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# A Year of Change

Thank you for joining SEAPC this year as we have trekked from Beijing to Bethlehem, making God's ways known. Whether you came and joined us personally, made a way for someone else to come, or placed your prayers before God, you have fueled a transcontinental movement towards righteousness. As we walked together, groundbreaking government changes occurred, the cracks in society gave way to the gospel, and an unprecedented unification within the church resulted in massive multitudes of people receiving Jesus Christ. From Beijing to Bethlehem, Christians are declaring, "This is the Time!" As you gather with your families this Christmas to remember God's great gift to us, rejoice in knowing that, through your support of SEAPC, this gift is reaching people who otherwise would have never received it

As we have prayed in this year, great things have happened: China has changed its policies to make a way for individuals with autism and the unborn child, Nepal has opened itself up to religious freedom for the first time in its history, and Myanmar gave its people the right to speak for its government. When the ground shook this year throughout the Himalayas, you responded with blessings and much needed relief to a unified church in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, and Tibet.

Moving closer to Bethlehem, we witnessed the ugliest face of evil manifest its malice in Iran, Iraq, and Syria, leaving a wake of uncertainty in those lands but creating cracks for righteousness to emerge.

Through SEAPC you have supported prayer teams to every city in Iran this year and Christ-centered education for refugees from Iraq and Syria.

This month we focus into the birthplace of Christ — Bethlehem! Believe with me friends, that as we agree together in prayer, righteousness will arise, a light would shine in Israel, and a nation would be changed for God's glory.

On behalf of the nearly 600 orphaned children we serve, the 126,000 students receiving education in Cambodia, the millions of people living with autism in China, and the countless new witnesses of what Jesus has done in their lives around the world, thank you. Merry Christmas! Hug your families and take joy in knowing you are doing a good thing this Christmas through SEAPC.



Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC

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The cover photo is of Yixi Jiacao, a child from Northern Tibetan, with his grandparents shortly before a team from SEAPC took him for care and life-saving heart surgery.

Back cover illustration of the newborn king by Cathy Bruno. Cathy is a local artist and much loved and appreciated SEAPC volunteer. She makes our days funny and sunny with her baking, poetry, joyful spirit, and love for the Lord.



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# Jesus is Lord

On Monday, October 26, 2015, after a wonderful lunch of goat curry and rice, we were standing in the driveway of the All Saints Church in Srinagar, India talking to Pastor Sunny about the Revival and Unity meetings that had just happened at his church when the ground started to move. A strong magnitude-7.7 earthquake in northern Afghanistan shook buildings from Kabul to New Delhi and we were right in the middle of it. All Saints Church is truly right in the heart of it because this region of the world is divided among three countries. There has been a territorial dispute between China, Pakistan, and India since 1947. Meanwhile, there is also a spiritual territorial dispute between Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity.

Right in the center of Srinagar valley lies the Shankaracharya Temple. Also referred to as Pas-Pahar Temple by Buddhists, it marks the western edge of Hinduism and it sits on a hill 1,000 feet above the city of Srinagar. This temple has been a focus for us, and we have been prayer walking around this temple and declaring that Jesus is Lord of Srinagar and Kashmir. As Ephesians 6:12 says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

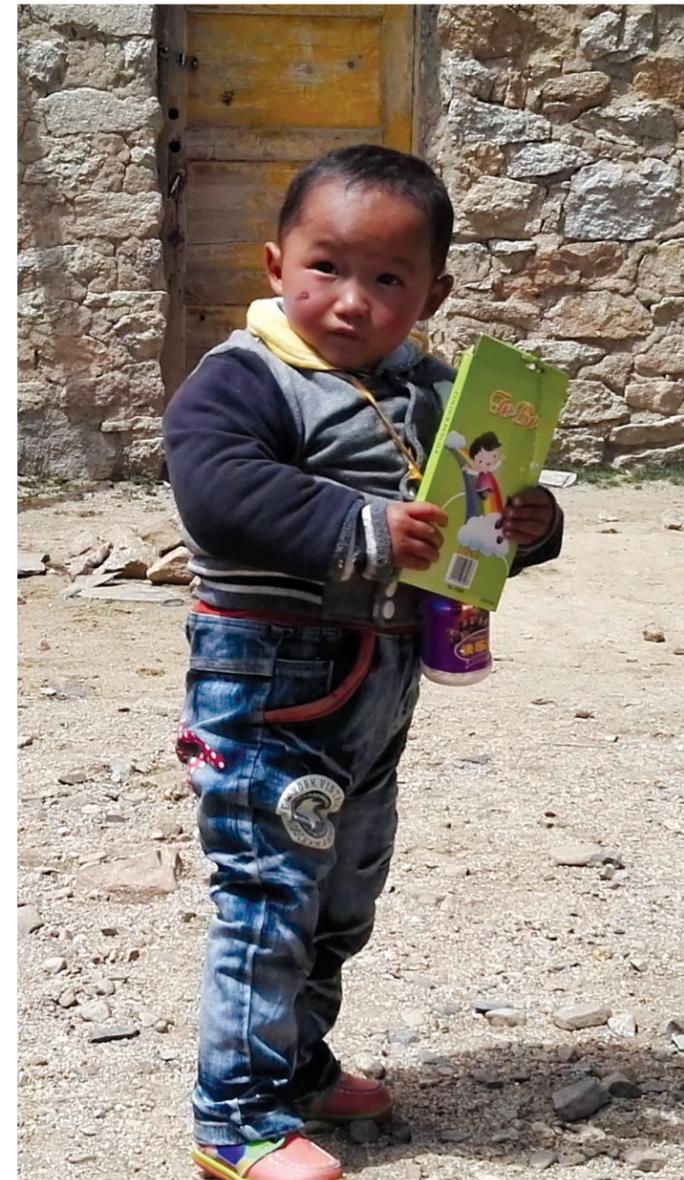
When you are in Kashmir, you can see the conflict between religious systems and cultures. The city of Srinagar has a population of around 1.2 million and is 95 percent Muslim. At just 4 percent of the population, Hindus make up the next largest religious group. It is believed that less than 400 Christians live in the whole Kashmir area. But God is at work! During the revival meetings, we saw people healed, delivered, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our friend Dan Taylor of Five Rivers Ministries and a worship team from New Delhi led the meetings with Pastor Sunny and Pastor Vinny from India. It was wonderful to see believers and leaders from different churches come together to pray and worship the Lord. Many of these Indian pastors have been beaten and have suffered for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are standing with these pastors in prayer and declaring that "Jesus is Lord of Kashmir" and trusting the Lord for a mighty breakthrough and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the south side of the Himalayas.



