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> Friends Around the Table 2014 Psalm 67:4 "Sing for Joy!" p.5

THE MIRACULOUS OCCURRED at the end of this street. Oaxaca, Mexico



Praying for each other from 14 nations

### It's a New Day!

coworker Tony asked. "Isn't what funny?" "That we have friends around the world that we can joke around with, have fun with, and still get so much done." I stopped in front of the Oakmont Deli in Oakmont, PA and looked up at him from my phone. "While we were walking, we just negotiated to open Christian baseball and soccer leagues in Cambodia via Facebook Messenger. Yes, it is kind of funny!"

Some have described it as an "Open Heaven," some have noticed "an unusual move of God all across the globe," and others closer to home have declared "an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the nations." As I stood on the streets in Oaxaca, Mexico, last month and witnessed a ten-year-old Chinese Canadian boy minister healing to a sixtyyear-old Mexican woman with no translation it became very apparent, this is a new day in the Kingdom of God.

The truth is, it is kind of funny; and the more we have yielded our attempt at control over to God, the more fun it has become at the South East Asia Prayer Center. Psalm 67 reads, "God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among the nations."

In this issue of the SEAPC magazine, you will read about seventy friends from 14 nations who met together in Oaxaca, Mexico for the SEAPC "Friends Around the Table" gathering and how the Lord used this group to intervene during public rioting to heal the sick, share Jesus, and joyfully

"Isn't it kind of funny?" my good friend and make God's way known throughout the city (page 5). You will also hear from the mother of 340 children in Cambodia and how God stopped the rain for two hours every day at "Kids Camp" so her kids could enjoy the beach; 80 volunteers from 9 nations came together to serve her kids, along with over 200 local Christian leaders. Heaven truly opened for us all while 71 of those kids decided to be water baptized (page 11) in the surf!

> The nations are coming together and the numbers are increasing rapidly. As we say here in the U.S., "Hold on to your hats! It is going to be a great ride!" Thank you for praying and participating through the platforms of Health, Education, Parenting, and Economic Development. God is truly using these platforms to make His ways known on earth and positioning us to introduce salvation to the nations.

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Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC



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I am the mother of all of the New Hope Children's Homes children. During kids camp, I was so happy when I saw they came from the different homes to one place (at the beach) and met to get to know each other, eat, play, pray, study, and worship the Lord together. I extremely rejoiced to see that each of them was so brave to go up to the stage. They did a great job. Although some of them had just moved to live in the home, they acted amazingly. I observed that each of their faces was full of joy.

Full of wonder, they went to the beach, swam against big waves, and played in the sand at the seashore. They were so overjoyed and took many photos of themselves. They wanted to express themselves and were quite stylish while taking the photos. Although it was raining hard each day before we went to the beach, when the time came, the rain either stopped or only drizzled so that the children could enjoy the beach. When it was drizzly raining, they kept on playing and running in the rain. A mother's heart always worries that they might get sick if they do that or they may drown in the water. I always prayed for God's protection upon them to be free from harm and danger because I definitely didn't want to see them lose their joyfulness and happiness at the beach. Without God, they would not have had this great time like people who have their parents providing for and comforting them.

