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"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

Dear Friend

We had an excellent conference in Johannesburg, South Africa last month with over 750 staff from more than 80 nations at YFC's International General Assembly (GA). This conference is held every three years in different locations across the world. It was Africa's turn to host it and they made it very special. GA was a great opportunity for us to spend time with many of our national leaders in one place. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing successes, sharing challenges, learning together, and caring for each other.

This year, we had over 75 participants from our Asia Pacific Area which included about 35 younger leaders from Asia and the Pacific who have begun a 2-year Development & Empowerment Process. This conference was part of the equipping and empowerment efforts to train and release younger, indigenous leaders in their local nations. One of the fun events was bringing the 350+ young leaders to the front on the last night and "handing them the keys to YFC." Each young leader received a YFC keychain and commitment from the more senior leaders to focus more on mentoring them, coaching them, and empowering them to lead our YFC movement forward. Scott took the photo to the right with his camera phone from the stage when he was part of the ceremony. More pictures can be found at:

<http://gallery.me.com/scougill/100244>

Eight leaders from Central Asia also attended GA. This was quite exciting for us! One reason is because at the last GA (3 years ago in Colorado), only one of these leaders was with YFC and we did not even have work in two of the countries. God has certainly blessed the work going on in Central Asia. Many of you received a special letter from us in August explaining a Special Request to help us equip and expand their work in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. More info about this is at: <http://www.yfcasiapacific.org/silkroad>.

Cat had excellent opportunities to spend time with a number of the female staff and spouses. She especially had a great time getting to know one of the young leaders from YFC Lebanon whose father we met in 2001 when our family went on a short-term mission trip to Beirut (pictured on the far right). In addition, she was able to spend time with younger married staff to listen and encourage them. You can watch a GA video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P3SHU8V9Pgo>

Thank you again for your interest and partnership with our family and the work of YFC in Asia and the Pacific!

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