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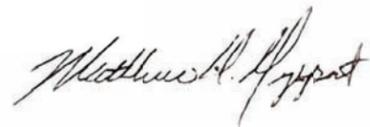
Like an oxbow in a river, the western border of China pulls through the majestic Karakoram mountains separating culture, religions, economy, and natural resource, working its way from Russia to India. The famous Karakoram Highway, also known as the "Friendship Highway" or "Eighth Wonder of the World," navigates this border, winding its way through northern Pakistani glacial paths and into the "Collision Zone" where Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates meet. As these two plates continue their daily grind, the people of India, Pakistan, China, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan continue their own daily grind, which often ends in deadly conflict over territory, resource, and religion.

It was 1994 when we first made the trek on the famous Karakoram from Islamabad, Pakistan, through the Hindu Kush and into Gilgit, China. The journey allowed for our small group to deliver some much-needed Christian material to minority groups along the way.

Today, SEAPC has sent out a call to friends around the world, asking if we could, together, pray from Beijing to Bethlehem believing that *this is the time* for a great harvest! That people from the East China Sea to the Mediterranean will come to know Jesus Christ.

The Karakoram intersects our prayer line just as we reach the month of August. As you read this

magazine and share in the testimonies of the harvest taking place in the nations we serve, please continue to pray for the people participating in God's plan for salvation through SEAPC. Their stories — from Pray Americas to Summer Baseball Camps in Cambodia and prayer for your hometown, Hong Kong, and the Middle East — are all included in this issue. From your friends at SEAPC, thank you for giving, for going, and for believing with us that from sea to sea, our God is sovereign.



Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC

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Mae, 16, lives in Myanmar and is one of many teenage children who need a sponsor through Raising Kids. Learn more on page 8.



TEAM 217

Join Team 217 and help bring Jesus to more than 126,000 children in Cambodia through Banteay Meanchey Arise.

Visit www.seapc.org for more information on this movement.

MONGOLIA
Ulan Bator

This is Harvest Time

*"May He also rule
from sea to sea, and
from the River to the
ends of the earth."*

Psalm 72:8

I just came from a place that probably qualifies as the ends of the earth. If it isn't, I'd swear you could see it from there. From Shanghai, the largest city in China, you fly over to Mongolia, to the provincial capital of Hohhot. From there, you fly to another smaller city (the airport has two gates) called Xilinhot. Then, you are driven two hours more. I did not ask in what direction. The goal was a group of precious workers, meeting in a remote house in the middle of Mongolia's famous grasslands. Cowboys move the cows on horseback, while the shepherds use motorcycles.

How did such a door open? I wondered how, as three of the workers asked for water baptism. In a nearby lake, it was my honor to baptize Chinese believers for the first time. With an extra day, we were able to visit homes in many nearby villages. In one, called "woodiasutay," three sisters and their neighbors were gathered for our arrival.

I was the first white person to ever visit the area. One sister, like Lydia, had her heart already opened. The other two still were inquiring, afraid to anger the Buddhist gods. During the presentation of the Story, about how a Father sought a bride for His Son, the second sister came to faith. I wish you could have seen her face light up. Neighbors also responded, and I did not hear what happened to the third sister. Another home in another village will now open another fellowship. It is harvest time everywhere the SEAPC team members and I go.

