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Building Platforms

Inside a prodigious, dimly sunlit sanctuary on a frosty February morning, a few dozen Christian men and women from around the world huddled together in worship. This glorious sanctuary rests inside an unheated concrete shell where last night's frost actually still lingered in the foyer. Feeling more like a 1980s drop-off service along the trans-Siberian railway than a Phoenix-based global prayer gathering, we worshipped Christ in glory without complaint. I knew then that I was with the "right" kind of people. They were my kind of folks: missions folks.

From the crowd, a man stood and began to share. He told us of his past 25 years living in Egypt, his family and the battles they have faced, his urgent desire to mobilize people to pray every hour of every day in Egypt, the responses to prayer through the Arab Spring, and the 60,000 who gathered to pray in Cairo during the revolution. I was impressed and ready to listen as he spoke, and as he continued on to say "What we see today is malice in the Middle East. But take heart, this malice is a pre-cursor to the greatest number of people knowing Jesus in that land."

As I listened, shoulder to shoulder with people of hope, I thought through the families who are giving all that they have, and even their lives, as this malice runs through the Middle East. What new life will burst forth from this time and in these lands? What platforms will emerge for His glory and for the resurrection of the people? What nation will run in righteousness to defend the weak? When, Lord, and what can we do? I felt blessed to know how to pray.

We believe in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. This month, as we enjoy the spring that has come, the changing seasons, and the glorious celebration of Easter morning as it is remembered and embraced through the nations we serve, take heart: Jesus has overcome the world and together we have a hope that this present darkness will not consume the light.

Please enjoy this month's magazine. Each article, picture, and quote was put together prayerfully with you in mind; first, as a tool for you to share Jesus with those you know; second, as a thank you and a visual snapshot of the new life which follows your giving to SEAPC; and finally, to remind you that our God is the Most High God and He has a perfect plan of life and hope for your future.

Matthew Geppert, President, SEAPC

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A View from the Front Lines

Greetings from the Tutwilers in Serai Sisophon, Banteay Meanchey province, Cambodia.

First, let's start with a little background on Banteay Meanchey province. During the Cambodian Civil Wars of the 1970s and 1980s, Banteay Meanchey province was on the front lines of much of the fighting, and as a result it is one of the three most heavily mined provinces in Cambodia. With an economy based on agriculture, and few jobs available, poverty rules in this province. The graduation rate is lower than 10 percent, while the high school dropout rate is over 25 percent, with most students dropping out to illegally go to Thailand to work as unskilled laborers. The Lord can turn this around! In Isaiah 61:1-3, the Lord promises beauty from the ashes.

What is Banteay Meanchey Arise (BC Arise)? Let's be perfectly clear on what it is not: it is not another program in the tourist areas or big cities, and it is not a social or welfare program. Rather, it is a get-down-in-the-trenches, grass roots partnership between the Cambodian government, the Ministry of Education, and you, the sponsors, the faithful promoters of the Kingdom of God, with SEAPC facilitating the project. BC Arise is a multi-faceted, province-wide approach to bring the Kingdom of God to Banteay Meanchey, with all facets and phases going full blast at the same time. BC Arise is hard work, and it is spiritually and financially intense!

What will BC Arise do? It will bring better education, it will bring better graduation rates, it will bring jobs and business startups; it will bring water, light, truth, and prayer; it will bring the Word of God, and it will bring real and lasting change through Judeo-Christian principles. It will help to alleviate poverty and thus affect the human and sex trafficking industries that are so prevalent in this province. It will bring salvation and souls. It will bring hope, and it will change lives, but most of all it will bring Jesus and all He stands for into the heart of a broken and hurting Buddhist people. Are you on board, yet? This is a not a quick stab in the wind, but a long-term game-changer for the Kingdom of God.

For Phase 1, we are trusting in God to provide the funding to build nine technology and skill training centers. Teaching in these centers will cover computer technology, English, and job and entrepreneur skills such as hotel management, small business development, and food preparation and processing. Out of the nine sites picked, we have two buildings with the land prepared; the foundations have been set and poured in Preash Netpreash and Phnom Srok districts. We are building the technology and skills centers at the high school district level in the villages, where the people live, in order to give them easy access to the training.

Phase 2 is teacher training at the high school level at each of the nine districts. For this phase, we have had the privilege of hosting Troy and Lauren Kurz and Rick and Suzanne Wells. The Kurzes gave a crash course in health and emergency medical training to over 450 high school teachers in the nine high school districts and 200 Meanchey University students. During their time here, Professors Rick and Suzanne Wells taught educational learning and teaching techniques at the same districts. Both the Kurzes and the Wellses prayed with and over the teachers and the districts.

Phase 3 is equipping Meanchey University in Banteay Meanchey province. Cecilia Po and Faith Toomey are long-term missionaries teaching both classes and workshops including resume building, English, plant biotechnology, microbiology, applied linguistics, and medical standards at the University, along with prayer and Bible studies, while befriending and establishing relationships with the college staff and students.