Written by  
Bill Richardson



# A Heart and a Savior

Yixi Jiacao is a child from the Northern Tibetan highlands where the altitude is about 4,800 meters. His unmarried mother gave birth to him and left him with his grandparents only a few days later. He was fed a diet of fresh milk of yak and sheep and ground barley, but he almost died of serious heart disease and malnutrition. At the age of one and a half, his family came to us for help.

We took him out of the highland and fostered him for six months until he was strong enough to take the heart surgery. With the help of SEAPC, his broken heart was mended. He began to smile and breathe like the other children. Now he has already been back in Tibet for about six months. He is completely healthy and has become a happy child. His mother is married now, and Yixi lives with his grandparents. We visit him in his hometown, and his family also comes to visit us in Lhasa and stay with us for a few days under the same roof.

We have built a relationship like close relatives. With this trust, God's love and the message is able to spread out from this family to the other families.



Written by  
Daniel and Gail,  
SEAPC China



## Finding a Haven

In 1946, Elizabeth Mendies left her hometown of Hamilton, Ontario, to serve the Lord as a missionary to India. It was during her time in India that she met her husband, Tom. They were married in Calcutta, India, before relocating to Kathmandu, Nepal, where Tom established one of the first hotels in the area. Elizabeth began taking in orphaned and abandoned children into their home. Eventually, Tom closed his hotel, and Elizabeth founded Mendies Haven, the home where she continued to take in and raise children until her passing in 2008.

Mendies Haven is currently home to 30 children, in addition to hundreds of others who grew up at the Haven and are now doing incredible works for many more. Two weeks ago, a team from SEAPC was staying on the roof of Mendies Haven praying for Nepal and the "Haven" when the Lord renewed the

passion in my heart for the "Haven" and the people of Nepal. As we were praying and connecting, Charles Mendies, son of Elizabeth Mendies, told us that he would love to have the "Haven" used as a prayer center for SEAPC's work in Nepal. What an answer to prayer!

As Brother Mark Geppert was renewing an old friendship with Charles, a partnership was birthed for SEAPC to come alongside of the "Haven" and help with the sponsorship of the children. Mendies Haven has never had a sponsorship program before, so this partnership was an answer to Charles' wife, Susan's, prayers. In the words of David Livingstone, missionary to Africa, "Sympathy is no substitute for action." So we are partnering again with an old friend in Nepal. Charles and the "Haven" are part of the old roots of the church in Nepal and they live out the scripture in Isaiah 32:8, "But generous

Mark Geppert, Susan and Charles Mendies



people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity." (NLT) Please pray for Nepal and the work of Mendies Haven. We will keep you up to date on the sponsorship of children from the Haven and the relief work that we are still doing in Nepal.



Written by  
Bill Richardson

## Recovering from the Flood

Praise the Lord! It is always a great joy for me to share with friends who are interested in knowing more about us. I would also like to give thanks to each and every one of you for taking an interest in what we are doing in Myanmar.

This time, I was asked to share about some of the fruits that have emerged from the flood. I feel like it is God's plan for me to write about it because as of writing this, I have just arrived back from Kalaymyo with Tina and a medical team, where they were affected by the flood. It is still fresh in my mind for me to write about everything that I saw such a short time ago.

When our team arrived at the children's home in Kalaymyo on November 3, everything had been fixed and rearranged in perfect way. With the funds sent by SEAPC for flood recovery, the children's home was able to replace their broken security gate with a beautiful stainless steel door.

The funds were also used to build new toilets and renovate the existing ones, and to repair and polish the flooring and furniture. I deeply appreciate all who have donated funds for us to bring about this recovery.

We have visited two small villages to provide medical treatment and it seems to me that many of the people who we treated were not very healthy. I want to deeply thank Tina for bringing this precious medical team at the right time. The church elders, pastors, and villagers could not mention enough thanks to us for bringing in this medical team.

The land and properties as a whole are being rebuilt, and are growing back to their original condition. I could sense that people in the area have worked hard to restore their land and homes.

Thank you for lifting us up in your prayers and sharing our burden as your own. May the Lord richly bless each one of you.



Written by  
Chung Nung



# Answering When the Holy Spirit Calls

“Something told me that I was supposed to come here today,” Solang Wang Du shared as the color began to refill his high set Tibetan cheeks. “You will save my daughter’s life.”

Solang had made the arduous journey from Naqu to Lhasa with his dying daughter in a last chance effort to find help from the People’s Regional hospital of Lhasa, Tibet. On the day he arrived, an SEAPC Touching Hearts medical team was departing after a week of treating children with various congenital heart defects. Solang’s 12-year-old daughter Qu Jia’s body was failing. She had retained so much fluid that she could barely walk and was receiving oxygen from a small canister that he held in his hand. The medical team quickly moved to action, diagnosing Qu Jia’s condition and agreeing upon what procedures would be necessary to save her. As they moved toward treatment, I asked a friend to explain to Solang what brought us there on that day and to ask him what brought him there.

