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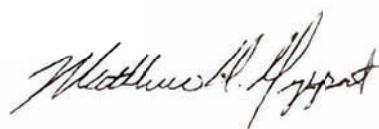
A Year for New Hope

In the Siem Reap children's home, eight tiny, giggling, Cambodian kids launched high into the morning sky, smiling ear to ear, as they gripped tight to their end of the see-saw bench. My brother Sam let out a laugh on the other end of the plank, holding them high while his end lay in the sand. I watched in awe, thinking through the vast combination of prayers and resources God used to create this platform of love and joy! To think that just three years prior, those eight orphaned or abandoned kids and their 28 other brothers and sisters had no home or hope.

We serve an awesome God who is changing lives. Last year's "Harvest Time" brought thousands of families into right relationship with Him. Today, they are finding a new hope through the SEAPC platforms of health, education, parenting, and micro-economic development. Within those platforms, God has entrusted this organization with the incredible responsibility of sharing His word.

Last year's harvest has become this year's seed, effectively removed from the chaff, placed in the Sower's hand, and prepared to launch into fertile ground. This year, as new platforms emerge, I pray that you, too, see your gifts and talents as vehicles to share the love and joy you've found in Jesus with those desperate for a future and a hope. Come with us to the nations and take part in a timeless experience of sovereign purpose.

Thank you for standing with us! These eight little ones rode the other side of a see-saw that was purchased from the proceeds gained through the purchase of Abednego Coffee. Their home was built through the loving contribution of a dear couple who had the burden to give them a home. Their beds were shipped and hand-built by short-term mission team members who volunteered their time and efforts to ensure a good night's sleep. Their daily food, clothing, healthcare, and education are provided by individual child sponsors from around the world. Their hope and future is sealed through the power of Christ now surrounding their souls.



Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC



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Platforms on Which We Stand

It costs about a million dollars to drill an oil well in Pennsylvania. Part of this cost is the drilling platform. With the platform in place, you can create amazing pressure that will split a seam deep in the earth and the valuable fuel will be released. It costs about \$50 per barrel to get this oil and gas out of the ground. With the price of oil where it is today, the platforms stand as ghosts against the grey winter sky.

There are 15 viable platforms for social media and new ones are being created each and every day. The communication industry has grown so rapidly that the IPOs stack up in line to gain investor dollars. These communication systems are only as good as the platform they are on. Platforms for visibility, viability, and profitability are an essential in business development. Each message is looking for the best possible platform.

In the year 2000, we at SEAPC looked for platforms for relevance for our Christian message. In those days we realized that to be relevant in the global community we had to do more than speak once a week to a basically captive 90-percent Christian audience. Our board members sought the Lord and began to study viable non-profits to discover the positive and negatives of some of the largest international organizations. Through prayer, we discovered the State of the World Congress, which produced a report identifying the three greatest challenges of the first 100 years of the new millennium.

They were health, education, and parenting. To these we added micro-economic development. These have become the four platforms upon which we demonstrate the love of Jesus in practical ways. We heal the sick, educate the unlearned, care for orphaned and abandoned children, and help local entrepreneurs understand the Judeo-Christian ethic that will bring them prosperity instead of poverty.



The Chinese symbol, "Fu," means prosperity.

The corners of this platform are evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and church planting. "Fu," the Chinese symbol shown here, is the picture God has given us for platforms. The sign on the left is "God" and the sign on the right has one voice speaking from heaven to the field. The field is in four sections. As we celebrate Chinese New Year, you will see this symbol in your favorite restaurant. It is the Chinese character for prosperity.

The first mention of a platform in the Bible is found in Nehemiah chapter 8. The Book of the Law has been discovered during the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah orders a platform to be built, and Ezra and the elders read from the platform to the people. As they hear God's word they begin to weep, but Ezra gave them the instruction in Nehemiah 8:10, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The South East Asia Prayer Center now has a global platform from which we can proclaim the Word of the Lord to the nations and deliver the portions believers have sent for those for whom nothing is prepared. On each page of these monthly magazines you will hear of the success we are enjoying on these platforms. If you would like to send a portion, or would like to come and perform your God given talent as part of a short term team, or as a special assignment, let us know. You are more than welcome to participate on the platforms.



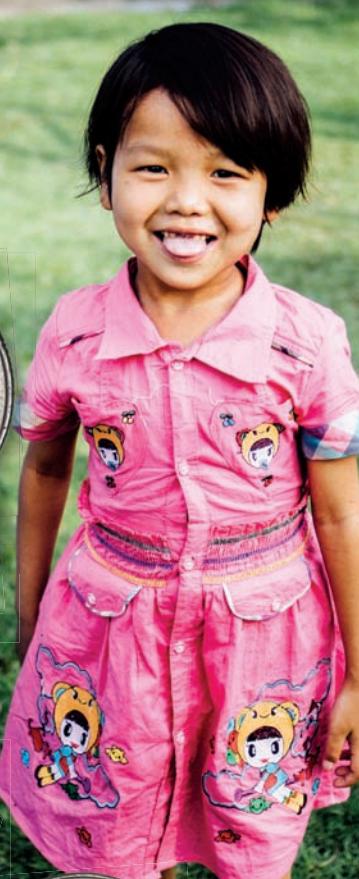
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COINS FOR KIDS



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Give with Joy

2016 is a new year, which will bring two new SEAPC Coins for Kids campaigns. These campaigns will bring lots of blessings to kids in need around the world! Praise the Lord for his blessings that have not only been given to less fortunate children through SEAPC Coins for Kids, but also to those who have collected coins.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And, God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

I am reminded of this scripture when I hear stories from parents whose children have collected coins. They tell me how exciting it is for them to collect coins and give them for other kids their age. Some do chores for quarters, others knock on doors, and others challenge their brothers and sisters to see who can collect the most!

