OUR VISION:

We will witness a world connected through prayer that brings Christ-based change to those in need.

Photo by Caryn Werner.
Dear Contributor,

A hope in Jesus does not disappoint. This promise, perfectly placed by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans, rests neatly as a prize for those who trust that promise. On that day, I thought of my friend Fernando who had suggested months earlier that I study 1 Peter and he had all of you. Every friend we even have and every contributor who ever gave anything to SEAPC — if we could find a phone number, we called! Our goal was to talk with or at least leave a message of hope and simple prayer with everyone. It was so much fun! We didn’t have any money left, but as winter turned over into spring, I came to realize the humbling depth those four words carried. By March, with sickness sweeping across the globe and fear consuming governments, economies, media, education systems, and finally the Church, disappointment had effectively scattered hope to the puny pockets and mouths of the seemingly insane. The year, so marred with fear and uncertainty, was all aware of it. As the fast pressed on, God said, “Get Your Hopes Up!” We knew that statement? We love across the globe. Where was hope in that message? We got our hopes up, and hope did not disappoint.

My prayer for you today is that the restoration power of grace would pick you up and send you out into this world again, and for encouraging us this past year. As the passions of meeting the needs of the people we love took a backseat to the priority of prayer in 2020, God restored something called character to this ministry as we submitted our vision and plans wholly unto Him. We found Him again and, in doing so, found ourselves. By the way, He restored all the resources that were lost and met the needs of our loved ones, too. My prayer for you today, as you take time to enjoy with me the things that God did through SEAPC in 2020, is that the restoration power of grace embedded in Paul’s promise to the Romans and secured by Jesus at the cross would pick you up and send you out into this world again. You have undoubtedly lost something in this past year, too. Do not be disappointed — our great God of hope and grace is about to restore more to you than you can possibly imagine.

Join me today to place your hand on your heart and pray these words, Jesus, I believe that You will restore much more than was taken from me and I commit myself today to go out into this world again by grace and in the power of Your resurrection. Know that as you go in grace, you are not alone. God goes with you and an army of praying friends here at SEAPC stand strong with you as well. He is faithful to His promise for your life!

MATTHEW GEPPERT
President, SEAPC

THANK YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL, FOR STAYING HOPEFUL, AND FOR ENCOURAGING US THIS PAST YEAR. AS THE PASSIONS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WE LOVE TOOK A BACKSEAT TO THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER IN 2020, GOD RESTORED SOMETHING CALLED CHARACTER TO THIS MINISTRY AS WE SUBMITTED OUR VISION AND PLANS WHOLLY UNTO HIM. WE FOUND HIM AGAIN AND, IN DOING SO, FOUND OURSELVES. BY THE WAY, HE RESTORED ALL THE RESOURCES THAT WERE LOST AND MET THE NEEDS OF OUR LOVED ONES, TOO. MY PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY, AS YOU TAKE TIME TO ENJOY WITH ME THE THINGS THAT GOD DID THROUGH SEAPC IN 2020, IS THAT THE RESTORATION POWER OF GRACE EMBEDDED IN PAUL’S PROMISE TO THE ROMANS AND SECURED BY JESUS AT THE CROSS WOULD PICK YOU UP AND SEND YOU OUT INTO THIS WORLD AGAIN. YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY LOST SOMETHING IN THIS PAST YEAR, TOO. DO NOT BE DISAPPOINTED — OUR GREAT GOD OF HOPE AND GRACE IS ABOUT TO RESTORE MORE TO YOU THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

JOIN ME TODAY TO PLACE YOUR HAND ON YOUR HEART AND PRAY THESE WORDS, JESUS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL RESTORE MUCH MORE THAN WAS TAKEN FROM ME AND I COMMIT MYSELF TODAY TO GO OUT INTO THIS WORLD AGAIN BY GRACE AND IN THE POWER OF YOUR RESURRECTION. KNOW THAT AS YOU GO IN GRACE, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. GOD GOES WITH YOU AND AN ARMY OF PRAYING FRIENDS HERE AT SEAPC STAND STRONG WITH YOU AS WELL. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISE FOR YOUR LIFE! • A Message from the Board
A year ago, I was at our Board meeting in Arizona. The theme for the year was “Get Your Hopes Up!” As part of the meeting, we discussed the plans for the upcoming year. The plans included things like the number of mission trips we would have, the number of people that would go on short- or long-term missions, building of facilities in the nations, Kids Camp in Cambodia, etc.