“I have always hoped that my daughter would be saved. I have felt that she would be. We have been coming to this hospital for treatment and I felt that I needed her to be here today,” he explained. I then had the joy of sharing with Solang about the Holy Spirit who had led us there on that day. He then prayed with me and received Jesus into his life, acknowledging and submitting to the eternal plan of salvation prepared for all people. Solang’s daughter was treated and healed, and the next year his second daughter Pui Ma was also treated for heart disease and healed.

Solang became a source of light for his family, sharing Qu Jia’s story and the simple message of a God who has a Son, whose name is Jesus, and who died for us, to all whom he knew. A push from God and faith-filled obedience in His guiding spirit had saved two lives and brought salvation to an entire village.



Countless saints had given their lives as seeds of hope in the soil of eternity leading toward that day when salvation would come. And on that day a leading of the Spirit of God had overcome despair and produced faith from hope. Just as it was made manifest in Israel when Christ was born.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, he was taken to Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. At that time Simeon, a righteous,

devout, and elderly man was waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. He believed that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. On the same day that Jesus was brought into the temple Simeon was led by the Holy Spirit to the Temple. As he approached Mary and Joseph and asked them if he could hold their baby I imagine him saying, “I am Simeon, who are you? Where are you from? Why have you come here?”

As Mary and Joseph shared what God had done, I’m certain that Simeon replied, “Something told me that I was supposed to come here today.” Simeon took the child, praised God and said, “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Our purpose, our meaning, and our truths are found through the calling and obedient following of the Spirit of God. As you stand together this Christmas, lighting your candle in worship and sharing your light with those around you please pray this power prayer with me (at right).



Written by  
Matthew Geppert

I am who I am because you made me  
who I am. You have put me here today to  
experience your salvation power in my life.

*Position me Lord by your Spirit*

to experience the impossible revelation of  
your promises for my life as I share your story  
with those around me. You are my salvation  
and the true light to the nations!

# What a Difference a Year Makes

I've just flown from Kalaymyo back to Yangon, Myanmar, having spent a week in the northern part of the country where I met the 19 children at Charity Children's Home Kalaymyo Branch for the first time. I was very happy to see that they were so filled with joy and were excited to meet and spend time us foreigners, especially since some of them had never seen foreigners before. This home is one of the great things that have happened this year. I want to look at and rejoice over more of those great things.

We started the year with 12 children's homes in Cambodia, one in Myanmar, and one in India; caring for a total of 533 children and youth. Now, with the additions of Takao and Kalaymyo, there are 13 homes in Cambodia and two in Myanmar. There are now 571 children and youth receiving care within the three countries. Raising Kids has grown by approximately 38 children this year but that doesn't show the whole picture. In actuality, there are 70 new children who have arrived within the homes so far this year because, of course, there were some who left because they are now adults who can successfully provide for themselves or because their remaining parent or parents or extended family can now provide for them, or for some other reason.

Land has been purchased and prepared for three homes in Cambodia: Takao, Preah Vihear, and Pailin. The permanent Takao home is under construction. The other two homes start construction this month. In Preah Vihear, this will provide a permanent location for the existing home. Pailin will be a whole new home for children to come to live. We are also starting construction in Kampong Cham to replace the dormitory that has been rapidly degrading. These are wonderful new opportunities for the children in Cambodia. In Myanmar, the parents of CCH director, Thang Chung Nung, have given their home in Kalaymyo as a safe place for children in need.

Homes in all countries have been blessed with various renovations and provision

of needs as well. In Yangon, Myanmar, they were blessed with a newer wall around the home for the children's safety, repair to the kitchen foundation, new dining tables, repainting the boys' dormitory, more clothes, school supplies, and a truck. The Kalaymyo home was blessed with funds to make repairs after the flooding of early August and add additional toilets for the children.

The Arise and Shine event was also added this year. This gathering of people to enjoy a night of fellowship together and share a meal with children live from one of the children's homes in Cambodia via live internet feed has been wonderful. It has enabled people to get a bit closer to the children and the children to see how there are many people who care about them.

The second group of interns from Cambodia was in the United States for two and a half months. Bunthorn and Sai Hen's humble spirits brought great joy into our office.

We've added sponsors too! The year started with 241 sponsors based out of our office. As of now, there are 255 different sponsors. Just like the children, there have been sponsors who left for various reasons, so we actually added 29 new sponsors this year. Some of them are sponsoring multiple children.

Please take a moment with me to praise God for the growth within Raising Kids this year. He has done wonderful things. I am excited to see what next year will bring! I already know that we will soon start to partner with Mendies Haven children's home in Kathmandu, Nepal, and as of this month may possibly also have another partnership with a children's home in Laos. Between these two homes, there will be around 170 more children.



Written by  
Tina Tomes



(Opposite page) Girls at Kalaymyo children's home jumping rope. (Clockwise from top) Children and staff at Preah Vihear children's home. Chung Nung with three of the girls at Kalaymyo. Children who just arrived at the home in Takao. Tina and some children from Kalaymyo home.



