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Breakthrough Will Come

Katie Kraft is a full-time researcher at the University of East London in London, England. Right now her fully-funded research project is to examine the positive or negative impact of the church as the instrument of education for children fleeing conflict in Syria. Katie has some very interesting findings. In fact, she has found hundreds of personal accounts of Muslim families overcoming decades of regional hatred to now find hope, strength, relationship, quality education, and Christ in church settings provided daily for displaced people now living in Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq.

This year many of you have committed to journey along with us monthly in prayers from Beijing to Bethlehem as you've read this magazine. When the SEAPC leadership team met one year ago to pray and set the theme and course of action for 2015, we had no certainty of the coming events other than believing that in this season God would shake the earth and this would be a great time of harvest for the global church. Together we set our course from Beijing to Bethlehem, trekking the old silk routes in prayer, watching God at work, making new friends, and mending ties with old ones, to be certain that our earthly shortcomings did not keep others from heavenly rewards. And as we have prayed, God has allowed for us to participate in His harvest.

We began in Beijing and Chengdu, China then entered into the Himalayan cities of Lhasa, Kathmandu, Shimla, and Srinagar before descending into Islamabad and Tehran. Now we have made it to Damascus! What a time it is to enter into prayer for Damascus.

Katie's research is fascinating to me. SEAPC has partnered with Katie Kraft and Jonno Rugna by

providing affiliate status to their work which is called SERVED. SERVED is currently receiving and disbursing funds through SEAPC's 501c3 status with the mission of equipping the church to educate children in conflict. How humbling it is to think that you and I are a small part of the church harvest where the Apostle Paul and countless saints had first sown seeds, and how important it is to recognize the cost that has been and currently is being made as persecution sweeps across this land.

We are called to pray! I believe that if we commit to pray for Damascus this month, breakthrough will come and the nation will be changed and a righteous government will emerge. Please take time this month to think of and pray for Damascus, our friends at SERVED, and the church standing in the gap for the harvest.

Thank you for your continued love and support. Enjoy this month's magazine and know that it has been prepared with the hope that through it God would be glorified, lives would be changed, and you would be encouraged and blessed.



Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC

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Find out why this proud father is smiling. Scan the QR code below to watch a video of his son, and read the story of his son's miracle on page 19.



Find the Lost

"In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been."



What does it mean to have a vision for the lost? What does it mean to have a heart for a world in darkness that does not know that there is a savior to rescue them from an eternity in hell? Many people have heard of David Livingstone and how he preached the gospel and served the lost in Africa. What inspired him to go? He was at a meeting and heard the missionary Robert Moffat reporting on the work in Africa. As he shared his heart, Livingstone heard these words, "In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been."

These words inspired David Livingstone and he committed his life to the lost and poor from the darkest parts of Africa.

I still remember one mom sharing this story through a big picture book in Sunday school and it has always challenged me. My own mom shared many stories about other missionaries and how they gave their lives to love the Lord and the lost. These people were and still are my heroes. They inspire me to love the Lord with my whole heart and to have the passion to see that this gospel of the kingdom is preached in the whole world.

I am writing this article on a Tibet Airlines flight from Lhasa to Ali, Tibet. As I look out the window of the plane, I see endless mountains and valleys. But I know that in every one of those valleys are Tibetan people that do not know nor have even heard the name of Jesus. How will they hear?

The same is true on the other side of these mountains or the South Side of the Himalayas. God is doing great things in many parts of Nepal, but in the areas near Tibet, the gospel still has to penetrate these remote mountains and valley.

Please pray for the Lord of the harvest to send forth workers into these mountain valleys on the South Side of the Himalayas. I am going, and so can you.

Written by
Bill Richardson

Photo of Nepal by Caryn Werner

NATHANIEL VERSUS THE EVIL MONSTERS



Written for kids by kids
Story by Christopher Tsai
Illustrations by Andrew Tsai

NATHANIEL VERSUS THE EVIL MONSTERS



Illustrator: Andrew Tsai

Author: Christopher Tsai

This story was loosely based on Andrew's previous experience of being afraid of going to sleep at night until we prayed with him - That he would no longer be afraid of any dreams.

SEAPC
Sharing the gospel cross



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Kids Helping Kids

A lot of people ask me why I wrote this book, *Nathaniel Versus The Evil Monsters*. During my visit to Cambodia in 2013, I made a friend named Damrong, who lives at the Kampong Cham children's home. When we first got to the home, I couldn't believe that they could be so happy living in their conditions. It was July, and it was hot. There was no air conditioning, and I was sweaty and uncomfortable. There were no plugs to charge any electronic devices. "How could they play video games?" I asked myself. It was a foreign world to me, not having the comforts of an air conditioned home.



Christopher Tsai went on his first mission trip to Cambodia with SEAPC in 2013 where he had the pleasure of meeting a lot of cool people, praying for new friends, and doing fun things like eating deep fried spiders. *Nathaniel Versus the Evil Monsters* is Christopher's first book. He is excited to see how the Lord will use the book for His glory.

not only an origami heart, but also a real heart — expressing the friendship that we created during our short time together.