My prayer for the SEAPC Coins for Kids campaigns of 2016 is that we can all collect with joy, give with joy, and be abundantly blessed by it!

The 2016 spring SEAPC Coins for Kids campaign runs from February 1 to Easter Sunday, March 27. Please contact us to see how you can get involved!



Written by
Jessica Geppert

MEXICO

At 93 years of age, Rev. Wayne Myers has spent most of those years preaching, teaching, church planting, writing, evangelizing, and agonizing over lost souls everywhere.

A Giant in the Faith

Having just returned from a whirlwind trip to Mexico, my head is swimming with the thoughts of all that transpired in those few days.

Our first stop was the beautiful and thriving city of Saltillo, where team member Isaiah Acosta and his wife Blanca graciously hosted my sister, Norma, and me. Early that first morning in Saltillo, we attended a breakfast meeting where I had the opportunity to share many examples of how God is responding to persistent and passionate intercession in numerous locations all over the world.

Next we visited the Bible School at New Life Church with Pastor Patrick Veach. I believe these theology students were encouraged by the testimony and the prophetic words. Then I was really stretched to attend an 11:00 to 12:00 PM appointment at a Saltillo radio station. This was a real

blessing as I was interviewed about the work of Operation Capital City all over Mexico, and then I had an opportunity to pray for callers, and especially to pray once more for the city of Saltillo!

On Sunday morning it was a joy and a privilege to preach in New Life Church, with Pastor Veach translating for me. Pastor Patrick has been faithfully and powerfully ministering in Saltillo for many years, and I am hoping that OCC/SEAPC will have many more opportunities to work together in the future with him and his lovely wife Patricia.

We left the next morning for Mexico City with one thing on our minds, and that was connecting with Pastors Mark Geppert, Hector Zetino, and Alex and Iliana Orella, in order to visit Rev. Wayne Myers. Wayne is a true apostle at 93 years of age. He has spent most of those years preaching, teaching,

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Operation Capital
City

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Praying for Campuses

Bill Richardson and I were in Arizona with our SEAPC Representative and Affiliate, Bonnie Lloyd. Bonnie is a networker who delights in bringing like-minded people together. A very effective intercessor, she has made the Tibet and India trips and has participated in the Lord's breakthroughs in those lands. Bonnie serves as the missions pastor in a large Phoenix church and has found great grace in locating refugees. God has made a way for her to affect many lives for Christ.

On this day, she took us to meet the Director of Global 365 Prayer Network, Dr. Saeed Hosseini. Saeed is known for his days of prayer and for establishing a global network of those who believe that lives are changed through prayer. His testimony of the love of Jesus and the conversion power of the Holy Spirit is amazing, and his teachings on prayer are inspired.

After seeing the center and hearing of the ministry, we began to share personal things, and he shared with us his greatest burden. So many Christian parents send their children to college or university and are in shock when the young person returns home denying Jesus and God and begins to confront their parents with the new intelligence and reasoning power they have learned. Like many parents, Saeed and Cynthia had experienced some personal pain in this area.

As Bill and I listened, we realized that the philosophy to which Saeed was referring had its roots in the teaching of Manu that we had studied for our work in the Himalayas. This teaching had become part of Nietzsche's "god is dead" and nihilistic philosophies that had made it into the humanism of today's campus cultures.

In response to Saeed's broken heart, we have created a 30-day prayer guide for Christian parents and are working on the materials for the student and youth pastor app. We realize that "the weapons of our

warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10:4-5)

We have found that Jesus is Lord of the mountain and the valley, of the forest and the desert, of the city and the village. He can set free the farmer and the pharmacist, the doctor and the patient. His power is limitless and we are persuaded that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us, and if He hears us, He will grant the petition we desire of Him. So we are asking you to join us in three ways.

First: contact our office and request as many Prayer Guides as you feel you can distribute within your sphere of influence. Don't be nervous about the numbers, God will supply.

Second: Begin praying with your partners or small group for the campuses near you. The prayer guide will give you three scriptures for each of 30 days so you can pray and speak the word of God to these places.

Third: Make plans to take a team to prayer walk the campuses near you sometime between June 13 and July 24. If it is convenient to take a stroll there daily through those weeks, then find someone to walk with you and go. If you need direction on prayer walking, please request our book, *The Attack Lambs*.

If you believe and I believe, and together we pray, the Holy Spirit will come down and your campus will be saved.



