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to Run
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Writing the Vision

As President of a global Christian ministry, I think a lot about vision — pretty much every day, in fact. Where is God leading us? How long will it take to get there? What will it look like when we have arrived?

Technology is altering the landscape of ministry dramatically and irreversibly. Given changing reading habits and the huge potential cost savings in shifting from print to digital, we at SEAPC are excited about and actively developing our vision for using digital tools which encourage prayer, introduce Jesus, and effectively communicate the fruit of the seeds you have sown by faith into the ministry platforms we serve. We have used free online tools and smart partnerships to create media content for YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, the SEAPC app, and email communications without adding any additional costs.

Having said that, print is still highly effective. Our monthly print newsletter and this quarterly magazine continue to receive rave reviews and we hear reports of them being used as tools to share Jesus. Actually, we believe in print so much that we produced 10,000 hard-backed Bibles and distributed them in the Mekong region last month, but also have taken advantage of new technologies and uploaded the translated Tibetan Bible onto “Chi-POD” MP3s to be more effective in distributing the Word of God in difficult places. Transitions are all around us but the vision remains the same.

This month we have blended the SEAPC newsletter with our quarterly magazine for the

first time, capturing the news and visuals from the field with the Word from God and the powerful teachings with which God is guiding us for the days to come. We believe that this combination not only cuts the cost in half but captures the vision of SEAPC in the most effective way.

God told the Prophet Habakkuk to “... write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that he may run who reads it.” This quarter’s magazine becomes the server upon which global visions synergize to form the Christian global community through which lives are changed through prayer. Your prayers for the people and places represented in this magazine release the power for vision to become a reality.

God is leading us to the nations. He has given us a great vision and many multiple “tablets” on which to write them. Thank you for running with us in the vision this quarter. Thank you for participating with the South East Asia Prayer Center in changing lives around the world through prayer.



Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC

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Friends

“Prayers live before God, and God’s heart is set on them.”
 E.M. Bounds

Chung Nung looked at the long line of flip flops outside the main entrance of the children’s home. He noticed that most of them no longer had treads, while some were cut into halves. He had been newly married, inheriting the ministry, its challenges, and the hundreds of orphaned children who now looked to him as source of provision. He felt the tears on his cheek before he realized he was crying. Chung Nung rushed home and asked his wife Dim to help him gather their funds to go and buy new shoes for the kids. “We have given it all, Chung Nung. There is nothing left.” Dim stopped for a moment, took off her wedding band and handed it to Chung Nung, “Go get shoes.”

Together they prayed and asked God to send them help.

It was at that very moment that God quickened a discussion among our friends about Chung Nung’s father in-law, Pastor James Lian Sai. He had introduced my father to Myanmar twelve years earlier and had stayed in our prayers ever since. We asked if it were possible for him to join the SEAPC Friends Around the Table gathering that month. Quickly, he replied, “yes” and at that gathering shared the ministry God had given him for Myanmar, the lives changed throughout the nation,

and the kids whom God had given his family to serve at the children’s home. Immediately, friends gathered around the vision and we began to pray for Myanmar. Resource began to flow to meet the needs of those children.

Although Chung Nung and Dim did not get their wedding rings back, God remembered their selfless giving. Chung Nung shared with me that he and his wife could sense God’s love when they first put on the pair of new wedding rings they have on their fingers now. God had multiplied their giving, and they were able to afford a heavier and more expensive pair of rings than the original ones that were sold for shoes a year earlier.

I believe that the prayers of a righteous man avail much and that tears shed for the orphaned and abandoned moves the hand of God. At SEAPC, we are a global community of friends who believe that prayer changes lives, and who are committed to pray for each other daily. If more people join us in prayer, more of the world will be changed! Please pray for these friends of mine.



Written by
 Matthew Geppert
 President, SEAPC

Chung Nung and Dim and the children they serve at Chairty Children’s Home in Myanmar





The One Who Did

When we receive Jesus as our personal Lord and savior, and we believe on His name, we are given a *right* or *authority*. To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become sons of God, to those who believe in His name. The root word for right or authority is one of our favorites, ‘Exousias’. This word is used of the Lord when they said, “He speaks not like the scribes and Pharisees, but as one having *authority*.”

When we trust in Jesus for our salvation we gain the right to speak to God and the right to speak for Him. The first we call, ‘Prayer’. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. As a loving Father, He is concerned with every aspect of our lives and ready to provide, guide, and protect as soon as He is called upon. Call upon the Lord and He will answer you and show you great and mighty things that you know not of.