When I came back to Canada, I was thinking about ways to help Damrong and his family. While it took over a year to get a story written, and another year for my little brother to draw the pictures, we got it done eventually. The book is being published, and I am glad that I finally got the chance to help my friend.

Please buy the book, *Nathaniel Versus The Evil Monsters*. All the money from your purchase goes to helping my friend Damrong and his family at the Kampong Cham children's home get a new and safer home. Please contact the SEAPC office for more information about how you can contribute toward the building of a dormitory for orphaned children in Kampong Cham, Cambodia. It is our joy to provide you with a copy of Christopher's book in response to your suggested contribution of \$20.

Written by
Christopher Tsai,
Age 12

CHONG MING ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

From Beijing ➤ to Bethlehem

They had come down through Damascus and started the decline from the Golan Heights.

The grass was as green as back home in China and the water as sweet as Srinagar. The leaders did not seem to be in a great hurry and the caravan had again grown. There were camels from Asia, and camels from India, camels from the desert and camels from mountain heights. All were carrying gifts for the great King.

His star was leading them. All the places from which they had come believed that the astrology of the sky would announce the birth and death of great people and the future of world changing events. The star they followed

was a "New Star." That is, in all the centuries of history among all their nations and peoples, it had never been seen before.

This single event had caused the kings of every nation to send gifts to the New King who was born under that star.

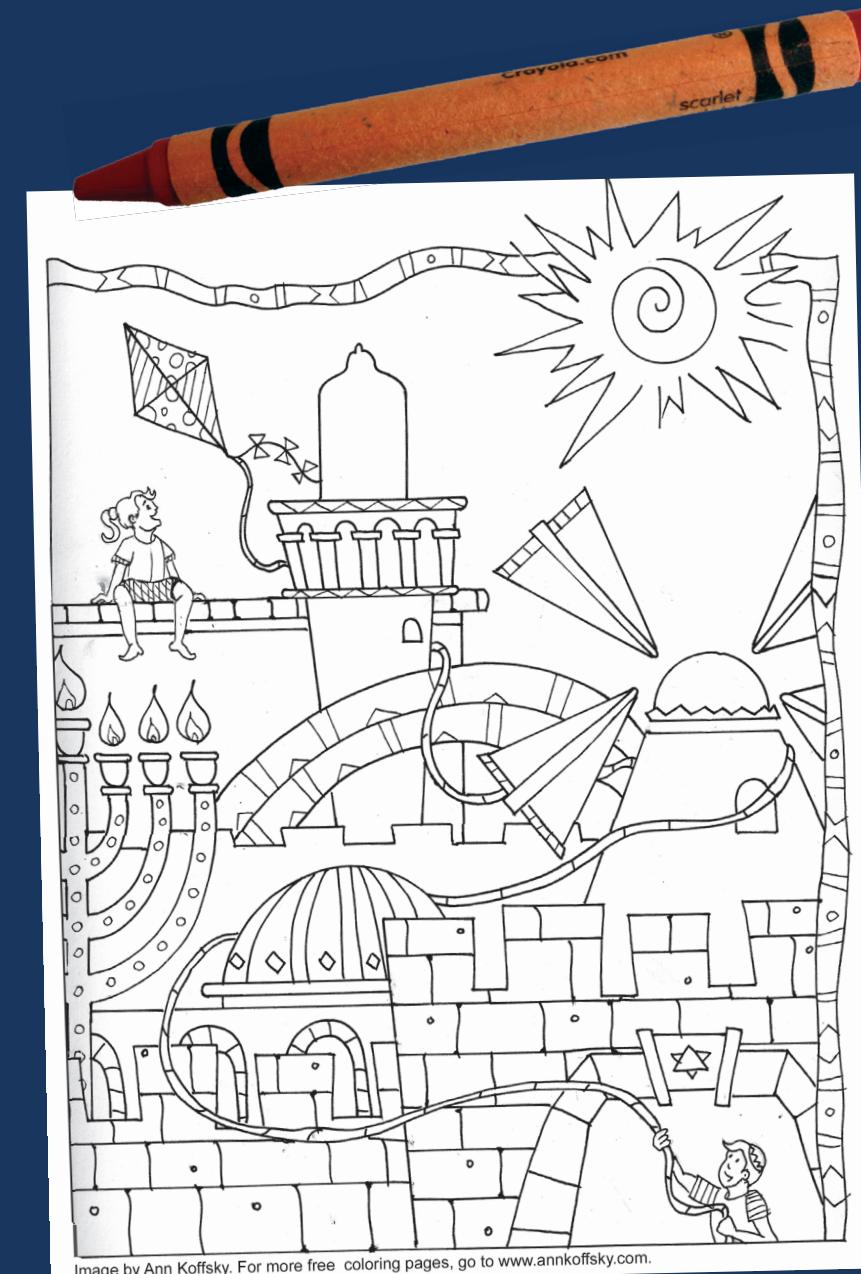
Chong Ming and Ser Ling had walked for almost a year in their journey from Beijing and in that time they had become very close friends. Ser Ling was a comfort to Chong Ming and encouraged him when the road became difficult. They had shared the crossing of the Indus, a very difficult day, and Chong Ming was so happy that his father had kicked away the snow leopard in the Himalayan Mountains.