Written by
Mark Geppert

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of the mountain and the valley,
of the forest and the desert,
of the city and the village.*



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
 Nepal
 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 _____

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**

More to Love

Late last fall, I was at an estate sale and came across an interesting book — *The World According to Mister Rogers*. I loved Mr. Rogers when I was little, and the book is filled with quotes and statements from him. There were two quotes that stood out to me right away: “One of the greatest dignities of humankind is that each successive generation is invested in the welfare of each new generation.” And, “Please think of the children first. If you ever have anything to do with their entertainment, their food, their toys, their custody, their day or night care, their health care, their education — listen to the children, learn about them, learn from them. Think of the children first.”

Naturally, I thought of these statements in reference to Raising Kids, SEAPC Global Sponsorships. We are invested in the welfare of the new generation. We want to see these children who are considered among the least of

humanity to rise up and become the first. Our goal is to do the best that we can for them. First, through prayer — they need the prayer as they grow and learn. Second, through financial support so that their physical needs can be provided. Third, through spiritual and emotional support — the children are greatly encouraged when they know they have a sponsor who is praying for, thinking about and supporting them. It makes a big difference to them.

In the December magazine, I revealed that we are expanding to work with Mendies Haven in Kathmandu, Nepal. This is an exciting partnership because the Geppert and Mendies families have known each other for over 30 years. There are between 30 and 40 children at this home. In the first part of February, I get to meet each of these children, listen to what they have to say, learn about them and learn from them about what is important in their

culture. By mid-February they will be ready to be assigned to sponsors so that sponsorships can start on March 1.

Partnering with this home is very important. Each sponsor will greatly impact the life of their sponsor child through love, compassion, prayer, finances, and communication, just like our current sponsors for Cambodia, India and Myanmar.

Spread the word. Sponsors are needed. Children are available in every country where we partner. Prayerfully consider who to speak to. Prayerfully consider hosting an Arise and Shine event at your church or business. Prayerfully consider sponsoring a child yourself. The impact made is undeniable.



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Tina Tomes

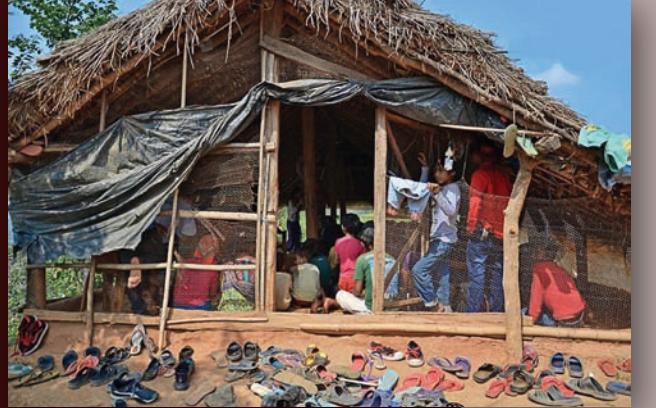


“If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.”

— Fred Rogers

The Lord of Nepal

The year was 1722, and Ranajit Malla was a king in Nepal who welcomed missionaries and Nepali Christians to come and live in his kingdom. He proclaimed that these missionaries "are commanded to preach and teach their religion and train our people in Christian religion. Our people can accept that religion without fear. We will not give any trouble to the fathers, and will not give any hindrance to preach the Christianity." Through this, the gospel was given an open door to the people of Nepal.



*Every place
that the sole of
your foot will
tread upon
I have given
you, as I said
to Moses.*

This time of openness lasted until 1769, when all missionaries and Christians were forced to leave Nepal. This policy of the rejection of Christianity from Nepal was declared by King Prithvi Narayan Shah. During this time, no foreigners were allowed to enter the country, and it was forbidden for any Christians, whether foreigners or nationals, to live in the country. This was a time of great darkness in Nepal and it became known as a "Closed Land" for the gospel of Jesus Christ for more than 220 years. This lasted until 1990, when democracy was introduced in Nepal, which changed the country forever.

In 1984, there were about 24,000 Christians in all of Nepal, yet today there are an estimated one million believers in the country, scattered throughout 1,500 independent church congregations. What a miracle of church growth!

Last April a major earthquake struck the country of Nepal and the church had new opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ in new ways. The earthquake opened villages to the gospel that have been closed forever. The church pictured on this page is one that is currently meeting in a converted chicken coop. This church's building was destroyed, and the members of the church also lost their homes, but they didn't give up

and forsake the Lord nor the gathering together to fellowship in the Lord. We are helping this church to rebuild its building and homes.

This part of Nepal is seeing a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and freedom to preach the gospel; they are living in a time of blessing, because of all the years of prayer and suffering of the church in Nepal.

As we read in Isaiah 58:6, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" The phrase, "to loose the bonds of wickedness," always reminds me of what SEAPC is all about. We walk through the nations of the world to see people set free from the bondages of Satan that have held them as prisoners for centuries.

