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News on Global Efforts to Reach the Least Reached

Director's VIEW

by David Hupp, U.S. Director

In response to a agency-wide initiative, most of the field and home staff of *Mission to Unreached Peoples* (MUP) set apart a day recently to seek the Lord together in prayer and fasting. The call came out of a growing awareness of the intensity of the battle in which we are engaged. In addition to the many testimonies of advances and victories within the mission, I could share with you examples in the past year of serious illness, personnel conflicts and failures, and voluntary and involuntary removal from the field. In addition, as we sought the Lord together that day, we had recently learned of the deportation from China of one of our key leaders (see article on page 3).

During the day of prayer and fasting, I was personally drawn to the book of Joshua and received

encouragement throughout the book. While there is a war and battles to be fought and some will complete their assignments better than others, there will be definite victories and "conquering of the land" by and through MUP mission-

*"Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly."
Joshua 14:13*

aries. The testimony of Caleb was especially striking to me. In contrast to others who did not fully possess

their promised land, Caleb served the Lord **wholeheartedly** and fully possessed his promised land. My prayer is that this will be our testimony. May we not be detracted from our calling and our participation in reaching the unreached peoples of the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God is calling His people to seek him, to repent of their sins and hindrances, and to cast aside all barriers and fears of following Him fully. God is not through with us. God is not through with you. He has been faithful over and over to all of us and He will continue to lead us step by step through each battle and each barrier we encounter. We can count on that.

May I encourage you today to see with eyes of faith the victories that are ahead and to follow the Lord, our God, wholeheartedly. What is it that He is asking of you? What is the vision and cry of your heart? Go for it, **wholeheartedly!** u

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To Russia with love

A relief ministry to orphans and outreach to needy families demonstrates God's love

by Paul & Victoire Lossau

The little girl was just seven years old when her alcoholic mother left her at the orphanage door. It would be the last time little Nadya would ever see her mother. Like many Russian orphans, Nadya felt lost, abandoned and unloved; she needed to find her heavenly Father who loves her very much.

For the past five years, the Lossau family has brought the good news of God's love to Russian children. God's love comes in many packages. Victoire, brings Christ to the orphans with weekly Bible stories. Partnering with Christians from a local church, Victoire teaches Christian songs, crafts and Bible truths. Victoire's teaching background helps her teach practical lessons. Several of the young Russians who have worked with her now share the Good News in other orphanages, children's hospitals and Sunday schools.

Sometimes God's love is shared by meeting basic needs. Since the fall of Communism, most Russian orphanages are badly underfunded. Children must live with shortages of soap, clothes, socks, shoes, toilet paper and food.

Five years ago, we imported

containers of food. But high transportation costs and challenges with Russian customs have forced us to look for food within the former Soviet Union. Sometimes food can be bought in local wholesale markets but often the search for bulk food for hundreds of children requires creative measures.

We obtain truck loads of potatoes from local farms, tons of cereal, sugar and flour from Southern Russia, fresh fish from northern lakes, canned meat from Belarus. Also, Paul has made agreements with factories for bread products and pasta. This year, two calves are being fattened so the children can eat fresh meat this winter. We hope to find ten sponsors for calves for next year.

When people ask, "How can we help?" Paul matches the people with the needs of the children. Such a joy it is to see God raise up for His people to help these kids. One Texas church had

a Sunday service where members brought hand tools for workshops for older orphan boys. At a baby shower, church women collected baby items for a baby orphanage with over 100 little ones. More than 300 tons of coal was brought for orphans who would have suffered in the cold winter. This

year, a North Carolina youth group is raising money to repair a broken boiler.

