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# Working Together with Him

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This summer, The children in our neighborhood have enjoyed playing on a mound of dirt at the end of our alley. Week by week, as our neighbors remodeled their home, stories of adventure from the dirt pile have come home with our boys. Now that summer has come to an end, the project has reached completion and the dirt mound has disappeared. School has begun and the summer adventures are transforming into fond childhood memories.

When I shook the giant, calloused hand of the man in charge of the dirt, I was reminded of the calloused hands of several field laborers in Asia. I thanked the man for providing the dirt and the memories for the boys. I know that he is a Christian man and gives sacrificially from his profits to his church, his community, and to people in need around the world.

He said, "Look, I tell people about Jesus just like I tell people my name. Jesus is a part of who I am. If I can't go everywhere and tell people about Jesus, I look for others to do so. I'm glad to work together with God through you guys."

This man may never meet the radish worker in Tibet who gave his life to Jesus. He may never see the rice merchant in Laos who spent time in prison for having a Bible. He probably will not greet the pastor in India whose paralyzed hand was healed while praying in a detention center. And he won't be able to meet all of you who are taking time to read through this magazine and who are choosing to pray.

Working together with God, we believe that *this is the time* for salvation in the nations. We have been entrusted with a great deal: 15 million families in China, 130,000 households in Cambodia, the first church across the Himalayas, the task of educating the children of conflict in the Middle East, and a call to unite the Americas in prayer.

Hand in hand, firmly focused on the cross, we must embrace the challenge. We must avoid putting any obstacles in front of each other so that, together, our hearts would be wide open to receive all Jesus has in store for us in these days. Thank you for praying with and "moving dirt" with SEAPC around the globe. Please enjoy all that the Lord is showing us in this month's magazine and know that we are grateful and blessed by you!



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The SEAPC Coins for Kids  
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Man with Nepal flags. Photo by Caryn Werner.

# Changing Nations



What is the Lord doing in the world today? To answer that question, we must look to the past. In 300 AD, the first known believers were in the area of the world known as Greater Khorasan, which is now known as Iran and Afghanistan. That same year, an estimated 10 percent of the world's population was known to be Christian and the Bible was translated into ten different languages. The gospel was being spread from Jerusalem through the Middle East and western Asia. The church was established throughout this area 270 years before the birth of Muhammad.

About three weeks ago, a pastor in Northern India was shot to death by four masked gunmen in uniforms. Pastor "Joseph" had just held a meeting for the leaders of twelve Christian fellowships in that part of the western Himalayas. His ministry had already distributed nearly 500,000 Bibles and shown the *JESUS* movie to about 100,000 people in that region. "Joseph" was part of a mighty movement of the Lord in that area. What is the price to preach the gospel? For this part of western Asia and the Himalaya's the price is very high. But people are being saved and churches are being planted.

In August, our missions team from Pittsburgh YWAM returned after six weeks in Nepal. SEAPC helped to get this team connected and set up. The team was working with us in a city called Damauli. The team spent most of their time sharing the gospel in villages and on

the streets of Damauli through dramas and Christian movies.

Everything that our team did would have put us all in jail back in the '80s when we started our work in Nepal. But in Nepal today, there are an estimated 1 million believers, and the Nepali church is part of a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit in northern India and Nepal. Through the Spirit, young believers in Nepal are asking for Spirit-filled Bible teaching and Bible study books.

Because of this great need for training and Christian study materials, we are working with the New Day Destiny Center in Damauli, Nepal. Please keep this training center in your prayers. We will be hosting quarterly Bible training seminars in Damauli. This training will help these leaders to reach Nepal and equip the church to stand strong in a land that is in the mist of great challenges.

Nepal has survived a great earthquake, doesn't have a constitution and has just divided into six states. This has caused rioting in the streets of towns throughout Nepal. We need to be praying for this key country on the south side of the Himalayas. So what is the Lord doing in the world today? He is changing nations!



Written by  
Bill Richardson

# “No One Wants to Come Here”

We sat in a classroom that had become the home for Ajit, Jayanti, and their two sons. Ajit spoke softly, sharing his story.

“We came here as missionaries two years ago. For years, I asked my pastor for his blessing to come here. He always refused, but finally he gave us his blessing.”

Our team had come to Leh, a very remote mountainous area in northeastern Kashmir that is isolated from the rest of the world for six to eight months of the year. The two mountain passes fill with snow, blocking off all supplies and trade goods coming in or out. The population is 200,000, mostly Buddhist, with less than 300 Christians.

“When I arrived here, I met with a motorcycle accident. I broke both of my wrists and my shoulder,” Ajit continued. “I was in great pain and required surgery, but I was not able to go to the hospital in Delhi. It was four months before I had surgery. My shoulder is still not healed and is in pain.”

“This is a very difficult place to live and minister. If the Buddhists knew we were here to convert people to Christ, they would do great harm to us. We minister by becoming friends with them and, one at a time, we share Christ. It has been two years, and no one has come to Christ yet. We have suffered much, but this is what God has called us to. We will be faithful. No matter what we suffer we will not leave this place.”

Then Ajit looked at me closely. “Why have you come here? No one wants to come to this place.”

The electricity had gone out, and we sat in the warm glow of a small lamp. I looked at this beautiful family that had given so much. The love of God for them filled my heart.

“Jesus wants to come here.” I said. “Jesus sent us here to let you know you are not forgotten. You are not isolated. You are not alone. And as a sign of His faithful love, He will heal your shoulder.”



We began to worship and His presence filled the room. Then we prayed. “The pain is gone!” Ajit said as he was swinging his arm in a windmill motion. “This is the first time in two years that there has been no pain.”

We laughed. We wept. We rejoiced at the love of the Father being demonstrated. As we left, Ajit held us close. “No one wants to come here, but you came. Thank you so much for coming.”

This is what we do. We go to the most remote places to bring the love of the Father and release His presence.

Would you like to join us on one of our journeys? Please contact us at [5riversinternational.org](http://5riversinternational.org) for more information.