Phase 4 includes holding baseball and soccer camps and tournaments, to encourage the Cambodian young people to get interested in sports and ultimately stay in school! Justin McGurgan and Morgan Vensel will put on a baseball camp and a soccer camp respectively. While hosting the camps, they will share their faith and pray over the students, while endeavoring to help the Cambodian school districts to create their own soccer leagues and baseball teams.

Phase 5 is comprised of guest speakers, workshops, and prayer walking, which has led to guests such as Terry Flynn, Nathan Tsai, and George Ebenezer, just to name a few. We had the privilege of hosting Nathan Tsai of the Tsai family, who has for years helped to organize, promote, and fund education projects in the developing world, touching the lives of thousands of children. George Ebenezer is a precious brother and a former orphan who grew up on the streets of India, whom the Lord has raised up to be a powerful Christian evangelist and motivational speaker. When he spoke at the university, even the president of the university was deeply touched and was fighting back the tears.

In summary, the Lord has given us unprecedented favor with the Cambodian government, and they have thrown the door wide open and basically challenged you, the body of Christ, and said, "Show us what your God can do with His Judeo-Christian principles." How will you respond to the Cambodian government's challenge to the body of Christ?

We need you! We can't do this by ourselves. Is your area of expertise in food processing, fresh water development, or rural and agriculture development? If you can't join us for a year, come help us for two or three weeks. If you're not the "going" type, that's okay, because the Kingdom needs people gifted in every area, along with the gifts of giving and intercessory prayer. Sign on and partner with us just by giving and praying. Help us make the most of this time of the Lord's favor in Cambodia, or come and we will help to find a place for you to minister. Make your money and prayers count! Join us!

Written by
Hubert Tutwiler

Incubation

The dictionary defines the word incubate as, "to keep or be kept warm and protected so it will hatch." Eggs require a warm place in order to incubate. There is also a plethora of detailed information available concerning the medical aspect of incubation, which basically describes the waiting period between the moment of the exposure to an infectious agent to the manifestation of the first symptoms of a disease. We might also say that incubation happens when an idea enters our minds and then takes a period of time to emerge fully developed and functional.

But the incubation that I want to talk about today concerns that most special and reverent space of time where God Himself is at work. It occurs after He has planted or deposited a seed. And then, He will lovingly hover over that seed, or sit on that egg, if you will, until it matures into something of monumental magnitude.

This is what I see happening in the beautiful country of Mexico. Now I know that from before the beginning of time, because God created Mexico, He saw it from the beginning to the end. But the word God gave me for this great nation is "incubation." Over all of the eons of time, He has been hovering, and breathing on it, maybe even as a mother hen, "sitting" on it. But, the time is coming soon, for the birthing.

Even in the short 25 years that I have been ministering in Mexico, I have seen great change and maturity. I can see the passion rising in the hearts of the people, even remote peoples. I believe that there are indigenous tribes of people who are already beginning to *know* the reality of Jesus, only by divine revelation and supernatural miracles, without the testimony or the teaching of another person.

For you see, there is an obvious and God-purposed acceleration of restless stirring and movement as time draws closer to His coming.

I remember a game I played as a child. My sisters and I would hide something from one another, and then wait for the other two to find it. As they would draw close to the hidden item, I would shout, "hot, hot!" But when they withdrew away from it, I would say, "cold, cold."

In the same way, I believe there are certain "hot spots" in Mexico, where the Spirit is very close to actually witnessing a birthing of a great movement of God, while in other areas we would have to say, "cold, cold."

Will the incubation period end in one area, and only that place will see that which He will birth? Or, will He hover and wait for the whole nation? That is a question I cannot answer.

But this I do know: that His desire is for us to continue walking, praying, witnessing, preaching, loving, and blessing in Mexico, for His time is at hand. "Work, for the night is coming."

Written by
Carol Missik
Operation Capital City

Over all of the eons of time, He has been hovering over Mexico,
and breathing on it, maybe even as a mother hen,
"sitting" on it. But, the time is coming soon, for the birthing.

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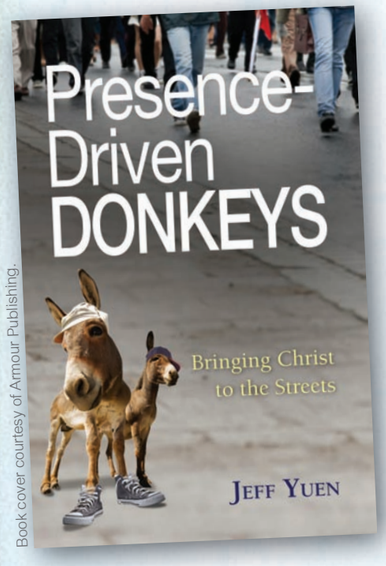
Singapore, the Lion City

Jeff Yuen is the prototype Attack Lamb. Saved from a life of crime as a disc jockey and night club vandal, Jeff is now leading a generation to take Jesus to the lost in the streets of urban Asia. Seeing Jeff, his wife Tammy, and their son Josiah serve the Lord in such uncompromising faith is an inspiration. His jazz guitar and band are the instruments upon which the Lord releases His anointing for healing miracles. Jeff claims no greatness in himself, but describes his ministry as being Presence-Driven Donkeys.