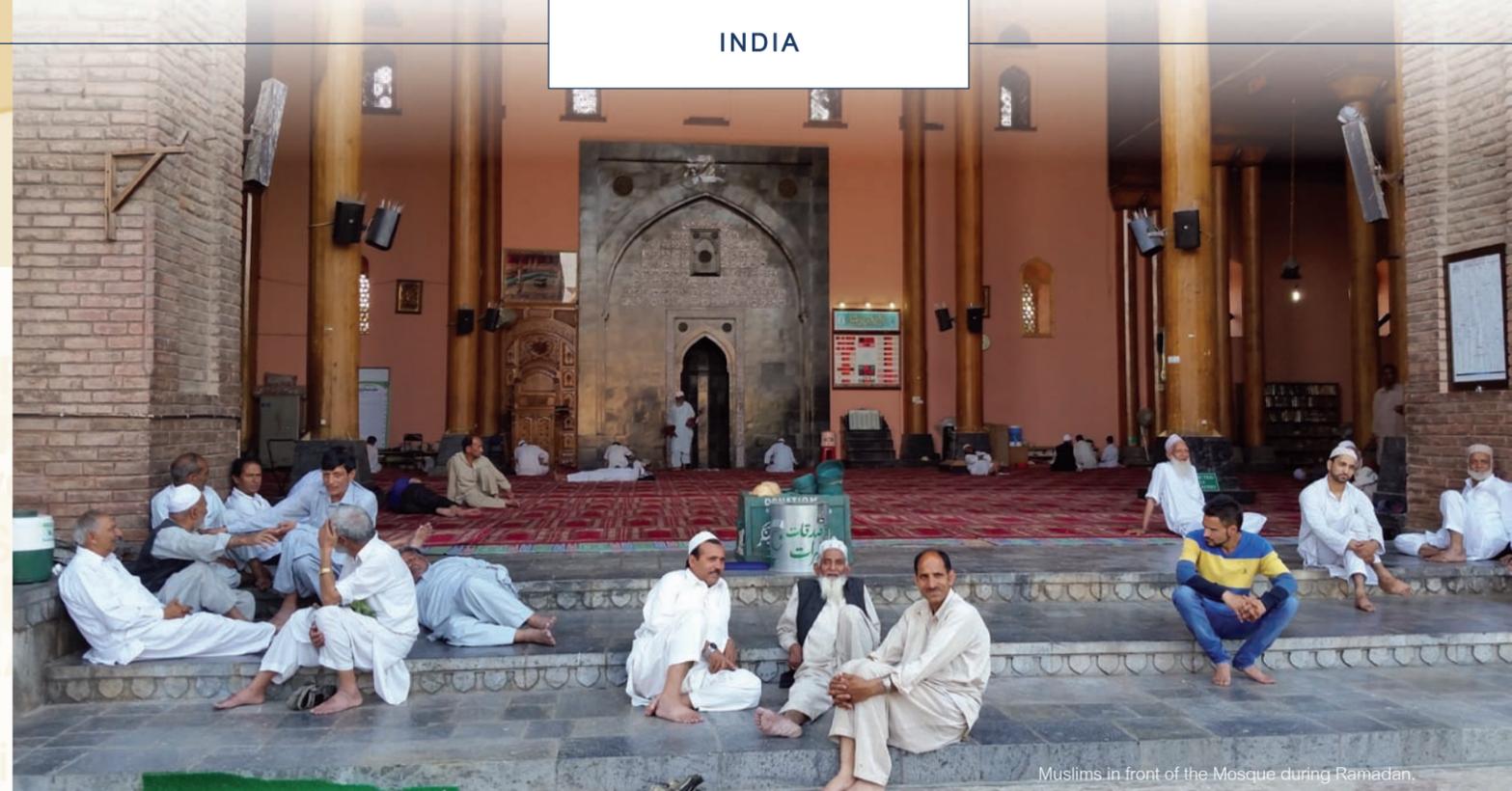
Before leaving, in one of the last of my nine teaching sessions, I talked about team. Almost everything that happened in the New Testament happened through a team. Paul was always traveling with between two and six others. A team of women followed and supported Jesus financially. In every church Paul visited, he was building a larger prayer team, always asking the church, "Pray for us." I had sent out about 30 e-mails before this trip, asking for the same. What a joy to return safely home and be able to write freely (Facebook is banned in China) to those who prayed, to say thanks. I told the Mongolian workers what it cost to get me there, and I explained that people they have never seen gave contributions to make the training event possible. I said, "you will meet them some day."

In John 4:35-36, this is exactly how Jesus described the way the harvest will come in. "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. He who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal, that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." Sowers, waterers, reapers; they are all in the mix. Some pray, some give, some go. Even when we lead a missionary team, and have done it for years, we know we are dead in the water without the intercessory base and the involvement of countless others standing alongside.

Are you taking part? If you are, soon you are going to a meeting with these people. You will be amazed by how many and from how many nations. We will rejoice around the throne and see eternal fruit that will make all our struggles here quickly fade away. I long for that day because I am on a team. My title? It does not matter. I ask: are YOU on a harvesting team?



Written by
Mark Simpson



Muslims in front of the Mosque during Ramadan.

The Invitation

They came to us alone, at night. We quietly slipped into one of our hotel rooms where we could speak freely.

"The mobs stoned our school; they have beaten some of the parents of our students. Sometimes the mobs would come to our house at night and threaten my family. Often, we would send our children to our neighbors' homes to hide. We had to close the school. The parents were too afraid to send their children anymore."

We listened to the story of this couple who had suffered so much for the sake of Christ. They had started a Christian school and once had 300 students. Now they sat in front of us, their tired faces reflecting the pain and stress of being a Christian in this place.

"We will not leave. We were born here. We speak the language. We know the culture. God has sent us here. But we don't know what to do now." We held them, wept with them, and prayed.

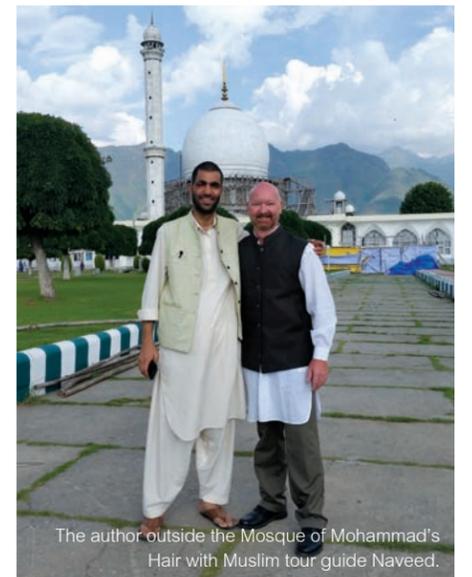
On Sunday morning, we ministered in a local church. The pastor told us there were about 1.3 million people in this region of Kashmir. Of them, 99.9 percent are Muslim and less than 400 people there are Christians.

Over the years, missionaries had been driven out, pastors had been beaten, homes and churches had been burned. Like the brother and sister who had to close their school, the Christians here had suffered much and were discouraged.

Then came the invitation. "Brother, would you please come here again?" the pastor asked. "I want to invite all the churches and Christians in this region to come together for three days of revival services. This has not been done in the past 20 to 25 years. We need to be encouraged and strengthened. We need to come together in unity to pray together and work together. We need to experience the presence of God here once again. Would you please come back and conduct these meetings for us?"