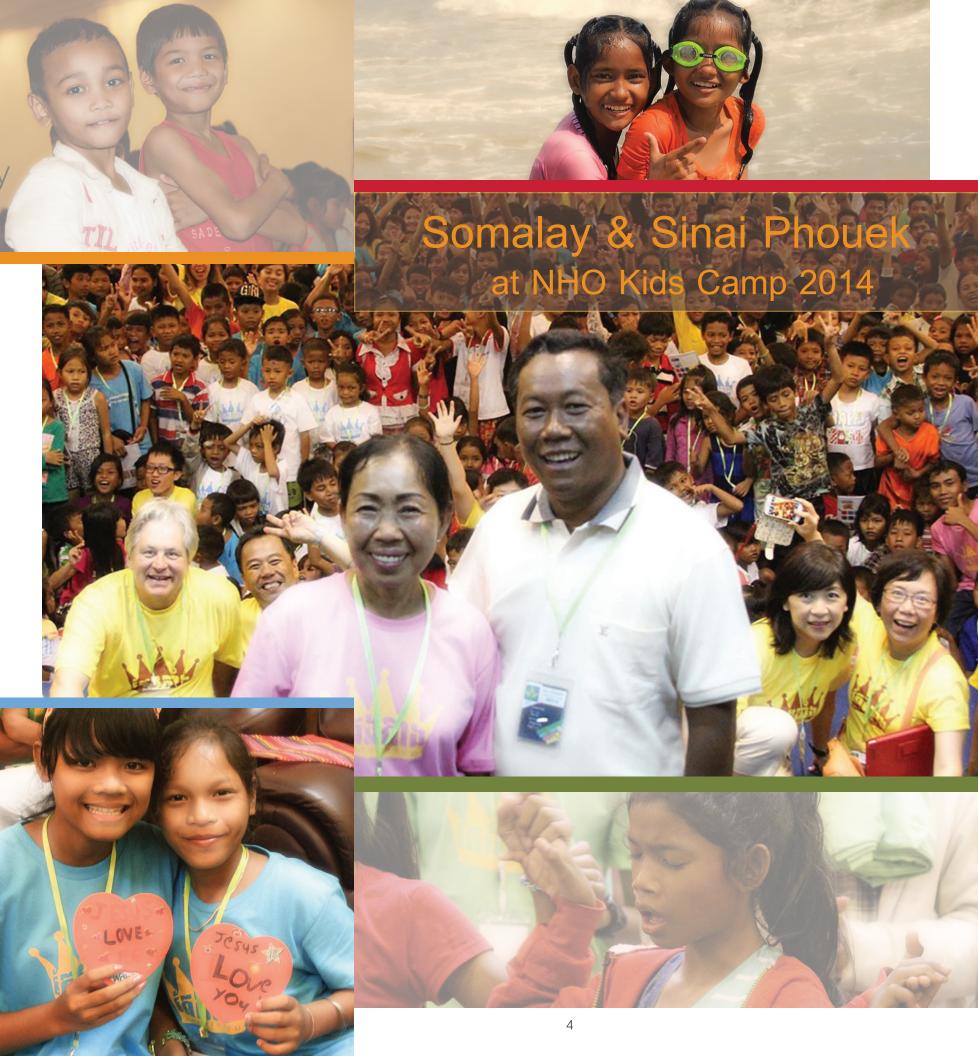
When I sat and stared at the sea, which seems beyond our understanding, I asked some kids, "Do you see how great the sea is?" They answered, "Mom, the sea is so huge; I can not see the other side of it." Nonetheless, I told them, "One day, my children, you can cross the huge ocean to other countries which you have never known. First, you have to love the Lord with all of your heart; praying, living as an example for others and studying hard." They immediately answered, "Yes."

I wanted them to see that they are not alone or only those living within their homes. They all come from different places. There were so many people worshiping one God and being a family in Jesus Christ. All of the house parents and staff from the different homes were fellowshipping and getting to know each other more. They shared and learned from one another.

I was so excited to see people from other countries come as one family in Jesus Christ for this camp. They expressed full love towards us. Although we have different languages, they brought good lessons and various games with love. Every house parent and staff learned more about how to take good care of the children and how to work with children who have problems such as ADD and ADHD. As a mother, I am so thankful to get such a great teaching that we had never heard before.

I observed that the children and staff bravely spoke English with the guests. Although they did not speak very well, they still tried. Most of them said that they were so happy when they met together like this and when they returned home, they would learn English so that next time they will be better able to speak with foreigners. House parents and staff told me that they had learned a lot during the camp and when they returned to the homes, they would take all of what they had learned to put into practice.

I understand that camp costs a lot of money. In our own strength, it was impossible to handle but God to made it become true. The Bible says, "There is nothing that the Lord cannot do. For the Lord is our provider." Meeting up together makes the children and staff more comfortable and familiar with each other than before. They will increase the love of God in their lives because they don't feel lonely anymore.



### Friends Around the Table 2014

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In Oaxaca, Mexico, outside the Church of Santo Domingo de Guzmán, hundreds gather; trading stories and local foods, while waiting for the sun to set in anticipation of their nightly protests against the local government. Two blocks from this church, over seventy friends from around the world came for five days to pray, fellowship, and worship with the goal of hearing from God, leaders from 611 Hong Kong and Pastor Liu Tong of River of Life Christian Church on how they will grow the Church in their home nation. Ignited with vision, hope, and an atmosphere of praise and worship, many of this seventy hit the streets of Oaxaca in the afternoons and evenings. Encouraged by our wild and wonderful friend, Pastor Jeff Yuen, from Singapore, we entered the marketplace outside of the church. Before long, several of the riotous youths were experiencing supernatural healings, confessing sins, and receiving Jesus into their lives. By the week's end, dozens had been healed and hundreds were sharing a new understanding of the true power of the church's love for them.

