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DJ - Hit the Music

"Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life; it is life itself."

As hands went up in the air, and hips moved in rhythm, hearts that once had distrust and uncertainty towards one another melted together in love.

The national and regional differences were forgotten as the beats combined with the cheers of the youth from the South Asian nations, moving in unison.

Art has never known boundaries and it could not be truer for the Cultural nights at SACYN's Third Conference, where music, song,

dance came together to unite youth who are One in Christ but have been separated by flimsy boundaries set up by man.

Over the course of the Cultural Nights, every country presented facets of their culture but what was heartening was that the mutual admiration and appreciation that the youths displayed for each other's efforts, best manifested in the manner in which each dancing session turned into an opportunity for them to not just cheer but also join in.

With complete abandon, the young and old danced be it Bollywood, Scottish style, Salsa, Bhangra, Tapankutha, or the good ole' free style, as those with two left feet suddenly found their bodies moving in

Years of troubles and misunderstandings, washed away in the euphoria generated by DANCE.

Once again, lets Dance... DJ.. HIT THE MUSIC!!!



FROM THE WORKSHOP

James Pender

I really enjoyed the workshop I led today (What Christian can do about Climate Change), not only as over 20 people attended but also as they were all so enthusiastic, fully involving themselves in the discussions. Members of the group from a variety of countries quickly realised that as well as sharing a common faith they also shared the impacts of climate change. Those present had a good understanding of how climate change is already affecting their countries from glacial melt, to flash floods, to high temperatures and cycles.

What was new to most group members was that the Bible had something to say on the issue. From examples of responses to climate change by Biblical characters like Noah and Joseph to how God will look after us during environmental disasters.

After reading some Biblical verse and discussing them, the group was clear that climate change and environmental destruction was due to disobedience to God. The youth believed that although industrialisation was ON, it could not be at the expense of creation!

I closed by strongly urging the young people present to raise their voices in advocacy and protest to call for action on climate change at home and abroad as South Asia's future depends on it!!

FOUNDATION FOR THE BRIDGE

Milan Sharma, Nepal

"But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand." – Matthew 7:26

There were two kinds of people in the days of Jesus. Some heard the words that Jesus spoke and were awed by His wisdom and understanding, but did nothing about what they heard. Others heard those words and acted on them. Jesus said that those who heard the words but failed to put them into practice were foolish and likened them to building a house on sand. How foolish, indeed, it would be to build a house on sand.

The person who followed what Jesus taught was a person who would be sure to weather life's storms.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

You never know how well your house is built until it is tested by the elements. Torrential rains reveal the quality of your roof. Wind and cold reveal how well your home is insulated. Heat and sun reveal the quality of your paint and siding. All these elements reveal whether a solid foundation has been laid

Poem

Crossing The Bridge

I cross the bridge and leave behind
The world so well I know,
A place without surprises,
Quite ordinary and dull.

Across the bridge, what lies there.
If only that I knew.
A land of possibilities,
Where all my dreams come true?

Every bridge I cross in life
Will take me to new ground.
Old things will be left behind,
But new things will be found.

to make your home a secure and lasting place to live.

Many of us find that we have given only lip service to God's command. We are faced with the reality that our foundations are not strong enough to weather life's storms. How do we react when the trials come? Do we fret and worry? Do we take life into our hands? Do we respond inappropriately when we don't get what we want? The Lord uses these times to help us recognize whether our foundations are sand or rock. Ask the Lord today if you have built on His rock. If so you can be comforted to know that you can weather any storms that may come your way.

Catch up on the Lingo

Thank You In Various languages

Dhanyabad (Nepali)

Dhanyawad (Hindi)

Nanni (Malayalam)

Shukriya (Urdu)

Dhonnobad (Bangla)

Bohomi Stuti (Sinhala)

Nanri (Tamil)

(As we go away, don't forget to say a personal thank you to our Nepali hosts and organisers, who made this event possible)

Heard on the Street

There is no sound coming from the back. We need more sound from the back!!

(Pradip during Cultural Night, trying to get the crowd to make some noise.)

I am loosing it. I need to find Dr. Carol!!

(A patient in search of the 'world famous' Dr. Carol)



NATURE

REGAN MANDAL, Bangladesh
If you want to get Peace,
Then go near the Nature.
If you want to get Food,
Then go to the Field.
If want to get Fruit,
Then go close to the Tree.
If you want to listen to the Song,
Then go near the River.
If you want to take Rest,
Then go under the Tree.
If you want to breathe in Oxygen,
Then the Tree will help you.
So life means Nature,
Take care of it and love it.



Glimpses of the Third Day



Adieu from the Bridge...

We tried so hard, and got so far.. in the end, we hope it will matter.

Years down the line, when you look back at the fellowship, we all shared at the SACYN conference in Pokhara, Nepal, we hope you will pull out those dusty little files from the basement and read the yellowing pages of the Daily Bridge.

The Daily Bridge, has proved to be a true test of the grit and determination of the media team, as they battled faulty printers, defunct photo-copiers, delayed submissions, missing writers, along with working on a computer that has a mind of its own.

Murphy's Law — "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong" – has never been scientifically proved with so many examples.

But, no matter what the challenges Jesus once again showed that miracles are possible when we finally managed to print our first newsletter. HALLELUJAH!!!!

The "Daily" in the Title of the newsletter has proved difficult to live up to, but we tried to give you a glimpse of things that happened during the day or experiences shared by others in workshops.

Any complaints on the quality of our work, can be kept with you but if you want to praise us and send us flowers, go right ahead. Chocolates and money are not solicited but are welcome!!

Jokes apart, it has been a truly wonderful experience toiling away trying to bring out the newsletter, which brought a smile to the face of many. The dark circles under our eyes and the busted back seems worth it when you scramble to grab your copy of the newsletter and complain if you don't get one.

Your smiles made it all worthwhile.

Read away... Till next time...

Lots of love,

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