## 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.

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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**

# Ready for Revival

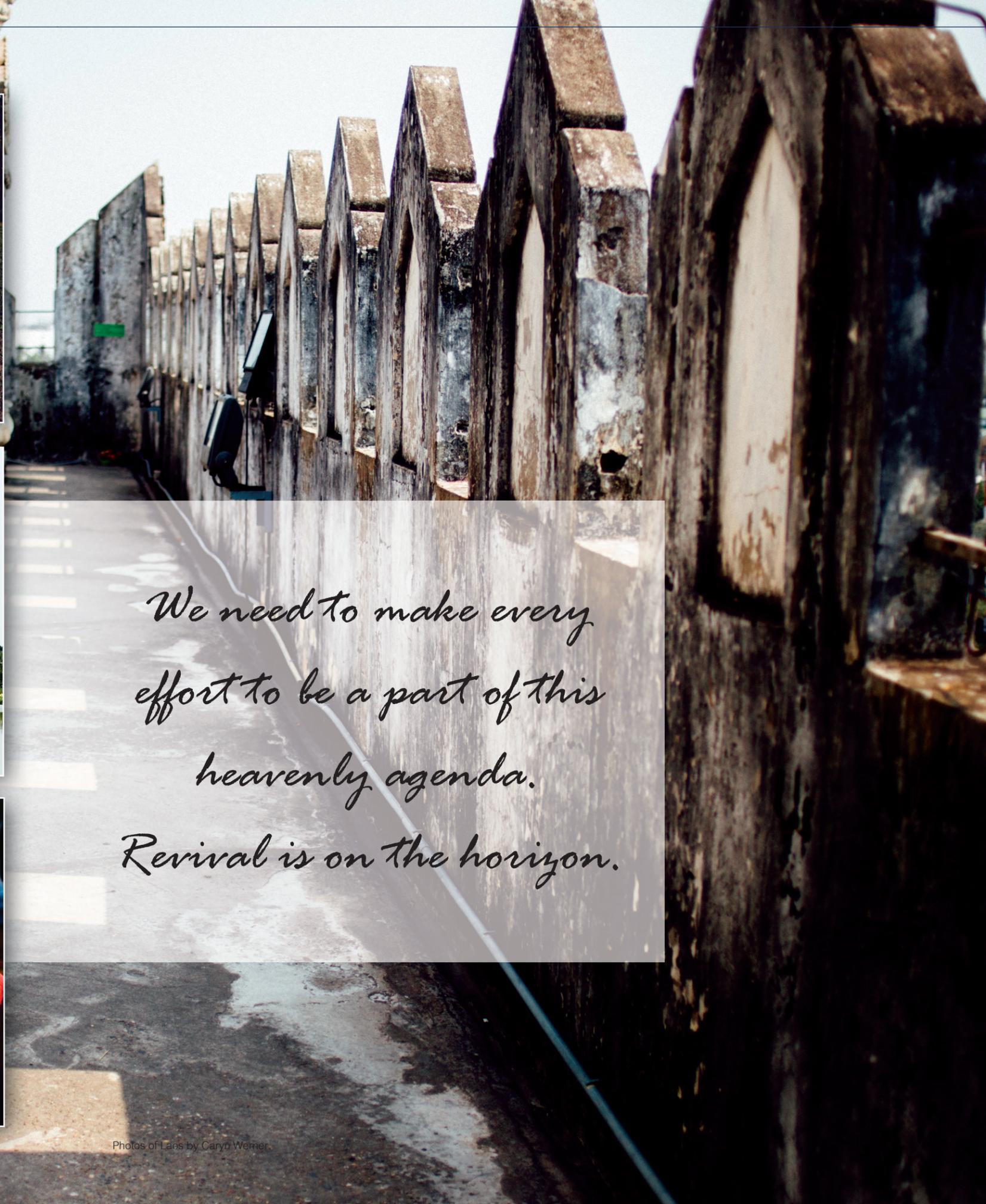
For decades Laos has been living under war and poverty, hidden from the outside world, in a complex landlocked country amidst a beautiful terrain of jagged mountains in the north, a fertile plateau in the south and a blanket of luscious green rainforest throughout. As the bamboo curtain begins to lift in recent years, the landscape of the nation begins to change, concrete buildings are becoming a more and more common sight, industrialism is quickly moving past the digital age into the advances of information technology. However, in the face of the quickly and ever-changing social, political, and economic landscape, there is yet another landscape that in the next few years will be swiftly moving across the mosaic of ethnicity in Laos.

Laos has been shrouded in darkness, ever since she became a nation and even before that as the people of the land worshiped the spirits of nature. In a land that is surrounded by five Buddhist nations, she ultimately shifted from animism to Buddhism. Now we believe this is the time for Laos: in the timetable of our Lord, we need to make every effort to be a part of this heavenly agenda, and revival is on the horizon. If you want to be a part of this plan, here is what you can do:

First, pray to come and be a part of this revival for a year. Second, we need sponsorship for staff to help us cope with the upcoming revival.



Written by  
Hubert Chan



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# Reaching for Millions

According to Dr. Jia, China's foremost leader for Autism research, one of every 80 kids born in China today will live with autism. China currently has 1.357 billion people living within its borders, and there were approximately 16.284 million babies born in China last year. Statistically, 203,550 of those kids will face the challenges of autism.

Please, dream BIG with me for a moment this Christmas. If 203,550 of the children born next year in China face autism, they will face it with the help of SEAPC. Assuming that each of them will potentially have two parents and two sets of grandparents who are desperate for help, now we're talking about approximately 1,424,850 people. Over the next ten years, in partnership with the Chinese-American International Cooperative for Training in Autism, we hope to serve more than 14 million people whose lives will be impacted by autism.

My dream is that this massive group of people would be able find answers in faith and community through the platform God has given to SEAPC.

Certainly it can be done! How? If you and I believe together and we set our hearts to pray, then God will build a platform to serve them. Even as we speak, friends and families are uniting across China through online platforms and finding spiritual answers for autism, while also learning physical and environmental approaches that bring proven positive results. 1,700 families signed on to the online platform in its launch, that number is projected to reach 10,000 families before the springtime.

In this past year, many initial successes in our China-America Cooperative agreement have occurred. Our first focus has been to learn and to train. Many friends have come alongside leaders like Kim Bennett and Rachel Kittenbrink to assist in training guests from China here in the U.S. Teams from the U.S., also led by Kim Bennett, have traveled to China to teach and minister inside of schools and training centers there.