Here is one of my favorite excerpts from his book (at right). You can press on with Jeff by getting a copy of his book, *Presence-Driven Donkeys,* through our office or through www.armourpublishing.com. It is a fascinating read about a young man who is leading thousands to Christ with many signs and healing miracles.

Written by
Mark Geppert



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God anointed me and I learnt quickly from the deejay. In fact I mastered the skill within two weeks and the deejay was impressed. He had seen people practice it for two years and still fail at pitching two tracks into one blend. Soon I was able to mix and manage four tracks together at the same time. Most deejays I knew just blended two tracks, unless they were very experienced and adventurous.

Two months later God prompted me to look into the newspaper, and I saw a job opening for a deejay at a dance pub on Mohamed Sultan Road. I felt God's peace leading me there, so I applied and got the job without much effort.

As a deejay I witnessed many things from my elevated deejay console: homosexual activities, drugs, fights, undercover cops, to name a few. I even saw pub hostesses breaking beer bottles in fights with guys. During times like these, I was glad that my work station was on "higher ground," so that I was quite safely removed from the brawls and glass bottles flying across the dance floor below me.

To be honest, I faced this sort of dismal environment every day whenever I came to work. It was downright depressing. "This is the opposite extreme of heaven," I muttered to myself one day. "I would really like to see this place changed; I'd like heaven brought down to earth!"

What is the atmosphere in heaven like? I remember a good friend who once said that the atmosphere in heaven would be filled with praise and worship 24 hours a day. If we want a bit of heaven to start happening on earth, we must create the right atmosphere for it to happen, and it is an atmosphere of praise and worship to God.

I decided to intentionally bring worship into my daily routine. I came to work an hour ahead of schedule, before the boss and the other staff arrived, so I could spend time strumming my guitar and worshipping God at the club…

In the second month [of consecrating the club through worship] I acquired the name "Holy DJ" from the staff and regular patrons, because they noticed I didn't smoke, drink or sleep around. Yes, people observed that I was different, which was good for a start.

One day I was playing a game of pool with the bartender and we had a conversation about Jesus. The bartender gave his life to Jesus! Later that evening I prayed with him and his girlfriend, whom I discovered was a backslidden Christian. The girl was so moved by God's love that she started weeping. This couple was touched by God and soon started attending a local church.

Encouraged by this incident, I pressed on.

More to Love

Paras

I had a list of names, but I really didn't know what to expect. I had only shared a couple of emails with Susan, who is in charge of the home. I knew that we were heading into a reputable place. It has been in Kathmandu, Nepal, for 48 years. Mark and Ellie had known the founder, Elizabeth "Mommy" Mendies, since meeting over 30 years ago. But, I still didn't know what to expect.

Several friendly dogs met us as we drove through the gate. We arrived at a clean, well taken care of home painted blue and white. There are two buildings on the left with a study area and library under the boys' rooms and the kitchen and dining area under the girls' rooms. Directors, Charles and Susan Mendies, live in the boys' building. Another staff member lives in the girls' building. There are locations where the children garden. In the center of the property is an area for sitting. Further away and down some steps is a play area. On the right is a tent still standing from after the earthquake last year, which contains prepared emergency supplies in case of another earthquake. A third building houses some other staff and serves as a location for disaster relief supplies that they give out to communities.

At first, the children just said "hi." We hadn't "officially" been introduced yet, although they already knew Bill Richardson who was with us. After meeting with Charles and Susan to get to know them better and to learn more about the ministry, Susan gave us a tour. As we would meet children, she would introduce us. Many of them were doing chores or studying. Naturally, it didn't take much for the ice to be broken and for children to start chatting with us. They especially loved Caryn and Courtney Werner, who were there to take photos and write peoples' stories. Who doesn't love tall, pretty, young blondes, especially when they have great loving hearts?

I took time over the next couple of days to speak with each child to learn more about them. From cute little Binda, the youngest at the home; her quiet but smiley brother, Dinesh; Subaraj, who is outgoing and funny; shy Jumuna; Paras who likes to be honorable but doesn't always think before he acts; to Sabitri, who is the oldest at the home and is known to be very hardworking and responsible, and all of the others, I found a group of 29 kids and teens who are a close-knit, very happy family.

The children know that I was there to prepare to find sponsors for them. They are so excited about it. They want to develop one-on-one relationships with someone who is going to pray for them. They also want to see the financial help come to the home to provide for their needs. They love this home and know the financial struggles that have been happening. They are available for sponsorship now. Pray with them and us for sponsors, or consider sponsoring one of them yourself. I guarantee that both you and the child will be greatly blessed.