I was stunned at the invitation. But God had swung the door open wide. He was asking us to return and minister to His people.

It is His heart to love them, restore them, strengthen them. To remind them that they are not defeated or rejected, but that they have been chosen by God to walk in faith and courage. That He desires to fill them overflowing with His presence and restore hope and victory to them once



The author outside the Mosque of Mohammad's Hair with Muslim tour guide Naveed.

again. God loves His people and we are being invited to carry that love to those who need it so badly.

Please pray for us, and them, as we return with a small team in October. Pray that a transformational revival would sweep through the Church and the name of Jesus would be glorified in Kashmir.



Written by
Dan Taylor



Photos by Caryn Werner.

Rebuilding Nepal

On April 26, 2015, a magnitude 8.1 earthquake hit the country of Nepal. The earthquake was centered in the Gorkha, Nepal area. This earthquake killed more than 8,800 people and injured more than 23,000 people. It damaged or destroyed thousands of homes, government buildings, temples, Christian churches, roads, and crops.

I believe that this disaster had a silver lining: it caused the eyes of Christians around the world to see the need and realize that they needed to get involved in the relief work in this home to Mount Everest. On the day of the earthquake, Facebook was on fire with people posting news and pictures of the disaster. Everyone was asking what to do first, so we started to pray and ask for direction.

As we prayed, the Lord revealed to us that we needed to pray and provide

resources for prayer, provide a way to people to give towards the relief effort, and then take short-term teams to help with the relief and rebuilding. We started to pray for the people affected by the earthquake, partners in Nepal, and for opened doors of ministry. We partnered with believers around the world to pray. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much," according to James 5:16.

As we prayed, we watched the Lord revive old friendships in Nepal and open doors among new fruit in Nepal. "Christians are rebuilding Nepal," said Rajen Gurung, a Nepali Christian leader and an old friend of mine. This is a great witness to the Hindus and Buddhists of Nepal.

On June 15, the team from YWAM, Pittsburgh, and I left for Nepal. The Lord opened many opportunities to

provide relief to people, churches, and villages in the affected areas. We helped to bring some relief and comfort to a small village north of Dhading called Chrisapani.

Through the partnership with a local church in Kathmandu, we provided blankets and bedding materials for that village of about 3,000 people. We also provided money to buy roofing materials through the help of my old friends, Susan and Charles Mendies of Mendies Haven Relief and children's home in Kathmandu.

We helped with repairs to a church in Banepa Bazar, Nepal. This church is in the village at the base of the tallest Shiva statue in the world (147 feet tall). I have been praying for this area for years and, what an answer to prayer, I had the opportunity to preach at this church, called Nargo Sanga. We also

bought the materials to rebuild homes and repair the Sunday school rooms for the children of this growing church in the hills of Nepal.

We are also involved in the city of Damauli, the District Headquarters of Tanahu, a little south of the epicenter of the earthquake. Damauli is located at the junction of the Madi and the Seti rivers where it is believed that Byas, the son of Great Sage Parashar, was born in a cave. The sage Byas is believed to have written the ancient Hindu scriptures, Vedas. This is a key spiritual stronghold in the Hindu world. We prayed, walked, and proclaimed that Jesus is Lord over the Hindu temple that surrounds this cave.

The YWAM team and the NewDay Destiny Center (www.newdaydestinycenter.org) in Damauli did outreaches in Damauli and the surrounding villages. NewDay, an SEAPC affiliate, is part of the vision that Merreyl and David Whitney have for the country of Nepal. The Whitneys have been board members

of SEAPC for many years. The team ministered in Lamithada, a village badly damaged by the earthquake. The church building was leveled and they are now meeting in a chicken coop. The church members also lost five homes and need repairs to many other homes. The church needs \$6,000 for material to rebuild the church. The five homes need only about \$100 per house for roofing materials.

We saw the Lord heal people in this village and people give their lives to help. God is doing great things in this area of Nepal and you have a part in it. But we still need to be praying for this area. The Hindu teachings from this area by Sage Byas teach a world view of universalism which claims that there are many pathways to God. Universalism is seen in eastern religion teachings and false truths preached by college professors, liberal pastors, TV hosts, and any lie that denies the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. John 14:6 says, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

False teaching and beliefs have also invaded the west and are being lived out by millions of people deceived by the false god of Vishnu. As we were prayer walking around the temple dedicated to the Sage Byas, we had the opportunity to pray for and witness to a Brahman priest who has a large following in New York City. He told us that he is a good friend with a pastor in Washington, D.C. and that he teaches all his students the "Lord's Prayer" and that Jesus is another form of the God Vishnu. We need to pray for Nepal and against these spiritual strongholds in the Southside of the Himalayas. SEAPC is continuing its work to bring relief to Nepal, and we need people to partner with us in prayer, giving, and going.



Written by
Bill Richardson

Helping Kids Fly



I have a pink “flingin’ chicken” on my desk. It’s a simple little toy, purchased from a gumball machine. Made of a sticky, thin rubber, you put your fingertip in the head area, pull back the legs, and let go. The chicken flies and sticks when it hits something. It provides some quick relief and laughs. Looking at it, I had a thought. The kids and youth within Raising Kids are somewhat like the flingin’ chickens. They have the shape and capabilities to fly. We just need to give them some direction and a push (or a pull in the case of the toy). With that, they can fly and stick in the direction that God has for them.

