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## The People on the Move

There have been many diasporas (i.e. scattering of nations) over the centuries. However, the 20th and 21st centuries have been marked by unprecedented movements of people, primarily because of war, natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, tsunamis, drought, hurricanes, etc.), as well as the breaking-up of states (e.g. the former Yugoslavia, former USSR), demographic changes in aging nations (i.e. declining populations in developed countries forces them to accept more immigrants and workers from the developing countries that are undergoing population increase); urbanization, development, and economic disparities between developing and developed countries coupled with an increasingly mobile labor force. In recent years, there has also been an alarming rise in human trafficking and smuggling operated by international syndicates.



The scattering of nations is a complex issue that is increasingly changing societies, cultures, and world demography. In 2005, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), an inter-governmental organization committed "to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all", reported that there were approximately 192 million

international migrants. The Filipino nation in particular is widely scattered. There are now an estimated 11 million Filipinos living and working outside their homeland.

Today, mass migration and Philippine migration is being "watched" not only by government policy makers and social scientists but also by missiologists; so much so that The Lausanne Movement (otherwise called the Lausanne Congress for World Evangelization (LCWE)) included a track (for the first time) on the DIASPORA PEOPLES at the Forum 2004 in Pattaya, Thailand among the many issues in global missions to be tackled. In 2006, The Lausanne Movement endorsed the FIN-initiated and coordinated Global Diaspora Missiology Consultation held at Taylor University College and Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta. FIN and The Lausanne Movement are working together to mobilize Jesus Christ's disciples who are dispersed to actively participate in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.



THE LAUSANNE  
MOVEMENT



"Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You're going to take over whole nations; you're going to resettle abandoned cities. Don't be afraid—you're not going to be embarrassed. Don't hold back—you're not going to come up short."

Isaiah 54:2-4

The FIN network is expanding. In this issue we introduce FIN's partnership with The Lausanne Movement and with Euronet. We also include a prayer item for Filipino-Canadian diaspora short-term workers. Let us uphold in prayers the leadership of FIN, Lausanne, and Euronet, as well as short-term workers as they work together to advance the Kingdom.

# Euronet Missions Conference

Since 1994, Filipino oriented ministers operating in different parts of Europe have been gathering every year for a "European Filipino Christian Workers Networking Conference" (EFCWNC) in various key cities all over Europe. It is an interdenominational networking whose purpose is to promote unity, fellowship and encouragement; to help equip the churches in Europe for the work of the ministry; to promote prayer and intercession; to be a prophetic voice for the Filipinos in Europe; and to work together for the evangelization and harvest of souls.

Euronet will be holding its 2nd EURONET Missions Conference in Brussels, Belgium from October 29 to November 2, 2007. Several missions leaders including Mr. Robert Ferdinand Lopez, National Director of Philippine Missions Association, and Dr. Sadiri 'Joy' Tira of FIN have been invited as guest speakers. The theme of the conference is "Give us the Nations." Pray for God's visitation and moving. Pray for the leadership team -- Rev. Ricardo Bolus Jr. (UK), Rev. Antonio Ibarra (Germany), Rev. Francis Santos (Italy), and the hosting congregation in Brussels. May the Filipino-Europeans rise to the challenge of reaching Europe and beyond for Christ. For further information, visit [www.euronettrust.com](http://www.euronettrust.com).



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## Diaspora Missions In Action



Three Filipino-Canadian women will participate in short term missions in Belize with Campus Crusade for Christ. This team will show the Jesus Film and conduct community outreaches in this small country of Central America. Pray for Moneta Mondejar, Joy Quison, and Grace Nicholas, representing

First Filipino Alliance Church (Edmonton), as they prepare for their ministry in Belize in November.

## Quick Facts about Filipino Diaspora

The top 10 country-destinations of land-based Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in 2006 were: (1) Saudi Arabia, (2) United Arab Emirates, (3) Hong Kong, (4) Kuwait, (5) Qatar, (6) Taiwan, (7) Singapore, (8) Italy, (9) United Kingdom, and (10) South Korea. –Source: Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

## Introducing the Lausanne Movement

The Lausanne Movement seeks to stimulate the involvement of churches, denominations, ministries, networks and individuals in world evangelization. They serve the body of Christ by:

- Uniting God's church worldwide.
- Identifying the biggest barriers to knowing and following Jesus Christ and developing strategies to overcome them.
- Energizing the church to accelerate the task of making disciples of all nations.

The Lausanne Movement is volunteer-led, embraces all evangelicals who agree with the Lausanne Covenant, and are committed to impacting current and new generations with the Good News. For more information about the movement, please visit their website: <http://www.lausanne.org/>



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