Written by  
Dan Taylor



# Calling Out the Name of Jesus

How does revival happen? How can one bring about a revival? These questions have been on my mind. There is no definite answer to satisfy the intellect. All I can do is to hang on to what I have been shown: respond with focus on the spiritual possibilities, just call out the name of Jesus to bring about a window for change, prayerfully watch, and go with His flow.

I recall a mission trip to Honduras, that I participated in with my daughter, where the words of Joel 2:28 came alive for me. The Spirit of God poured on everyone at the end days! We received teaching and impartation during the day, and we went to different places every evening. Thousands of locals came to receive healing. It was a bit surreal and scary to sit in a special section, facing a packed hall. People came expectant of God's hand of miracles, and we were told to "just call out the name of Jesus and go for it." Sure enough, there was no time for ministering "two-by-two;" it was an all-hands-on-deck type of situation, because people had been waiting and hungry for His touch.

With my own eyes and by my hands laying upon these people, I saw that pain was being lifted, sweaty palms became dry, a left leg grew back to same length as the right leg, hope twinkled in an old man's eyes, and headaches were gone. Though I felt no sensation on my skin, no trembling, no heat inside, I was not even sure if the words I spoke were entirely from God, but I just opened my mouth,

opened my heart with compassion, and God's miracles just happened.

On one particular evening, an old lady with arthritis pain in her knees was healed. She could stand and walk freely again, without pain. The very next evening, she brought her family, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. They all accepted Christ that same night! I thought to myself, isn't this what restoration, regeneration, revival looks like? When the power of Jesus fell, His Kingdom came on earth, and the enemies had to "lick dust" and to be subject to Him (Psalm 72:9). All miracles, signs, visions, inner healings, are for the purpose of restoring ourselves back to Him. But it starts from oneself first.

On a different trip, I traveled with 150 participants divided into 12 teams. As a Chinese woman, I got to be a team leader leading a bus-load of young adults for five evenings to do the same thing, in different remote areas, up in the mountains, even to places the driver was too afraid to use headlights to drive. But that awesome adventure was not the experience I wish to highlight here. It is that an ordinary Chinese woman was given the chance and the stature to be a leader in an all-American ministry. Only if you have lived as a minority in the U.S. would you comprehend the nuance of being given the stature as a leader in this situation. For the longest time, I accepted that "third-world" people receive faith from "first-world" people. But now my

heart responded with a "Yes, Lord!" This is the shift, this is the season for Asians as a people group to step up and receive what Father God would pass on to us for the final leg of the race for His Kingdom. God is moving Asians for Asia. I think what happened to me in Honduras was prophetic. So are we, as a people group, ready to step up?

Prayer for me now is a hand grenade thrown in the enemy's camp. God's words are like atomic bombs dropping on their heads. Worship music is the disinfectant of the atmosphere in my home, and I have it streaming all day long. I love it more when I can do it together with friends. It makes it fun when the prayer items get a check next to them. And when someone shares her God story with me, my heart gets revived with hope in Him. We can bless each other when we speak it out, spread the Word, build faith, go along with His story in us.

We can bless each other by sharing the fresh thing that the Lord is doing in us. Would you join me in asking the Lord to release a fresh word today that brings about a renewal, a regeneration, a revival into our own family, home church, community, Hong Kong, China, and other nations?



Written by  
Liz Chow

# Movement of God in Iran

Most of what we hear about Iran comes from the media today. Iran, enemy of the U.S. and Israel, is portrayed as the axis of evil and the archenemy of the West. Movies, like *Rosewater* and *Argo*, portray people who are ruthless and barbaric. Behind the veil, though, are a beautiful people looking for the truth. They are not satisfied with their government or with Islam.

There is a revival in Iran, which we have been privileged to hear about firsthand. There is a group of Attack Lambs in Iran who are praying for revival. They are praying and blowing shofars all over the country, proclaiming that every place they tread will be theirs. They tell of how Jesus regularly appears to them while doing daily chores. They tell of a vibrant church that is coming alive. Like the Persians who allied with Esther and Mordecai in Esther 9:27, they are part of the church, ushering God's presence into this dry, thirsty land.

Iran was represented at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit poured out to His people (Acts 2:8-9). The Elamites (modern day Iran) heard the message in their own tongues.

Today, we hear of many folks who come to know Jesus through dreams and visions of Him. In the Bible prophecies, we can see that God himself will save the remnant of his people in Elam (Isaiah 11:11) and He will establish His throne in Elam (Jeremiah 49:38).

Please pray as we plan to see these people again in the near future.



Written by  
Wei Wei Chang

In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean. – Isaiah 11:11



# Intercessory Worship

If you would like to have a simple understanding on why we need to pray, how to pray, and the definitive outcomes of prayer, please read Dr. Dick Eastman's book, *Intercessory Worship*. Yes, that's right, I just recommended a book on prayer from someone other than my dad. But before you think that I am disobeying the council of my father, choosing to in some way disgrace the fifth commandment, or flat out chucking his book under the bus, know that Dick Eastman wrote the foreword for Dad's book on prayer, *The Attack Lambs*.

In the book, Dr. Eastman states, "Worship is any act, thought or expression of willful adoration that exalts and enthrones God, thereby defeating and dethroning Satan. When intercession — that is, prayerful intervention in the needs of others — is added, we have intercessory worship." (*Intercessory Worship*, page 21.)

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Our souls — that is our will, emotion, and intellect — are the instruments that God uses to sing His love songs to the nations. Our spirits are the dwelling place of the most High God. As we lay these three before God in willful adoration before the throne of God, no other being has the right or opportunity to use them. A body expressed in worship is an active and operational temple, ready and poised for production. A soul fixed in adoration feeds focused faith to the eyes and ears of those in need. A spirit exalting God finds no fear of man and no fault on earth or in the heavens.

In an atmosphere of praise and worship, you and I, as believers in Jesus Christ, find success.

That success changes us. We become complete consumers of God's Word, ripping through chapter and verse, underlining, highlighting, copying, pasting, posting, sharing, every word that fills us. The Spirit of God turns us to the ones He loves who do not know His words and asks us, through compassion, to share His love with them. Then, we begin to stand as "intercessors" in prayer for them.