During the fall of 1984, I remember standing on top of a Buddhist Stupa on Phulchoki, the highest hill in Kathmandu. We had spent most of the day climbing this hill to prepare for our trek that started the next day. But while standing on top of that stupa with Brother Mark Geppert, the Spirit of the Lord stirred up within us and we proclaimed, "Our God reigns and Jesus is Lord of Nepal." What a powerful time in the Lord as we prayed over the Kathmandu valley. That time of prayer and intercession left its fingerprint on my life, and I repeated this on every mountaintop, village, street, and temple or stupa that I could get my feet on top of to proclaim, "Our God reigns and Jesus is Lord of..."

We are all called to do the same, just as the Lord told Joshua in Joshua 1:3, "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses."



Written by
Bill Richardson





Readyng the Nets

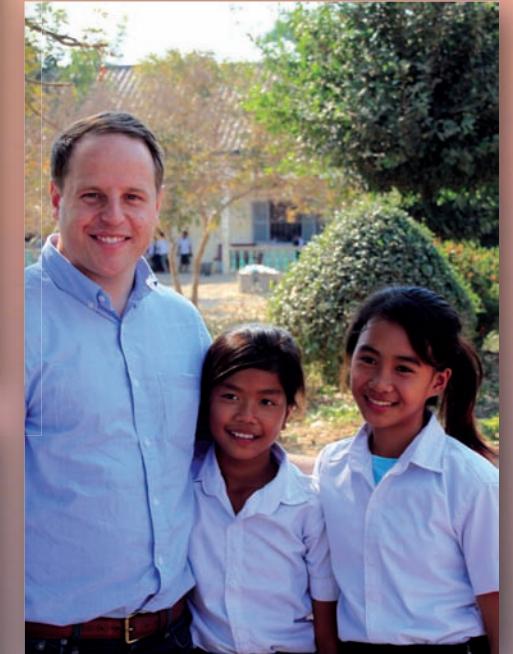
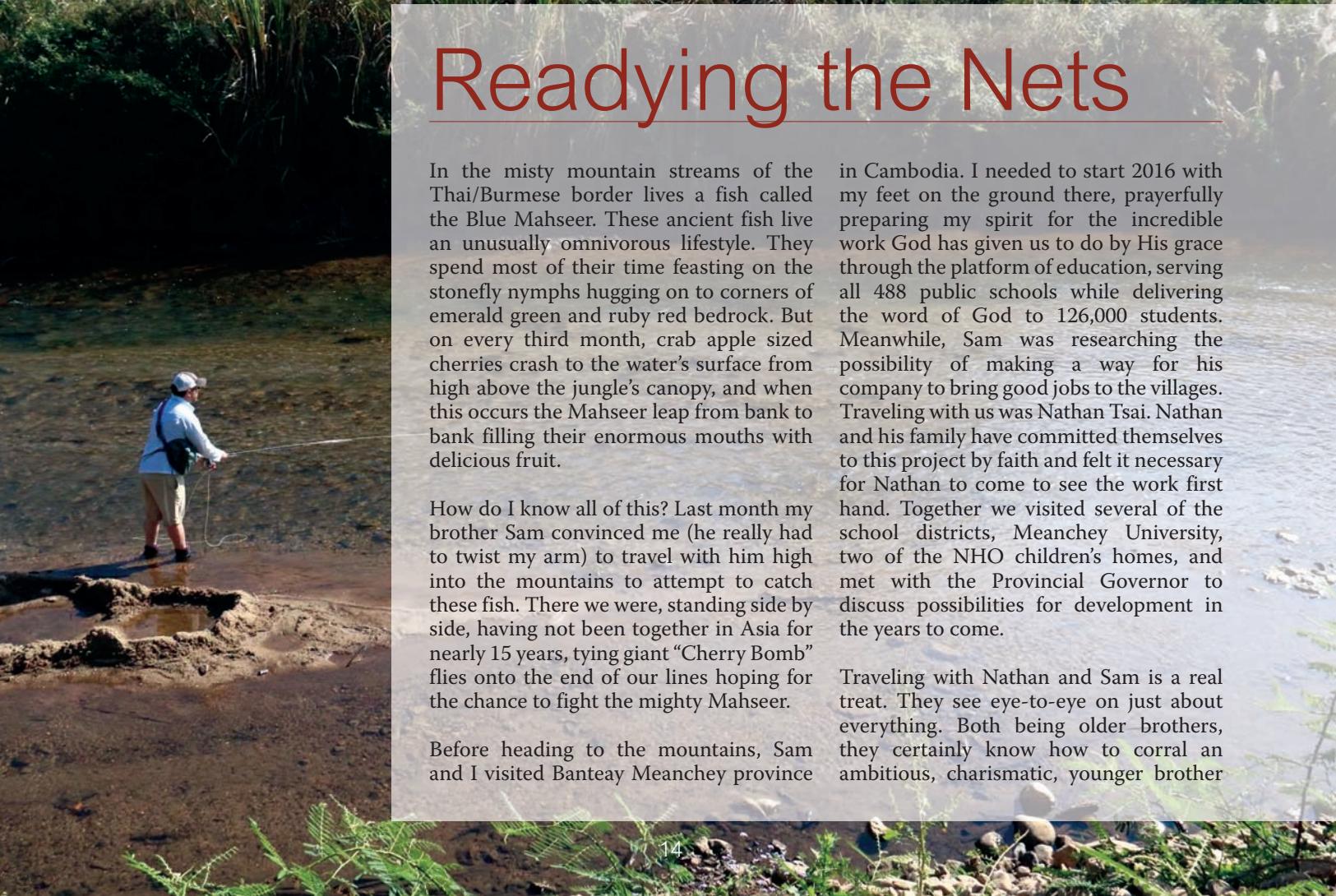
In the misty mountain streams of the Thai/Burmese border lives a fish called the Blue Mahseer. These ancient fish live an unusually omnivorous lifestyle. They spend most of their time feasting on the stonefly nymphs hugging on to corners of emerald green and ruby red bedrock. But on every third month, crab apple sized cherries crash to the water's surface from high above the jungle's canopy, and when this occurs the Mahseer leap from bank to bank filling their enormous mouths with delicious fruit.