We believe that it is a new day in the nations and that God has positioned us, as a group of closely knit friends, with the strength of the global body of Christ united in purpose behind us, to fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for giving, going, and believing that in this new day, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!! >>> Read the full article at www.seapc.org/friends2014



Patrick & Patricia Veach Saltillo, Mexico

"Friends around the table has inspired us to DREAM BIG. PRAY LOTS, and ACT NOW!"

- Matthew & Jonathan Chung SEAPC-Canada

"The people at Friends Around The Table teach by example. Their lives are transformation models for our generation."

Pastor Alejandro Orella Granados Tapachula, Mexico

'Friends is a time for the generations to gather around Jesus and His passion for nations."

John Paul Sprecher, **Forerunner Flame** International

"One for All and All for one purpose - HIS Kingdom; JESUS All the way!"

- Moses Ernest Dorcas Ministries India

"Totally anointed, rejuvenating, satisfying and fulfilling and blessed experience."

Madhu Bala Ernest Dorcas Ministries India

"Connection; Friends Around The Table was a time to connect more deeply to the Lord through the awesome worship and teaching, and to connect with brothers and sisters from places all over the world which have become "hot spots" of revival because of their faithfulness and obedience."

Pastor Carol Missik **Operation Capital City** 

EAG

"Gifted friends from the nations coming together to see the Kingdom of God expanded."

Daniel & Gail China

"All for and All to The Father! It is my Father's Business!"

Pastor Ruby Kwok 611 Church Hong Kong

"It was a wonderful experience to meet and live with people who love God and surrender their lives to reach new souls for the glory of God."

- Pastor Isaias Acosta Saltillo, Mexico





### The Eternal Investment

Jesus taught, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

"KA-CHING!" Everybody recognizes the sound of money. They even have a song on that. But can you hear the sound of your treasure in heaven? Your eternal investment in the lives of people, is causing heaven to have a party. Very recently, we had a Bible training at an undisclosed location. We had about 15 tribes from 5 generations of our Bible students. We have many more generations of alumni that graduated from us but, due to certain constraints, we could not bring everyone for the training. Here are some updates from these brothers and sisters in Laos.

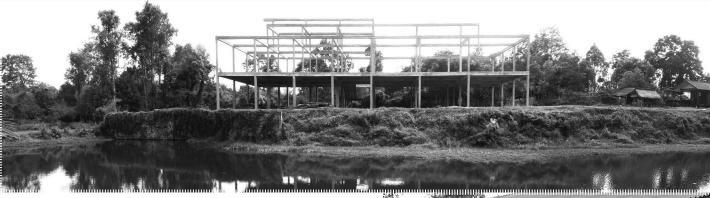
#### THE PRESENT

1. Those who have followed my articles in the past, know that I had helped pioneer a church in the city of Vientiane and had been the pastor for about 3 years when I stepped down and handed it over. This church is doing great, being full every week. The worship is so wonderful. The team has matured so much now.

2. We just made an agreement between Oral Roberts University, International Christian Mission and Christian Life Educators Network to work together for Christian education in Laos.

#### **UPDATES**

(These are some of your eternal investments - they are all former students) 1. One sister started a children's church in the Jeng Tribe. 2. A brother started 8 fellowships in a province of northern Laos. 3. A brother started a Hmong Fellowship in the city of Vientiane. 4. A brother will begin to be on staff with SEAPC in October. This is in preparation of a new church plant in the city. 5. A brother started a fellowship among the Bru. 6. A brother became an evangelist among the Bru tribe. 7. A couple is being sponsored to do church planting in the north. THE FUTURE 8. A brother started a fellowship in his work place. 1. In the very near future, we are hoping to 9. 2 brothers are helping a church in Thailand. start another city church, but this time the 10. And then of course, we have the current generation of students who are still in training.



Acts College construction, continued





- service will be conducted only in English and we want to situate it in the center of the city.
- 2. By faith, we are going to register our Bible School with the government.
- 3. We are hoping to start a tuition center project in the city.
- 4. We are looking for an opportunity to have a House of Prayer in Vientiane.

#### THE NEEDS

- 1. We are looking for 5 foreigners that have a skill set to impart, to start a city church.
- 2. The finances to continue sponsoring students and to complete the Bible school building.
- 3. Someone who has a ministry to bring the Gospel to the deaf.
- 4. English teachers when the tuition center starts.
- 5. Someone to run the Bible school when approved.