Another ministry focus is needy families, particularly those with people at greatest risk like the elderly. Seventy years of Communism has contributed to heart wrenching poverty

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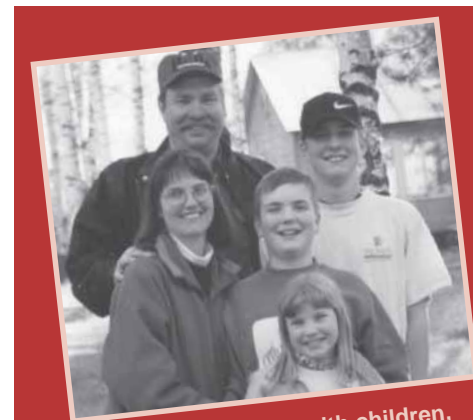
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among many families. For several years, we would occasionally visit these families in their homes. Since ongoing follow-up of these families is one of our big concerns, we have developed a team of Russian Christians from three different local churches who visit the most needy families regularly. Even though we are in the USA for furlough until the summer of 2000, these local believers go into Russian homes four or five days a week.

Four years after abandoning her child, Nadya's mother choked to death in her own alcoholic vomit. Nadya, now 12, will always have the scars of abandonment; but there is great joy because she has found her loving heavenly Father. She is one of the special few who found the love of Christian parents. In September, an American family adopted Nadya.

Please pray for Paul and a pastor from North Carolina as they travel to Russia, in December, to train more Russians in evangelism skills; and pray for the Lossau family as they plan to return to Russia in summer 2000 to continue bringing the Savior's



Paul & Victoire Lossau with children, Andrew, Peter, and Kristin, are discipling Russian churches for ongoing mercy ministry and evangelism

THIS ISSUE

Here are some of the **openings and opportunities** for holistic ministry through **Mission to Unreached Peoples**

INDIA

(1) A health and evangelism project has the need for **Physical and Occupational Therapists** to equip nationals to minister to disabled villagers.

THAILAND

(2) **Agricultural Specialists** are needed for a consulting project with tribals.

CAMBODIA

(3) **Children's Ministry Trainer** needed to train Khmer churches.
(4) **Cross-cultural Youth Worker** for urban ministry.

CHINA

(5) **Teachers** for teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL).

(6) **Cross-cultural Church Planters** among tribals.

(7) **Community Development Workers: Micro-Loan Project Director, Agricultural Specialist, Small Business Developers.**

(8) **Doctors, Nurses, Therapists.**

ASIA

(9) **Certified Teachers** needed at international schools in China, India, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

(10) **Field-based Missionary Pastors** to provide pastoral care to our missionaries.

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(11) **Operations Manager** to do office management, field communications, etc.

(12) **Recruiter** to mobilize, screen and place people in overseas positions that fit their vocational and ministry skills.

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Mission INSIGHTS

Our heritage: discipling nations

by Darrow Miller

Despite the incredible progress that has been made in bringing the Good News to the unevangelized, huge swathes of the earth are still largely untouched by the Gospel. The prime area of need has been described by the term, *The 10/40 Window*, referring to a geographical box from 10 degrees to 40 degrees north of the Equator, stretching from North Africa in the west to Asia in the east. The need is not just "spiritual." The lands in the 10/40 Window are among the poorest on earth.

This is no coincidence. Biblical theism correctly holds that hunger and poverty begin inside of man.

Generally any strategy to reach those unreached with the Gospel must also be a strategy to reach the poor with the Gospel.

So why are people poor and hungry? Except for catastrophic events poverty doesn't "just happen." Physical poverty is rooted in a culture of poverty, a set of ideas held corporately that produce certain behaviors, which in turn yield poverty. As with all false worldviews, this kind of thinking is rooted in man's sin and rebellion against his Creator, who created a world of abundance and blessing. Man's alienation from God (and God's principles) produces a culture of poverty that further poisons the mind, spirit, and heart. Being poor is not necessarily a sin and being rich is not necessarily a sign of God's favor. Yet God did not create poverty; man did and the problem is usually rooted in cultural values.

Poverty comes from Satan's web of lies. Lies like "there is no tomorrow," and "human life has no value." Man's sin and rebellion against God cause

him to believe these lies. Since the problem begins inside of man, the solution must, too. The web must be broken in three ways—preaching the Gospel, renewing minds, and discipling nations.