How do I know all of this? Last month my brother Sam convinced me (he really had to twist my arm) to travel with him high into the mountains to attempt to catch these fish. There we were, standing side by side, having not been together in Asia for nearly 15 years, tying giant "Cherry Bomb" flies onto the end of our lines hoping for the chance to fight the mighty Mahseer.

Before heading to the mountains, Sam and I visited Banteay Meanchey province

in Cambodia. I needed to start 2016 with my feet on the ground there, prayerfully preparing my spirit for the incredible work God has given us to do by His grace through the platform of education, serving all 488 public schools while delivering the word of God to 126,000 students. Meanwhile, Sam was researching the possibility of making a way for his company to bring good jobs to the villages. Traveling with us was Nathan Tsai. Nathan and his family have committed themselves to this project by faith and felt it necessary for Nathan to come to see the work first hand. Together we visited several of the school districts, Meanchey University, two of the NHO children's homes, and met with the Provincial Governor to discuss possibilities for development in the years to come.

Traveling with Nathan and Sam is a real treat. They see eye-to-eye on just about everything. Both being older brothers, they certainly know how to corral an ambitious, charismatic, younger brother



(Opposite page) Sam and Matt Geppert heading out to fish in Thailand. (Clockwise from top) Visiting the construction site of our new children's home at Pailin, sponsored by Bread of Life Church in Los Angeles. Two friends enrolled in the BC Arise program enjoy a break from school to visit with Matt. Sam teaches fly tying to selected students in the BC Arise program.

with love and protection. Throughout each day carrying this vision in my spirit and traveling from meeting to meeting, I sought Jesus. "Help us, Lord! You have given us so much and you ask only one thing in return. Help us to live for you and through you in Banteay Meanchey, Cambodia. Let these people see you in us and come to know your great love for them." At the end of our week, God confirmed His steps for us in the province by expanding our territory and allowing us to pray for several key leaders among the community.

Now here we stood by the banks of the river, with the mission accomplished, and trying to convince the Mahseer to come out from the shadows. Sam struck first, hooking into a large eager fish. This one quickly used its powerful tail to dive

deep down river, ripping the line from Sam's reel and eventually bending the hook straight, loosening the fly from his



several Mahseer to chase the surface. One struck, and Sam hooked it, then safely landed it into the net.

As God would have it, our guide had spent a year at church in Bangkok and prayed to receive Jesus. He has hit a rough spot in life recently and has been out of church for several years. He shared with us that the Thai fly fishing industry made him famous but is now shifting to Cambodia. He asked if he could send his coworkers to Banteay Meanchey to teach the trade! Please pray with us that our encounter would encourage him to pick up his walk with the Lord and that God would use us through him to minister to many people among those misty mountain villages.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Banteay Meanchey Arise. As you can see, the Lord is drawing the nets for revival. You are a part of it as you pray!



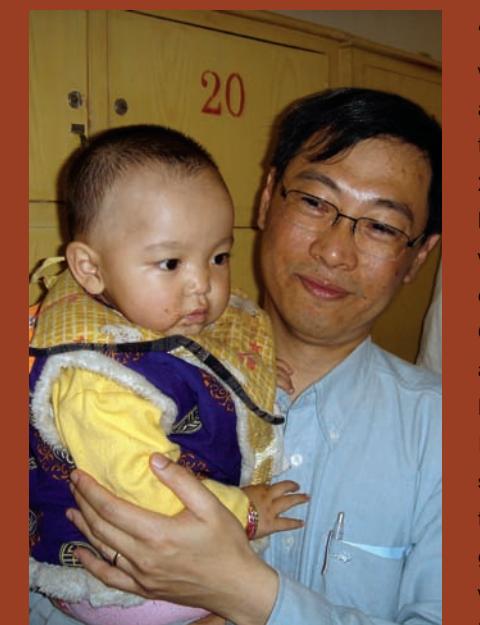
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Vacation with a Purpose

As you make plans for your next vacation, try thinking outside the box. Make it a vacation with a purpose! SEAPC helps to facilitate many possibilities for short-term missions outreaches. Short-term teams have traveled near and far through SEAPC:

- During the Pray Americas campaign this past summer, believers bathed the nations in intercessory prayer, as they walked and prayed in capitol cities within the U.S., Canada, and five Central American countries.
- A relief team traveled to Nepal to bring supplies and minister to families affected by the earthquake that struck the Kathmandu Valley.
- A medical team brought much needed medical supplies to the
- badly damaged, flood-stricken area of Kalaymyo, Myanmar.
- Prayer teams from SEAPC's Attack Lambs brought new hope to citizens of Middle Eastern nations as they walk and pray in the city streets.
- Teams touched the hearts and lives of children living in the SEAPC children's homes in Myanmar and Cambodia.
- Stay tuned for upcoming SEAPC outreaches for the summer of 2016. Turn your ordinary vacation into an extraordinary vacation with a purpose!