Written by
Tina Tomes

Binda

Dinesh

Jumuna

Subaraj

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

☐ I would like to sponsor a child through Raising Kids.
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___ $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.

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Telephone Number

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Make checks payable to: **SEAPC**
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Celebrating Easter in Cambodia

The Easter season is usually a time when Christians express joy from the knowledge that their Savior conquered death and also in that way delivered forgiveness to the world, including Cambodia. Even still, for many, Easter is simply a vacation time as well as a time for exchanging chocolate eggs and making the most of the start of (hopefully) an early spring.

This Easter, due to the recession throughout the country, many individuals are more vulnerable than usual. However, you'll find signs of healing, as people work to cope with their problems. That makes the meaning associated with Easter even more significant, for the joy of the resurrection came soon after Christ confronted the worries and also the trials associated with Holy Week.

In the days following the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ seemed to be at his most vulnerable. Throughout the cleansing of the Temple, the weeping over Jerusalem, and the final meals together with friends, Christ knew what would take place over the next few days. In his humanity, Christ must have struggled with the fear and also weakness that it can bring. For those who are struggling with the challenges that come along with modern day existence, the events surrounding Holy Week offer a sense of hope. These worries are usually no less genuine nevertheless, even knowing that there is always hope.

Adjustments in life and also the loss of security are usually painful, yet they can also be an opportunity to find that all isn't lost. Easter is a wonderful reminder that despite loss of life, there is resurrection. Christ had to experience horrible suffering for you to start a whole new existence. He had to reduce his own existence and be resurrected on the third day so that he could deliver all of humanity.

The truth of the resurrection for Christians is a message of hope and it is one that we are called to share with our friends and neighbors wherever they are. We wish everyone a joyful Easter!

Written by
Pastor Vanna Srun

Photos by Caryn Warner

And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back — it was very large.

And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has risen; he is not here.

See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

– Mark 16:4-7

Pressing on in Malaysia

Malaysia has come into SEAPC's focus, for which there are several contributing factors. We have enjoyed years of participation with many wonderful churches in Malaysia, having taught Attack Lambs for the Methodist Prayer Conference as well as many other denominational and unregistered churches. In 1994, a team of four of us walked the length of the Malaysian Peninsula, praying for a move of the Spirit of God in every place our feet stepped. The outcomes have been wonderful. We have assisted in moving Malaysians to the nations with great success, and one of our board members is from Malaysia.

Malaysia was last a focus country for us in May 2009. May 13, 2009 marked the 40th anniversary of the infamous Malaysian Race Riots. They honestly were not all that riotous, as only one side was armed and brutally murdered all those of the other side. While the then Prime Minister had the military and police stand back, thousands of Chinese, including many who were Christian, were disemboweled, beheaded, and brutalized, and their bodies were thrown into the rivers in central Kuala Lumpur. This then sent the message to all Chinese that they were second class citizens and to not try to rise up too high. The brutality of the Muslim Malays was demonstrated against their neighbors.

In May 2009, we led prayer teams to the sites along the rivers that had been the killing grounds. That the government was complicit in all this is an actual fact, not a spin. The current PM is the son of that PM and the reports have never been addressed. The point made was that to be a Malaysian, a true Malaysian with all the benefits of the constitution, you must have been born into a Muslim family. While millions of Chinese and Indians live and work in Malaysia, they are held to a different standard.

That week of May 13, 2009 marked the end of 40 years of terror and we stood as a church and proclaimed, "This is the end of the generation of fear and the beginning of 40 years of breakthrough in Malaysia." Now the entire place has come alive in prayer. Churches have as many as 350 people taking an hour of prayer in succession so that the chain of prayer for Malaysia is not broken.

And this is not just one group or movement; this is across the board Christianity. I was so blessed to hear that people who first learned about walking and praying from the SEAPC seminars and the book, *The Attack Lambs,* but even more exciting is the unity in the church. Young and old are turning to Jesus and the church is on its knees. What a joy it was to meet many of our old friends and find that they have pressed on in prayer ministry.

Malaysia is by constitution a Muslim nation. While only 55 percent of the people living in the nation actually identify themselves as Muslims, the constitution declares the nation to be Muslim. Those who are not will be in lower position and always encouraged to embrace the prophet and the book of Islam. While peaceful in their approach, the Imams and political leaders do get their point across.

On this seventh anniversary of the freedom declaration, we are again walking and praying in Malaysia. Joining with good friends there, we just visited the National Seat of Power, the High Court, a mountain cave (Batu Caves) where Shiva Vishnu worship draws a million every year, and the national Mosque. We set out to cover the five pressure points of the nation and the Lord gave us victories in every place. Now we are going to take a few extraordinary steps. Alejandro Orella from SEAPC Mexico is going with me in May to visit the state mosques of the most vehement Northern States of Malaysia. We feel that a dose of true peace will go a long way in dispelling the darkness.

