

## Community Transformation

Transformation by its very definition is “to be altered beyond recognition”. Therefore in the context of community transformation, it means for whole communities being transformed by the Power of God, so that they no longer look the same as they did in the past. In other words; when communities where darkness, idolatry, witchcraft, poverty, violence and superstition are deeply rooted, are confronted by the Presence of God, they change so dramatically that they can hardly be recognised. We are no longer just looking for change in individuals or just households but whole communities, people groups and nations.

Jesus often talked about the Kingdom of God in His parables. He likened it to yeast which a woman mixes into a large amount of dough and it works through the whole dough to make it rise. The Kingdom of God when it comes in power to a community, can be felt, seen, tasted and heard and touches the political, social, economic and spiritual life of a community. When a community becomes totally God conscience and come to Him in repentance and reconciles its past differences, this kind of transformation begins to take place.

We must begin to see our communities as God sees them; not only their problems, strongholds and sins, but also their redemptive qualities. Several questions need to be answered. Is The Father pleased with my community? If not, why? What must we do in our community in order for the Father to be pleased? The greatest issue in this case is always our sins and the sins of our forefathers which offend the Father and keep His Presence far away.

The chief and most important element in the universe and also in experiencing transformation, is the Presence of God. Therefore, we must cultivate the things that attract His Presence; like humility, faith, holiness, united prayer and worship. Beyond this we must develop a hunger for His presence. It is only the Presence of God that can fix the problems, heal the hurts, cleanse the sins, bring the unity and transform our communities. In other words it is not about us at all; rather it is about our Father having His way and doing what He always wanted to do in us and our nation.

There are growing number of communities in Papua New Guinea that are in various stages of Transformation. Most of these places have had to go down to the very bottom spiritually, economically and socially before they began to call upon God who is answering their prayers of repentance

and humility. In all of these places there is the mark of an overwhelming hunger for God Himself.

### **This transformation takes place on two levels.**

The first is the spiritual transformation that takes place when the people in a given community deal with their sins and iniquities and reconcile with their former enemies. A cleansing takes place and the fear of the Lord begins to come upon the people. Because nothing can remain hidden any more, they voluntarily surrender objects that are offensive to Him. A spiritual awakening takes place and in many places, revival breaks out.

The second level at which transformation is experienced is in the physical realm where the Father heals the land. At this level, produce that either was unable to grow, now grows in abundance or the produce that grew was undersized, but now grows to such enormous size. This aspect of transformation is not confined to agriculture but also minerals and petroleum are being released from the earth.

There is the community who was so full of darkness and violence, that it was once the gun factory of the Western Highlands. It is now a place of peace and great economic and agricultural abundance.

There is the Telefomin area where witchcraft and sorcery is well known around the nation. Through the process of repentance and reconciliation, the Father has begun to heal the land. Crops now grow where none grew before as well as mineral and petroleum resources have come to the surface.

There are many other communities in Sandaun and East Sepik where God has heard the cries of His People and as a result of their repentance and reconciliation, His Presence has brought about miraculous dramatic changes. We are now seeing the Holy Spirit moving in these places as He did in the book of Acts in the New Testament.

The question remains “Can this happen on a larger scale, to a whole region or even a whole nation?” We believe that it not only can happen, but that it is a part of God’s purposes for our provinces and Papua New Guinea as a whole

Transformation doesn’t come easy and there is always stiff opposition to any work of God. But to those who are willing to pay the price and persevere, both the Presence of the Lord and the transformation of their societies are more than enough reward.

# The National Community Transformation Network (NCTN)



*“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14*

*The National Community Transformation Network*  
*...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.*  
*Luke 1:17b*



The National Community Transformation Network (NCTN) was started in 2006 by those who were involved in the prayer movement at its beginning in the early 90's. God was adding the new focus of transformation to the prayer movement but it had no agency to carry it. NCTN was given birth to by those with more than fifteen years of experience in discovering by the Holy Spirit and learning from the worldwide prayer movement these truths that have helped to set communities free. It is a interdenominational organisation, and not only do it's workers come from various denominations, but seeks to work together with any in the Body of Christ

"Operation Joshua" and the Joshua Institute are initiatives coordinated by NCTN. NCTN exists to mobilise, equip and advise God's people in all aspects of Transformation. It deals firstly with the spiritual aspects of leading people in intercession, repentance, reconciliation and cleansing of the land. This has proved to have far reaching effects with the hand of God reaching out and touching the land to bring healing. As a result, transformation begins to touch the social order of a community, the political sector as well as it's economy. NCTN seeks to help people in all of these areas.