The needs above require missionaries who are able to commit to a minimum of spending one year in Laos and have the necessary skills and talents and a direct calling/purpose from God in this area of ministry.

Thank you for your time, energy and resources in helping the Kingdom of God grow in Laos. Please never ever stop giving to the kingdom of God and be blessed eternally



Written by Hubert Chan



MYANMAR





#### Yangon City

ACTS Myanmar Mission Charity Children's Home Acts Bible College

Church on the Rock

# Region at a Glance: Myanmar

SEAPC has partnered with Acts Myanmar Mission, which includes: Charity Children's Home, Acts Bible College, and Church on the Rock, since 2008. During that time, we have seen tremendous growth. There have been numerous building and grounds upgrades, including bunk beds, cupboards, a playground, dormitory painting, new roofs, new bathrooms, a pig farm, garden, and Bible college renovations. God has blessed the work in Myanmar. We have seen more children come to the children's home, attendance rise in the Bible College, churches planted, and souls saved.

Charity Children's home was started in 1996 because of Pastor James Lian Sai's compassion towards hurting children. Pastor James and his team know that only the Gospel has the transforming power to change man and society. They show the children the love of God by providing for their physical needs and helping them to establish self worth, respect, dignity, sanctity of life, and positive thinking so that they can become future leaders. Education is a vital part of the children's home as they are determined to remove illiteracy from Myanmar. Within Charity Children's Home, there are 205 children ages 2-19, 9 college-age youth and 13 full-time staff that care for their needs. The staff at the home are the most caring, loving, attentive, and faithful individuals. They truly put the needs of the children before their own, and their Christ-like approach to every situation is self-evident.

Acts Bible College, which was founded by Pastor James in 1989, allows students to receive degrees in preparation for ministry. Quite often, the children from Charity Children's Home will be called to ministry after they graduate high school and go to school at Acts Bible College. Currently there are 96 students enrolled. After graduation, these students will often go back to their home villages and start ministry, or plant churches throughout Myanmar.

Church on the Rock currently plants churches through out the country. The main Church building is on the Acts Myanmar mission campus. There are 67 churches planted throughout the country. Acts Bible College partners with Church On The Rock to train pastors and work on leadership development.

Please join us in changing lives in Myanmar. There are short-term team opportunities for you to come and teach through Charity Children's Home and Act's Bible College. 113 children/youth need a sponsor at \$50 per month. As always, there is a vital need for prayer teams in this emerging Southeast Asian nation.



Written by Tony Wimer Director of Contributor Relations, SEAPC





### New Believers, Churches, and Church Family

### SMALL PART of a big thing

I was taught that it is better to be a small part of a big thing than a big part of a small thing. A vital core value of SEAPC adopted in 1985 from the Chinese house church movement, the discipline of relating at the small group level with the goals of establishing true fellowship with one another and multiplying God's global Church has, for thirty years, safeguarded steady growth and lasting friendships within SEAPC. It is this core value that will ground us as the Lord grows us in the nations.

Here we are in a new day for the body of Christ. I received a phone call recently from a teenager in China who read *The Attack Lambs*, prayed to receive Jesus, searched the author and wanted to enroll as an intern at SEAPC. The next week, I witnessed a tenyear-old Chinese Canadian boy minister healing to a Mexican woman in her sixties without a translator on the streets of Oaxaca, Mexico. Last month, 71 orphaned or abandoned Cambodian kids formed five lines and waded out into the Gulf of Thailand to be baptized while 300 of their believing friends looked on. That week they heard Jesus in many variations of English (Singlish, British, Bahasa-ish, Cantonese-ish, Portuguese-ish, Mandarin-ish, American, Canadian (Eh!), and, of course, a lot of Pittsburghese) but it was their native tongue, Khmer, which changed their hearts. On that day, over 80 volunteers from 9 nations came as a witness of Jesus Christ with intent to be a small part of a big thing. In this new day of rapid connectivity throughout the world, our voluntary submission to God's plan will determine our freedom and success in the nations.

More than ever before, the people who need to know Jesus are open to hear about Him. They need a God who cares for them. They need fellowship and to know they are a part of something good as well as eternal. In this new day, as the numbers and opportunities grow throughout this ministry we serve, it will be the principle introduced to us by Wang Ming Dao that will be most effective. Though we are more connected than ever before around the world, it is not the expansion of the social network of man, designed foremost to exalt man, that will save the lost and needing soul but rather the network of prayer submitted in common purpose that fills the minds of man with the Spirit of Truth and builds the sanctuary of grace for the multitudes in need.