The second focus, to create a government-endorsed platform for online education, has been achieved through ING CARE, led by Mr. Wang and Annie Jia, which is the central distribution point for training and resources. Our third focus, to build a strong global network of prayer surrounding these efforts, has truly been rooted and now mobilized. I believe that through prayer and the goals set forth we will serve more than a million people with faith, answers, and hope. It is dream worth pursuing.

This month, as Christmas is celebrated by more than 150 million Chinese believers, a new hope is arising in the mainland and faith is building a network of families who are finding answers for autism. I praise God for the practitioners, both here in the U.S. and in China, who have dedicated their lives to bring hope to these families in need. Many thanks to Rachel, Kim, Dr. Jia, and the team in China for setting an example to follow.

For parents and teachers of children living with autism this Christmas, a note of encouragement from Isaiah 58:

"If you extend your soul to the hungry  
And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
Then your light shall dawn in the  
darkness, and your darkness shall be as  
the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
And satisfy your soul in drought,  
And strengthen your bones;  
You shall be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water, whose waters  
do not fail.

Those from among you  
Shall build the old waste places;  
You shall raise up the foundations of  
many generations; And you shall be called  
the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer  
of Streets to Dwell In."



Written by  
Matthew Geppert

14 million people  
(children and their families)  
whose lives may be impacted by  
autism within the next 10 years

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## I Love Christmas

I love Christmas. I love the music, I love the story, I love the smiles on children's faces, and the joy of giving. I love the special things people do at Christmas, like baking cookies. I like stockings hung by the chimney with care. I especially like the Raising Kids children getting special gifts.

One of my favorite parts of Christmas is being able to greet people with the name of Christ. The Anointed Son of God, the original Christmas gift was given that we may all be in health and prosper. Jesus is indeed the wonderful gift, the only begotten Son.

Several years ago a team of us were invited to share about Christmas in Thailand. This land steeped in Hinduism and its cousin Buddhism knows only Santa Claus and a day off from school. To them, Jesus is a fable and the manger is just another part of a very unlikely story.

I questioned this senior English class if they knew where this word, Christmas, came from. Fortunately they were serious English students and did not make jokes, but wanted to know.

"The word has two parts," I began. "They are 'Christ' and 'Mass' and joined together they become Christmas."

"Mass" is a Latin word meaning a celebration or special meeting to remember. In a Mass, a large number of people are called together. There is a celebration meal and the telling of the event that made that particular day so special. There are many Masses celebrated throughout the year.

"Christ" is a Latin derivation of the Greek Word "Christos", which means the embodiment of the anointing of God. It includes His person and His attributes in one person. This person is then recognized as the "Christ of God."

We discussed all of that for about half an hour. All discussion was for clarification, not argumentation as these young people wanted to know who this Christ child was. How did all of God get into that person? How can we be sure He was the "Christ" and there wasn't another?

Then we talked about the traditions of Christmas, the Mass to celebrate the birth on earth of the Christos of God. We discussed evergreen trees and their three points, lights in windows, garlands, and special foods. We discussed prayer and faith, and who has light and life, and how to get it. We discussed why Christmas is celebrated in December and why gifts are given. And then we developed Christ

Mass into Christian. And here is the thing I like most about Christmas: just as He gave the gift of life to me, He met them that afternoon and more than 30 Thai youth opened their hearts to Jesus. The Christ came to live in them and they were born again. They became Christians.

So light the lights and sing the songs, eat the foods and see the family. Give the gifts and hugs and glee, and especially trim that Christmas tree, for we are celebrating; you see, the fact that Jesus was born for you and for me.

Some may doubt and snarl and scorn and say that Christ was never born; but those Thai students and I know better, for we were touched that day, and each December far and wide we will spread that great Yule tide, "Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the New Born King!'"

Thank you for your love and prayers. We Gepperts are doing well and trust that you will have a very Merry Christmas.



Written by  
Mark Geppert

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# CHONG MING MEETS THE KING

Chong Ming had seen the man only three times in the entire journey.

This "King" or "Clan Leader" was the "Father" of all the families of the Beijing Valley. They had lived in that area since the great flood, which covered the whole earth, had receded. Peiking Man, the first King of the valley was said to be the oldest man on the earth. Even a camel of Chong Ming's wisdom did not know the entire story, but he knew it was this King who had formed the caravan that had now traveled from Beijing to Jerusalem searching for the King of Kings whose star shown each night and never moved.

Chong Ming had seen the King when they left Beijing, when they crossed the Indus, and when all the Kings met in Damascus. Quiet and kind, the King had actually traveled the farthest distance to meet the new King. It was to him that the others had turned for courage to cross the Himalaya and through him the other Kings asserted their power. He was, without a doubt, the leader of this grand caravan.

Entering the stable where Chong Ming and Ser Ling were resting, he pointed to them with a

smile saying, "We will need these little ones. It turns out that our 'King' is a baby in a manger. These little camels will be perfect. Scrub them with lots of soap, but do not put many jewels on them."