Here is a power prayer to remember, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Stephen, facing death and watching angry men picking up stones with aim to kill, yielded his spirit and prayed these words. And he said to the crowd, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

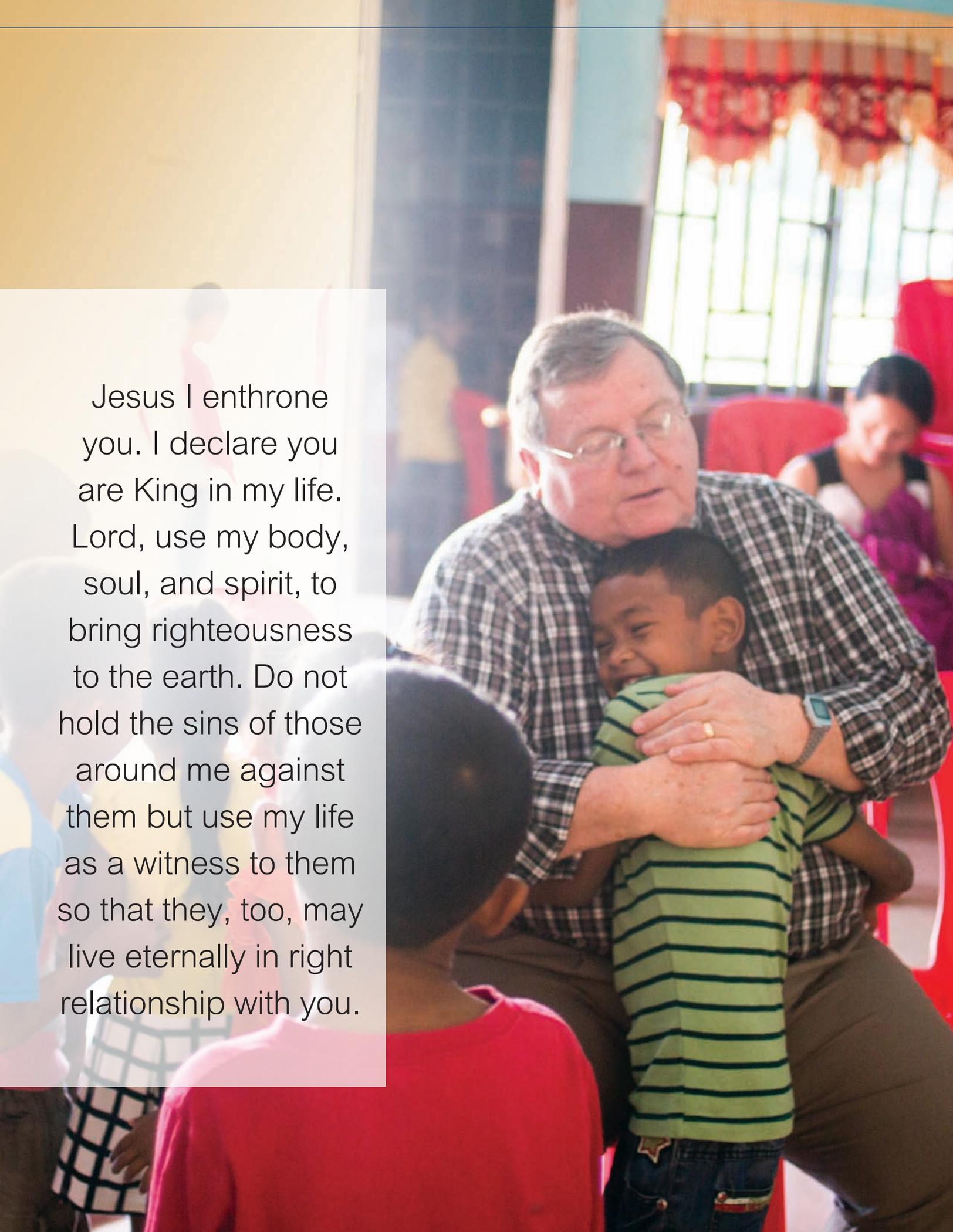
Stephen, in the last moments of his earthly experience, was enthroning Jesus with his praise and adoration. Only the Spirit of God could move him to intercede on behalf of the men determine to take his life. That same Holy Spirit is alive and at work in the nations today. When we commit to worship Jesus and intercede on behalf of the people around us, we see lives and nations changed.

Please take a moment today to pray with me this prayer (at right):



Written by  
Matthew Geppert

Jesus I enthrone  
you. I declare you  
are King in my life.  
Lord, use my body,  
soul, and spirit, to  
bring righteousness  
to the earth. Do not  
hold the sins of those  
around me against  
them but use my life  
as a witness to them  
so that they, too, may  
live eternally in right  
relationship with you.



