



## Strategy Meets Passion

A new wind of the Spirit is blowing around the world, called the **4/14 Movement**. It's a passionate desire to reach children for Jesus and see them lifted from all forms of poverty. The movement recognizes children's need for empowerment in the context of their families and their communities and aims to be a force for transformation of all three.

The 4/14 movement is named for the strategic opportunity in a child's life between the ages of 4 and 14.

Research shows that 80% of people who come to faith in Christ do so between these ages. Reaching, blessing, discipling, and mobilizing children and teens during these years will set their lives on an upward trajectory in every way and equip them to be change agents for the Kingdom of God.

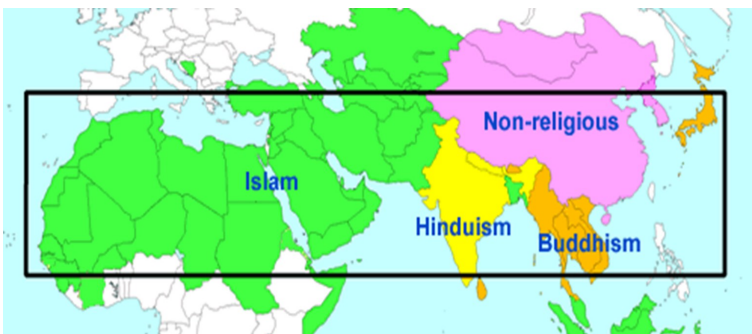
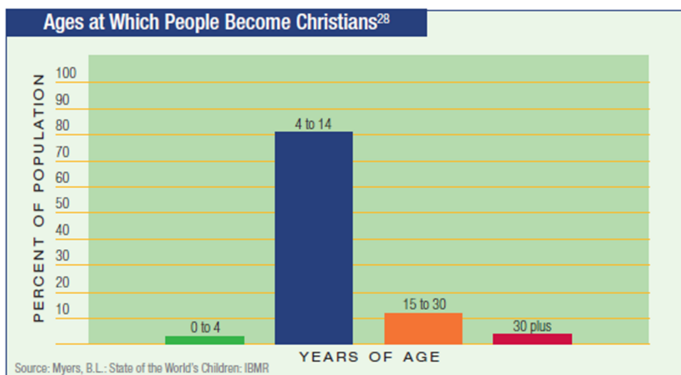
The movement sets its sights on the intersection of this window of opportunity with what is called the 10/40 Window (below, right), the area of North Africa, Asia, and

*You have established a stronghold  
from the mouths of children...  
to silence the enemy  
and the avenger.*  
— Psalm 8:2 (HCSB)



the Middle East between 10 degrees and 40 degrees North in latitude, home to the majority of the world's people groups without access to the gospel. The vast majority of the world's orphans and vulnerable children live in this window, where populations tend to be much younger than in the US.

Last year, some African ICCM leaders attended a 4/14 Window Congress in Kenya; last month, six ICCM leaders from Southeast Asia attended the 4/14 Congress in Indonesia. Read their inspired responses on Page 2.





Can you imagine living in a country with only a tiny minority of Christians and then getting to attend a meeting of 700 young adult Christian leaders? You can hear the amazement and gratitude in these notes of thanks from ICCM leaders in Myanmar, Cambodia, and a Creative Access country. ICCM staff from the Philippines including Southeast Asia Regional Coordinator Belle Villanueva-Requiroso were also inspired at the event. In their own words:

Even now, my heart's still filled with thanksgiving for the blessing God has given me through ICCM. It was truly not only a life changing experience for me but also an unforgettable one. Hearing

from all the mentors, the teachings and testimonies they've had in their ministry with children and young people has greatly changed my view on the great significance of children and youth in the building of the Kingdom of God.

I was so infilled by so many revelations from God, new perspectives and insights in what God is doing to His Body, the church. To be able to see the Kingdom agenda through compassionate and sincere discipleship in child development, this is truly a breakthrough in my mind-set. —Harvey, *The Philippines*



I listened to many wonderful preachers. It was so encouraging and powerful. They talked a lot about the role and importance of teenagers in a church, which was the one that I found most helpful to me. In the past, I actually did not appreciate much about the role of teenagers. I thought that they were not so important to contribute to a church. But after this congress, it changed my mind. I realized that children and teenagers are the most important and the future of a church. —Hoa, *Creative Access Country V*

As followers of Christ, the best gift that we could give to children is to support and help them in their journey of becoming like Christ. And the best way to help them in this journey is by encouraging, equipping and releasing them to help their younger peers and siblings in the same journey. They will grow as they help others to grow. —Daniel, *The Philippines*

I will teach and share in my church what I learned from 4/14 Movement Congress. I believe that this is the blessing of God to know the necessity of youth in church. —Vung Vung, *Myanmar*

A most important for me to learn is, if we cannot do big thing just start small thing with child who hopeless and careless from their family. Start to do now, do not wait for the future. When I return home I will start to do what I can with children who are hopeless and careless from their parent and bring them to Jesus. —Philip, *Cambodia*