Children always need that direction and push. They need love in order to be able to trust and love people. They need education so that they can learn how the world works. They need good health to be able to do anything. They need discipline to learn good behavior. They need social interaction to learn how to relate to other people. Most importantly, they need Jesus to be able to have true direction for their lives. Our partners, Charity Children’s Home, New Hope for Orphans, and Abundant Life Care, all strive to provide these things for the children.

They really need help when they are 15 years old and older. They are struggling with figuring out who they are, what their capabilities are, what they want to do, and how to be able to do what they want to do. It is frustrating enough, but in struggling nations, these young people are looking around and not seeing too many opportunities. They have skills necessary to succeed, but need help in figuring out how to use those skills. They need people to stand by them; to steadfastly encourage them, to help them see their true capabilities

and talents, to reaffirm God’s Words into their lives, to redirect them if they are making poor decisions, and to find or provide financial support when necessary.

There are a large number of youth, 15 and older, who need a sponsor to help fulfill those needs. There are also a number of college or trade school age youth who need support for their education, which is beyond normal sponsorship. Sponsorship is \$50 per month or \$600 per year. College education can cost between \$800 and \$2,500 per year, depending upon the course of study. Trade schools can cost from \$300 to \$2,000 for the entire training, depending upon the course of study. Are you able to “fling a chicken” today and help these kids fly in the right direction?



Written by
Tina Tomes



Srey Lin, one of the children (along with the others pictured here) over the age of 15 who needs a sponsor through Raising Kids.



Kim Lun



Ratha



Shin



Aye



Children at CCH praising the Lord.



Praise the Lord!

It is always good to praise God for He only is fully worthy to be praised and worshipped. Psalm 29:2 says “Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” According to Psalm 150:6, the Bible also commands all living creatures to praise the Lord.

As I review our daily schedule and praise and worship times at the Charity Children’s Home in Myanmar, I believe that God is surely pleased with our home. Our staff members are very keen and active in leading our children to worship God. Our children not only rejoice in praising and worshipping God but also in prayer. When they pray, they pray with great faith and vision. I know this because they shared it with me.

Every day, from Sunday to Monday, our children get up early at 5:30 a.m. for morning devotional prayer time. As we began to introduce this a few years ago, we thought we would have a hard time waking the children up so early. We were wrong. The majority of the children are taking part actively and faithfully in this devotional prayer time. In this time of prayer, kids also praise the Lord by singing together some

gospel songs. It is beautiful to hear their voices of praise and worship singing in our campus every morning. I believe God is pleased and smiling every morning as our kids praise and adore Him.

From Monday to Thursday at 9 a.m., we also have staff only devotional prayer time at our CCH office. In this prayer service, we encourage one another through Bible verses and a short message. What an encouragement for the day we receive through this program.

Every night from 6:30 to 7:00 our kids have a short prayer service, and on Saturday night from 7:00 to 9:00 all the Bible students and children from our home rejoice in praise and worship singing. There is no preaching or short message — only praising God through singing. What a joy we feel when we praise our God with all of our heart and mind. Hallelujah!



Written by
Thang Chung
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Charity Children
Home, Myanmar



Sponsorship Request

I want to help needy children find hope for today and for their futures.

I would like to sponsor a child through Raising Kids.

___ \$50.00/month or
___ \$600.00/annually

I prefer to sponsor a
___ boy ___ girl
___ no preference

I prefer to sponsor a child in
___ Cambodia
___ Myanmar
___ India (education costs separate)
 I will also provide \$25/month for education
___ no preference

I am unable to sponsor a child at this time, but would like to make a contribution to SEAPC/Raising Kids in the amount of \$_____ to help cover expenses.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Complete and mail Sponsorship Request or donation to SEAPC/Raising Kids, PO Box 127, Oakmont, PA 15139. Make checks payable to: **SEAPC**, Memo: **Raising Kids**.

CHONG MING'S JOURNEY ... PART 4



From Beijing to Bethlehem

"First we go to the City of Flowers."

Father was explaining the next phase of the journey to Mother. Chong Ming and Ser Ling listened very closely.

"Then we cross the Indus River where the current is very swift. We will have to watch for the little ones." He continued looking down at the two of them.

"We especially have to be sure that the cargo of saffron that Chong Ming carries does not get wet. It is a very special present from the King of Srinagar, and it is an honor to be asked to carry it for him." Father was using his listen closely voice.

"Then we go through the famous Khyber Pass. Very few Chinese camels have ever gone the entire journey through the pass to Kabul. The Great King, Ashoka, rules the entire region and we are going to receive his many kings into the group. The route from Peshawar, City of Flowers, across the river and then through the mountains to Kabul will take us about a month if the river is not in flood and if we can climb the Hind Kush Mountains on the Karakorum Highway."

It all sounded very non-Chinese to Chong Ming. "This is really an adventure," he thought. "And all because there is a star over Bethlehem? This new king must be really powerful if all the kings of the East are going to see him."



COLORING PAGE

Color the scene of saffron harvesters.