After we got home, it was announced the first case of COVID-19 in Arizona was found near where we had our meeting. Little did we know at that time how things were going to change. By mid-March we were all in lockdown. Our best laid plans were now in question.

Soon after that we were informed that some large and regular supporting contributions would not be continuing. The shortfall was significant. Some of our donors and friends were also being impacted and were going through difficulties. The leadership team met on Zoom to figure out what to do. This was where faith, wisdom, and earthly reality met. Our solution was as follows:

• Prayer – seek God and see His Plan. He is the provider and director.
• Gratitude – contact those supporters that were not able to continue due to COVID-19 and thank them for support. See if we can help. Thank our staff, contributors and partners.
• Serve – seek the needs of those we serve and assist where we can.
• Review – look at what we do and how we do it. Redirect our expenditures to revised priorities.
• Focus – although we continued the work of the ministry, we increased the time and energy to work on the ministry to make it more effective and secure in the future.

By seeking God and His Wisdom, we were able to rely upon Him rather than be brought down by earthly reality. Instead of panicking, we were able to serve better. God provided the resources that were needed throughout the year. He provided resources to enable us to help those impacted by COVID-19. By focusing on prayer, faith, and God’s direction, we were able to:

• Continue serving the nations and meeting our ministry commitments.
• Provide specific COVID-19 support to our ministries and ministry partners.
• Increase our ministry within the United States and add two Prayer Centers.
• Grow, develop and encourage our ministry staff and their dedication.
• Seek God’s direction and invest time in planning the next 5 years of ministry.

As you review the financial report, you will see numbers that show contributions are a bit down and expenditures are a bit down. The report will show we are financially sound in spite of COVID-19. But, as this letter indicates, that is only part of the story. The theme “Get Your Hopes Up!” was an important message. Looking back, its actual meaning was different than what we thought in January 2020. It was to remind us where our hope is from. Our hope is in God. By putting our hope, faith, and wisdom in God, we are coming into 2021 a stronger, bolder, and more faithful organization.

We look forward to continue serving God’s kingdom with you during 2021 and beyond.

DON QUINN
Chairman of the Board, SEAPC
One of the most practical steps that we can take towards seeing our mission fulfilled is to make sure that we are strategically covering every mission opportunity that we are engaged in with prayer. In 2020, together with faithful friends from around the globe, we launched the Circles Initiative to do just that.

With our hearts filled with hope and our eyes focused on Jesus, we stepped into the New Year without knowing all that 2020 will bring. When the first weekly email went to the team from the United State office and ten praying friends in January, we were excited to be sharing requests from six different nations. Over the course of the year, our prayer circles grew to the point that we were communicating prayer needs and updates from fifteen nations with over 120 people participating in the initiative.

We are in awe of all that God has done as we have been intentional to focus prayer on the nations. Though the challenges of dealing with a pandemic created travel limitations, through prayer God has deepened the connection among the global community of friends that we are humbled to serve.

Next Steps

• Identify the Mission Opportunities in each nation and find friends who will commit to cover each one in prayer.
• Train our International Friends how to provide real-time prayer needs, praise reports, and relevant updates.
• Finish Funding and Complete Development of the app that will serve the Circles Initiative for iOS, Android, and web.
• Grow the Circles Initiative to cover every mission opportunity in 34 nations by the end of 2022.

Read more about the Circles initiative at bit.ly/3iSZeDd or hover your phone’s camera over the QR code.
Prayer is the foundation of all we do. Through prayer, the Lord shows us where and how He is working and opens doors for us to participate to meet the needs of people. As we navigated through 2020 and not being able to travel to the nations as much as we normally do we were amazed by the faithfulness of God. Needs were still met globally as our network of friends has continued to bring Christ-based change to those in need.

As we prioritized prayer from a distance, we witnessed God pour out His provision in so many different ways. We rejoiced to see the way that God provided food and life-sustaining supplies for families affected by floods in Laos and Cambodia. Throughout the year we have marveled as medical supplies were sent from nation to nation among our global community of friends.

God even provided the 181 children living at Charity Children’s Home in Yangon with a library for their campus so they would have something enjoyable and educational to do while schools are closed during COVID-19. It is humbling to join in with the One who numbers the hair on every head and sets His eye on the sparrow in serving the needs of those made in His image. We are confident that as we pray, God provides and the good news of Jesus is spreading to those in need.