They took a few hours to rest at Jericho and then started the climb to the City on the Hill,

Jerusalem. This is where the King of Peace had lived and he had come out to meet Abraham in the Valley of the Kings.

All the camels of Arabia knew the story, for there were promises made that one day a King would come to deliver them all. They spoke of it as they climbed the hill.

With the Star before them, the kings of the nations prepared their words for the Great King. They decided that they should stop in Jerusalem, follow local custom and inquire about the star. Chong Ming was happy to rest at the top of the hill in a place called Bethany. From there he could see both the great city of Jerusalem and a little town called Bethlehem. "I wonder where the Great King is?" he asked Ser Ling as they lay in fresh straw. "In the big city or in the little town of Bethlehem?"



JERUSALEM SCENE CRAFT



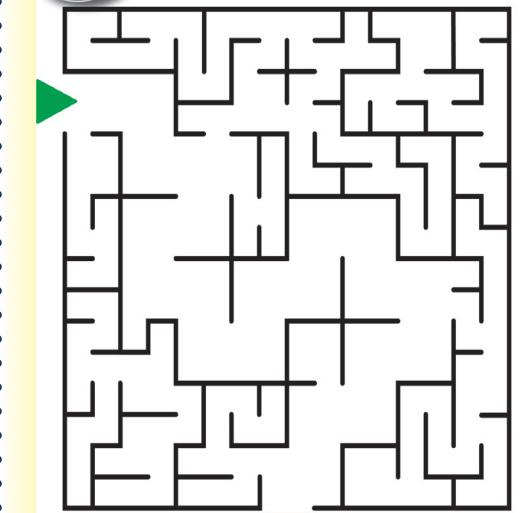
Create tiny scenes of Jerusalem with sidewalk chalk leftovers! You'll need:

- table salt
- colored chalk
- plates
- a funnel
- white glue
- permanent black marker
- recycled jars

Pour salt onto plates and color the salt with chalk by drawing on the plate. After you've colored several colors, pour layers of colored salt into your jars. Use plain white salt too! When you've filled up the jar, pour a layer of white glue on top in order to prevent the sand from moving once the glue has dried. Dry overnight. Sketch Jerusalem scenes on your jars. Craft instructions and photo by www.creativejewishmom.com.



Help Jesus ride through the city of Jerusalem.



Maze by <http://sundayschoolzone.com>.



Bringing Support to the Autism Community

Globally, autism is on the rise, and the cause is yet unknown. As researchers search for answers, we pray for guidance for treatment to meet the ever-increasing needs of children in the U.S. and abroad. SEAPC has committed to the call to train teachers in China and to equip the church to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of the parents.

In March a group of five teachers from China traveled to the U.S. to study research-based treatment for children with autism, and in August they shared that information with 55 teachers from various parts of their country. Two of the teachers prepared trainings and shared them with teachers that work with children with autism. It was a blessing to see them share what they learned with professionalism and confidence. Two others helped to coach the teachers in attendance learn the basic principles of treatment.

One of the 55 teachers that attended the training shared that she had just become a believer and was baptized two days before the training. She invited us to attend her church service at a Methodist church in Beijing, Chongwenmen Church, where we

met a group of new believers with a heart to serve. After sharing our vision to reach out and support families of children with autism, the church's pastor committed to getting members of the church to receive training to teach the children with autism and to support the families. Gail Ding, an SEAPC China regional director, will be traveling to Beijing to train church workers on how to provide Sunday school lessons to children with autism and to share autism awareness information to the volunteers.

While in Beijing we also had the opportunity to share with parents of children with autism the love of Christ and the hope that training will be available to them at an affordable price in the near future.

A single mother of a boy with autism shared her testimony of how God helps her through the rough times of raising a child with autism. She shared how her son teaches her lessons on unconditional love and patience. Her testimony brought many parents to tears as they could relate to the daily struggles.

Bringing five teachers to the U.S. was just the beginning of a bigger vision. Dr. Jia, the leader in China for providing quality



Written by
Kim Bennett



(Opposite page, left photo) Our new friend Coco, on the right, introduced the training team to the church that was willing to help the group embrace families of children with autism in China. (Opposite page, right photo) Lead teachers from the Beijing Brain Health Care Center. (Background photo) Kim Bennett and four other teachers who studied in the U.S. help train an additional 55 teachers. (Left) Kim with a parent of a child with autism. (Above) Training continues as the team works to provide education and support to families affected by autism.