SAFFRON FUN FACTS



- Saffron is a spice that comes from a flower called the *Crocus sativus*. The tiny, bright crimson threads are collected and dried.
- Saffron is one of the most expensive spices in the world.
- It takes up to 75,000 flowers to produce one pound of dried saffron.
- Saffron costs between \$500 and \$5,000 per pound (USD).
- It is believed to have a wide variety of health benefits.

SAFFRON

Make 10 words from the word "saffron."
Answers at bottom of page.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

answers to word puzzle: son, far, on, so, ran, soar, oar, fan, nor, no

PRAY Americas

“Vaya Maya”

Mark Geppert, Norma Erb and I arrived in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico on the afternoon of June 20. We ministered that weekend in the church, Jesus Es El Senor, with Pastors Alejandro and Iliana Orella. Early Monday morning, we gathered with the team at the church to begin the most intense and comprehensive prayer adventure that I have ever experienced. When we turned the corner of the street where the bus was waiting for us, I couldn't believe what I saw! This huge bright blue bus with a large puzzle-piece design was parked, waiting for us. At that moment, I had what I call my “little girl on Christmas morning” feeling. Oh what a trip this was going to be! We entered the church to meet the other team members — 25 in all — then had a beautiful time of prayer together. We said our goodbyes to family and friends who had gathered to see us off.

As we started out through the streets of Tapachula, I must admit that I had to choke back the tears. I am so passionate about what I am blessed to be a part of that when I see God moving right in front of me, I tend to get a little emotional. This was no longer a dream. Because SEAPC and Operation Capital City (OCC) have the same vision to see Latin America (as well as the rest of the world) covered in prayer, we are working together to see it happen.

We set our sights for the city of Villahermosa, in the state of Tabasco, located about 10 hours northwest of Tapachula. This was the absolute most exciting part of the trip for me as our greatest joy was beginning to take place. All 25 people began praying while riding. It was awesome. Some prayed silently, some prayed audibly in other languages. Some sang their prayers, while some quietly wept. The primary purpose and individual commitment of these team members, who were from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and the United States, was prayer for the Maya people. The particular route was chosen because it is the

exact route that the ancient Mayas traveled on their way to war with their neighboring tribes.

En route to Villahermosa, as I gazed out upon my beloved Mexico, my body, soul and spirit drank in everything I saw. I prayed for salvation for every person I saw, every house we passed, and every person who lived there, even for the extended family members. I prayed for the children, the schools we passed, the hospitals and the sick within, the government buildings and those who worked there. I prayed for the churches we passed, for the pastors and their families, and for revival and transformation to take place from the churches out to the entire community. I prayed that there would be unity amongst the denominations, and that every little church would not just be a little kingdom unto itself, but that all would work together for God's kingdom. Truly my spirit was being impassioned by all that I saw.

The next morning, we continued to the city of Palenque, the location of a world famous Mayan ruins tourist attraction. In the main Central Plaza, we divided up into small groups and began praying for individual people. My particular group of four went immediately to the television station on the corner and asked if we could pray for the owner of the station. Although the owner was away in the U.S., we then met and prayed for the manager. Then, across the street we went to the President's palace. He, too, was out of town, but we did pray for the second in command. We were graciously received in both of these places. The people were both interested and amazed at what we were doing, and were open to what we had to say about God.

Each small group divinely encountered different people throughout the Central Plaza, and a great many people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Even the owner of a wonderful chicken restaurant where we had lunch, and his wife, accepted Christ. It was almost as if people were waiting for us to come and share the good news.

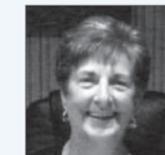
Then we were on the road again! We prayed with anointed worship music in the background on the bus. Our next

I also know indisputably that the spiritual atmosphere over a person, a home, a church, a city, or even a nation changes when and where there is prayer. I have seen it happen.

destination, through steep and high altitudes, was the Mayan village of Naha. We saw many coffee “finchas,” which are farms or plantations along the roads. I happened to notice a small group of children playing in the front yard of small, very modest house. I began crying out to God on their behalf, when I heard Pastor Mark say from the row behind me, “Dear God, how are we going to reach these kids?” Those words shot through me like a bolt of lightning. My spirit was groaning as I prayed for them and for all of the other children like them in the world that we could not possibly reach personally. So, what do we do? Do we quit because it is too much for one team, or one ministry, or one trip, or one person? Is it too big a job, too overwhelming? Never! The efforts of a prayer team such as this produce much.

First, we look for divine appointments, people who have been prepared by the Holy Spirit to hear and receive the Gospel, and people who will receive prayers for healing or other special needs. Secondly, because we have a biblical understanding that intercession means to stand between God and those for whom we are praying, we can ask God on their behalf for their need, with boldness. Thirdly, we have knowledge of the promises of God, so that when we pray for someone, we have the absolute faith to boldly ask God to do what we already know is His will. And finally, I also know indisputably that the spiritual atmosphere over a person, a home, a church, a city, or even a nation changes when and where there is prayer. I have seen it happen.

Christ is the hope of the world, and prayer is the greatest means we have at our disposal with which to soften the hearts of man and to see the resurrection power of God move on this earth! No, we cannot quit because we cannot reach the whole world, but we can reach some and then they will reach some.



