



## 2015 Educateurs sans Frontières Assembly – SUMMARY

**Date: 3 August 2015**

**Topic: Opening Ceremony**

The Fourth EsF Assembly began formal proceedings with a welcome by representatives of the town of Ban Phai and the Office of Basic Education, Khon Kaen Area 2. A welcome dance was performed by the students of one of the Kings' Project Schools.

AMI Global Ambassador, André Roberfroid, gave his welcome and spoke of the significance of this gathering. AMI Executive Director, Lynne Lawrence, outlined the proceedings and delegates met with new colleagues to introduce each other to the gathered body. This was a significant part of the day as emerging themes of compassion and empowerment began to ripple through the audience. It became apparent that the Assembly is indeed comprised of diverse participants and the thirst for Social Change through Montessori Education is the common thread.

Lynne Lawrence outlined the values that came out of the Third EsF Assembly in Dallas, Texas and challenged the Fourth Assembly to pool its collective wisdom to drive the movement forward through Social Change. Lynne ended her powerful address with a Martin Luther King quote on the interrelated structure of reality.

Delegates then met in groups to capture the essence of the day for each person and write a "Pearl for the Day" to be hung on the wisdom tree and shared by all.