When we trust in Jesus for our salvation we gain the right to speak for God. We, empowered by the Holy Spirit, are commissioned into all the earth to give everyone the opportunity to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to join this happy family. We speak prophetically as we direct our children, just as the Lord speaks to us for our direction. We frame our world with the words of our mouths as God continues to grow us in grace and in our personal knowledge of Him.

Sometimes along this journey we wonder, “Where is God in all that is going on?”, “Where is God and how does He feel about America, my town, my church, and me?” Many wonder but very few ask.

Among the four major prophets and the 12 minor prophets, only Habakkuk cries to the Lord, “O Lord, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even crying out to You, “Violence!” and You will not save.”(Hab. 1:2) Have you ever felt like this man? When I see the trafficking of children, the plundering of the poor, the racial injustice in all the earth, the role of women in Asia, the corruption of governments that are supposed to be helping, the continuation of abortion and now gay rights around the world, my heart cries with this prophet, “How long?”

“Look among the nations and watch — be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.” (Habakkuk 1:5) NOW THAT’S WHAT I’M TALKING ABOUT.

When we call on man we get fuzz. We get justification. We get explanation. We get confusion. We get frustration. We get the sum total of the wisdom of man which is foolishness. But, when we call upon the Lord, He shows us things that go very far beyond man’s expectations.

Pastor Sinai was told several times of the impossibility of getting visas for 18 children and five staff to come to America at this time. ‘Impossible’ was the key word. Well, we had a great trip and saw the Lord do many mighty things as we toured first the east, and then the west coast. Sinai kept commenting, “We heard it, we said it, we believed it, and it happened.” We heard from the Lord, we wrote what He would do, we walked it out, and we saw it come to pass.

Just like Habakkuk, we talked to God and we talked for God. We are sons. We have been given authority to change lives through prayer, talking to God, and to speak the words of life to those who are dead in sin and trespass.

I believe that when God speaks, creativity comes out of chaos. I believe that when God speaks, light overcomes darkness. I believe that when God speaks, life rises out of death. And I believe that when God speaks, all creation bows before Him. His voice thunders. He breaks the rock. He causes the barren to bring forth child. Against all the chaotic din of darkness, God is speaking through His people. He is declaring a new day in the earth. He is greater than the darkness.

Ask, listen, and speak. Be the child He has made you to be. Be “The One who Did.”



Written by
Mark Geppert

Our Trip to Linzhi



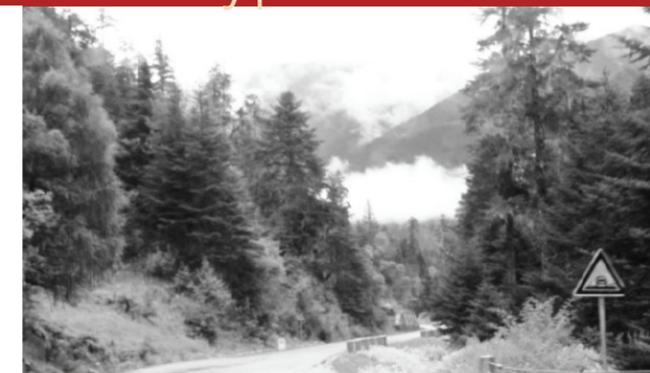
Linzhi fields & cypress

road police



Linzhi prefecture is located to the east of Lhasa, Tibet, which is about 260 miles away. Linzhi is filled with forests due to the low altitude and moderate to heavy rainfall. The vicinity is known for its cypresses which can grow up to 98 feet tall. As we drove down towards Linzhi, we could see that the trees were getting bigger and taller.

The fields in Linzhi are very rich and can grow all kinds of vegetables, fruits and grains. This is no different from the fields in Southern China. It is said that yaks and horses are the policemen on the road. The cars must stop when they are close to them. One yak was wearing a red flag, which indicates that it may have been the group leader.



Jiumi



"...Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35)

We met Jiumi who had a heart surgery in Chengdu in 2010 that was sponsored by SEAPC. He has since recovered very well. Now he is a college student, studying in Linzhi Farming Institute. Jiumi's sister also had heart surgery one year later in 2011.

We spent some time with Jiumi and his roommates touring the area. We also shared the love of Jesus with his roommates. We pray the seeds sown will grow in their hearts.