As we have learned from the father of the house church of China, we are all rough stones made smooth through our relationships with one another, being continuously made ready for the sling to send us headlong into the demise of the giants of our day.

I see small groups of Christian people joining together around the world to eliminate infant mortality in Latin America, hunger in India, flesh trade and slavery in Thailand, abortion in China, corruption in Cambodia, addiction in the United States, and murder in the Middle East. Changes are coming to the nations as we release our abilities into God's hands and become a small part of a very big thing!



Written by Matthew Geppert President, SEAPC







### Discern God-Given Opportunities Dan Taylor, our man in Shimla, I many new doors have opened and th literally pouring out His Holy Spirit i

On Tuesday, September 2nd, Al Qaeda declared war on India. Actually, they rekindled a war that has been going on from the first century. They made threats and held rallies in their mountain enclaves in the Pakistan-controlled villages of Kashmir. The Indians, very accustomed to this bravado, responded with measured dark humor relating that they have been at war since Ashoka swept through India in the first century.

We were at Friends Around The Table in Mexico when the news broke, so we gathered around Sister Madhu Bala and her son, Moses, and prayed for a while for India, our friends who live in Kashmir, and protection for the Christians. Wednesday it rained in Northern India as it has not done for many years. The hardest hit areas are those in Pakistan, right in the center of the region where Osama bin Laden was captured and about 50 miles from the new prayer center. Yes, we are there and we want you to be as well.

In these times (whether they are the 'end times' I do not know), there are wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, famine and disease of every type. This is going to be our global portion as the spirit of the false prophet stirs the heart of the uninformed against the rest of the world. So, we have a burgeoning bank of opportunity and many wide doors for effectual service opened to us.

Rain and floods are impartial. Sunny, our host in the Srinagar Prayer Center, reports that he is trying to locate his church members. He does not know if they were swept away by the floods, or if they can be found. Transportation and communication are very difficult and the Indian army is trying to ferry people to safety with boats and helicopters. Many whole villages have slid down thousands of feet from their mountain perches to the roiling rapids of streams, now rivers. In many places there are no known survivors. Dan Taylor, our man in Shimla, reported that many new doors have opened and that the Lord is literally pouring out His Holy Spirit in that center. Unaffected by the floods, they are seeing the Lord move mightily. Ravi, our guide and travel agent for North India, is sharing his testimony with power.

A friend, Ashish Matto, in Jammu, the winter capitol of Kashmir sent us pictures of the floods and the report that there will be an opportunity for all of us to participate when the waters go down.

Lord willing, I will be focused on 2-week teams for North India from March 15 until October 15 of 2015. The cost will continue to be your airfares and visa plus \$100 per day. We will have 2 hours of morning prayer at the center and then 2 hours of traveling prayer before a late lunch. In the afternoon, we will give aid where we can. What funds we do not use for travel, food, and accommodation will be given as a rebuilding and outreach offering to these churches. There is a team forming from Mexico and a team forming at Christ for the Nations in Dallas. Brother Gary Ham is getting a team together in Rochester, New York, and I am always talking to people about coming. I feel that these floods are a breakthrough to make an opportunity to give aid in the name of lesus.

We can fly into Srinagar from the lowlands. It is only 5,000 feet so there is little effect from altitude. Anything we do to help in Jammu, we will do through Brother Ashish. Roads and weather permitting, we will send mobile teams to Leh and the high mountain passes.

Please pray and prepare to either come to North India, or to sponsor someone. Want to do something to stop the threats of radical Islam? Demonstrate the love of Jesus in a tangible way. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and offer help to the helpless. Seize the moment.



Written by Mark Geppert



"... many new doors have opened and the Lord is literally pouring out His Holy Spirit."

# There the Lord commands the blessing, even life forever more.

There is just nothing that can compare to Godgiven Christian unity. Hector and I arrived at Jesus is Lord Church in Tapachula, Mexico just in time for the opening of the Attack Lambs Seminar. There were about 100 pastors and leaders assembled for the opening night pastor's dinner. This is when we go through the definitions of theological terminology we will use with their church members. Typically, on a Thursday evening and hosted by a local church, we feel this is the most important way to appreciate the fact that the pastors have come together for the event and to equip them for any questions that should arise.