In October, the SEAPC global Christian community will meet in Malacca for four days of prayer, encouragement, and training. This focus time will cause all of us to go out with a fresh anointing to intercede for the nations in which we work. I believe there will be a significant breakthrough in Malaysia during those days.

When we feel that enough prayer had been offered, we will begin an Every Home Literature distribution with EHC and friendly local churches. During Friends Around the Table in Malaysia, Dick Eastman will share the power of the word and prayer. Please pray for these meetings as we open the evening meetings to local churches. It is our desire to pray over them and call upon the Lord for this very key nation.

Written by
Mark Geppert

An idol at Batu Caves.

Ferd the Bird

He is really quite a friendly bird, making friends of every sort.

He flits and flies and travels far, and brings me back a new report
each month about this time.

I was watching the other morn, listening for a tweet or horn
to tell me that Ferd had arrived, when suddenly he appeared.

His blue was blue and his yellow, yellow,
and I was glad to see this little fellow.

But he looked a bit worse for wear,
and I had to ask him what and where.

Catching his breath from a long, long flight,
he had been flying day and night
to reach my shoulder and to alight with a chirp.

"I've been across a big, big sea," the bird began to share with me,
"Water so wide you could not see,
took days to reach the other side.

Went over Hong Kong and into Asia,
and landed in a cave in West Malaysia.

A cave so big that people climbed more than an hour
to enter the tower.

Watched over by a giant white Rooster.

He strutted and crowed and flapped his wings
and shouted out all kinds of things that the peacock couldn't
understand and the people thought were really grand
as if intended for them.

The children fed the pigeons below,
and no one there seemed to know the way.

I sang and sang and finally a pigeon stood in front of me
and dropped a seed.

Imagine a pigeon without greed!

He gave me some and I sang the more,
for he picked them up off the floor
and brought them to my lofty perch
and strength renewed I headed for home.

Catching a burst of cave-top air,
I soared into the rare high air
and caught a jet stream and flew with ease,
the many miles to your shoulder here,
to whisper this tale in your ear."

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WORD SEARCH

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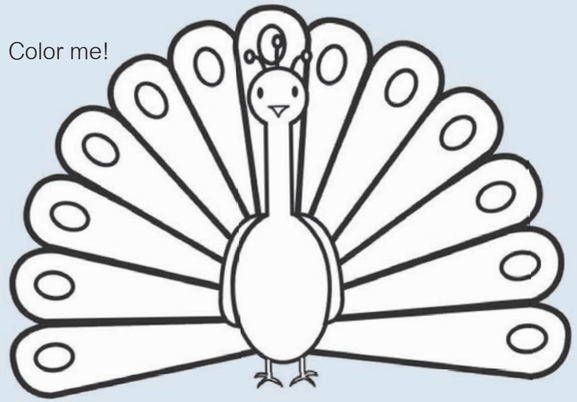
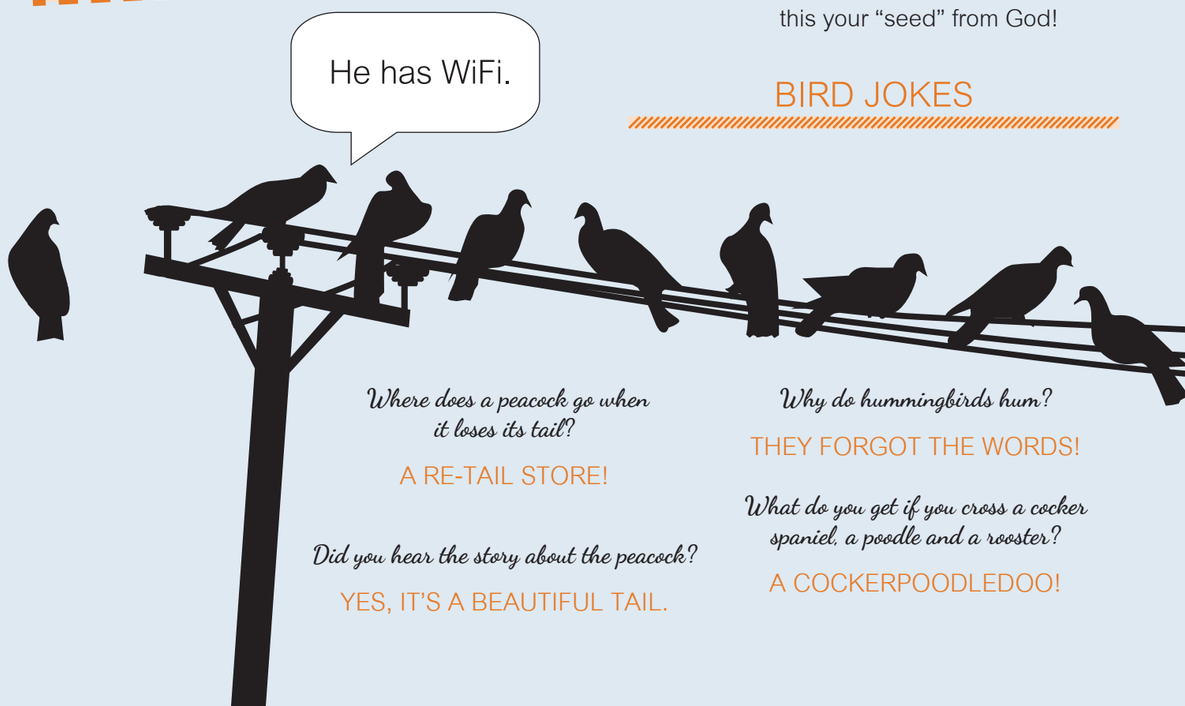
Color me!