Next Steps

• Collaborate with Kingdom-minded business leaders to come alongside our friends in developing businesses that create sustainability in their nation.
• Assist our friends in Cambodia with converting the former children’s home in Sihanoukville province into a thriving, Christ-based community center.
• First, train, and activate a system that can be used internationally for our friends that more clearly tracks child and home needs, and child health, education, and spiritual development.
• Improve communications directly between children and sponsors Raising Kids.

Read more about how we serve in the nations at seapc.org/how-we-serve or hover your phone’s camera over the QR code.
global exchange

We have the joy of serving a community of friends from around the world in the ongoing Plow + Sow + Water + Harvest Strategy believing that God is bringing nation-changing revival to the earth. In 2020 we witnessed the beauty of the body of Christ as our friends connected together in prayer and then shared what they had with each other. Spiritual, human, and material resources flowed from nation to nation, and the good news of Jesus was preached to the poor.

Here are a few examples of this type of exchange:

• Friends in Hungary regularly invest into the work at the Garden of Hope in Laos.

• Financial resources flowed from the United Kingdom to the United States to help launch the Rocky Mountain Prayer Center.

• 9,200 face masks were sent from friends in China to meet the needs of healthcare and frontline workers in the United States.

• Child Sponsors from Canada, Brazil, and Hong Kong provide monthly support to children in Cambodia and Myanmar.

• In times of deepest need, friends in Singapore, United Kingdom, and Hong Kong responded to provide vital supplies to medical staff in Guatemala and Kashmir, India.

• Friends in the United States sowed finances into a micro-economic development project with mission partners in South Africa.

Friends Around the Table regional gathering locations for 2021

SEAPC measures its ministry involvement in a country according to the following scale:

1. Plow
2. Sow
3. Water
4. Harvest
In late January our friends in Asia told us about unexpected changes related to COVID-19 outbreak. By February, it was impacting international travel and then in March, we saw an unprecedented shut down of normal life here in the United States. As first, it seemed that these changes would impact our lives for a couple of months before everything got back to normal. As a team, we were dealing with what felt like a massive PAUSE BUTTON on all of our plans for 2020.

But soon, we realized that God was not asking us to pause, but to pivot. We had already re-committed ourselves to making prayer the singular priority of SEAPC, and now God was leading us into a season where we would practice that on a whole new level. As our team prayed about everything that we had on our calendar, we sensed the Lord inviting us to shift our focus to praying for the United States.

As we began this prayer pivot, we found that God was meeting us each step of the way. As we prayed in our own communities, God was leading us to call our friends across the country to do the same. Coming into summer, we began communicating this as our focus for Pray America, inviting others to cover their counties in prayer.

At the same time, God was calling others into this pivot. One of our partner churches had committed to invest into local pastors in Cambodia. They prayed about what they could do, even though they would not be able to travel into the country as they had originally planned. Instead of being able to do a pastor conference in person, they decided to make videos of each of the trainings and send them on smart tablets to each pastor.

Then something amazing happened. Our friends from around the world began reaching out to us to let us know that they were praying for the United States as well. In Brazil, our friends mobilized and met at the U.S. embassy to intercede and join with us in prayer. Then there was the call from our friends in China, letting us know that they had 9,200 face masks that they wanted to send to the U.S. to help meet the needs of the people there. After decades of prayer for that nation, God was moving in the hearts of these friends to be a blessing to those in America.

As this happened, we began to notice and pay attention to the exchange that was taking place amongst our global community of friends. Resources were flowing from Brazil and Hong Kong into Cambodia, from Canada to Myanmar, and from the United Kingdom and Singapore into Guatemala. These scenarios were being repeated over and over again.

Even though it looked nothing like what we had originally planned, we were seeing, with greater measure, a world connected in prayer. God was moving through His people to bring Christ-based change to those in need. Vital medical supplies were being sent to Cambodia and Guatemala, and food was being distributed to families whose lives had been ravaged by devastating floods.