Yang had heart surgery in Chengdu in 2011, also sponsored by SEAPC. She is now very healthy and is in the fourth grade.

foster visit



Yang



We visited her family. They were all very friendly, and would love to have us to visit them more often. Please pray for this family, that they will come to know our Father more intimately. They were also very happy that we brought them some second-hand clothes. They said that the clothes that we had brought are better than the ones they bought in the market.

There were some relatives of the foster children who are also studying in the high school in Linzhi. We spent some time with them, sharing the good news with the foster children's relatives and they accepted HIM as their Lord and Savior. Praise HIM!

Written by
Daniel & Gail

Yes to Jesus



REGION OF FOCUS: Americas

“There’s going to be a revival in the land. There’s going to be a revival in the land. From the North to the South, from the East to the West, there’s going to be a revival in the land.” We used to sing it by the hour. We cried out to the Lord to revive the faith that has made us strong as a person, as a family, as a church, as a ministry from that church. We prayed for revival. We talked about revival. We sang about revival. We cried out for revival. When we found a church where the Lord was saving, healing, and delivering people, we drove there in vans, cars, and once even in a limo to be in the place where the Lord was moving.

Now I can feel it again — from Canada to Argentina, God is about to do something so fantastic in the Americas that if He told us the details we would not believe it. We are praying for, talking about, singing about and believing for revival. Yes, Argentina had a great revival, but we need the new move. We need to see Colombia and Venezuela moving in the power and purpose of God. We need to see the islands break forth in praise to Jesus. And, as we pray and sing and declare and rejoice, we will see it happen. Jesus will answer the prayer of faith and the nations will proclaim Him.

The Attack Lambs when translated into Spanish is literally, “The Lambs in Attack”. Across Mexico and into Guatemala, this teaching is mobilizing people to walk and pray. We are putting tracks across the land declaring that wherever our feet will tread, Jesus will give it to us. We are displacing the power and presence of the enemy of our souls. This is going to be a great move of the Holy Spirit as thousands learn to walk in the victory of Jesus and be free of the spirits that have for so long clung to their lives.

Now is the time ...

Photos: Participants at the Pasiona que Transforma Conference

In January, we begin multiple prayer teams to capital cities in Mexico and throughout South America. You can walk with these teams, get fit, and enjoy a great escape from the ice and cold of winter in the north. Now is the time to prepare. January we begin.

If you cannot come with us, then make a day trip to your state capital and call upon the Lord. He will answer you and show you great and mighty things you know not of.

SEAPC has registered as a ministry in Canada. Now we are working on tax exemption. The Lord has formed a great team for SEAPC Canada. As summer comes, we will prayer walk every capital city in Canada and spread this revival word from sea to sea. Now is the time for the Americas. Now is the time to call upon the Lord, to lay hold of the promise of God and get those walking shoes down and get ready to go.

For an audio experience and to learn the melody to “There Is Going To Be A Revival”, call me at 412-480-5049 and I will speak it into your spirit.



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Father's Heart, America

America is here because of the Father. He formed this land out of a people zealously desiring to live life His way. Our founding fathers, those very first pioneers who sent foot on the sands of Massachusetts, carried conviction and resolve deep in their veins. An unrighteous, oppressive government across the Atlantic would not die for themselves or for the future of their children. The cost was far too high to bear. Life was in the balance, and a higher voice – that of the Father, was calling them near to His side. A promise, like Abraham's, was heard, "Go to a land that I will show you and give to you as an inheritance." America was formed right here, and America was blessed because of it!

Now, America is voting to restructure herself in every way possible; trying to detach from her faithful Father's loving and secure embrace. Like the prodigal son, the heart of America wants to run far away! We want to live our own way, on our terms, and with no help from the one who blessed us. Our enemies lie in wait for such a day — a day when we drift far enough from the Father to be fully exploited. They wait to grab the spoils — the blessings and inheritance our Father has given us.

Is it too late for America? No! But it is time to hear our Father's heart and cry out to Him! It is time for the righteous to pray in earnest before the throne that we want Him fully back in our nation — His covering, His promises, His ways, His presence. We need our Father. Our children need the Father. Prayer speaks straight to our Father's heart. Father promised He will hear us, and He will come and heal our land!

Blessings from the SEAPC family.