Proclaiming the Gospel breaks the power of sin and death, the indispensable first step. Renewing the mind means learning to think God's thoughts after Him. But what did Christ mean when he told us to "disciple nations?" Our answer to this question shows how well we know our God. He has been working at this same project since He covenanted with Abraham to make him a blessing to *all nations*. The responsibility to be a blessing is now ours. Jesus commanded His followers to "*make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..., teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you*" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Out of the basic models that Christians hold regarding missions and development, only one best reflects God's heart as revealed in Scripture including the above passage. I call this approach *theistic-transformation*. Transformation means nothing less than radical change, in all spheres of life, as when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. It is not merely a change in religious sentiments but a radical reorientation of a person's life. This transformation begins in the inside, at the level of beliefs and values, and moves outward to embrace behavior and its consequences.

The Gospel is much more than evangelism. Many Christians have accepted a diluted, pietistic version of Christ's command to disciple all nations; but the Gospel is God's total response to man's total need. Discipling nations means "laying" kingdom principles and a biblical worldview as the founding order or ethos of a people. This is our historic Christian heritage.

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China Cry

Persecution of the church continues in China

by Will Center*

(excerpt from a recent newsletter of a MUP worker)

Many people do not know that China continues to persecute Christians. Yet, God hears the cries of the persecuted. I have had first hand experience meeting with Chinese Christians who have been persecuted for their faith and have personally experienced the injustices of being a Christian in China. I was in China to assist in discipleship training for some unreached people groups we had worked with. People from several

unreached tribes participated and received training. One night police officers charged in to the meeting and arrested us. I underwent extensive interrogation in an isolated building. My home was searched, I was placed under house arrest, and then I was deported.

There are two points of law that were used to arrest and deport me. First, foreigners are not allowed to preach, teach or discuss religion with Chinese nationals. Second, *all* religious activity must be conducted in government approved locations and with government approval. For any of you who have believed the propa-

ganda from the Communist Party that there is freedom of religion in China, think again.

I am not the only person who has recently been deported. The authorities appear to be targeting for removal those people who have been in China long-term, who are building or leading a team, and who are training nationals. My neighbors and landlord couldn't believe their ears when they heard that I was being deported for this, as they too, believed they have freedom of religion. Yet anyone with any experience in China will be able to tell you that the church is persecuted there and there is not true freedom.

About the experience, I can only say that my eyes have been opened to Scriptures I had never seen before. The Bible is full of references to suffering for Christ, being mocked, persecuted and even imprisoned for one's faith. It teaches that we should expect and even rejoice when we are persecuted for Jesus. I do rejoice that I was able to share in a small way the cost of following Him. I have seen through this that God is never done shaking and pruning us and it does get easier with each time. The Lord spoke to me that those who want to follow Him, to know truth and bear fruit, should expect troubles in this world, including persecutions, discomforts, and suffering for the cause

of Christ. If we never experience pruning in our Christian walk, perhaps we should re-evaluate our commitment to Christ.

Since I am on a black list that will last 2-5 years, I won't be returning to China in the near future. Others are carrying on and the vision that God gave us continues in the hearts of the Western and Chinese believers left behind. While under house arrest, my

foreign friends visited me regularly and we spent a great deal of time praying with tears. I prayed with one of the Chinese believers arrested with me. As we prayed he said, "I was afraid the first time I was arrested, I won't be the next time." The persecution

has only strengthened the determination of the local believers to preach the Gospel of Christ to all of the unreached people groups of China. God is at work and will use this for good.

Please join with me and the others remaining in China in prayer, for the expansion of the Kingdom among China's unreached and for raising up many more workers to carry on this task. I long to be there but can't. Will others be willing to answer His call and fill this need? As I pray and reflect on my future role, which may be mobilizing, equipping and encouraging other workers for effective labor in Southeast Asia, I am so grateful for many people's encouraging support since returning from China. May God continue to change us into His image!

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