When God Answers Prayers with a Truck

What an incredible joy to be a child of the most high God who always listens and hears every single prayer that is made in the name of His son Jesus Christ.

In this academic year 2015-2016, some of our children were not able to be admitted to the school near our children's home due to the increased number of students in the surrounding area of the school. Our children's home staff was very disappointed about not being able to send our kids to that school because, except for that school, other schools are situated in locations that we knew were too far away to provide transportation to.

After appealing many times, first to the head of the admissions committee and then to the school headmaster, we came to realize that we had no choice but to send some of our children to another school, which is quite a far distance. Our kids prayed for a truck to be used as their school transportation, and God heard the prayer and knew the real need of the truck for our kids. He answered the prayer even more quickly than we expected. Praise the Lord! Brother Tony informed me that the major amount of funds for the truck had been donated by one donor and that it would be wired soon. Hallelujah!



When we received the funds to purchase the truck, my wife Dim and I spent days to search for the best truck we could find with the funds we had in our hands. We finally found the large truck in good condition that we had been searching for, in the hands of a Muslim brother. I told my wife to lay hands on the truck and pray to get a good price because I knew the money we had in hand couldn't buy that kind of truck. I knew this because my wife and I had already spent four days looking at many trucks and we knew the prices.

After praying in faith, I asked the dealer to offer us the lowest price possible because we were going to use it as a school ferry for orphans. When I said this, the dealer looked at me carefully and asked, "Are you sure that you are going to use it to drive orphans to school?" I replied, "Yes, I am." Then he said, "Brother, if you are going to use this truck as a school ferry for orphans, please take it for the price I bought it at — I am not going to take any profit on this truck." Hallelujah! God has answered our prayers again.

The truck is not only a blessing for our kids but also for the nearby community. There were two teachers from the school

where our kids have been going who live near our children's home. These teachers almost resigned because it was so difficult to find transportation to go to school every day. But they changed their minds after finding out that they were welcome to ride in our truck. There are two students from the nearby community who go to this same school. They requested to also ride in the truck, which we agreed to. What a blessing that we have in Jesus' name, which has become a blessing not only for our kids but also for the nearby community. Do you want to know what these teachers and students have said to their family and friends about us? They have said, "These Christians are very kind-hearted and helpful people." I believe it is very important to build relationships first in our ministry.

When I am sharing all these things, I am not rejoicing in the "truck" literally, but rejoicing in the nature of the God whom we worship, who is trustworthy and answers our prayers in the right time.

My deepest thanks to SEAPC and all of the donors who have not only heard but also believe in the call of God to donate to this great need for our children. May the Lord bring you all hundredfold blessings.



Written by
Chung Nung



Sponsorship Request

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

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boy girl

no preference

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Myanmar

India (education costs separate)

I will also provide \$25/month for education

no preference

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Telephone Number

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Memo: **Raising Kids**

To Be a Risk-Taker for God

Early in the morning on November 27, 1989, I was reading Matthew 6 in the New Testament and focusing on "do not worry about tomorrow because He cares for us." My wife Ngun Te called me when I was thinking deeply about the scriptures saying, "Honey, look at this." When I looked at her, she showed me a 45 kyat note. She said to me with surprise yet with a big smile, "This is the last note we have, let us give thanks and pray." It shocked me and I was so troubled. All the money we brought with us had run out and there was nothing left except the 45 kyat note in our hands.

Her smile was a strong tonic for me in that miserable situation. Then, I advised her to buy any food that could be bought with the money. She purchased two kilograms of rice and sent our two daughters to Daw Tha Tang, who lived downstairs at our rented house, with two kilograms of rice to feed them. This was during a time when we had no one to help us financially inside or outside of the country, as we were and are living totally based on faith in God.

On that same day, I received a letter from my father who lived in Tamu — 700 miles from Yangon — saying that we must return to him. My logical thinking compelled me to quit the ministry and go back home. In fact, I nearly quit. In that moment, the words of Dr. Titus — "A great man ever failed but never quit" — came to me and inspired me to take another risk.

So, my wife and I had no choice but to look to the Lord in prayer and fasting. On the fifth day of our fasting and prayer, a strange old woman named Daw Khin Mya Hmi, whom we never knew, unexpectedly came into the compound of our rented house and asked us, "Is this Pastor James Lian Sai's residence?"

"Yes! Of course, it is," we replied promptly. When she was sure that the place was mine she told the reason why she came to us. She hastened to tell her reason without sitting. She said, "Last night someone came to me and gave me this package. But when I asked the Lord 'how

I should handle the money or to whom shall I give the package?' Instantly the Lord told me to give it to Pastor James Lian Sai. I asked God, 'who is James and where does he live?' Yet God didn't tell me so. When I made inquiry, Rev. Paul John of Immanuel Baptist Church advised me to check this name with Chin Guest House on Barr Street. From there I got your address. So I came here and met you on their advice." As she was talking she took the package and gave it to me and left in a hurry.