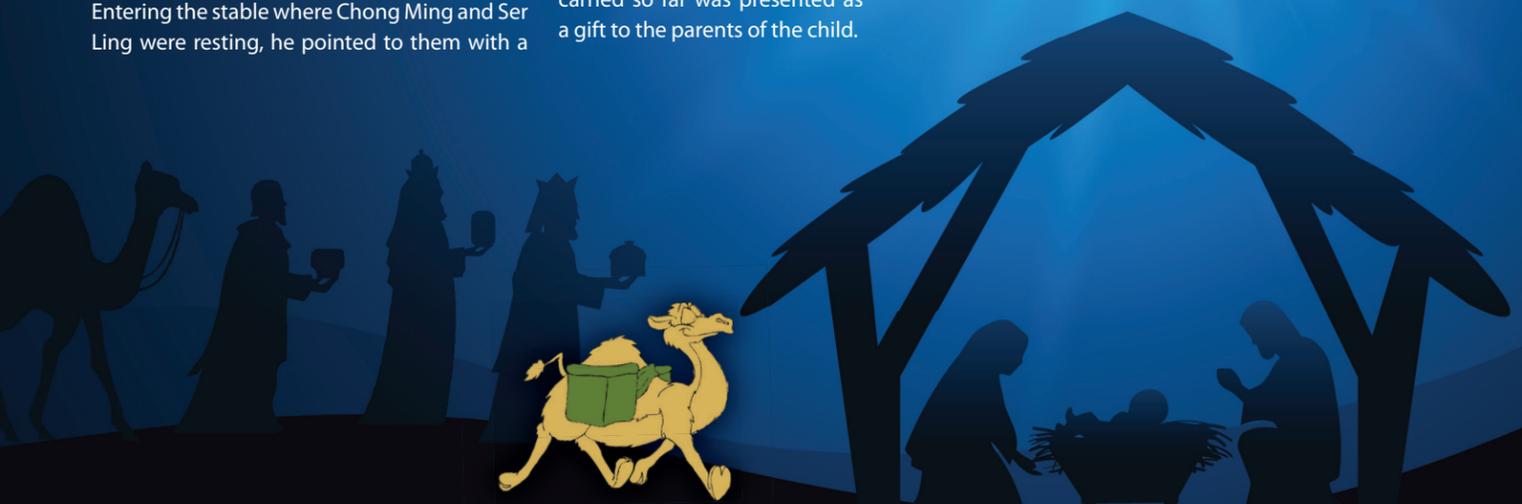
"What are they carrying?" the King asked. "Saffron, My Lord," the keeper said. "Good," said the King, "It will make a perfect gift for the Little King."

The scrub had been nice except behind the ears. Soap had gotten in his eyes, but Chong Ming didn't cry. He wanted to be strong for Ser Ling, because they had become good friends through the journey. She was so filled with life to go with his growing wisdom. Fit for a King, saffron in place, they were led the five miles from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, the place where the young child lay.

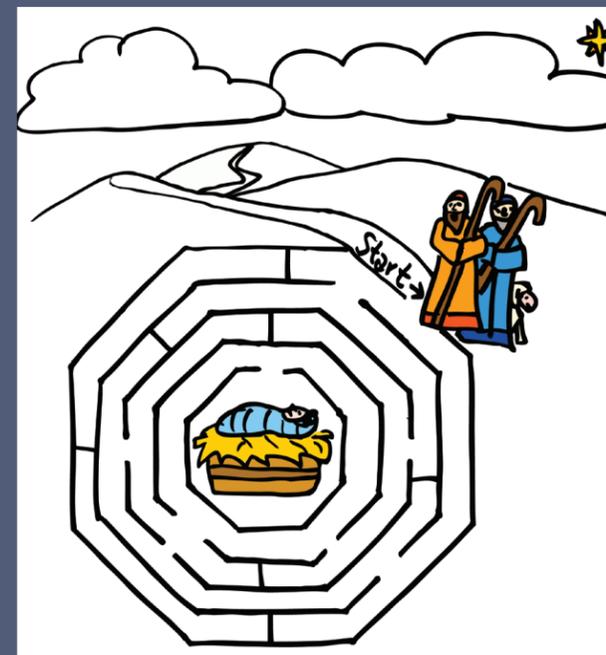
Entering the stable, their eyes met. What was that feeling? They had never experienced such love and peace and joy. The baby looked at them and smiled. He kicked his feet and lifted his hands and gave a joyful shout. With this warm reception, they knelt and the saffron they had carried so far was presented as a gift to the parents of the child.

"Saffron from Kashmir is worth more than gold," the keeper explained, "and these two little camels have walked all the way from Beijing seeking the One who is the King of Kings."

Mary, the baby's mother, smiled and Joseph, his father, bowed in thanks, but Chong Ming and Ser Ling just joined the baby in laughter. A bright light shown and the Angels sang, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King."



## HELP FIND JESUS

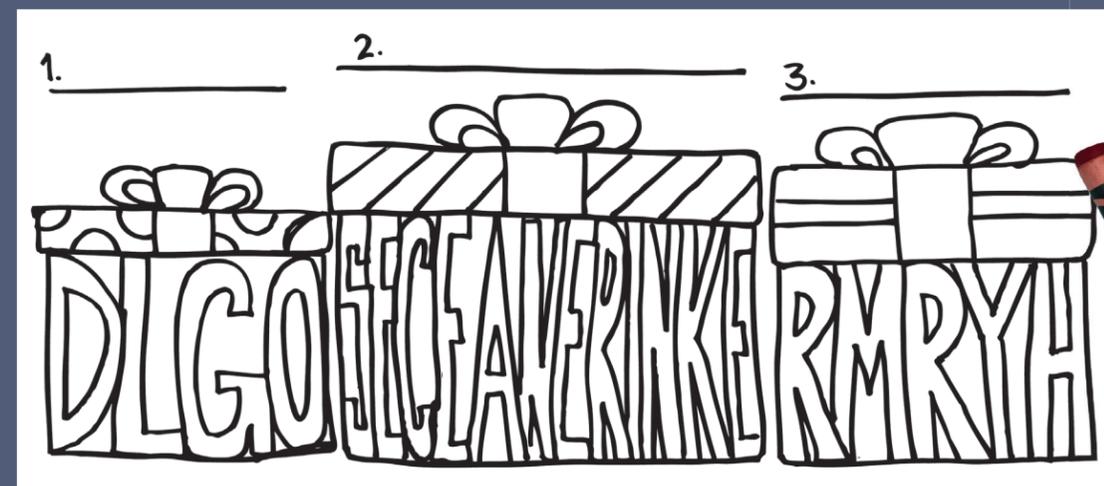


## COLOR THE KINGS



## GIFTS OF THE MAGI

What three gifts did the wise men offer Jesus? Color and unscramble the letters in each present below to reveal the three gifts and write on the line above.