Short-term missions trips have impacted the lives of many, including



Boon Yong

"I went three times with SEAPC to Tibet as part of the medical team, in 2007, 2008, 2010. We were helping to treat kids with congenital heart disease in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Lhasa People's Hospital. I thought I could contribute something on these trips, but in fact I gained far more by witnessing God's hand in changing the lives

of these children and their families. The sense of being in God's family as we worked as a team (some in the Cath Lab, some sharing the Gospel with the parents, and others praying earnestly) is an experience to be treasured. I would encourage anyone thinking of joining an outreach trip to pray hard and take a leap!"



Justin McGurgan

"I was in Cambodia from August of 2014 to August of 2015. I lived in Phnom Penh, but traveled the country doing mission work. I went into the trip nervous, anxious, and not sure what was going to happen. God took care of me and led me the whole way. I have come to realize that no matter how big of a dream we may have, God's plan for us is greater than anything we could ever fathom."

Jeff Swogger

"I was in Cambodia this past summer with Matt. I went to preach to leaders and pastors. I enjoy teaching the Word of God to the people of Cambodia because they come to each service fully expecting to hear from God. They are hungry for the presence of God, and they honor His word."



Tiffany Cheng Nyaggah



"In February 2009, I traveled to Cambodia and to Tibet with SEAPC. Both trips were designed to enlarge the vision I had for starting an education development organization in Kenya. The time I spent in Cambodia with Pastor Sinai, Sothea, and the rest of the team, made a profound and lasting impact on how I think of the world, its needs, and my response to those needs. From riding motorbikes through rice fields to visit partner schools and children's

homes in the Banteay Meanchey province, to distributing pulse oximeters throughout rural Tibet and drinking yak butter tea with those I visited, I was taught many lessons by my gracious hosts. Much of my view of how we can — and must — advance God's Kingdom was shaped by these experiences."

Laurel Houck

"I have been to Cambodia twice and to Myanmar once. All three times were for medical missions. I could go on forever about the experiences, the people, and the personal spiritual impact. Serving God by serving others is exhilarating, challenging, and spiritual. It's amazing to see Him at work through me! It grows my faith as I seek to help others grow their faith."



Morgan Vensel

Morgan is a student at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa. She is doing a research paper on working with orphanages and has decided that the best way to research something is to experience it first-hand! In the spring of 2016 Morgan will travel to Cambodia to spend two months helping and ministering in one of SEAPC's children's homes. "I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me. I'm excited about the change to make an impact in people's lives in Cambodia."



Bria Parks + Calista Trout



Bria Parks (pictured at left) and Calista Trout are two high school students who are part of Nexus, the youth group at Riverside Community Church in Oakmont, Pa. This summer, the girls will go with members of their youth group to Cambodia for two weeks to help in one of the SEAPC children's homes.

Bria is looking forward to the Cambodian trip. She says, "Experiencing the Cambodian culture should be fun. I'm glad to spend time with the kids at the orphanage, and to see the work God is doing there." This will be the first time that Calista has ever traveled outside of the U.S. Calista honestly admits, "I am a little bit scared but mostly I'm excited to interact with the kids and to see a new culture. I am also looking forward to the experience of bonding with a team. It should be fun!"

Ferd the Bird



Ferd the Bird Finds a Platform

He has a little blue; but he is mostly yellow. He sings very softly; but he knows how to bellow.

His wings are small and his beak is too, but riding the wind he is faster than you can imagine a bird could be.

No one knows how old he is. I've been told he was on the ark with Noah and all the rest, but I cannot imagine how the best little bird with his fancy looks never was captured in any books.

Neither a photo nor a pic could prepare me

to see the joy in his eyes when he looked at me.

