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Why Discover Hidden Treasures? by Tom McClenahan, Director of the Vine Institute

In Mt 13:44, our Lord Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field..." Wouldn't you like to find a hidden treasure and discover it was part of the kingdom of heaven?! Now you can. May 23 at the *Discover Hidden Treasures* summit, you can discover what God has been hiding in plain sight in the major metropolitan areas of the Intermountain West in recent years. For example, in 1981 there were two Spanish-speaking evangelico churches in the Salt Lake valley. Now there are at least 300!

And it is not just Latinos coming to Utah. Shortly after the war in Vietnam ended, thousands of refugees from SE Asia began arriving and since then more than 60,000 refugees from 49 countries have become residents of Utah. According to

2013 UN statistics, while the US was by far #1 among countries of the world in total annually resettled refugees, if Utah were a nation, it would be right between #6 Norway and #7 Netherlands!

But this movement of people is not just some government conspiracy. Migration is as old as human history...and it is God's idea! In the beginning God required migration. In Gen 1:28, "God blessed them and said, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth...'" (emphasis added) So, as Paul says in Acts 17:26, it is God who is bringing the nations to Utah!

And by this people movement, God is transforming His church in Utah. Each Sunday more people worship Jesus in Utah in a language other than English. So God invites

us to *Discover Hidden Treasures*, to taste and see what He has done and is doing as He brings the world to our neighborhoods. You will discover that God's ways are greater than we can imagine from only our own experience. Like Peter who, until God introduced him to Cornelius, thought the only way God wanted His people to live for him was to eat Kosher. But in Cornelius's home, Peter discovered that God made bacon and it was good!

Discover Hidden Treasures summit will be better than bacon!! 

Tom will speak at the summit on Global People Movements to the Intermountain West.

Register for the summit by April 29 for early bird special at www.vine-institute.com.

A Catalytic Coalition Comes to Utah

by Chandler Im, Director of Ethnic America Network

Ethnic America Network (EAN) is a catalytic coalition of 85-plus Evangelical denominations, mission agencies, Christian colleges and seminaries, and churches. EAN's vision is to see a multiplication of ministries and churches actively pursuing cross-cultural advancement of the gospel and intercultural unity in the Body of Christ across the USA and Canada.

Since 2001, EAN has convened annual *Ethnic Ministries Summits* and regional conferences to empower, encourage, and equip Christians to reach out with the message of love of Jesus Christ to their ethnic and immigrant neighbors in their cities and communities.

Major outcomes of EAN's ministries over the last 10 years include:

2005: The *Urban Cross-Cultural Consortium* in Minneapolis, the only 1-year Christian college residential urban studies program in the USA.

2008: *Ministering in a Multi-Cultural World*, a 10-session course for local churches.

2010: Assisted in launching the *Global Diaspora Network* at the 3rd *Lausanne Congress* in Cape Town, South Africa

2012: Training for Spanish-language leaders in the Chicago area and Indiana.

2013: Developed and published a position paper on intercultural unity.

2014: Passport to Friendship, a 6-session course on learning how to make friends from a different culture.

2014: Developed and published a position paper on immigrants.

2014: Conducted the *Diaspora/Ethnic Ministries Track* for the North America Mission Leaders (Missio Nexus) Conference in Atlanta.



(Peter Asiamah and Chandler Im)

Chandler H. Im (Ph.D., Fuller Seminary) was born in South Korea. His family immigrated to the USA when he was a teenager.

*"The new immigrants are not de-Christianizing American society but they are de-Europeanizing American Christianity" **

*R. Stephen Warner, "Coming to America: Immigrants and the Faith They Bring," *Christian Century* 121 (Feb. 10, 2004), 20-23.

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Ministry Secret Discovered

by Dr. T.V. Thomas, Chair, Ethnic America Network

Gary was a youth pastor of a medium-sized American church in a small city in New Jersey. In the last three decades this traditionally white community was gradually attracting residents of varying ethnicities. Gary, who also served as a volleyball coach at the local high school, began to notice the ethnic diversity change in the student population. He realized that neither his congregation nor his youth group reflected the demographic changes of the community. Gary began to wonder, what is the ministry secret to at least making his youth group more inclusive of other ethnicities?

The discovery of that ministry secret took place at the three-day *Ethnic Ministries Summit 2004* in Philadelphia. Gary attended a workshop that specifically related to the ministry challenge back

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in his community. When Gary entered that workshop room there were some 25 others who were eager to learn how to reach youth of other cultures and ethnicities. He realized that he was not alone in not knowing how to do that ministry and help was readily available. The workshop leader was informative, inspiring and instructive. Gary now knew the secret of how to reach young immigrants and how to love them to Jesus. In the following three years, Gary saw his youth group expand to 85 with non-white teenagers representing nearly 40 percent.

TV Thomas was born and raised in cosmopolitan Malaysia of South Asian heritage but has lived in India, the United States and Canada.

TV will speak at the summit on Diasporas and God's Mission.

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Discover Hidden Treasures
 Saturday, May 23, 2015
 One-day summit
 615 E Segoe Lily Dr [9800 S] Sandy, UT
 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Summit seminars offered:

- Transition into the Next Generation Leadership
- Understanding our Latter-day Saints Neighbors
- Developing Genuine Relationships
- Biblical Perspective on Immigrants
- Multicultural Worship
- A Time for Risking: Stories and Skills for Women
- Models, Challenges & Opportunities for Multicultural Churches



THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, May 24, 2015

Local worship gone global

Pray with one Voice

615 E Segoe Lily Drive [9800 S], Sandy, UT
 [The Fellowship Church]

6:00 pm Prayer, Praise & Fellowship -- **Open to all**