MATTHEW 10:8

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

God has given us the power to pray and see miracles. Read this verse each day this month with your mom or dad to help you. Then you will understand it better and learn more about how to be like Jesus. Consider this your "seed" from God!



BIRD JOKES

Where does a peacock go when it loses its tail?

A RE-TAIL STORE!

Did you hear the story about the peacock?

YES, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TAIL.

Why do hummingbirds hum?

THEY FORGOT THE WORDS!

What do you get if you cross a cocker spaniel, a poodle and a rooster?

A COCKERPOODLEDOO!

Sent for One, Reaching Many

His name was Davender. He was our driver selected to take our team throughout Himachal Predesh for two weeks of ministry. He was a devout Hindu. We were the first Christians he had ever met and he watched us closely. He attended each pastor's conference, watching and listening. He came into each home with us as we did house visits. He watched us throughout the day, wondering why we were so happy, why we laughed so much. He watched us lay hands on person after person, praying for them in the name of Jesus. He commented that he could see we had power and wondered where it came from, so we told him about Jesus.

Then he told us the story of how his 3-year-old son suddenly died. Through the pain and brokenness, he and his wife separated. He began to drink and lost his job. He spoke of his depression and thoughts of suicide, and that being our driver was his first job since the death of his son.

Hour after hour, day after day, he watched, he listened and then he asked, "Will you pray for me?"

It was our last day together, and we were in a hotel cafe. The workers watched with curiosity as we laid hands on our Hindu friend and prayed. Then the power of God came and Davender fell backward. We gently laid him on the floor and continued to pray. Suddenly his eyes opened and he popped up to his feet a new man, a new creation in Jesus Christ. The depression was gone. Joy had come and the love of the Father was flowing through him.

Davender is only one man that represents the millions more that have never heard and who do not know, and now God is giving us platform after platform to reach the many. The doors of North India that had been shut for generations are now swinging wide. Private churches, Anglican churches, Nazarene churches, and entire organizations are now asking, "Will you come, please, will you come and bring revival to our region?"

Each one of these open doors creates opportunities for the Gospel to be preached, believers to be strengthened, and entire organizations to gain new vision for intercession and church planting, all in areas where there is less than a 2 percent Christian population.

We are sent by God. We are sent by you. If you would like to have information about our 2016 missions trip schedule or would like to help send us through your prayers or giving, please contact us at www.5riversinternational.org.

Written by
Dan Taylor

The children at Mendies Haven with the new coats and hats the team recently brought to them.

Gospel in the Himalayas

God is at work in the mountains of the Himalayas. We are seeing the gospel travel into the remote parts of this part of Asia. I just came back from the country of Nepal and saw believers in the town of Damauli experiencing a mighty move of the Holy Spirit. People are getting saved, baptized, and healed like never before.

God is using Nepali Christians like my dear friend, brother Shuman, in wonderful ways in promoting the growth of the church in the area. He is one of the new Christian leaders that the Lord has raised up to lead the church in Nepal. Recently I had the opportunity to work with him as he opened doors for the YWAM short-term team. During that time, we ministered in house churches, churches in the Damauli area, and in villages and streets.

This area was also hit by the major earthquake that rocked Nepal in 2015.

Shuman with the author.

Last year we started to rebuild homes and churches in this area, but there is still a great need for help. We are currently helping a very poor village church to rebuild, which has been meeting in a cleaned out chicken coop. CTVN, a local TV station in Pittsburgh, has helped us to provide the last of the money needed to rebuild this church.

Last month, we had a team at Mendies Haven, a children's home in Kathmandu, Nepal. During our ministry time there, Tina Tomes interviewed and prepared profiles of all the children at the home. I am overjoyed to be involved in SEAPC coming alongside Mendies Haven and the 29 children that live there. The Haven has been raising orphaned children for more than 50 years and has seen many Christian leaders come out of their home over the years.

God is truly at work in the Himalayas and you have a big part in it, as you pray for breakthrough and partner with us financially to play a part in the great outpouring in Nepal.