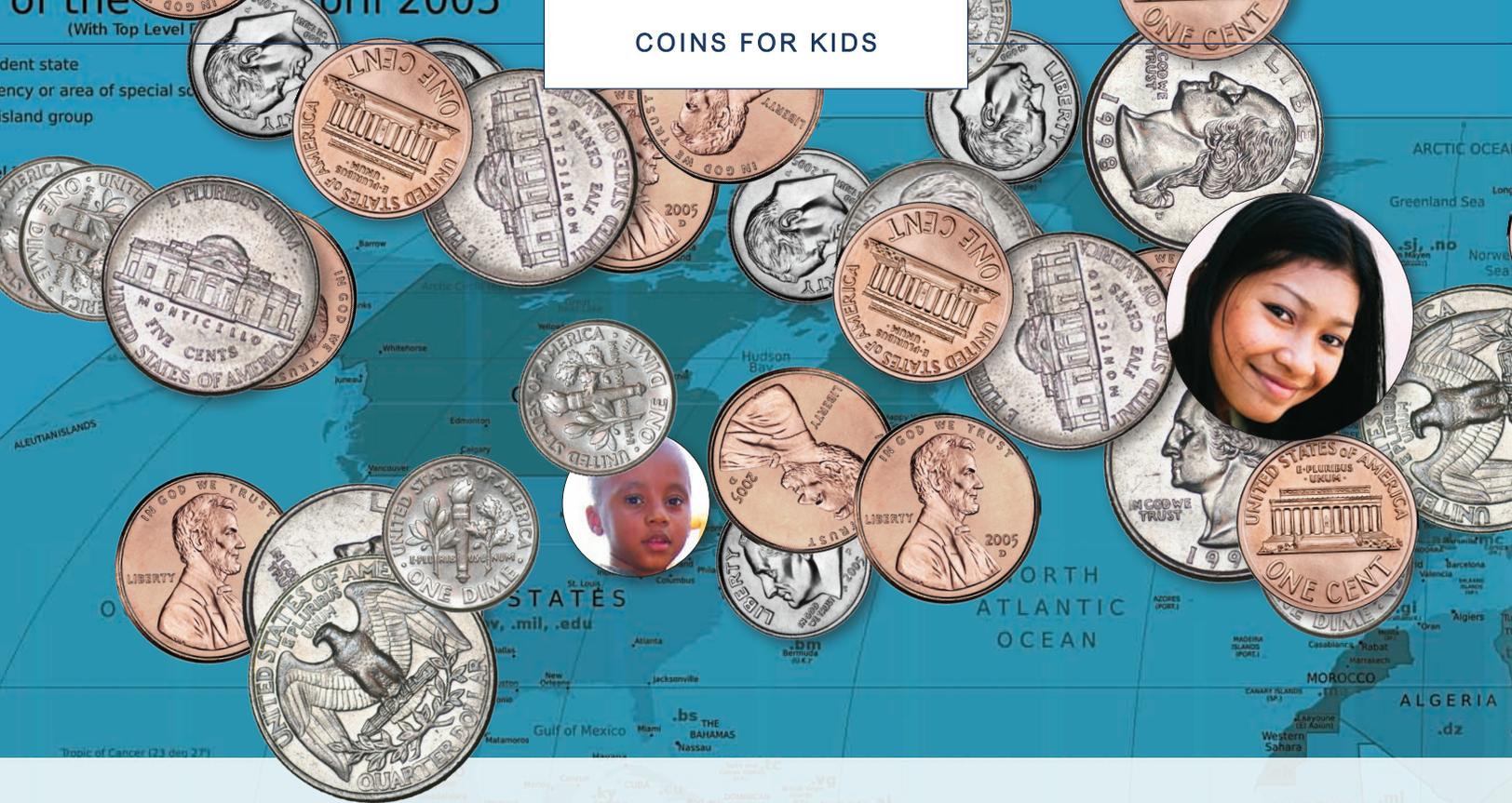


This baby boy has malnutrition and high altitude sickness. The mother gave birth to him without getting married. He has never seen his father and his mother also didn't want him. His aunty and grandma have been looking after him. For three months, they fed him sheep's milk and then yak butter tea with highland barley powder. The baby has serious malnutrition and rickets which leads to high altitude sickness. Their relative, who is our friend, brought them to us and asked for help. We put the baby into the hospital to treat his pneumonia and malnutrition. The next step is to take him to Si Chuan province for fostering.





This relative, Baima (above), is also another foster child's relative. We have known her for two years. Recently she accepted Jesus as her savior. When Baima left, A'wang Sangmu came to help the patient because the family couldn't speak any Chinese. A'wang Sangmu had surgery in Chengdu in 2011. Now she is in the Tibet college.  
– Update written by Daniel and Gail, SEAPC China



# Pennies with a Purpose

How often have we complained about those pesky pennies and other coins that weigh down our pockets, wallets, or purses? What if they could be transformed into pennies with a purpose?

They can! SEAPC Coins For Kids is a donation-based fundraising effort for underprivileged children. Donations come from the spare change that each of us drop in our pockets or in our cars. Since it was established in the spring of 2007, this outreach project of SEAPC has accrued more than \$124,000 in donations.

When donations roll in, it is encouraging to see new solutions to sad and challenging circumstances. Funds have been used to feed and provide school fees for needy children in Guatemala, buy blankets for children in northern India, make school dormitory repairs for a Charity Children's Home in Myanmar, and provide a water well and science lab for a school in Cambodia.

SEAPC Coins For Kids donations help kids in the U.S. as well. Funds have provided school uniforms for inner-city children in Pennsylvania, sent children from Virginia to camp, purchased underwear and socks for needy children in Monessen, Pa., and

sent inner-city teens and pre-teens from Pittsburgh, Pa., to a New York winter retreat center.

As rewarding as it is to see exactly what spare pennies can do, it is equally uplifting to see the generosity and spirit of giving as people do the legwork to actually collect the donations. Walmart stores in Allegheny County have opened their doors for volunteers to collect funds. At the Tarentum Mills Walmart, generosity reigned. One young boy decided to save his allowance money earned from doing chores around home and give it to SEAPC Coins For Kids. In another instance, a lady was walking across the parking lot when she saw a dollar bill on the ground. She decided to pay it forward and donate the dollar to the campaign.

An additional fund raising campaign was also held this past winter at the Tarentum Walmart. A small group of about ten volunteers bundled up and braved frigid single degree temperatures and snow squalls to share about the SEAPC Coins For Kids campaign and accept donations. In spite of the weather, people were willing to stand and chat for a minute to learn more about SEAPC Coins For Kids. In just nine hours, \$301.31 was collected!

A local church sponsored an SEAPC Coins For Kids campaign. Young boys and girls engaged in a friendly competition to see who could collect the most. Technically the boys were the winners, but in reality all the children who participated were winners. They all got the satisfaction of knowing that their donations helped to make a positive difference in the lives of boys and girls all over the globe!

When I think about SEAPC Coins For Kids, I am very inspired. I am seeing love being poured out in tangible ways.

This fall, from September 29 to Thanksgiving, we are holding another fundraising campaign for SEAPC Coins For Kids. Prayerfully consider how you can get on board to help! There are a couple of options. You can either make a donation or join those collecting donations. For more information, email [seapccoins4kids@seapc.org](mailto:seapccoins4kids@seapc.org) or call the SEAPC office at (412) 826-9063. Transform your pennies into pennies with a purpose!



