MISSION STRATEGY III: WORLD DEMOGRAPHICS

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In what ways should the 'shift of gravity' of the Church impact the thinking of traditional mission agencies?
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The shift in the "centre of gravity" of the Church from the West to the South and East is well documented.

- The workforce for world missionÂ is increasingly being drawn from churches of the South and East, not from the traditional churches of the North and West.
- The leadership of the mission movement is being increasingly drawn from the growing world Church. This emerging leadership does not always share the presuppositions and concerns of historic Western leadership.
- Western assumptions that history, supposed "theological sophistication" and finance allow us to "call the shots" in world mission are being challenged and refuted.
- Little thought has been given to the role of traditional mission agenciesÂ in a changing world. (By contrast, a lot of effort has been given to thinking through the role of the newer emerging movements.)

This is the third in a series of three posts; read numbers one and two.