Written by
Bill Richardson

A Mosaic of Minorities

From the mountaintops of Western China to the plains of Inner Mongolia, even down to the Yunnan/Gui Zhou plateau, God has placed our family among a mosaic of minorities in China, sharing the Gospel, training new believers and planting churches within unreached people groups for the last three decades.

Praise the Lord He has given us Tibetan monks, Mongolian herdsmen, Buddhist-influenced people groups, and a variety of other minority groups to work with. We are blessed with a wonderful leadership team serving with us throughout China. It is a team made up of many different faces from many different places. We are unified with the common goal of knowing Christ and making Him known to every people group around us.

We have seen significant breakthrough through the years! There is much to be thankful for even though this is not easy work. In July, we sent our church planters into a region where Monks have been dousing themselves with gas and lighting themselves on fire to protest the Chinese government. I call this area "The Bad Lands." By the grace of God and after much intercession, our team was very successful in breaking into the area with prayer and evangelism. They went from home to home presenting the message of the Gospel. Miraculously, one couple and two others gave their lives to Christ during the outreach. We continue praying over the seeds that were planted in hearts during that time.

CHINA LOVE AFFAIR

China is a never-ending, growing revolution of rich, poor, and everything in between. From city slicker businessmen, to sheep herders in the grass lands of Inner Mongolia,

With the Bai Ma Tibetians.

to riders in Harley motorcycle clubs, to a quickly emerging middle class. Underlining it all is a glorious body of people who we call the church. Ones called out, who have joined themselves with the King of Glory to shine His light into the atheistic, animistic, materialistic, communistic mindsets of her people. I have heard many people through the years tell me of their "love/hate" relationship with China. In my 28 years of service to China there sure have been some hateful days, but by and large it has been a love affair the Lord has given my family and me.

IMPERFECT PEOPLE BEING USED BY A PERFECT GOD TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM

When many people think of Chinese Christians, they think they are a bunch of super saints who are raising people from the dead every time you turn around. Yes, it is true, through the hands of the Chinese Christian believers many have received healing, deliverance, and salvation. Their fervent love for Christ and undying commitment to the preaching of the gospel is transforming their country from the inside out. God is using simple imperfect broken vessels to bring a message to the minds and hearts of thousands being saved daily.

For example, we started a church plant in Southern Sichuan 15 years ago with a handful of 15-year-olds. At the time we had very little resources, so our ministers would go out and share the gospel, but once they ran out of money they would come back and bring those they had evangelized with them to receive training in their homes. Our church planters continued to do this for the last 16 years. This now has turned into a network of 200 churches, with an estimate of 25,000 to 30,000 believers. This church movement is sweeping across Southern Sichuan, all the way to the Sichuan Tibet border. It is taking everything that is in its way. Village after village, people group after people group, this move of the Holy Spirit is shining the light of the gospel to those who have never had the chance to hear.

BREAKTHROUGH AMONG THE BAI MA TIBETANS

Praise the Lord! These new Bai Ma Tibetan believers are being trained in the Bible in one of our training centers. We are praying and believing for God's Word to take root in their hearts and His kingdom to grow among the Bai Ma people.

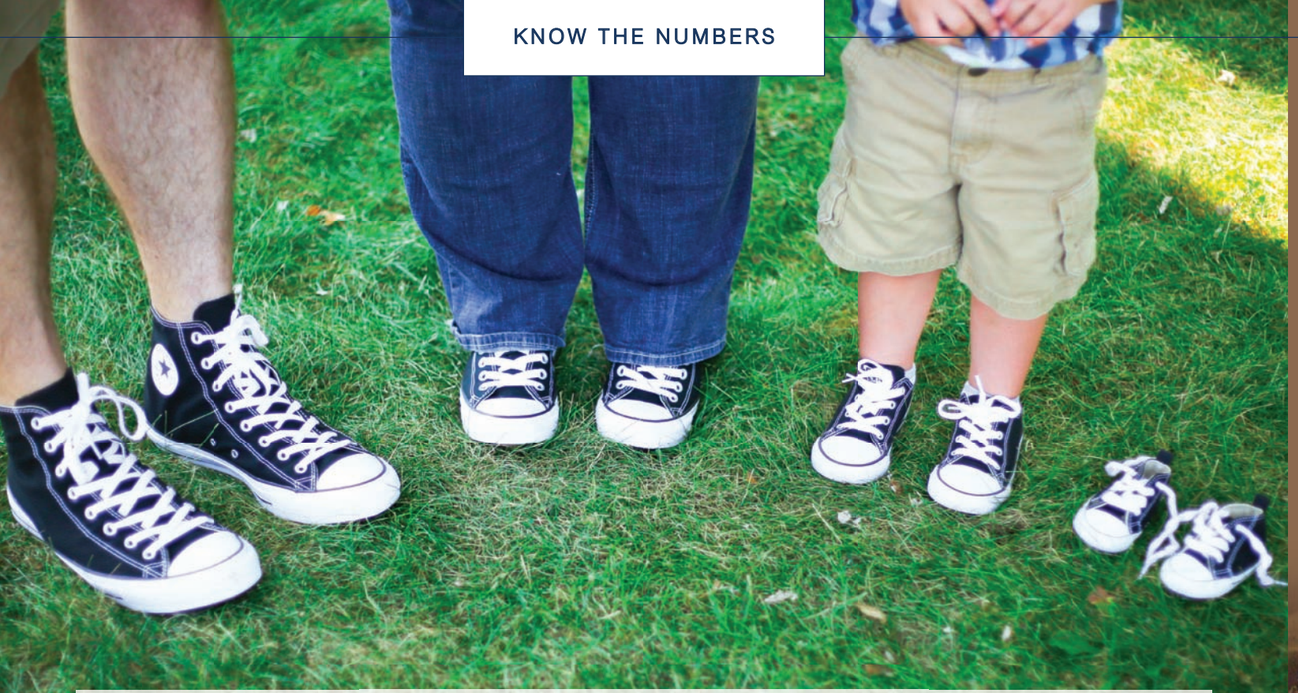
Like many people groups in China, the Bai Ma Tibetans are without Christians and churches. The Bai Ma people have a population of 16,900 with literally no known Christians or churches among them. They are bound by their own traditions and the worship of folklore heroes. They are a forgotten people group tucked far away in the Aba mountain range of northwest Sichuan province. They might be forgotten by the world, but God has not forgotten them and neither have we!