Written by
John Paul Sprecher

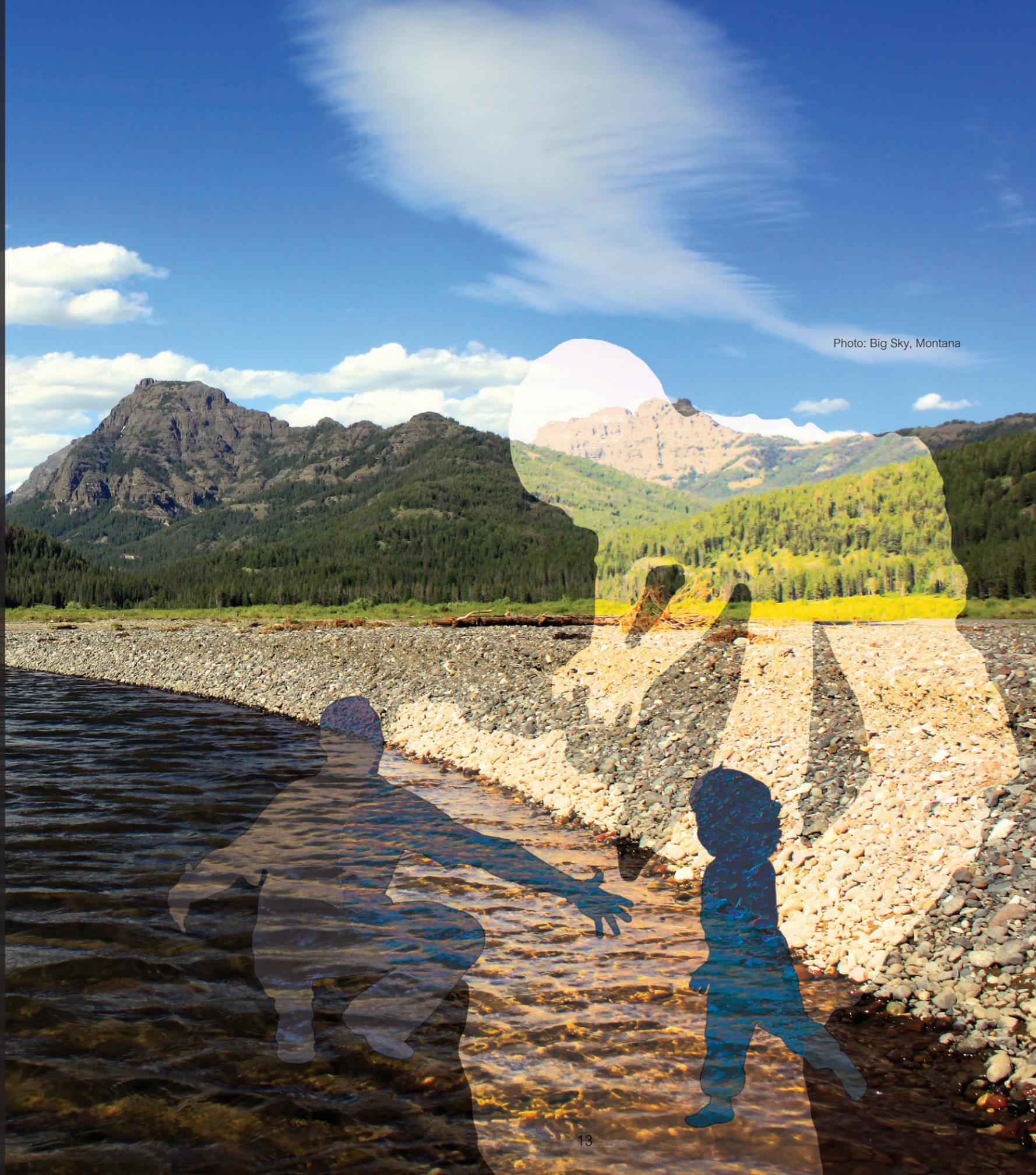


Photo: Big Sky, Montana

Ask the Lord for Workers

Suppose you had never met Joshua Kallimel, and, after 27 years of working in Asia, you were directed to go and pray in North India. Suppose that 30 years ago, you spent a night in the Delhi airport and were deeply touched for the people of the Punjab region. Suppose that after declaring your retirement and with a young team waiting in the wings to take the ministry you have served to its next level, you received a promise, "In this mountain I will remove the cloud over the people and all nations will come and worship."

So, with that much, you went out to pray in the mountains of North India. You were observed by a network of people who have been praying for a long time and they saw that you were very real about the call to prayer and the promise of God. After a couple of breakthroughs, it was suggested to you by a new friend, that you meet a certain pastor. They arranged the meeting and

you talked, and he procured 10,000 copies of *The Attack Lambs* and asked you to come in October and teach from the book.