When we opened the package it was 40,000 kyat. Oh, praise God! How happy I was. I felt like I was walking on air. It was God's mighty hands that moved in times of trouble, through risk-takers. That 40,000 kyat was converted into an acre of new land for Acts Bible College where thousands of young committed people have been trained. Hundreds are studying God's word and live together as one family under the love of God. Praise, glory, honor, power and almighty is He. Hallelujah!

From the time we started missions work in 1989, our vision was to reach five million unreached people before the end of 2005. In order to fulfill our vision, gospel tract distribution was one of the best strategies for reaching the lost souls for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. But on the other hand, gospel tract distribution is illegal in Myanmar. According to the existing law, one can be put in jail for 15 years for this offense. Because of this, many Christian organizations and churches do not practice this strategy.

In November 2004, we distributed 800,000 gospel tracts in Yangon city alone. On every tract, students put our contact number in order that the recipients may know how to contact our school. Because of this, we received many phone calls from recipients who wanted to know more about Jesus. But three days later, I also received a phone call from the highest military office in Yangon, stating that I was summoned to appear at his office. In fact, I must confess that I was very afraid to go to see him, because I

was worried that I would be sentenced to prison for 15 years.

The next day I went with Rev. Siang Luai and Captain Jai Gaung (retired) to the high military office and stood outside of the office for a while. Unexpectedly, a man with a full colonel military uniform — known by the spotted stars on his shoulders — said to me, "Are you not Brother James Lian Sai?" Surprised, I answered, "Yes, I am James." He continued, "Do you recognize me?" I said, "No, sir!"

Then he made himself known to me saying, "I am Maung Aye whom you loved and were a good friend of during our high school days at No. 1 State High School in Taungdwingye." He asked me where I lived, what I was doing, and why I went to that office. So I told him the story, including where I lived, what I was doing and the reason why I was appearing at that office. I felt that he was sent to me by God like an angel to deliver me from terrible danger. Maung Aye said, "Do not worry, the man in highest authority is a good friend of mine and I will stand by you." Because of this colonel in the military who was a good friend of mine 35 years ago, I was released without any harm. Praise God! He was and is good at all times. The greatest news is that more than 800,000 souls have had the privilege of hearing the gospel of Christ in their lives.

Friends, difficulties may well come, but the results can be different than expected. It depends on one's perspective. Results envisioned from taking a risk may turn out to be something better than we dreamed.

If not you, who? If not now, when? Now is the time for you and me to make a strong, solid decision to be a risk-taker for God.



Written by
Rev. Dr. James Lian Sai

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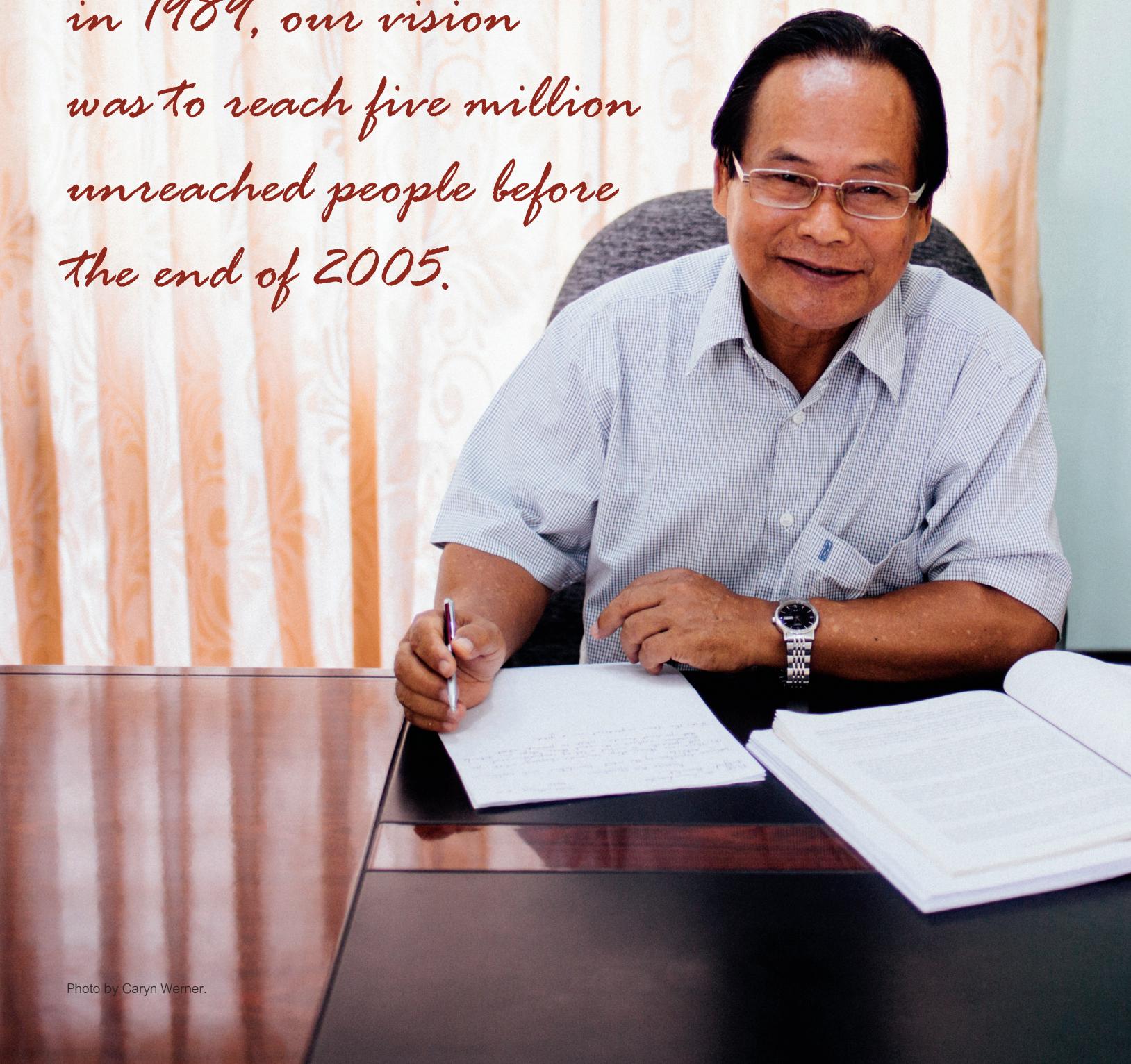