Written by  
Jeannie Fleming



SEAPC  
COINS FOR KIDS





## Aftermath of the Flood

Recently, the worst flooding natural disaster in the history of Myanmar occurred. Kalay Myo, where our newest children's home and several churches exist, was included in the list of the top three worst-flooded towns. The population of Kalay Myo is estimated as 400,000. People had to leave their homes and properties and flee to the higher ground. The increasing level of water even threatened higher ground areas. All patients at the public hospital had to be moved to higher ground with no proper medical appliances and no electricity.

At the same time, there was no way out of the affected areas by trains, buses, or cars because almost every inch of ground was filled with water and most of the bridges were flushed away and broken by the flood. The only way to connect with other parts of Myanmar was through airways. By God's grace, the airport was not reached by the flood and became the only way to get support from other parts of the country. Even the price of food has greatly increased due to the situation. A bag of rice, which costs \$25-30 in a normal market, now costs \$120.

Hakha, the capital of Chin state where our churches exist, was also in critical condition. The rain didn't stop for 14 days, which caused a continuous landslide. Many houses, church buildings, and hospitals are starting to crack. According to the latest news, there are more than 100 houses that collapsed

due to the landslide. People are under pressure to stay and remain with their houses. One of the worse things is that several parts of the only available road have been destroyed due to the landslide. Only helicopters can reach these areas to provide support for those in Hakha.

We, as the Christians, are experiencing discrimination in getting support from government and local charitable organizations. Almost every support which come through government and local organizations has gone to Buddhist monasteries, leaving only a small amount of support for Christian flood victims. I never thought a flood like this could happen and reach my parents' house in my lifetime, but it has. As I see and experienced all these things, I strongly felt and believed that we can rely on nothing but God in this time of trouble and season of darkness. There is nothing besides God which can grant us true peace.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** An estimated \$11,500 is needed to repair the damage to the children's home, churches, and up to 95 church member homes in Kalay Myo, Ngyun Pin Thar, Kayar Inn, and Hakha.



Written by Thang  
Chung Nung, Director,  
Charity Children's Home,  
Myanmar

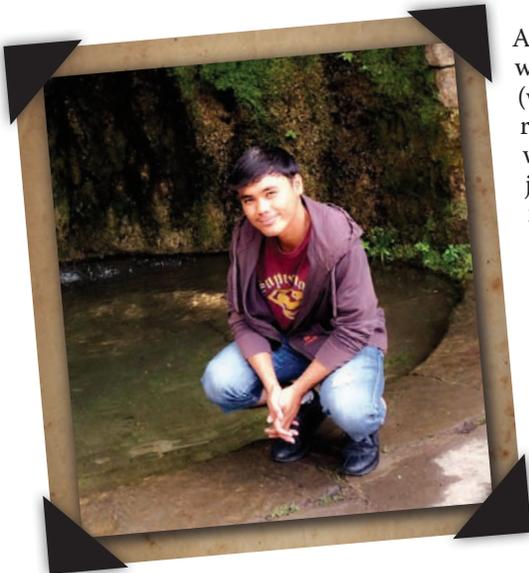


# Visions, Dreams

We sat there, surrounding him as he spoke. The quiver in his voice and watery eyes spoke volumes of how much he felt about what he was saying.

“I didn’t know God at all. After my parents died, my life became like hell. My sister and aunt could

children’s home took the time to teach me what he knew. Later, I was able to take classes. Since 2006, I have been teaching what I have learned with others. Now, I will be teaching many more children and changing the future of my country through Banteay Meanchey Arise.”



After sharing this testimony with us, 25-year-old Bunthorn (who is interning with SEAPC right now) learned that he will be doing much more than just teaching computers at for Banteay Meanchey Arise (stopping the poverty cycle and flow of children caught in labor and trafficking by bringing higher quality educational opportunities to public schools in Banteay Meanchey Province, Cambodia). He has been asked to develop the training curriculum to be used throughout the program for computer building and

not care for me and send me to school. They sent me to my aunt-in-law who made me work and would not send me to school. I didn’t believe in any god.

development courses. The great sparkle and joy in his eyes showed the enthusiasm he has for this project. Please pray for him as he develops this part of Banteay Meanchey Arise and pray for all of the children within NHO as they reach for their dreams.

“It was like hell. I prayed to whoever was the biggest god, that if he would take me out of this situation, I would serve him for the rest of my life. A year later, my aunt and sister heard about NHO and sent me to live there.

Sponsors have a vital role in prayer and physical support to help the children and youth within NHO and Charity Children’s Homes see their dreams become reality. Bunthorn had the loving support of a sponsor from Singapore with whom he still has a close relationship. Please pray for sponsors for the 145 children and youth who are still waiting for those relationships so that they can realize their dreams like Bunthorn.

“At first, I was scared because I was afraid that the same thing would happen again, but the people cared about me. I watched them worship Jesus and read the Bible and thought it was strange. I couldn’t understand why. A couple of months later, God came into my heart and everything changed.

“I have always had a desire to learn about computers and teach, but didn’t have the opportunity to learn. The houseparent of the



Written by  
Tina Tomes



## Sponsorship Request

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

I would like to sponsor a child through Raising Kids.

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

I prefer to sponsor a

- boy  girl
- no preference

I prefer to sponsor a child in

- Cambodia
- Myanmar
- India (education costs separate)

I will also provide \$25/month for education

- no preference

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

Name

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Address

Telephone Number

Email Address

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

# BC Arise Begins



BC Arise education office and board.

“Intense” could be a good word for this experience. “Focused” is a little too soft. Our assignment was to meet with the superintendents and principals of each of the 9 school districts in Banteay Meanchey Province and to see the Holy Spirit touch their hearts to believe that Jesus, through His resurrection power, would raise up a generation in their schools that would be a witness to Cambodia, ASEAN, and the world. Coming from a system in which fewer than 10 percent who enroll in first grade ever graduate, it was difficult for them to hear our encouragement.

We agreed that the leakage from their existing system resulted in thousands of young people being denied a future hope and would perpetuate the poverty cycle into the next generation.

Their hearts were open to the ministry of the Word of God, and we felt no resistance to proclaiming Christ. There are very few believers among them, perhaps five in the 500 we met. They are weary of the battle to save the lives of these children. Each one who drops and runs to Thailand is a personal loss. They feel defeated. Though the particulars of each district vary, the issue remains: poverty in all its reasons begets poverty.