Written by
Carol Missik
Operation Capital City

Prayer for Mayans

God is still speaking, doing, going forward and continuing to send people in His name. The question is who will listen, who will do, who will move from his comfort to go in His name? Who will be obedient will see God moving in an unrepeatable and unique way? The obedient will untie the anointing, and the power of prayer will bring freedom.

God spoke and said, "Vaya Mayans." The obedience to that call took us, a group of brothers and sisters, on a bus to go and pray for the Mayan descendants from the southeast of Mexico-Guatemala-Honduras and Belize (Palenque-Uxmal-Tikal-Qurigua-Copan-Belmopan-Dzibanche). We prayed for each village, each city and country that we passed. We stopped to evangelize in the streets, parks, schools, restaurants, and to each person in the hotels where we stayed.

While prayer walking in the Mayan jungle Lacandona in Chiapas, Mexico, we had the opportunity to reach the families from the community of Naha (land of the black lord). We had a good night of salvations and miracles, a blessing night for the families, a night in which the brightness of the Lord enlightened the community. The people testified that they met the God who is still alive, that they were healed from diseases that they've had for many years. Before that, they had even tried witchcraft but had never found what they were looking for.



Written by
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The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

(Isaiah 9:2)



Pastors (from L to R) Hector Zetino, Habraham Rendom, Mark Geppert, Alejandro Orella and Isaias Acosta

Ignite the Awakening

You put 25 people on a bus. Thirteen of them are from a church in Tapachula, Mexico, the northwest terminus of the Mayan Trail. Then you add three North Americans and a Guatemalan. Bring pastors and prayer warriors from six Mexican states and you have a group of prayer people who really believe that this trip will ignite the flames of awakening in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Belize.

Have them supported in prayer by thousands in North America and Canada. Then have powerful prophecy released throughout Hispanic Christianity that, in the days from June 17 through July 28, the Lord is going to cause an awakening among the Spanish-speaking churches in the Americas. Now you can begin to see the big picture of Pray Americas.

At the same time, place signs in the skies: a double rainbow over the campus of Florida State University where campus ministries have doubled this year and the alignment of Jupiter and Venus to form the

"Bethlehem Star," an event which occurs every 2,000 years. Even the most faint-hearted prayer person may utter a bit of "Thy Kingdom Come..."

The Mayan Trail Bus Tour was one of the most enjoyable prayer journeys of my life. The unity on that bus was wonderful. The way the people loved and encouraged each other was amazing. A bus can be close quarters, and different food and places to stay can wear on the nerves of the most experienced traveler. But these 25 were truly amazing. At every stop they ministered the love of Jesus, prayed for the sick, went house to house, and demonstrated the love that has touched their hearts.

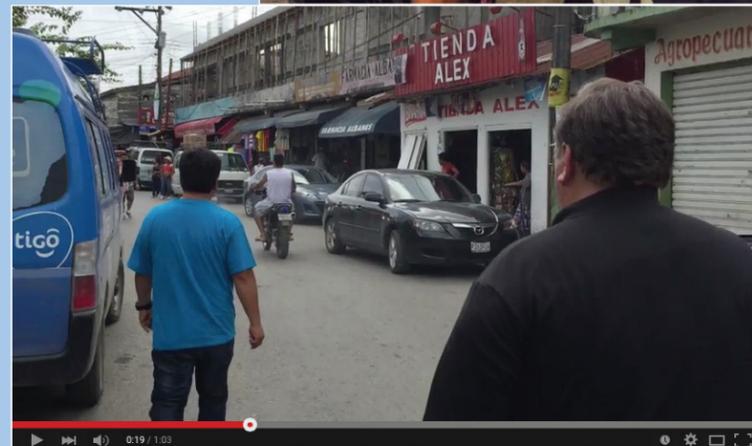
Indeed, awakening will come, and these nations will be transformed.



Written by
Mark Geppert



Prayer, ministry and travel during the Mayan Bus Prayer Tour in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize.



View video at youtu.be/GcgWgYsOGVI and youtu.be/ISHjAWj2Ws

At Bat for God

A young man from Bellevue, PA, named Justin McGurgan, spent the last eight months living in Cambodia teaching baseball to kids. In his short time there, baseball became a hit among the children, and he found that his passion, knowledge, and abilities in baseball could be transformed into a very viable platform for children to come to know Jesus Christ.

Stepping out in faith, with the financial and spiritual backing of his parents, pastor, and local church, Justin embraced a vision to spend one year teaching baseball, creating Christian baseball camps, and developing a Christian Youth Athletics program for public schools in Cambodia.

The SEAPC global community began to support and pray for this vision and for Justin. Justin's pastor, Rev. Don Brown of New Life Church in Bellevue, entrusted Justin into a discipleship program with local and international children's missions leader, Pastor Tim Blanarik of REACH ministries. Pastor Tim worked closely with New Life Church's children's ministry, Justin, and his brother Shaun for a couple years to prepare Justin for the mission field.

Upon his arrival into Cambodia, Justin submitted into the leadership of SEAPC-Cambodia President, Pastor Sinai Phouek and Fellowship Word of Life Church led by Pastor Vanna Srun. It didn't take long for Justin to fall in love with the children he was serving and to find the opportunity to lead young people to Jesus.