Photo by Caryn Werner.

Friends Around the Table



Please pray with us this month for Hong Kong! Our dear friends in Hong Kong hosted the SEAPC Friends Around the Table gathering, where over 80 friends from 16 countries came together to pray for the nations and to seek God for His leading and provision in this day's work! How amazing these works are and how humbling it is to see the nations in Asia changing as they come to know Jesus Christ. We believe that the thrust of revival to bring the Gospel to the Middle East is coming from Hong Kong.

As you pray for Hong Kong please remember these friends and hold them in your prayers: Steve and Wei Wei Chang and their daughters Clarissa and Noel, Jeannette Lo, Liz Chow, Curtis and Mei Lin Jones, Simon Ng, Dr. Boon and Christine Yong, Roy and Yuk Lynn Chen, Amy Wei, Dennis and Cathy Balcombe, Pastor Joshua and Delphine Cheung, Pastor Ruby Kwok, 611 Church.



Photos by Frank Bruno



Abundant Life



John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Before Baima became a Christian, she was a dying person with a serious heart condition for which many hospitals had denied her treatment. With the help of Touching Hearts, she got not only a new heart physically, but also a new life spiritually. Jesus comes to give us abundant life.

Baima married a Chinese missionary two years ago, and they started to minister to the local people in her hometown. A small classroom was set up to provide computer training and homework tutoring for the local students for free. They also provided different books for children, so that they could read after school. Sometimes they even teach the children stories from the Bible. Through these ministries, many children have come to know God and read the Bible.

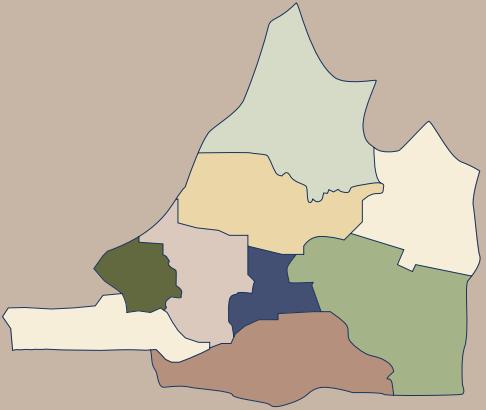
Baima's hometown is a special group of Tibetans. Their language is different from other Tibetan languages. Today, Baima is working alongside other missionaries to translate the Bible into her own language, which will be a huge blessing for her own people.

God is also blessing Baima and her husband with a baby. The doctor checked her heart a few weeks ago and said that her heart is perfect. Please pray for her family and for raising up the next godly generation.



Written by
Daniel and Gail,
SEAPC China





Together we believe that faith truly is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.

BC Arise: Breaking Ground

Breaking ground is never simple! The largest commitment SEAPC has made to the Banteay Meanchey Arise project is to supply building materials and training to 450 volunteers so that they can break ground and build their very own educational training center in each of the nine school districts in Banteay Meanchey. For us, it equates to \$1.2 million dollars. For them, it means recruiting a volunteer workforce with the promise of daily food and a government certification upon completion. That certification qualifies them for a wage that is 10 times the average. Our prayer is that as substance emerges from the dirt, and our individual faith extends us toward a better hope for the future of the collective whole, community is created and God is glorified.