With some discussion, you found that your paths had crossed in 1983 and that you had actually worked at funding his brother. But, the way things were going in those years, you wound up with the Chinese.

Now, you are going with Pastor Joshua to teach the leaders of his 20,000 churches (a church being 15 people who meet at a set place at a set time to worship Jesus).

That you, would be me. And you would be so excited for the time from October 15 through November 14. Please keep me in your prayers as I see the Lord answer our years of prayer for workers. I can see the potential for leading Indian

(Luke 10:12)

teams to the northern mountains and see such great breakthrough. We have prayed for workers, open doors, fruit, and finances for South Side Works, and increase is happening in all four areas. 20,000 churches of believers who can travel without visa and speak the language!! And in conversation with Pastor Joshua I found that when I worked with John Gilman and Dayspring International, the organization that brought us to Virginia Beach in 1988, we raised support for his brother who has launched 15,000 churches in India. When you ask the Lord for workers, He has more than a few in mind.

"So, why now?" You ask. Who can understand the timing of the Lord in these things? All I know is that we are very excited as we see the Holy Spirit moving through India on His way to Jerusalem. All of us are part of this great move of God. Some pray, some give, and some go; but in SEAPC,

when one prays we all pray, when one gives we all give, and when one goes we all go. It is an honor to be carried by your prayers and offerings to carry a very simple teaching on prayer to a people who agree that now is the time of breakthrough for their nation.

We are going to need about 100,000 copies of *The Attack Lambs* to be printed in 2014. And these will just meet current demand. Please join with me to get the necessary seed into the hands of the sowers as they prepare to go to the mountains and to shout from the mountaintops the Lordship of Jesus.



Written by
Mark Geppert



THANK YOU



It was an awesome six weeks! The Celebration of Hope tour was a great success with many people being impacted through the message that God was sharing through the team, the kids and chaperones keeping up with the fast pace, and a large number of people assisting the tour in many different ways.

After having arrived in Cambodia and having rested for a day or two, we asked a few of the kids to share their views of the tour with us. You may remember Phany, an 11-year-old who arrived at NHO for her safety because her father had threatened to kill her and her three brothers when he and their mother divorced.

Looking at Phany, or her brothers, you would not have known the hard times they have gone through because of their infectious smiles. You cannot help but smile and laugh in joy around them. Her joy, dancing ability, studiousness and high morality was why she was chosen to come with the team. Let me share her interview with you.



Phany and her brothers when first arriving at NHO



Phany (right) performing in the 2013 tour

Interview with Phany

Was the USA the same or different than what you imagined?

"The USA was different from what I imagined and dreamed about. This land is huge and there are a lot of landscape and good view areas. The plants are green and flowers are colorful and different kinds according to their type."

What did you like most about the tour?

"I liked King's Dominion and hiking in the jungle." (Author's note: The "jungle" was the woods, namely Dark Hollow Woods Park, in Oakmont, Pennsylvania.)

Did you try any new food? What was it?

Did you like it?

"I could eat a lot of different flavored food like barbeque which I never have here. Wow! So much food variety to choose from! Ah ha ... I can eat until I am satisfied."

What did you miss from Cambodia?

"I missed my own food in Cambodia and my country (where I go, what I do and where I stay)."

What has God taught you during this trip?

"God has taught me a lot during the tour in the USA about development and preparation of America, social hygiene and environmental care."

Has this trip motivated you to do something in Cambodia? If so, what?

"This amazing tour motivated me to humble myself and respect people who are older than me more than before."

What would you like to say to people in the U.S.?

"I would like to say to the people of America from the bottom of my heart, your country is so beautiful and prosperous. God bless you more and more."

It is very easy for someone to be overwhelmed by the cultural differences and to be overtaken by all of the blessings received. Pastor Sinai kept the kids grounded with daily devotions while they were here. It is very evident in the insight of Phany's answers. In addition to happily enjoying the blessings they were receiving, the kids were also learning about anything they could, and helping in any way they could. They were so happy when they heard that they had helped to find sponsors, not only for other kids at NHO, but for kids at Charity Children's Home in Myanmar as well. As of mid-September, there were 24 children sponsored in Cambodia and seven in Myanmar as a direct result of the tour, with 7 more Cambodia sponsorships waiting for children to arrive.

Thank you everyone! Your giving in prayer, finances and time spent to help or be with the team, has helped them bless people from various countries and kids in Cambodia and Myanmar. You also blessed them. God bless you!



