



## Ethne Update #02/2019

And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a  
Witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt 24:14 (KJV)

**Ethne** is a Global Network of Unreached People Group (UPG)-Focused Mission Leaders with the following three purposes:

- CELEBRATING Great Commission Progress among the Least-Reached Peoples.
- ASSESSING Current Opportunities and Resources.
- ACCELERATING *Movements* to Christ Amongst All Peoples.

Ethne was formed in 2001 at the Great Commission Roundtable meeting in Port Dickson, Malaysia. The five global tri-annual “family” gatherings, hosted by the respective regional network/s, have included *Ethne06*, Bali; *Ethne09*, Bogota; *Ethne12*, Seoul; *Ethne15*, Hyderabad and *Ethne18* in Malta.

**A New Phase of UPG Impact:** In spite of 30+ years of UPG-focused efforts, the percentage and population of those with little or no Gospel access has grown from 24% of the world (1.1 billion people) in the mid-80s to 29% of the world (2.3 billion people) today!

Yet, God has also used various global efforts, including UPG-focused prayer initiatives beginning as early as the late 1970s, to launch “Book of Acts-like” movements among many UPGs.

What is the current level of impact? Research to date shows over 700 movements have emerged comprised of over 4.5 million reproducing churches and over 69 million new and reproducing disciples.

*Ethne18* celebrated this miraculous progress. Each plenary had at least one “movement” leader report about a movement from that region which is changing its society from within.

**A New Format for Ethne Gatherings:** *Ethne18* focused on developing plans to raise up teams globally who would be equipped to launch “Book of Acts-like” movements among every UPG and sub-segment (such as least evangelized cities). Ethne as a network has committed to fulfill the 24:14 Commitment (*to engage every unreached people and place with a movement strategy by 2025*) as a part of the 24:14 global community ([www.2414now.net](http://www.2414now.net)). We believe that *Ethne18* became another key launching point to bring new levels of strategic implementation among all UPGs.

**Amazing stories from a few of the 700 plus movements:** Some highlights from movement leaders' plenary reports on how God is multiplying disciples and churches are included here:

*Middle East:* Two sets of movement leaders who once were literal enemies in a war shared of how God had used their several teams to launch thousands of reproducing churches in several countries and among the refugees of ethnic groups they used to hate.



*Africa:* One outstanding testimony of an answer to the prayers of many people over decades was of how a “Book of Acts” movement has emerged among the Fulani peoples—who in turn were helping launch a similar movement among neighbouring unreached Tuareg peoples. The boldness of our brothers and sisters challenged us all. In the face of interrogation, one Fulani sister took all the responsibility and consequences of witnessing about Jesus on herself without involving anyone else. After her time in prison, she moved to another country and began to make multiplying disciples there as well! God spoke that we were to have a wartime-like urgency like our brothers and sisters in West Africa. In spite of great opposition, they demonstrated that focus and selflessness are required to make Jesus known in all people and from all peoples.

*South Asia:* One leader's report told how God showed him that although he had started at least twelve churches, he had made not a single disciple.

God used Matthew 28:16-20 to launch him to become a movement catalyst in a movement where God has birthed over 20,000 churches within six years.

*Ethne18* participants joined together to celebrate and praise God.



*Central Asia:* Two movement leaders began in great transparency by sharing about efforts that failed to make reproducing disciples and churches. Some of these efforts led to persecution and exile. They then shared of how God began to equip them in reproducible processes which have resulted in many reproducing churches and disciples in several areas of Central Asia.

### **Excellent working groups:**

**Prayer:** The prayer team connected many global prayer leaders and field teams face to face – both in a two-day pre-meeting and during the Ethne conference. The prayer team included 40 people onsite and 35 virtual members of the team (including those at the *Finishing the Task* conference) from 15 nationalities working in 21 nations. The team prayed for over 100 hours around the clock during *Ethne18*.

God gave powerful prophetic words and greater insights on how to pray for the UPGs, including:

*“Pay attention and listen; be still and wait. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts and My ways higher than your ways.”* God said to give our plans and schedules to Jesus. He will direct. God called for a wartime urgency and flexibility. What has worked in the past may not be the strategy for this season.

*“Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus, do not let yourself become tied up in the affairs of life, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army”,* 2 Tim 2:3-4. God is preparing His Warrior Bride to be in unity as His global family. God wants to awaken the Sleeping Giant, the church, in order to launch “Book of Acts” movements multiplying across all people groups.

*Ethne18* is a new start for the Ethne prayer team: to receive fresh strategy from God daily, to celebrate; to grow diverse, regional prayer teams; to accelerate with a wartime urgency in personal and corporate listening prayer for the lost.