Merry Christmas

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." — John 15:16 (NIV)

John is one of Jesus' 12 disciples. He wrote a lot about how much he loved Jesus. John stayed close to Jesus and obeyed him. He produced fruit, or more disciples, by teaching us what he learned. Chong Ming is becoming a disciple just like you are. Chong Ming isn't perfect, but he is trying his best, and that's what counts. Jesus was sent to earth for all of us (John 3:16), but it is up to each of us to say "yes" to Him and become a disciple.

# Serving Israel

For more than 20 years, we have been advocating for the sending of long-term missionaries to work among unreached people groups in what is known as the 10/40 Window.

In 2010 the Lord began speaking to us about His chosen people in Israel. And so, in these past few years the Lord has given us strong relationships and ministry partners in the Promised Land to be able to place workers there, too.

We are leading intercessory prayer teams a couple of times each year to visit pastors, local churches, and ministries in cities such as Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Be'er Sheva, Mitzpe Ramon, Sderot, Dimona, and Ashkelon. We prayer-walk in these towns, sing praises over the cities, and pray and encourage the pastors, their families, and their congregations. Whenever possible, we minister God's Word. Up to now we are serving Hispanic, Russian, Arabic, and Hebrew speaking ministries.

2015 has been a great year for us in Israel! We have been able to place nine people in Israel as part of a pilot

program for volunteers. At least 14 people have committed their lives to Christ, and as I write these few lines, the last volunteer is flying home to Guatemala.

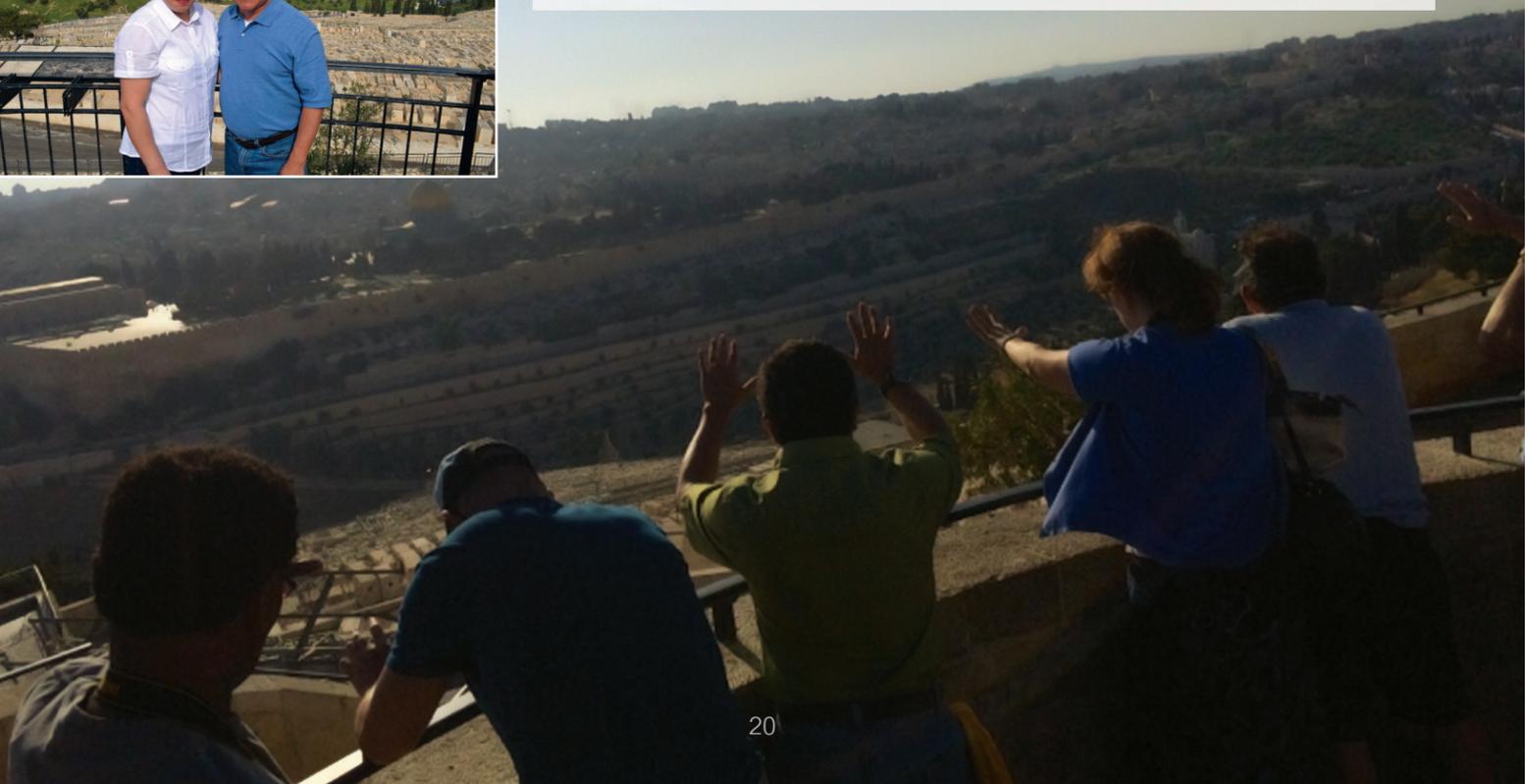
I will be in Israel December 1-11 to meet with the pastors and our program coordinator to see how we did and how we can improve in 2016. We want to invite you to join us on one of the prayer teams and/or give 1-3 months of your time to serve the body of Christ in Israel next year. There are many opportunities to serve.