God is faithful and we saw that proved in 2020 in so many ways. We were amazed by the way that friends of SEAPC continued to generously share financially in such unprecedented times. Moreover, our team learned so much from the way that 2020 unfolded. We were reminded that even when it looks like everything is stopping, God is still working. We learned to practice a greater level of trusting in God. He wasn’t doing less, He was just doing something different, and in His kindness, He was inviting us to join Him there.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through SEAPC throughout 2020. We know that great adventure lies ahead and we are humbled to share this journey with you. We will continue to trust Him and know that together, we will witness a world connected through prayer that brings Christ-based change to those in need.
For the last eight summers, SEAPC has served our friends in North and South America by coordinating Pray Americas as a 40-day initiative. Each year we focus prayer around strategic centers of influence such as state capitals, college campuses, and congressional districts. In 2020, we sensed the Lord calling us to focus on the United States by empowering our praying friends to cover each of their counties in prayer.

At a time when there was turmoil filling the streets of our cities, and when many in the United States were being asked to avoid large gatherings, believers in at least 47 states joined in to prayer walk their own communities. By God’s grace, we were able to connect with individuals, churches, and other networks to provide them with resources and a framework for mobilizing prayer walks that focused on the five pressure points in their communities.

While we will continue to call our partners and friends to set aside forty days each summer, the Pray Americas initiative is becoming an important part of the strategy to engage the United States as a mission field throughout the year. Friends from around the globe have expressed interest in mobilizing similar prayer walking initiatives in their own countries in 2021. Our team has been working together with these friends to share what we have learned and serve the vision that God has placed on their hearts for their nations.

Our praying friends recorded prayer walks in at least 49 states and Washington DC (761 counties) throughout 2020.

805 individuals (not including churches or prayer networks) recorded 1366 prayer walks during the forty day initiative.

402 participants downloaded the digital prayer walking guide that we used as a resource for people new to prayer walking.

Next Steps
• Share the Testimonies of how prayer walking is bearing fruit in the U.S. and other nations.
• Serve our International Friends in the Pray the Nations strategy.
• Continue to mobilize and multiply followers of Jesus to cover their own communities in prayer.

Read more about the 40 days of prayer at bit.ly/3ta4TJR or hover your phone’s camera over the QR code.

Pray Americas 2020
ATTACK LAMBS

In the life of Jesus, we can see that prayer and missions were intertwined as one. Jesus was drawn into communion with the Father in prayer, and then lived out of that communion as He engaged the world around Him (missions). For decades, SEAPC has made it our aim to follow Jesus in this prayer and missions lifestyle. We see this most clearly by how God has moved and changed nations as followers of Jesus have committed to the lifestyle of prayer walking.

In 1982, SEAPC founder Mark Geppert wrote and released Every Place Your Foot Shall Tread: The Attack Lambs, to share what he had learned about how prayer walking impacts nations. The book, later retitled The Attack Lambs, has become a core resource for the body of Christ with over 50,000 copies in print in 15 different languages. Having witnessed God’s faithfulness to answer the prayers of His people, the leadership of SEAPC has committed to see this simple, life-changing message multiplied around the world.

It is our goal to train 1,000,000 believers in this prayer walking strategy by the end of 2025. In 2020, we completed production of The Attack Lambs: Prayer That Changes the World (Updated and Revised) print book and eBook, and accompanying eCourse and small group materials. This included a complete redesign of the covers, interior pages, and adding more than 70 pages of new stories and updates on old stories.

The Pocket Prayer Guide, which is an introduction to some of the most essential truths from Attack Lambs, has become a core resource for the body of Christ with over 50,000 copies in print in 15 different languages. Having witnessed God’s faithfulness to answer the prayers of His people, the leadership of SEAPC has committed to see this simple, life-changing message multiplied around the world.

The Pocket Prayer Guide, which is an introduction to some of the most essential truths from Attack Lambs, has become a core resource for the body of Christ with over 50,000 copies in print in 15 different languages. Having witnessed God’s faithfulness to answer the prayers of His people, the leadership of SEAPC has committed to see this simple, life-changing message multiplied around the world.
friends 2020 COMMUNITY

We believe that we will witness a world connected in prayer that brings Christ-based change to those in need, and in 2020 we learned more about the importance of the word “witness”. As a team that is used to extensive travel and the privilege of having boots on the ground, it was challenging to not be able to board a plane for much of the year. As our team practiced the priority of prayer, we witnessed God pouring out His Spirit in powerful ways through the lives of our friends.

As it seemed that the nations of the earth were shaking, our God was drawing many to the Desire of the Nations. It was incredible to watch Him co-operate through so many that make up the global community of friends that we are so humbled to serve and be a part of. There is truly an exchange of spiritual, human, and material resources taking place between these friends from nation to nation.