We are trusting in the Lord for breakthrough and continued resources to do the work. We are bringing the light of Christ to this remote people group, and we won't give up until every one of them has heard the Good News!

Written by
Chuck Lenhart

"Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."

Psalm 2:8



Party of Four

This month, my sweet little family of three will expand to a family of four. On March 23, the lives of my husband, Alan, and I will flip upside down again into the sleepless nights of life with a newborn. Our three year old, Graham, will soon experience the shock and excitement of finally becoming the big brother everyone has talked to him about for the last nine months. To say our world as we know it will soon be shaken is probably an understatement.

And we couldn't possibly feel more excited and blessed. As we have prayed and prepared for our newest bundle of joy, we began to start looking at our "numbers". Yes, this little guy will come into the world needing diapers, pacifiers, clothes, and eventually food. The stark reality of the expenses we would soon accrue forced us to sit down and create a budget. Six years of marriage and no plan for finances has allowed us to create spending habits that are short of being disciplined.

The Word tells us in Hebrews 12:11 "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." These words, although certainly humbling to admit, have given Alan and me a new passion and desire to be disciplined and obedient when telling our money where to go.

In our first-ever monthly budget meeting, our tithe and our sponsorship were the first two items to come out of the total income. Next come the necessities like shelter, food, clothing, and transportation. As we prayed and allowed the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions, the peace that came over us both was so comforting. The budget is complete, now we have to handle the tough part of developing the discipline to stick to those numbers.

There is not a single doubt in my mind that this new chapter will be an incredibly joyful one full of laughter, tears, and even some obstacles. But the Lord's promise of a harvest of righteousness and peace is the rock we will stand on when the going gets tough.

My challenge to each of you is to study Hebrews 12:11 and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where discipline may be lacking. This scripture has challenged our family and changed our hearts for the best and I believe it will do the same for you.

Written by
Carli Wyckoff

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68 Words to Change Your World

It was a dusty day in the dried out rice paddy. We had come to ask the Lord to bless this impoverished people. Our team of four removed our hats, bowed our heads, and began to pray. Pouring out our heartfelt request, we searched for words to express our grief at the impoverished plight of the people around us. Land mines and killing fields had replaced the abundance they had once known.

From these fields sprung forth a school, high school, and computer center. Faith without cement is dead. Faith calls forth the provision of the Lord. He is the author and finisher of our faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.

As the buildings began to rise, and the students to flourish, we asked the Lord, "What manner of prayer shall we teach these young people?" His reply was, "The prayer you learned as the anchor for your faith."

And so it was that the 68 words that will change your world were introduced into the public school of Rongko Cambodia. A school and eight villages that have become a model to the province in which they are found.

We downloaded the prayer from the Internet. We did not teach it, but simply said that it would be offered to every student and teacher at the beginning of each school day. We printed it and laminated the pages to prevent wear and tear.

Our Father who is in Heaven, holy is Your name.
Your Kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And do not lead us into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen

"You mean that 4,000 Buddhist children repeating a prayer changed their lives?" That is exactly what happened. The parents wanted copies so we made them and sent them home. We trained 10 full time pastors to teach about the Father in heaven and the region was transformed. We have the top students in the nation, the best rice, no sickness, and lots of faith in our Heavenly Father. Try it.

Written by
Mark Geppert

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The Lord will guide
you always;
he will satisfy your needs
in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen
your frame.
You will be like a
well-watered garden,
like a spring
whose waters
never fail.

Isaiah 58:11