Written by
Tina Tomes
Director, Raising Kids



Hiking in Dark Hollow Woods

The Higher Place in God



Overlooking from Mount Zion

I have just returned from a trip to the Holy Land this past week. It was a time of refreshing and of new revelation, and the experience of the Bible coming alive over ten days of walking where Jesus walked was amazing. We prayed and worshipped at the same places where Jesus taught and worshipped. I received a greater understanding of why Jesus always took time in the mountainsides to pray and hear from his Father.

On one mountain in particular, while our group was worshipping, I had an encounter with Him. I heard the Master keep saying to me, "Come up here. Come up here. You don't have to stay in the midst of your circumstances for I have given you a place 'far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.'" (Ephesians 1:21).

I began to pray and meditate on the words I had heard and how I could stay in that place far above, and I sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He showed me this scripture in Ephesians 2:4-7, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

"Sit together", and "in Christ Jesus" — these words resonated in my heart, and the word 'together' having occurred three times, in the last two verses, denotes our union with Christ:

- In His resurrection
- In His ascension
- In His present rule at Gods right hand

From this place of partnership, He grants that we share in the present works of His kingdom's power which was spoken in Colossians 1:13, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."

"Delivered us from the power of darkness" conveys the idea that salvation rescues us from the tyranny of darkness, and it includes such negatives as danger, death, sickness, poverty, and hostile situations in general. These rescues belong to us right now when we stay in the higher ways of God.

So how do we stay in this position of "high above"?

In 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 we read, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."

The "high above" position is to think the thoughts of God, essentially the higher thoughts spoken by the prophet Isaiah in chapter 55. It is having the mind of Christ, which is to think the way He thought. Jesus only said what the Father said and only did what the Father did.

Positioning ourselves in the higher ways of God takes four steps:

- Thinking His thoughts
- Having faith in Him and in all that He says He is able to complete
- Dreaming His dreams, getting His vision
- Words — saying what He says to say

This is the 'higher' place in God that keeps us high above all things.

Shalom



Written by
Jeff Swogger

Running Toward the Vision

Thank you for running hand in hand through the course God has lain before us. People have asked the question, "Who would have thought that there would be a Christian witness in every county of Tibet today?" Well, the answer is, "We did!"

Or, "Did you ever think you would be used by God to help 600 orphans find a home?" "Yes, in fact we believe for 2,000." "Do you think God will one day bring revival to America?" "Yes!" This is the confidence we have in Him, that whatever we ask in His name according to His purposes, He will grant us the petitions of our request.

You and I, together with so many around the globe believe in the great vision that if we will walk and pray, and God will send nation-changing revival to that land. The vision is big, and the course seems long, but He is orchestrating our steps and giving us the sovereign platforms of ministry and the right people to reach our common goal.

There are very clear, definable, and achievable steps in front of the South East Asia Prayer Center today. God has put the steps in front of us so that we will work diligently toward the larger vision He has given us. Here are the immediate steps in front of us in the nations we serve. Please pray for these steps, give towards them financially, and share them with those you know.

LAOS

1. Finish the Garden of Hope Training Center: \$50,000
2. Sponsor a micro-economic development student: \$250 per month for October and November 2013

MYANMAR

1. Find Sponsors for the remaining 130 children: \$50 per month
2. Children's Charity Christian School: \$250,000 (School for 500 students to receive Christian Education, 2014)

CAMBODIA

1. Rebuild the dormitory at the Children's Home at Kampong Cham: \$35,000
2. Send 20 students to college: \$1000 per student, per year, beginning October 2013
3. Children's Home and NHO Community Center at Phnom Penh: \$200,000 (2014)

THAILAND

1. Plant a Church Celebration Outreach Event: \$10,000 for December 2013

MEXICO

1. Breakfast with the King (Saturday morning meal for inner city kids): \$300 per week

INDIA

1. Pastor Mark Attack Lambs training: \$1,000 per month for October and November 2013

CHINA

1. Elite Academy for Autism: \$1,000 per month (2014)

You are the South East Asia Prayer Center and you are being used by God to change lives through this ministry. You have run this course with us and have seen nations change through prayer. God has shown us these next steps to take and given the endurance to achieve them. Together we will see nations change!



Written by
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President, SEAPC

“The Lord God
is my strength;
He will make my feet
like deer’s feet,
And He will make me walk
on my high hills.”
Habakkuk 3:19



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