Together, because of Banteay Meanchey Arise, many will experience what God can do: the Cambodian villager who becomes a skilled worker, the local teacher who finds a platform to teach, the superintendent who made a way for his district, the Cambodian pastor who leads his believers to good pasture, and the global church represented through SEAPC who stood by faith on behalf of the poor and downtrodden.

As of writing this, the ground has been broken in Banteay Meanchey! The rich soil that was covered in blood as killing fields for the Khmer Rouge, which was raped of its nutrients to feed the greed and growth of bordering nations, is now being turned over again in hope that a new generation will arise in righteousness through the knowledge and power of Jesus Christ. "We Believe!" is the battle cry of the youth in the province. Together we believe that faith truly is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. Let faith arise this month in the form of nine beautiful, holy and set-apart structures, where hope can foster the battle cry of a new Cambodia.

As we say often at SEAPC, "It is better to be a small part of a big thing than a big part of a small thing." Together we are all playing a part in a very big thing. By this time next year 126,000 children will have learned the Lord's Prayer and scripture for the very first time! The 700,000 residents of Banteay Meanchey will have had an opportunity to be blessed and will know that there is a better option for their futures. An entire nation will see what God can do through a small group of people who trust and obey Him.

Please know how very grateful we are for you! We are praying for you and believe that God is blessing you for giving. If you really want to be blessed, jump on your computer or phone and type in "Banteay Meanchey, Cambodia." Let Google Maps take you there and begin to look at all of the tiny villages that you are serving. Think about the kids in those villages who will no longer have to leave school.



Written by
Matthew Geppert



Miracle in Motion

Round and round the tractor sped. The special disc it pulled separated the barley grain from the chaff. A team of family members raked more stems into place and the tractor made another round. It is harvest time in Tibet and Dawa Dunzhu was enjoying running the tractor at full speed. His face radiant with energy, he gave us a wave and a big smile.

Seven years ago, that face was drawn and gaunt. The doctors had examined his failing heart and the 10-year-old was told that he had just a few months to live. Dr. Lawrence contacted Matt, and the SEAPC Touching Hearts Team went to work.

First the intercessors were notified and they began to build up the spiritual resources necessary to receive the miracle. 2,500 people in a dozen nations put Dawa on their prayer lists and called upon the Lord for what doctors

considered to be impossible. Next, our partner hospital in Beijing was contacted and their foremost pediatric cardiovascular surgeon was recruited to perform what would be a very complicated open heart procedure. The very best human resource was mobilized.

Fast train tickets were procured through Wind Horse Travel to move Dawa and his family to Beijing, and rooms were made available in the Touching Hearts Apartment next to the hospital. The family would stay for five weeks if the operation was a success.

SEAPC was advised that this would cost in the tens of thousands of dollars. It was suggested that those resources could save the lives of a number of children with simpler issues. We believe that every life is precious and every child is a gift from God. So with accurate cost information and the prayer teams in

place, we invited several individuals and churches to cover the cost of giving life to this 10-year-old boy. In 2008 we all came together in our roles and prayed. Last month in Tibet, Dawa — the 17-year-old version — gave us a big smile and a wave as he put that tractor through its paces. His dad wants him to learn to drive the truck. His mom just loves having him alive, and his big brother is thrilled that they can work together in the harvest. Dawa showed us that even the scar has all but disappeared.

Thank you for your part in this life-giving ministry. Please come with us to Tibet August 1-21, 2016, as we again seek out those who are miracles in motion.



Written by
Mark Geppert



Mom, Dad, and big brother with our 2015 Miracles in Motion Prayer Team. Visit <https://youtu.be/CJSP3TRjW5A> or scan the QR code on page 3 to watch a video of Dawa driving the tractor.

The Church Will Stand

"Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness — besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches." — 2 Corinthians 11:25-28

Every year SEAPC hosts the "Friends Around the Table" gathering. This gathering is to celebrate God, worship His works on the earth today, maintain our unity in Christ, and to hear from God for His direction in our next steps.

These "Friends" are today's heroes of the church, although they will certainly never accept that title. They are heroes and they are my friends, and I am so proud to know them and to serve them. They have faced some of Paul's list above and have added to it in their own experience. They have paid the cost and have testified to its reward in this lifetime.

These friends are the real thing, living and working among the nations today. They call themselves the UnMission — the unlikely, bringing the unknown, to the unreached. They do not want your praise or honor, nor do they want you to lift them up and make them

famous. They frighten the nations because they are anxious for nothing. Though they have faced death, they remain full of joy!

And God has used them to establish His church in the nations today and to change nations for His glory. They have learned to pray a very powerful prayer, one that each of us should know and share in daily. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. For we are also weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you. Lord give us the nations and give us the strength to face persecutions."

Theirs, too, is a deep concern for all the churches. Of the church in America and the Middle East they each asked me, "Will the church stand for Christ?"