Please pray for us! There is a harvest waiting, and we need workers. We have a window of opportunity to serve and to reach many for Christ in Israel at this moment.

We pray the Holy Spirit would reveal this to your heart also.



Written by Amilcar and Rudilia Cabrera



# Translations and Change

In May, we started a cell group at our home, in response to 611 church's mandate: everyone is called to be a cell leader, and everyone is called to be in the cell group. As we grow in the Lord, God has added more people to our home group. During the month of September, three of our cell members accepted Jesus. Praise the Lord.

One particular couple, Grace and Fernando, met each other through social media. A month later, Fernando left his hometown in Spain to come to Hong Kong to marry Grace. The problem is Fernando only speaks Spanish. He does not speak English or Cantonese, and Grace cannot speak Spanish. So how did they communicate? Thank God for Google Translate. God brought them to 611 and eventually they found Steve, who speaks Spanish and Mandarin. Fernando was frequently touched to the point of tears by the power of Holy Spirit during worship. When Fernando

and Grace came to our home for the first time, they talked unceasingly as Steve translated what each was saying. There was a lot that was missed in translation.

Fernando confided in Steve the difficulties he encountered in Hong Kong, and how much he missed his son back home. The difficulties that they faced were many: language, communication, culture shock, and unemployment for Fernando. Both were dealing with their separate families prior to the marriage.

Thank God, these difficulties have driven them to Christ. The following week, they both accepted Jesus and received baptism of Holy Spirit. Fernando decided to go back to Spain to see his son three months later. Grace's life did not change much until God spoke to her in a dream. After Fernando wanted to separate from their new

marriage, Grace started to seek help in praying for her husband. She could not put down the book *The Power of a Praying Wife* by Stormie Omartian. She realized that something in her needed to be changed. Recently, Grace decided to cut ties and dump the Buddha in her house and forgive her father for not being there for her. She started to ask God to change her attitudes and her ways so she can be more like Him. She is touched every time she hears Jesus' name. She now prays for other people. Seeing the power of the gospel in Grace's life makes us want to celebrate God's goodness. We are so blessed to be able to see how God completely changes people.



Written by Steve and Wei Wei

# Banteay Meanchey

\$10 per child is a small price for redemption



## The Ground is Broken

The ground is broken and the first training center is going up. No, we have not received all the funds we need. No, we are not able to start all nine buildings at the same time as planned. No, we do not have the full funding even for this first building. No, we have no assurance from man that we will ever get the funds.

The ground is broken and the first training center is going up. Yes, the people are very excited. Yes, it is bringing new hope and vision to the Preasnet Preash (God Hears) school district of Banteay Meanchey Province. Yes, there is a vision and people are being energized to believe. Yes, it is a first step. Yes, this is really happening. Yes, Jesus will make a way for this and eight more buildings, and all the equipment, and all the trainers. And so, the wonderful faith life of the South East Asia Prayer Center continues.

Many years ago when we faced a \$2 million need for Tibet and a \$1 million need for Cambodia in addition to our other nation's faith proposals, I approached our board about creating an investment strategy that would allow us to have all the money before we started a project. Our then Chief Financial Officer, Ken Martin, laughed and said, "Then it would not be by faith. God will give money to you as you use it and need it." No truer words have ever been spoken.

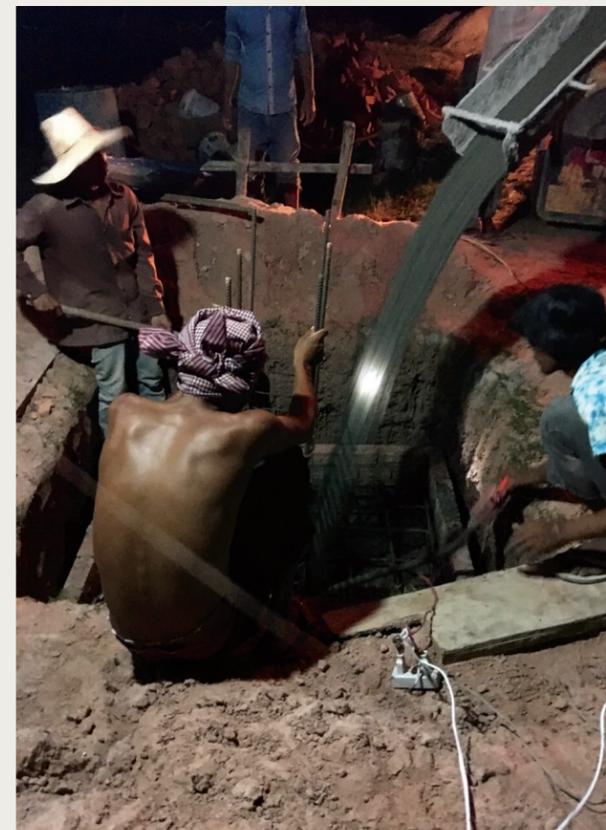
Then another of the Board members, who rarely said anything, laughed and said, "I suppose this will keep our focus on prayer."

So to Ken Martin and Everett Foss I again say, "thank you." Indeed we are in the midst of a \$1.2 million step of faith and money is coming in and we are sending it and spending it. I do not doubt at all that in the Lord's time we will have nine buildings completed, technology training established, and a copy of *My Precious Book* in the hands of each of 127,000 students and in their homes.

Please pray with us as we see the hand of the Lord make provision — \$1.27 million and 127,000 children. In my thinking that comes down to \$10 per child. I say it is a small price for redemption. The ground is broken. Let it be the ground of our hearts as we respond to the Holy Spirit to redeem a nation from the killing fields, poverty, caste systems, and fatalism.



Written by Mark Geppert





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to help.*

Psalm 72:12

