous visions such as the “10/40 Window,” “Unreached Peoples,” “A.D.2000,” and a concrete reality that needs to be fostered, prepared for and participated in.

In 2 Chronicles 30, when Hezekiah invited people *back to Jerusalem*, some people “scorned and ridiculed them”(vs. 10). But some “humbled themselves” and joined in on what God was orchestrating(vs. 11). As they did so, they discovered that God’s hand was upon them to give them unity of mind to carry out what He desired, and He greatly blessed them(vs. 12ff). Today there is a fresh call to go *Back to Jerusalem*. Let us all humble ourselves, respond with uncompromising obedience, join God in what He is orchestrating, and bring His blessing all the way *Back to Jerusalem*.