The process of Transformation is not so difficult to understand or to follow, because God's word is quite clear on what is required on our part before He will act (2Chronicles 7:14). However, how God's deals with each community to carry out that process is both unique and tailor made to fit the specific community.

We believe first of all that united prayer and intercession is the back bone of the transformation process. Repentance is the point at which sins; both personal and corporate are dealt with. Often there is a need for Spiritual Mapping (historical research into the spiritual roots of the community) to bring a clear understanding of the roots of those sins. This also exposes places of wounding within a community and the need for reconciliation. In the process of repentance, people remove and destroy the idolatrous objects and articles used in witchcraft and break the covenants that their ancestors made with the powers of darkness.

*The National Network of Intercessors*

One of the main focus of NCTN is maintaining a network of Intercessors around the country.



This is not only for the purpose of raising prayer cover over the nation and communicating issues that need urgent prayer, but also for the purpose of training in intercession and holding prayer gatherings. We have been involved in holding prayer seminars for churches, communities and even towns. The network of intercessors is being reconnected after being dispersed for a time.

### **"OPERATION JOSHUA"**

*Joshua 1:3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.*



The Father gave the strategy for the equipping and mobilising of 50,000 young people to walk the land in 2000. But the training didn't really begin until March 2001 in Raluana East New Britain. Since then, there has been a Joshua Basic Training in most of the provinces around the country.

### **The Strategy**

The strategy for "Operation Joshua" comes out of the book of Joshua where God helped the people to inherit the land promised to Abraham, which was occupied by foreign gods, giants and the people of Canaan. God's promise to them was that He would give them every place where the sole of their feet touched down.

When Israel crossed over the Jordan river they camped and went through the process of reestablishing their identity by taking on the mark of the covenant that God made with Abraham. This was done through circumcision and was necessary before the people could take their inheritance. This can be related to repentance and cleansing from sins and iniquities. Likewise, before we can be entrusted with the inheritance the Father has given us, we need to go through the process of repentance from anything that is offensive to Him.

In ancient times war was not just to show which army was superior in number and in skill, but it was known to be a contest between the gods of those warring armies. So, starting with the crossing of the Jordan, to the battles that drove out the inhabitants of Canaan, the Most High showed Himself to be unequalled in power, wisdom, and in the battle itself. In the same way, today as young and old alike confront the powers of darkness in their community with the power of the Most High, those who have kept the people in bondage for generations are being forced to give up their claim on communities and whole territories.

The book of Joshua is one of the most amazing accounts of the miraculous deeds that the Most High did on behalf of His people. The miracle that occurred in the crossing of the Jordan was similar

to the miracle that the previous generation experienced at the Red Sea. There are many accounts where the Most High showed His power in battle, such as at Jericho, defeating the enemy with hail stones, wasps or confusion. But perhaps one of the greatest miracles that took place was when the earth stood still for one day at the command of Joshua. The restoration of the land with whole families and communities passing from darkness to light is no less miraculous.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable things about the book of Joshua is that in one generation, Caanan went from the land with a multitude of gods to the land of the only one true God. We believe that once again, just as in the days of Joshua, a nation that is overrun with false gods will make a switch in allegiance to the Most High in one generation.

### **The Training**

There are three levels of training in Operation Joshua. The first is basic training which is a one week training and helps people deal with individual bondages they might be under as well as equipping them in intercession and spiritual warfare. The second level is advanced training which equips people to deal with a communities bondages and introduces them to "Spiritual Mapping" (historical research into the spiritual roots of the community to discover the enemy's strongholds as well as redemptive purposes). The third level is the "Joshua Institute", which is a two month in depth training in the principles of transformation and equips students to teach both basic and advanced trainings to others.

### **NCTN has need of following personnel -**

- Media Director** - in charge of publications, both print and non print, write articles for publications.
- Videographer** - for producing professional quality video.
- Journalist/Desktop Publisher** - Write video scripts, do interviews and write articles for publications.
- Book Keeper** - keep the financial books of the day to day operations.
- Maintenance man** - carry out maintenance on NCTN property.

If you are praying about being a part of NCTN by filling any of these positions, please contact our administrator at the following address

If you would like a team to come help equip your community to start the process of transformation, please also write to the following address.

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