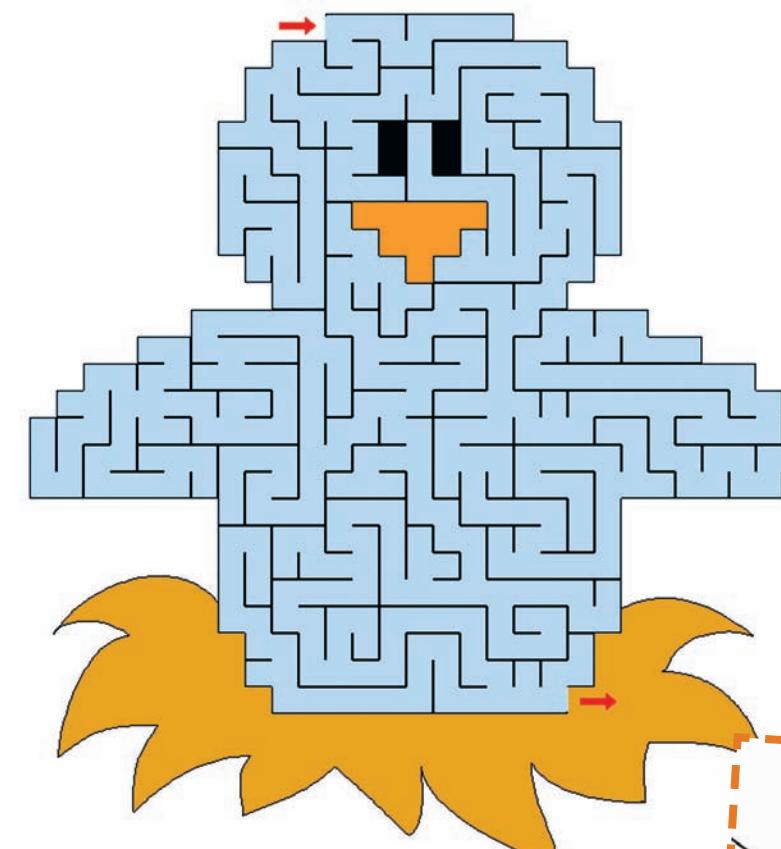
The bird, it seems, had chosen to rest on either my shoulder or my chest, and landing nearby, he began to sing a little chirp, not a loud thing that seemed to say "May I take a rest with you today?"

Ferd had flown in from another land, one with camels, and palm trees and sand. Our snow was chilly for him and so, with a chirp and a toss of the head, he rested, thinking of me as a God-given giant who would keep him safe if only for the moment.

He snored. It wasn't real loud. Just a sort of a song that told of his journey in winds so strong they had lifted him above the earth and carried him far from the land of his birth. Resting there on my shoulder broad, he whispered of things he had seen, of mountains high and oceans green, of great fishes and tiny swallows that lived in sands and crags and hollows. He told of lions and tigers and bears, and when he had told me of all of his cares, he called me, "Friend" and took off with a flutter.

He will be back, I know he will.

BIRD MAZE



BIRD CRAFTS



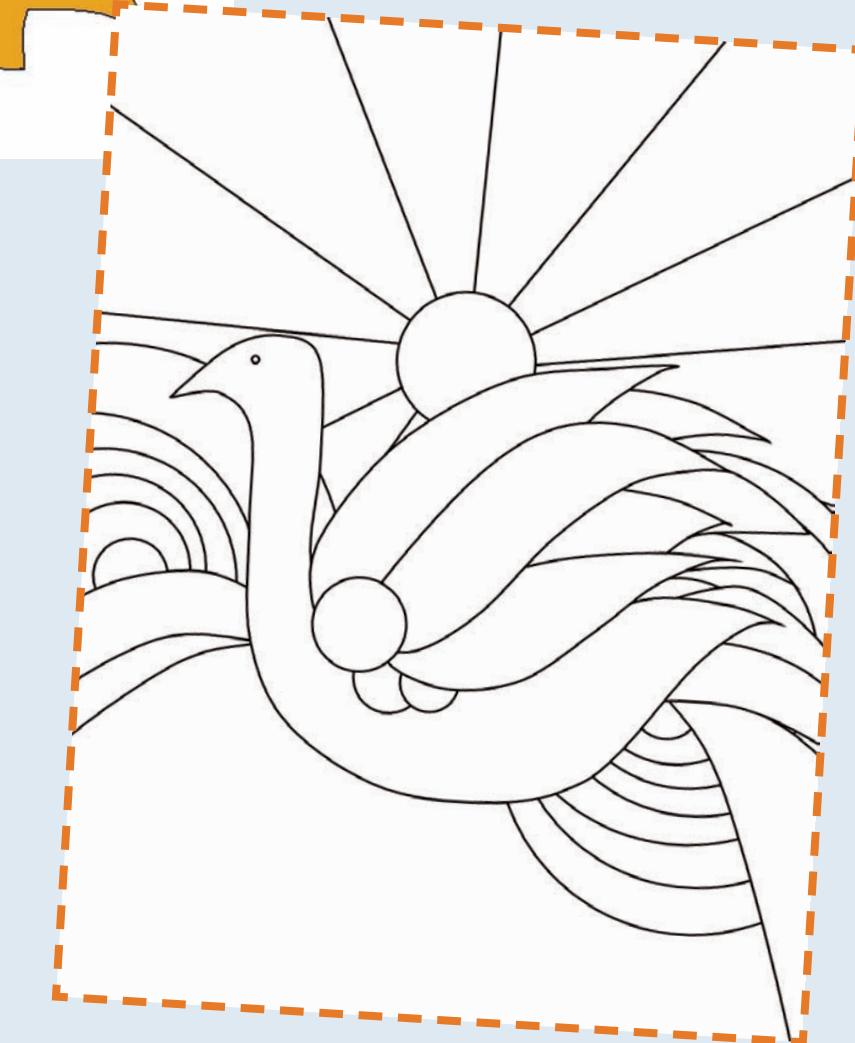
Ask Mom or Grammy to Google search "kids bird crafts" for lots of fun designs to make. Check out these paper plate birds!