So, what to do? SEAPC will partner with each district to build a technology center. They provide the land, and it remains theirs. They provide 50 workers between ages 15 and 18. We provide materials and a contractor/trainer. The first phase of this movement, called Banteay Meanchey Arise (BC Arise), will create 450 young men with marketable skills. Each will have had opportunity to receive Jesus and be trained in His Word.

The 50 workers learn the building trade by constructing a 120-by-60-foot structure of steel and 10-foot block walls. They will have classroom instruction and then build. With perfect attendance, they will learn engineering and every trade from the ground up. Upon completion of their building, they will receive certification and a card as Registered Skilled Builder which will lift them from a \$1-per-day income to \$10-per-day and qualify them to work on the emerging infrastructure of Cambodia.

“Intense” is the word. You could feel the intensity of the warfare as light dispelled darkness and hope drove out despair. The Lord is so very faithful. Now we have to produce.

Nine buildings, 450 certified builders, a technology center in each school district, and all that the Lord will add. This is intense.

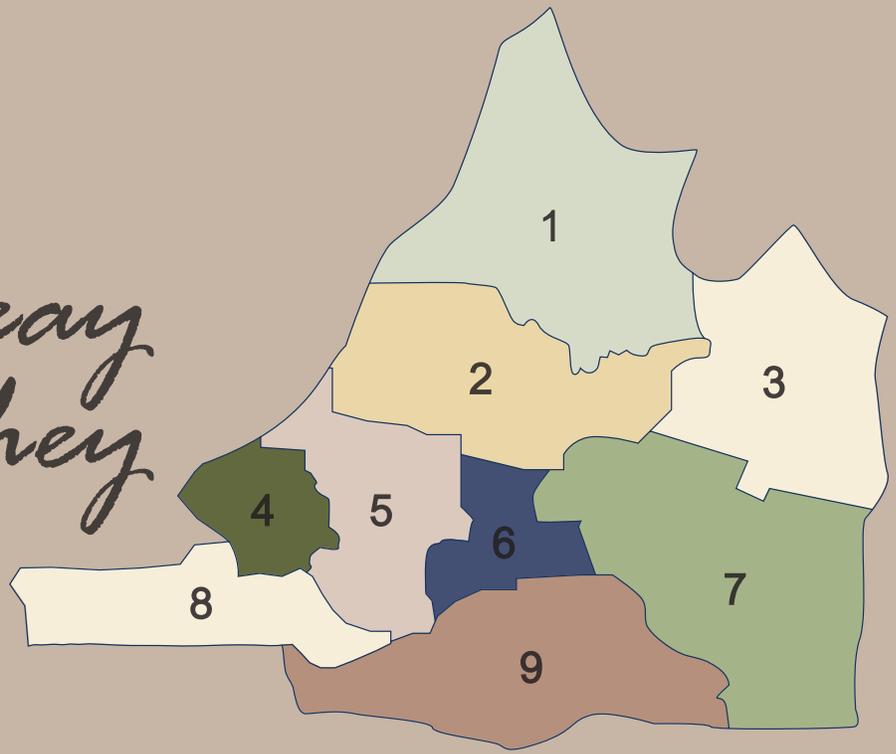
The next key meetings are on August 29 and 30 (before this magazine went to press), at which time the nine districts and the Kingdom of Cambodia will sign clear contracts with SEAPC to produce these centers as a first step in BC/Arise. We will break ground on October 15, and the race is on to see which team can build their building first and to specs.

Pray for them as they work their way out of poverty by the sweat of their own brows.



Written by  
Mark Geppert

# Banteay Meanchey



1. THMOR PUOK DISTRICT



2. SVAY CHECK DISTRICT



3. PHNOM SROK DISTRICT



4. POI PET DISTRICT



5. O CHROV DISTRICT



6. SEREY SOPHON DISTRICT



7. PREASNET PREASH DISTRICT



8. MALAI DISTRICT



9. MONGKOL BOREY DISTRICT

MIDDLE EAST



Shane Treadway, U.S. Director, on the streets of Jordan, with a Palestinian-Jordanian. Phil Hawking (Head of Served Education Department & CEO of Aprender [aprender.co.uk](http://aprender.co.uk)), Josebene (Education Coordinator in Brazil), and Shane. Served's first meeting with SAT7 (Christian Arab Media Ministry). Meeting in Lebanon where Served formalized its partnership with SAT7 in Lebanon. Young military man in Lebanon.



*“Learn to do good; seek justice,  
rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless,  
plead for the widow.” Isaiah 1:17*

## Serving Truth to the Afflicted

I can remember standing in White Sands National Park, calling Pastor Sinai Phouek to come to the bus as it was time to leave. Sinai looked out on the fields. His mind was somewhere else. “Pastor Sinai? Are you okay?” I asked. “I’m sorry Matthew,” he laughed and shook his head. “Is everything okay? We are getting ready to leave now, can I get you anything?” “No I’m fine,” he said, “Something about this field reminded me of the war. It looked like this or felt like this or something.” I could tell that whatever he had seen or felt had triggered memories from the Killing Fields of Cambodia. I thought it better to bring his wife over to see him. As I walked away I watched his wife, Pastor Somalay, gently hold his arm and smile and laugh. She said something to him that really made him laugh, and then they walked over, hand-in-hand and got onto the bus.

War and the memories of war are the natural effects of the fall of man and play their wicked role in every man’s life. Conflict, which began in the heavens, descended into the earth and has isolated and manipulated the mind from the first generation to the minds of today. However, in Christ, sin was overcome and the spirit of conflict defeated so that in Him a new mind and a new creation could occur in every man who would receive Him. Pastor Somalay, in her loving way and with her gracious touch, gently reminded Pastor Sinai of that reconciliation love he has through Jesus.

During the war, Pastor Sinai lived in a refugee camp in Thailand where he learned the Bible, gave his life to Jesus,

and built a new mind on the promises he found in the Bible. This is the ministry of reconciliation through the Word of God, and it is the only way that any man can overcome the malicious and conflicting thoughts of the world.