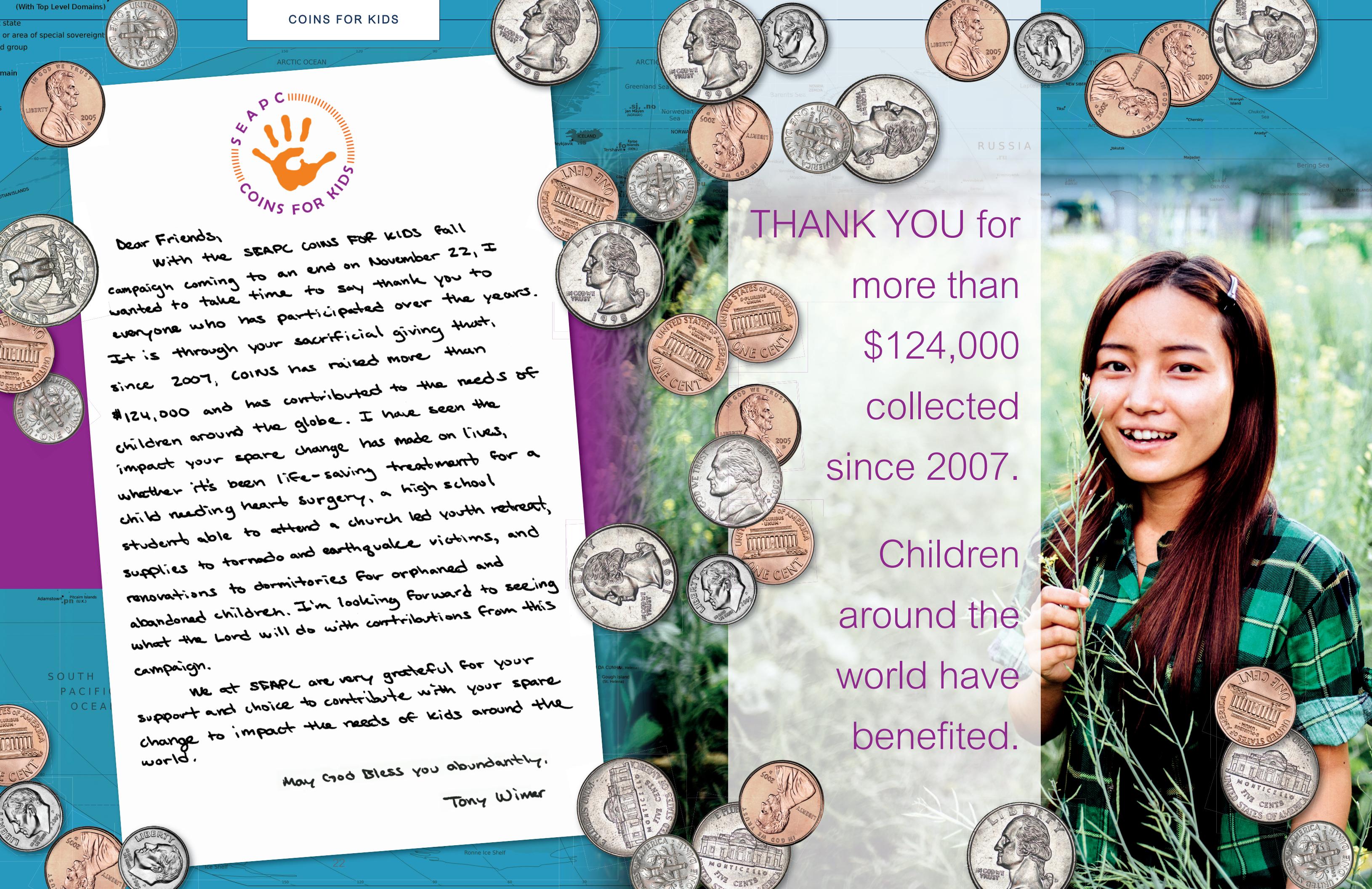
With confidence I answered, "Yes!" I truly believe that we will stand for Christ, but only successfully through prayer, kneeling in our weakness, and standing in the power of God!

Please pray for these "Un-Heroes" and join together with them in deep concern for the church praying their power prayer for your nation.



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Dear Friends,
With the SEAPC COINS FOR KIDS fall campaign coming to an end on November 22, I wanted to take time to say thank you to everyone who has participated over the years. It is through your sacrificial giving that, since 2007, COINS has raised more than \$124,000 and has contributed to the needs of children around the globe. I have seen the impact your spare change has made on lives, whether it's been life-saving treatment for a child needing heart surgery, a high school student able to attend a church led youth retreat, supplies to tornado and earthquake victims, and renovations to dormitories for orphaned and abandoned children. I'm looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do with contributions from this campaign.

We at SEAPC are very grateful for your support and choice to contribute with your spare change to impact the needs of kids around the world.

May God Bless you abundantly.

Tony Wimer

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Psalm 72:11

