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Dear Friends,

As we enter another season celebrating Christ's birth, we're reminded that we are abundantly blessed. Even with concerns about the economy here, we recognize the abundance and the comforts of life that God has blessed us with. In many parts of the world people are struggling for basic necessities like food and shelter, barely surviving from day to day.

This year for the Christmas season we are highlighting on the inside pages of this newsletter four projects that our missionaries are involved with, giving you an opportunity to partner with us. You can touch a needy world in a tangible way this year. These gifts, with your help, can make a difference in a hurting world. And more importantly, they have eternal significance as His love is spread and His church is established in previously closed hearts and peoples around the world.

Please join us in giving a gift of love and compassion to those who have so little. Your generous donation may well be the first glimpse of Jesus that they see. Together we can bring hope and love to many around the world who don't know the Jesus of Christmas and the God who loves them.

Sincerely,
David Hupp, US Director



Mission Insights

The Significance of Ramadan

by Keith Hook

We have seen and heard the word "Ramadan" much in recent weeks and you may be asking the questions: What is Ramadan? Why is it significant? What should Christians think of Ramadan?

Ramadan is a month long time of prayer and fasting that is practiced by Muslims around the world. It is a time when they fast from sunrise to sunset. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of the religion of Islam and one of the highest forms of Islamic worship. Abstinence from earthly pleasures is regarded as an act of obedience and submission to God. Fasting together as a worldwide community affirms the brotherhood and equality of man before Allah.

The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle which makes Ramadan occur about 11 days earlier each year. This year it begins on November 17 and ends on December 16. The last ten days of Ramadan are considered highly blessed, especially the 27th night which is called the 'Night of Power'. It is believed that on this night the prophet Muhammed received the first revelation of the Qur'an. For many Muslims, this period is marked by a heightened spiritual intensity and they may spend these nights praying and reciting the Qur'an.

After 30 days of fasting, the end of the month of Ramadan is observed with 3 days of celebration, known as Eid-ul-Fitr. During this time Muslims gather to offer prayers of thanks. It is traditional to wear new clothes, visit friends and relatives, exchange gifts and greeting cards, and share in meals together.

How should Christians view Ramadan? Understanding that fasting and prayer are an important part of many of the religions of the world, this is an opportune time for us to be praying more intently for the 1.3 billion Muslim peoples of the world. There is no better time to pray for them than when they are seeking, many of them earnestly, to know and please God (Allah in Arabic) more. Pray that they will come to know the one, true God who has made Himself known in the person and work of Jesus Christ who alone is the way, the truth, and the life.

For the past ten years there has been a concentrated effort to challenge Christians to be praying for the Islamic world during this month of Ramadan, and many resources, including prayer guides, are available. Check the websites at the end of this article for more information. If you do not have access to the web, call us and we'll send you a prayer guide that you can use to guide you in praying for the 1.3 billion Muslim world.

www.ywam.org/prayer/30daysmuslim.html
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(1) *Evangelists & Church Planters* for Unreached Peoples

CAMBODIA

(2) *Medical Personnel* for village clinic work & AIDS hospice

(3) *Church Workers* of all types for ministry with Cambodian churches

INDIA

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NEPAL

(5) *Engineers & Managers*

(6) *Medical Personnel*

(7) *Teachers*

CHINA

(8) *English Teachers and Teachers at International Schools.*

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

(10) *Doctors, Nurses, Therapists.*

(11) *Community Development Workers, Orphanage Workers, Agricultural Specialist, Small Business Developers.*

ASIA

(12) *Certified Teachers* needed at international schools.

(13) *Field or North American-based Member Care Personnel*

POLAND

(14) *English Teachers* needed in public schools or for private tutoring.

(15) *Youth Worker* for local churches.

TURKEY & CENTRAL ASIA

(16) *Evangelists, Disciplemakers, & Church Planters.*

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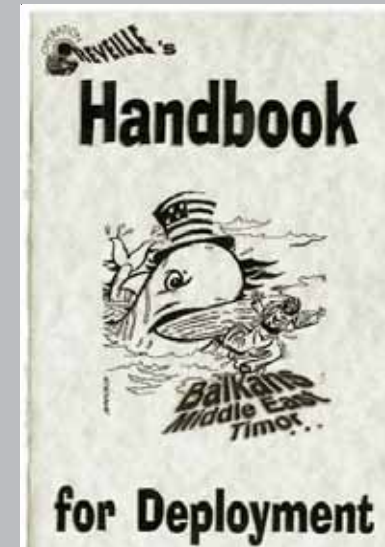
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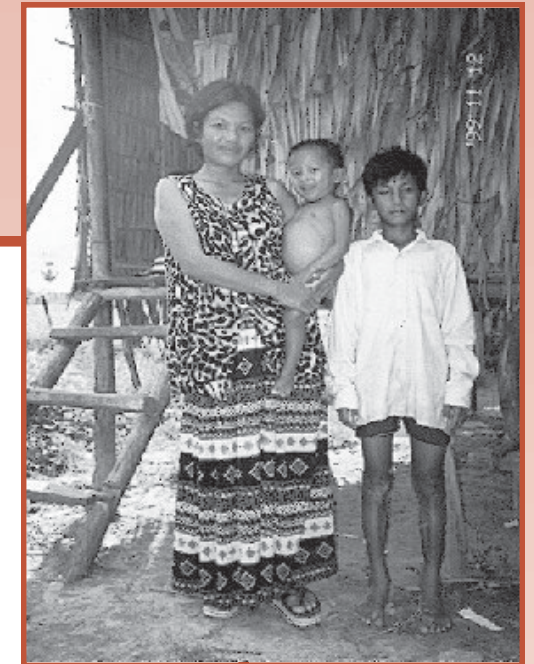
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