

# ASIA PACIFIC FORUM

Aotearoa New Zealand - Australia - Bahrain - Cambodia - China - Guam - Hawaii  
India - Indonesia - Iran - Japan - Kuwait - Malaysia - Maldives - Nepal - NERF - Pakistan  
Philippines - Saudi Arabia - Singapore - South Korea - Thailand - Viet Nam

A Network of  Communities

We are a forum of 23 communities in Asia extending from Hawaii and New Zealand in the Pacific Ocean to the Middle East. We meet once a year and communities are funded to our annual meeting if they cannot afford it. Some smaller communities are actually starting to be more financially responsible, as every year it is a fiscal struggle to bring us all together.....Some of the more established regions such as Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii consistently donate money and fundraise to help the cause .....We usually meet somewhere affordable in Southeast Asia. Some of the most recent APFs were held in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Nepal. We will meet in Kolkata next February..... Only seven of our communities are seated at the WSC so the forum is an important tool link for new and struggling countries to use to request support.

This year we had our first official fellowship development trip to the Maldives, off the coast of southern India. It was very successful, and much was learned about how to coordinate and FD trip, the financial implications, and how best to address the needs of the local fellowship. Next we hopefully will be going to Bhutan. Volunteers from neighboring regions coordinate with the local community and APF Admin. At the last 3 APF's, we have been focusing on Strategic Planning for our forum and at APF 2009, the delegates passed a motion during the new business session for APF Admin to begin to formulate FD guidelines. We are very new at this and look to the EDM for their experience, ideas, and valuable information

With Iran's incredible growth (they recently held a GSR assembly in one area with 700 GSRs!), China's potential for NA to explode someday, and the rest of our growing and struggling communities, the Asia Pacific Forum is unique in its potential for growth of NA in the future.

There are different needs for different communities, but the similarities as in NA as a whole, bring us together as a family. Different customs, languages, cultural idiosyncrasies, and religious persuasions gather at the table to further our primary purpose. It is always a learning experience and much love is generated at the APF similar to what happens at the EDM.

Please go to our website <http://www.apfna.org> for more information, our minutes, meeting lists, contact info, newsletters and our Statement of Purpose,

In Service,

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