The Lord has honored Justin's obedience and faithfulness to go and serve His purposes. Justin has successfully completed two SEAPC sponsored baseball camps. The first of which was held in conjunction with players from the Cambodia National Baseball team. From its success, Justin was contacted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Western Pennsylvania who had just that year been asked by FCA International to adopt South East Asia as a region of focus. FCA asked if they could bring professionals from around the world to come and serve alongside Justin's vision. Furthermore, Geneva College, who took a shot on Justin years ago and made a way for him to play college baseball, signed a MOU with SEAPC to bring Christ-based educational support to SEAPC's Banteay Meanchey Arise program. Opportunities that were unimaginable just two years ago are all around Justin McGurgan today.

Our God is a good God who hears our prayers and looks for men and woman to live for Him, submit to his church, and live by faith. Is that you? Are you someone who is willing to follow your dreams for the glory of God? If so, the South East Asia Prayer Center has a place for you. We exist to prayerfully prepare the platform for you to find fulfillment in Christ and for the people you serve to find a hope in Jesus.



Written by
Matthew Geppert



The Power of a Promise

“You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say ‘yes’ when they really mean ‘no?’ As surely as God is faithful, our word to you does not waver between ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate ‘yes,’ he always does what he says. For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding ‘yes!’ And through Christ, our ‘amen’ (which means ‘yes’) ascends to God for his glory.” (2 Corinthians 1:17-20)

Do you see what this Scripture says? No matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘yes’ in Christ. You can’t ask too much of God or exhaust His ability! God wants us to have all the promises. He wants you to have everything you need for life and godliness. No matter how many promises there are, God made them for you. You don’t have to beg, you just have to believe and agree with what God has promised in His Word! God is faithful and His will has always been ‘yes’ to you as a believer. In Matthew 6:7-8, Jesus said “Stop babbling like unbelievers, thinking you’ll be heard because of your many words. God already knows what you need.” In Philippians 4:6 we read, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

We don’t need to beg or plead with God. Pray with thanksgiving because you know that no matter how many promises God has made, how many things He’s already come through on, the answer is still ‘yes!’

So all that’s required of me is to go find a promise in God’s word for whatever I need and take that promise before the Lord, thanking Him for the answer which is ‘yes.’ This is a prayer of agreement, God’s promise (His word) directed by the Holy Spirit, and my request believed, will always come to pass. I am agreeing with God’s Word, and I am thankful. I am only required to believe I will receive when I pray. Believe is the verb form of faith, it means to trust in, have faith in, be fully convinced of or rely on someone or something. It expresses reliance upon and a personal trust that produces obedience. It includes submission and a positive confession of the lordship of Jesus.

So when we read the Word, we find scripture like 1 John 5:14-15: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We know that His promise is His will. So we take that promise and agree with it and bring it to the Father knowing that the answer is ‘yes.’ Why? Because it is already yours, it’s a promise. This is life in the kingdom of God. It is so powerful if you get ahold of this. It is the God kind of faith that Jesus taught in Mark 11:24: “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

We have this confidence because of what we have learned from 2 Peter 1:3-4: “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

God wants you to participate in His divine nature by receiving His precious promises.

Let’s say you were sick and you find a promise that says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.” (James 5:14-15)

The Scripture is very clear. If anyone is sick, it tells you what you should do. The promise is you will be healed and raised up. If you believe God’s promise and did what God said to do, then how would you act? You would say, thank you Lord I am healed. You wouldn’t say, I’m trying to get healed or I’m believing God to heal me. No, God gave you His very great and precious promise that you can participate in His divine nature, calling things that are not as though they were. Your claim to speak like this is because you already have the promise.

Find a promise from God today and begin to call it as it were for your situation, then believe you will receive it and you will have it.

This is the journey that we will be taking with our five students who came to the United States last year to intern in business. We will be taking promises from God and will pray out plans for new businesses throughout Cambodia. Please join us in prayer and support as we begin the process of creating economic opportunities for the kids who come up through New Hope for Orphans.

“And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)



Written by
Jeff Swogger

Asian Revival

According to Isaiah 49:11-12, the Chinese are coming to Zion! It is exciting to live in Asia at this time in history. It feels like the air is so pregnant, and the gospel torch has been passed to the Asian church to complete the task to reach all nations. It was in a vision years ago that God gave to the Chinese the task of bringing the gospel back to Jerusalem, through the old Silk routes that traverse China through Central Asia, Israel and Turkey. God also gave Pastor Mark a congruent mission, the task of prayer walking from Beijing to Bethlehem.

In the Asia Homecoming Meeting, held in Hong Kong this month, fifteen thousand faithful, representing many nations, came to seek God and pray for Asia that God will bring home the lost. The message is also that God is using Asians in this end time harvest to reach the Jews and Muslims. There were accounts of revivals happening all over Asian countries. The Japanese church is excited about how God is moving in this nation, previously so closed to the gospel. There was reconciliation between Japanese and Koreans, and with Malaysians, Singaporeans, Taiwanese, Mainland Chinese, as all held hands to seek the Lord to repent of the sins of their nations.

As members of the 611 Bread of Life church here in Hong Kong, we are excited about what God is doing in Asia. There are now over 70 branch churches that 611 has planted all over Asia. We had the opportunity to know two of the pastors from Japan that were trained at 611 and commissioned to go back and plant churches in Osaka and Hokkaido. Just this year, there was a team sent to prayer walk in Northeast China. God is moving here!