Changing the disc from Asia to Mexico, and enjoying a great tamale, I glanced around the room to see how many of these men and women had been at *The Attack Lambs* book release the previous year. There were many familiar faces and greetings. The Mexicans are so very polite.

It was then that I saw, above one of the tables, on the giant screen, the beautiful picture of a young man praying as a part of Pray Americas. What an encouragement it was to find that these pastors had mobilized their churches to pray with those of Canada and the United States for the 40 Days of Unity. As I shared with them about Arne Bryan, the 95-year-old prayer leader in Canada, and the thousands who, through Cindy Jacobs and the Billy Graham Center and hundreds more, had joined, we had a great sense that unity in prayer will bring a great release of the Holy Spirit.

Hector, Pastor Alejandro and I spent the next week traveling through Chiapas State, the border

state with Guatemala, praying about the children who cross every day. We went to border crossings, on jungle rivers, and in mountain passes to pray for the safety of these young people and to talk with pastors along the way to watch out for these youth and to take the opportunity to share Jesus with them. We found so much joy and enthusiasm for prayer.

Violent crime is down 37% in the cities where churches participated in Pray Americas. This is startling and a great report. Churches are multiplying, not only in Southern Chiapas and the Peninsula States to the Caribbean, but also in Northern Saltillo and Cuerna Vacas. God is hearing the cry of His Church, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done " as it resonates across the land.

Pastor Alejandro related that, "We found so much breakthrough during Pray Americas, that we are continuing another 100 days."

God is building a great network of churches from Pastor Victor Hugo in Tuxtla, to Pastor Patrick Veach in Saltillo. The Superintendent of the Church of God, Full Gospel, has asked us to teach Attack Lambs to all their churches in Mexico and Cuba. Dr. Richard Hayes is adapting Attack Lambs for their Bible School in Monterey and his global network. The Lord is using Mexicans to go into all the earth with the Gospel and to walk on the land and claim it for Jesus Christ.

We concluded our Mexico journey with Friends Around the Table in Oaxaca. Wow, what five days we had together as Asia came to Mexico. There was a teacher's strike happening in Oaxaca and Jeff Yuen took a small group and began to minister to the striking teachers. Right out there in the street, they lined up for prayer for healing. The Lord touched 30 people that afternoon, which really woke up the pastors to the harvest that is right before them. Our meetings were electric in the Holy Spirit with high praise and worship led by the team from our host church, Rock of Faith Church.

We have enjoyed 30 years of relationship with Pastor Bulmaro and Elvia. They are building a mountaintop prayer center. Oaxaca is the geographic center of Mexico. We will be looking for teams to come and help build a worldchanging prayer center.

When Isaias Acosta picked up the translation of *The Attack Lambs*, he had a dream that this little book would be used of the Lord to bring together different streams of the church to walk and pray for Mexico. Carol Missik is our example of obedience to prayer walk as she covered the 32 state capitols and, once she and Isaias got on the same page, there has been nothing but breakthrough.

Please begin to see Mexico in a new light. These believers are very passionate. They want to see Jesus come in this generation.



Written by Mark Geppert



We found so much joy and enthusiasm for prayer.

Above: People crossing the border illegally from Mexico to Guatemala Far Left: Hector, Alejandro, and Mark Left: Pray Americas slide at 40 Days of Unity leaders meeting

in Cambodia

## Know the Numbers



### CHILDREN: 564

New Hope for Orphans (Cambodia)

- 340 children/youth
- 332 sponsored through SEAPC (U.S. office), SEAPC-Singapore or direct connections to NHO

➡ 8 available for sponsorship

Charity Children's Home (Myanmar)

- 214 children/youth
- 101 sponsored through SEAPC
- 113 available for sponsorship

#### Abundant Life Care (India)

- 10 children/youth
- 7 sponsored through SEAPC or direct connections to ALC
- 3 available for sponsorship

Photos: Children waiting to be sponsored at Charity Childrens Home in Myanmar (bottom) and NHO in Cambodia (top)

### **RK SPONSORS: 301**

#### SEAPC (U.S. office)

- $\Rightarrow$  249 sponsors, sponsoring 356 kids/youth
- SEAPC-Singapore  $\Rightarrow$  52 sponsors,
- sponsoring 65 kids/youth

### \$50/month

- $\Rightarrow$ 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

\*(varies depending upon country)









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### Psalm 67:4-7

"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Let the people praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. Then the Earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear him."

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