We believe that God has invited us to come alongside His people in every nation on the planet as we PLOW in Prayer, SOW in the Word, WATER with Resources, and HARVEST in Sending. By God’s grace, even with the challenges of the year, we witnessed increase and saw one nation (Malawi) move into the PLOW stage, two nations (Hungary & Pakistan) move into the SOW stage, and three nations (Indonesia, South Africa & United Kingdom) move into the HARVEST stage.

Our amazing friends in Myanmar hosted our virtual Friends Around the Table gathering in November that brought many from our international community together over three days. While we look forward to being on the ground in Yangon in the fall of 2021, we were so blessed by the ability to connect with so many of our friends and hear the reports of what God has been doing in the lives of His people on every continent. He is showing us that He is faithful and better than we could imagine.

The global community of friends is engaged in the Plow + Sow + Water + Harvest Strategy in 159 nations.

93 friends from 16 nations participated in our virtual Friends Around the Table experience in November.

A team of 23 from 8 nations collaborated to lead and facilitate a conversation around the 12 core components of the “Friends” culture during the virtual gathering.

Next Steps
• Beginning in 2021, we will hold 4 Regional Friends Around the Table Experiences (Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas) each year to serve the growing community of friends around the world.
• The regional gatherings will expand to five days of prayer and fellowship to allow more time to intentionally serve and equip leaders from each region.
• Continue to grow a core team of at least 40 that can model, teach, and serve our friends in the nations in the 12 core components of the “Friends” culture.

Read more about the next gathering in Mexico and virtually at seapc.org/blog/legacy-of-friendship or hover your phone’s camera over the QR code.
As I reflect on the efforts of the South East Asia Prayer Center in 2020, I am drawn back to 1 Peter 1:13—“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.”

In January 2020, Matt Geppert gave us the challenge to “Get your hopes up!” It was certainly timely in view of the year’s events that would shape how we served the world around us. As “normal” was no longer the norm, SEAPC has stayed true to its vision to see a world connected by prayer that brings Christ-based change to those in need. With each challenge, the SEAPC team and extended family responded in prayer and faith in God. Time and time again, challenges rose only to be met by faithful prayer and trust in God leading to solutions.

As COVID-19 restrictions closed doors, new doors were opened via invitations to teach prayer methodology to more than 1,200 congregations previously not connected to SEAPC. As hope was lost, we were able to share in the hope of Jesus Christ.

As travel restrictions were enacted, we were able to continue support for children in all of our sponsored homes around the world and were able to build three new Cambodian homes in a time when funding was challenged.

In our extended network, our leadership has been chosen by regional governments to serve in some of the most important roles associated with fund distribution to children’s programs.

In China, due to the diligent efforts and passion of key team members focused on the care of children with autism, the Beijing government leadership decided to permit the inclusion of children with autism into primary schools.

In a pure act of caring, members of the extended SEAPC team supplied personal protective equipment (PPE) throughout the U.S., Kashmir, Guatemala, and many other locations within our reach. With thanks to God and appreciation for the leadership and staff in all the children’s homes, there was not one recorded case of COVID-19! Praise God.

Despite the challenges of restricted travel, a tremendously successful virtual Friends Around the Table gathering was hosted in Micorua and attended by all of our friends in the SEAPC global community leading to a new “robust norm” for global praise, worship, and collaboration. This effort will lead to a higher level of execution across all teams in support of the SEAPC vision and mission.

As the challenges of COVID-19 affected all of us, we are especially appreciative of our individual and organizational supporters who have covered SEAPC in prayer, selflessly provided their valuable time and talents, and with financial resources to continue our work. Without this extended network of support, we would not be as successful as you have read in this annual report. Thank you!

I would be remiss if I did not state my appreciation for all the SEAPC leadership, staff, and board who have relentlessly focused on the improvement in resource stewardship in all we do that it may bring Glory to God. Also, I believe that I can speak for all of the Board of Directors in stating that it is truly a privilege and blessing to be part of SEAPC.

Last, as you have read the individual reports, progress, and praises found in this 2020 Annual Report, I trust you could see God’s hand upon this ministry as it prayerfully and humbly served the world around us. I encourage you to keep your hopes up in the one who sustains, directs, blesses us, and gives us His Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ.

RALPH POLEHONKI
Board Member, SEAPC