We long to see Abraham's house be very, very full of Ishmael's descendants, as well as Isaac's. A highlight for us this year is that we were able to prayer walk at mosques in Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Turkey. At one of the trips, we blew the shofar in Istanbul's Asia side declaring that God has come to the Middle East! We were amazed at how receptive young Turks were to the God's tangible presence and how his love and healing power melts any heart hostile to Him. It's time for Ishmael to come home to the house of Abraham.



Written by Steve Chang



Blowing shofars, declaring that God has come to the middle east



People

Every day for the past four years, one of my roles at SEAPC has been to know the numbers. Knowing the numbers encompasses a multitude of different aspects from knowing the cash flow, knowing the donors, praying over each and every donor contribution made to SEAPC, shopping out ways to lower our admin costs, knowing how many children are sponsored and how many need sponsored, and more. We believe that it is just as important for you to know the numbers. I write this article in the magazine for three reasons: so that you can pray, so you can give, and so that you go (short term team trip). Thank you so much for taking the time to read, pray, sow, and go.



Written by
Tony Wimer

Through Raising Kids, a \$600/year sponsorship provides:

- 1,095 meals
- 365 days of a safe place to live
- 200 to 252 days of education at the local school and school supplies
- 365 days of monitored health
- 52 Sunday church services
- 365 days of biblical training
- 4-13 loving caregivers at their home

Currently, there are 136 children available for sponsorship. Please pray for these children daily and prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor. If you are currently a sponsor, please think about sharing this information with someone who will pray or like to become a sponsor.



Projects

Over the past 18 months, SEAPC Coins for Kids contributions have totaled \$41,070.82 This has provided:

- \$22,497.85 provided dormitory, bathing area, and kitchen renovations as well as a playground, clothing, and a new perimeter wall behind the girls' dormitory at Charity Children's Home in Myanmar.
- \$6,770 has provided 10 education scholarships for village students in Cambodia
- \$3,000 provided tutoring and medical care for community children through the I Love Cambodia Project
 - \$3,000 provided for children in India through Influence International
 - \$2,000 provided for tornado relief in Arkansas
 - \$400 provided scholarships for two local youth group students to attend a summer church retreat



The SEAPC Coins for Kids fall campaign begins September 27 and ends November 22.

Properties

\$145,000 provides a New Hope for Orphans Children's Home in Cambodia, including:

- Land purchase
- Dormitory/church building that will house up to 100 orphaned/abandoned children
- Kitchen and dining area
- Learning center building that will provide tutoring for children in the home and children in the community
- Bathrooms, water filtration, furnishings
- Land prep, fence, and fish pond



Financial Freedom

The year of the current Shemittah is coming to a close. The Shemittah is from the Hebrew tradition ordained by God. When the Hebrews settled onto their promised land, the Lord had already put in place a seven-year cycle plan for the Hebrews into their law. So when they had claimed their promised land, that law became in effect.

The last year of the seven-year cycle is known as the sabbatical year. It follows that God rested on the seventh day. That sabbatical year is called the Shemittah. It is a time when slaves are released, debts are forgiven, land is rested. Basically, it is a time when the Lord resets the economy.

Now, whether it still applies to us in the new covenant, I don't know and I don't claim to know. There are many rumors that are floating around on this topic — from meteor showers to rapture — that Charismatic personalities make as both truth and fact. With the added blood moons and the eclipse of the sun in the same year, it really seems that this could be it.

Whether or not there will be a huge economic collapse following the Shemittah, here are some brief pointers to achieve financial freedom for the next year. If the Lord does indeed reset the economic system, following these keys will set you up in a position to receive.

Remember this, it is not sheer luck that we are riding on but the covenant blessings of God. So no matter how gloomy the economic situation is, if we stay in the covenant, you need not worry about your finances. Also, we can learn a lesson from Abraham, who was the one who cut a covenant with God. He was blessed to be a blessing to the nations of the earth. (Genesis 12:3)

Praying that you will have a great financial year.



Written by
Hubert Chan

Wisdom will bring about prosperity (Proverbs 3:13-17)

Instead of seeking riches and fame, be like a Solomon and seek after wisdom instead.

Money will bring about money (Genesis 1:12)

This is the principle of the like-kind, therefore money will produce after its own kind. To reap a monetary harvest, we need to sow money seeds onto good ground. Inferior seeds will produce low quality harvest.

Faithfulness will bring about favors. (Psalm 101:6)

Faithfulness to God will bring about the favor of God. Learn from people like Abraham and Noah. They found favor with God. Walking in the covenant of God will bring about the covenant blessings of God.

Seedtime will bring about harvest time. (Genesis 8:22)

The law of the harvest only answers to the seeds sown. Prayer alone will not solve your financial debts.

Godliness will bring about blessings (Proverbs 22:4)

The Bible says, if you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land (Isaiah 1:19). Seek after Godliness.

Generosity will bring about wealth (Proverbs 11:25)

This verse takes it one step further, give but generously and sacrificially. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. The word 'cheerful' means 'hilarious' which is where the word hilarious comes from. So have a big heart and give and not give miserly.

Giving will bring about receiving (2 Corinthians 9:6)

When you give, you are activating the covenant of God. It puts you in a position where you can receive the covenant wealth and blessings of God.

He will rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the
ends of the earth.

Psalm 72:8



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