Around the world today, hundreds of thousands of children are facing daily conflict. If they have Jesus, the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, shield of faith, and the helmet of salvation, they can stand in guard against the oppressor. With Him, protection is a promise. Today the Served organization, founded in faith by Jonno Rugno and a tremendous group of life-long international advocates who serve his vision, understands that the Bible is the only tangible piece of the armor of God. The sword of the Spirit can be literally understood and wielded in spiritual conflict with temporal results. The Served organization is equipping the church to educate children living in conflict.

Jonno and his family have heard from God to give all that they have to equip the church in providing education to children in conflict. While living and serving in the middle east, his family developed a Christian education program for 300 Syrian Muslim refugee children meeting in a Lebanese church. Upon the success of this program, threats and ensuing violence in the region where they were living forced the family move. This move, while emotional and discouraging at first glance, provided a space for God to enlarge the family’s heart and expand

their vision. It also created a space where SEAPC could hear the vision and come alongside Jonno in support of the development of the Served organization.

SEAPC has agreed to stand with Served in an affiliate capacity for the next two years. Our goals are to pray daily for Jonno and his family as well as the international leaders of Served, to communicate the vision of Served, to freely provide administrative covering and support, and to find friends who advocate for the children they serve. Today, Served is active in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Brazil, and Turkey. Each day, hundreds of afflicted children are finding truth, peace, and a new mind in Christ. It is our great joy and pleasure to serve those like Jonno who are standing in the gap to give themselves to others around the world.

At SEAPC, we believe that “this is the time” for great harvest in the nations and that God has given us His Word, which will transform the minds of those bent on destruction into a new mind, focused on establishing a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Served in the Middle East and to surround this ministry with friendship, love, and a solid network of prayer. Please join us in welcoming Jonno and the Served ministry as friends and affiliates of SEAPC.



Written by  
Matthew Geppert

# CHONG MING'S

## From Beijing

“Look at all the gems,” Ser Ling whispered to Chong Ming.

“He is the richest king we have seen so far. And his camels, did you see the tilt of their heads? They are the finest camels I have ever seen.”

“These are the courtyards of Ashoka, the Great King of Tehran. All the Asian kings, except we Chinese, are under him,” Cher Ming replied. “Of all the kingdoms of the East, we alone do not pay tribute to him.”

“Look at the treasure chests of gems and gold the others kings have brought to him. Their camels almost got swept down the rapids at the crossing of the Indus River. Remember how the drivers had to help them?”

“Yes,” replied Chong Ming, remembering how his mother and father had kept the two little camels between them, his mother breaking the

current and his father digging his feet into the gravel bottom. At times their feet could not touch the bottom, but the two older camels told them to keep their heads up and do not be afraid of the water.

Once they had reached the shore, the drivers checked to be sure that their cargo of saffron was dry. All were very relieved to see that they had made a successful crossing.

From the river they had entered the Khyber pass, a very narrow path through rough hills and mountains. Lions perched on the peaks and they were again reminded of the snow leopard that had tried to get Ser Ling. This time they stayed really close to father.

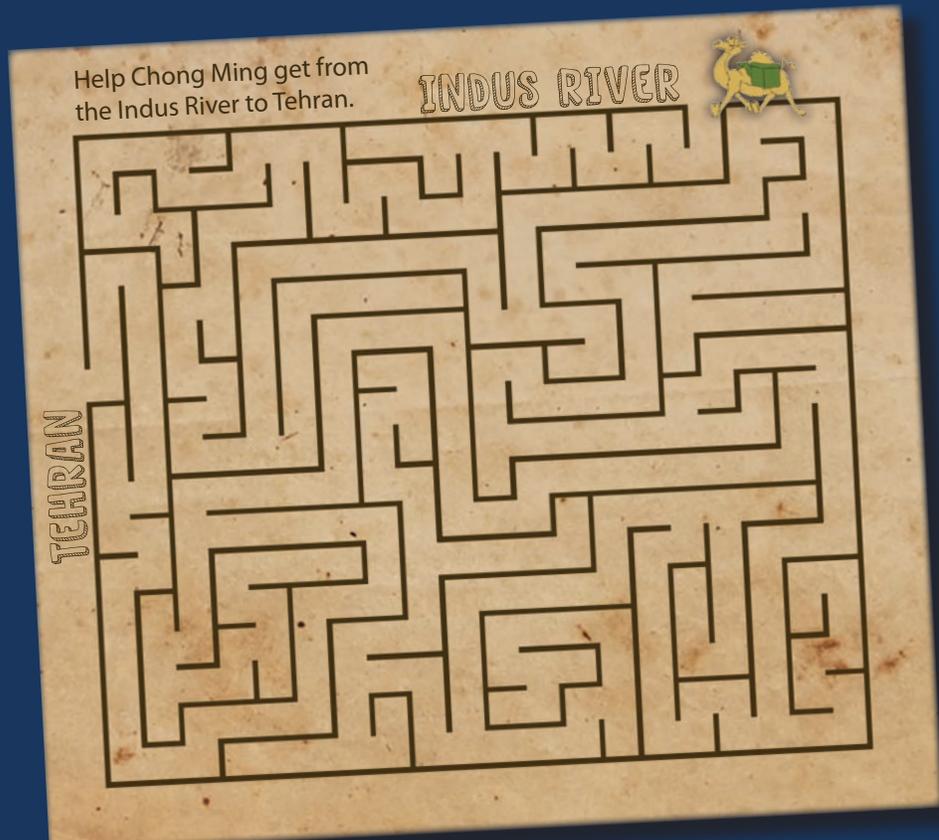
Now in Tehran, they were preparing to enter the famous Fertile Crescent Trade Route and make their way through the Assyrian and Syrian Kingdoms and down the Jordan to Bethlehem. Each night, the star that guided them remained bright in the Western sky.

### WORD SCRAMBLE

- FRSFAON \_\_\_\_\_  
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- RTHANE \_\_\_\_\_  
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- OILNS \_\_\_\_\_  
5 6 7 8
- RATS \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chong Ming was \_\_\_\_\_  
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because he \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read your Bible. Pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow! Read Proverbs 3:6. "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."