MATTHEW 6:26

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

COLORING

Color the stained glass bird and cut out on the dotted line.





The Wai Ting Family

Wai Ting is the largest Chinese family I have ever met. There are nearly 32 million people who, when you ask what they are doing, they reply, "Wai Ting."

They have been waiting for a very long time. Under the Chinese One Child policy, they have had to wait for permission to conceive a child. The old government there had determined that the Communist Party could control when life began as well as when it ended. After waiting for years, they would be granted permission to conceive.

Then they had to wait while the conception occurred. Then the nine months until the child was born. In many instances, they would not wait until birth once they found the child would be a girl and that she would not be able to support them, and they would instead terminate the life of the child through abortion. If the child had any abnormality, they would either kill it or would have it institutionalized. Many American families have paid thousands to adopt these children and have given them a hope and a future.

So, the waiting goes on. In the post-revolution generation, they waited for promised roads, electricity, education, and health care. For our friend Dr. Jia, the wait for a proposed system of care for children with autism lasted for 40 years. She is a senior member of the family Wai Ting.

At long last, she was contacted by the Central Government and allowed to move forward in her desire to give hope to the 32 million parents of children with autism. She began local autism societies. Parents gathered to serve one another and the Wai Ting family began to gain hope. They were certain that this wonderful doctor and her dream of regional centers and a university dedicated to train them and education and medical specialists would alleviate some of the frustration they experienced.

Autism is not diagnosed until the child is a little over a year old and then the development is slow and communication becomes impossible. There is no quick fix; in fact, there is very little agreement on why and how and when children become harmed.

Dr. Jia contacted SEAPC Board Member, Kim Bennett, and the two became fast friends as Kim demonstrated the practices that Dr. Jia so desperately wanted for the families and their children. An agreement was formed for a joint cooperative venture to establish the practices and protocols for training the families and the teachers who care for children with Autism throughout the People's Republic.

SEAPC has, through the hard work of Kim Bennett and Gail Ding and their team, managed to train 55 people in

the first of three levels. Matt has signed an agreement for the development of online training which will lead into regional centers to which the Wai Ting family can travel to gain clinical experience in working with children with autism.

Now a formal agreement is being fashioned with a Christian university, the Chinese Handicap Association, and SEAPC to establish a Christian college in Beijing for the full training of teachers so that the practices and protocols can be taken into the streams of general education. Much prayer is necessary for this step to happen. Please make it a priority as you pray for SEAPC.

This school will grow into regional campuses in each province of China. We have already been approached by Tibet Public Health and Sichuan about establishing training centers there. First steps are being taken, but the most important thing is that we pray. Jesus is the center of the SEAPC approach. He is the One who loves these children and has sent them here. He has a special purpose for each and as we pray, He will show us how they can be developed.



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The Invitation

A little more than three years ago, I was invited by Mark Geppert to go with his team to North India to pray. It was a simple invitation...that changed my life.

Since that first invitation I have returned to India nine times and the invitations continue to come:

- "Will you come help bring revival to the Anglican church of North India?"
- "Will you come prayer walk the mountain villages where there are no Christians?"
- "Will you come conduct revival conferences in our region releasing the presence of God?"
- "Will you help our organization plant churches in the North?"
- "Will you come speak at our National Leaders Meeting and encourage our persecuted pastors?"
- "Will you come conduct pastor conferences and help bring us together for the work of God?"
- "Will you come conduct pastor conferences that will lead to a region-wide evangelism gathering of 10,000 people?"
- "Will you help me extend my church planting ministry into the North?"
- "Will you come to my house and pray for my family?"
- "Will you come and pray for the sick?"

And the invitations continue to come, more than we can respond to. We literally feel that with each journey we are adding another chapter to the book of Acts. But how did this come to be?

I have noticed that almost all of the partnerships that have been established were introduced to me by Mark Geppert. While God is the one who





Giving with Faith and Hope

Officially, SEAPC is a 501(c)3 corporation, also known as a non-profit organization. However, "faith-based charity" seems to encompass the idea of our ministry much better.

Our faith is in the love of Jesus Christ who has commissioned us into all the earth to heal the sick and educate the nations. It is very fulfilling for us to be able to do that through your giving, as well as to offer books that mobilize others to the same calling to which we are called. Another aspect of our "faith base" is the belief that the Lord

will bring us in contact with those of like faith who will utilize SEAPC as a way to fulfill their desire to make a difference in people's lives. We believe that our relationship with you is not an accident. We invite you to allow us to be the extension of your desire to make a significant change in today's world.

We are dedicated to Changing Lives Through Prayer. While the fruit is great, the seeds sown are small. Faithful contributions of reasonable amounts provide the necessary strength for us to reach far beyond human limits.



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Isaiah 58:6