**CPM Training Hubs: A Discussion of What God is Doing:** This working group worked together on an emerging concept of CPM training hubs that are preparing movement catalysts to reach every unreached people and place. They explored what it will take (e.g. logistics, curriculum, finance, etc.) to establish this global network of cross-organizational training hubs. Over 100 such training hubs already exist globally.



*A Description rather than a Definition of CPM Training Hubs:* The idea has been described in articles in *Missions Frontiers* in Mar / Apr 2016 (*Training Movement Catalysts*, Parks), again in more detail in Sept / Oct 2016 (*Four Stages Left to "No Place Left" in our Generation*, Smith), and finally in November 2018 (*24:14 Goal*, McBride). The team realized that "Hubs" resisted tight *definition* because of a wide variety of approaches.

The team did discover together that what God is doing in hubs can be described as ***catalytic learning environments facilitated and coached by experienced movement mentors who apprentice Kingdom-movement catalysts to reach the local community while preparing to engage the next place of lostness.***

*Who are Hubs For?* CPM Training Hubs focus on equipping movement leaders -- catalysts for the next frontier-- whether near culture or cross cultural.

*Phase 1- Home Culture Hubs:* These hubs are often attached to an existing or emerging CPM and are focused on catalysts learning, experiencing, and implementing CPM in their own language. Ideally every city or regional church / movement would host at least a Phase 1 CPM Training Hub in addition to their leadership training. People coming into CPM Training Hubs are testing a call to pioneer church planting and do so either working in full time vocational ministry, working bi-vocationally, or training while being a marketplace minister. Specifically, they are being trained to become "goers" who will catalyze a new work in a pioneer area.

*Phase 2- Cross-Culture Hubs:* These hubs, attached to an existing or emerging CPM, are focused on catalysts learning, experiencing, and fruitfully implementing movement principles in a cross-cultural environment, led by people experienced in catalyzing CPMs in that region. Trainees learn the nuances of implementation in that culture along with fulfilling a language and cultural acquisition plan.

*Phase 3- UPG Engagement- The Coaching Phase:* Apprentices take the step to becoming independent CPM catalysts in this phase but with the benefit of direct experience and continued coaching by experienced CPM coaches. They are no longer novices from a candidacy program. P2 Hubs often contain coaches who track with practitioners deploying to P3 hubs.

*What are Some Key Values that CPM Training Hubs Carry?*

- Decentralized Multiplication
- Modeled Training instead of classroom training (obedience-based vs. knowledge based)
- Near or Same Culture Catalysts are Best, while far-culture catalysts are still needed
- Overcoming Lostness, not Mobilization, is our target
- Ruthless Evaluation: Fruitfulness, not activity, is essential
- Training in community
- Development of character as well as strategy
- Abiding Rest -- CPM Training Hubs emphasize abiding as the source of fruit bearing

- perseverance as a pre-requisite to deployment
- Lifetime Learning
- Simple, Biblical, Reproducible Training Process

*Formation of a Hub Network:* Ideally, regional hub networks may be most effective. Hub Facilitators in each 24:14 Regional Facilitation Team could ideally connect as a global CPM Hub Taskforce.

*A Lattice of Cooperation:* The working group committed to create the simplest framework possible– a “lattice of cooperation” -- for coordination and cooperation.



**24:14 Regional Facilitation Teams:** Out of *Ethne18*, many seasoned movement leaders committed to the 24:14 vision and are connecting with the coalition to help advance the vision of total movement engagement by 2025. The 24:14 Teams workgroup focused on establishing the functions that 24:14 regional teams will need to have. The following regional and affinity teams began to form:



- **Sub-Saharan Africa** – The Sub-Saharan Africa team, which had formed prior to this meeting, was able to spend important time strategizing and honing processes for their region.
  - **Southeast Asia** – A collection of leaders representing Southeast Asia began planning a 24:14 gathering to form a 24:14 team in the region. While there was an initial 24:14 meeting last year, this group plans to invite a wider group to this follow-up meeting.
  - **Eurasia** – Leaders from the Russian speaking world (Central Asia & Russia) plan to discuss with their leadership the formation of a Eurasia facilitation team.
- **Sports to Movement** – Leaders of a movement network specializing in the sports affinity plan to discuss with their leadership linking with 24:14 to form a Sports to Movement team that focuses on sports individuals globally.
- **Media to Movement** – Leaders of a movement that leverages social media effectively plan to link with 24:14 to form a Media to Movement team that can share expertise on effectively leveraging media for movements.

**Agency Facilitation Team** – A collection of agency leaders met to discuss how 24:14 can better serve



and communicate with agencies to ensure effective collaboration.