# JOURNEY ... PART 5

to Bethlehem



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## CAMEL WORD SEARCH

Find these words from Chong Ming's story.

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|-----------------|----------------|
| INDUS RIVER     | KING ASHOKA    |
| STAR            | MOUNTAIN LIONS |
| TREASURE CHESTS | TEHRAN         |
| SAFFRON         | CROSSING       |
| KHYBER PASS     | GEMS           |

answers to word scramble: saffron, Tehran, lions, star, Chong Ming was "SAFE" because he "LISTENS."

# Parable of the Talents

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

“So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’

“But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast

the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” – Matthew 25:14-30

This is such a powerful parable. The equivalent of one talent would have been about 20 years of wages. What an incredible responsibility it would have been for the servants to receive this financial resource. For the servant who was given five talents he received close to 100 years of wages.

The two servants who doubled their talents had to work to receive the return. They used their gifts and resources responsibly and were generously rewarded. The servant who buried the talent was deemed wicked and lazy, he failed to use the resource that was awarded to him and was punished accordingly.

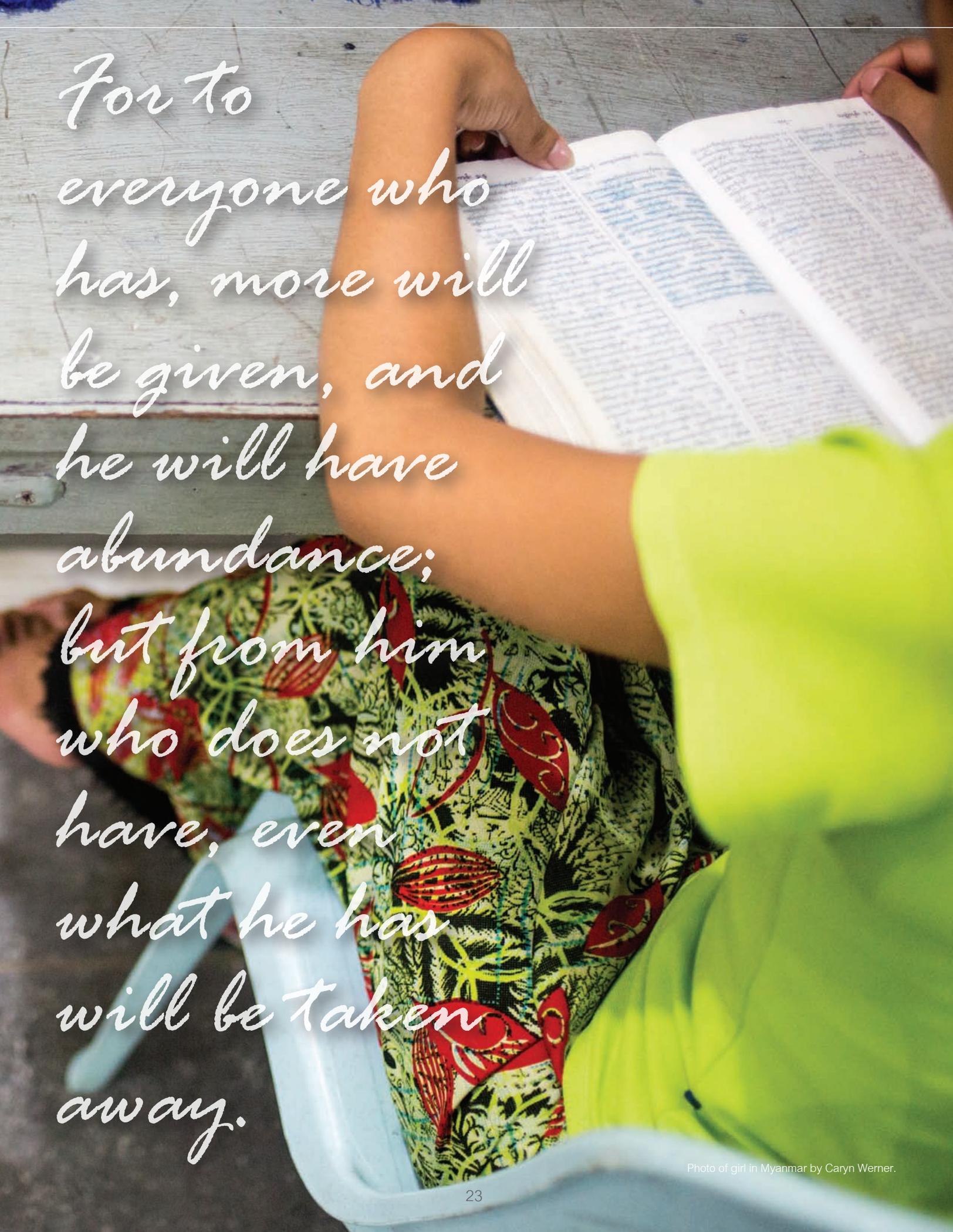
The disciples hearing this parable surely would have recognized that the opportunities, gifts, and resources that Jesus trusted them with were to be used for the glory of God, not for their own selfish purposes. The disciples were workers for the Lord, the talents they were given are not their own but given from their Lord. Because of that, their talents had to be magnified for the kingdom of God.

Verses 29 and 30 are a result of what the servants had done with their talents. They are held accountable for their actions. Whether given small resources or large resources, they are judged according to their own measures.

If you are reading this magazine, it is because you have used your talents to benefit the kingdom of God. Thousands of people have contributed through the talents and resources they have been given, whether they are intercessors, financial contributors, short-term team members, or volunteers to SEAPC, and for that we are eternally grateful.



Written by  
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A young girl is sitting on a light blue plastic chair, reading an open book. She is wearing a bright yellow-green t-shirt and a patterned sarong with green, red, and black designs. The background is a light-colored wooden wall. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, cursive font.

For to  
everyone who  
has, more will  
be given, and  
he will have  
abundance;  
but from him  
who does not  
have, even  
what he has  
will be taken  
away.

May the desert tribes  
*bow before him*  
and his enemies  
*lick the dust.*

Psalm 72:9



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