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Director's View

by David Hupp, U.S. Director



Great Expectations

Our home office staff in Seattle was recently blessed to be part of training and sending twelve special young adults to China, Thailand, Nepal, India, and Turkey in pairs in the pattern of Luke 10. We call this program the Luke 10 Challenge, and we are seeing the Lord's continued provision and blessing in this outreach [www.mup.org/luke10.html]

I could write at length about this special group of young adults and what God is doing in and through their lives, but what I want to communicate is a challenge from their graduation dinner message delivered by a local pastor. He spoke of "Great Expectations". They were challenged, as they embarked on their 4-9 month adventures, to go with Great Expectations of seeing God change lives and work miracles in and through them. The pastor challenged them to go with the expectation that the months ahead will be more than just time well-spent where God does good things in and through them. They were challenged to go expecting to see God move in might and in power and to expect the miraculous.

As I have reflected on this, I've been drawn to two scriptures. The first is the report of the seventy-two in Luke 10 who "returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us

in your name.'" I found a second example of Great Expectations a few chapters earlier with the story of "The Faith of the Centurion." He simply said to Jesus, "But say the word, and my servant will be healed." The Centurion had both great faith and Great Expectations. The scripture says that when Jesus heard this, "He was amazed at him."

As we serve together in whatever role He has given us, can we challenge each other to go and serve, give and pray, work and minister with Great Expectations of God working in and through us? I'm convinced that the world and the times we live in demand of us more than a 'business as usual' attitude. We live in frightening but exciting times which demand that we live a life of great faith in God and of great expectations of God. The scriptures teach that nothing is impossible with God. Let's live and act with that truth in our hearts.

The Art and Science of Language in Church Planting

by Tom & Lynn Newhouse

The Kuy, the unreached people groups we are targeting in Cambodia, have their own unwritten language. We will want to learn this language and utilize it to share the gospel and plant Kuy churches. Churches usually grow best when the members worship God in their own heart language. Of course, an unwritten language provides a number of challenges. Would it be helpful to use the national language script to translate the Bible and Christian materials? Or is the national language, Khmer, sufficiently well-known by the Kuy that Khmer Christian materials could be used effectively?



Christian materials could be used effectively?

Not long ago a team of people working with the Summer Institute of Linguistics(SIL) went out to some of the areas of Cambodia where the Kuy people live in order to do a preliminary survey of their language. They were trying to determine several things:

- Is the Kuy spoken in Cambodia similar to that in Thailand?
- How many different dialects are there in Cambodia?
- How do the Kuy feel about their language? Is it still a strong language, spoken proudly by all and encouraged by adults to young people? Or is it dying out and being replaced by the Khmer language?
- Do most people also know Khmer? Or is there a need for written materials in Kuy?

The answers to these questions will be very helpful to us as we formulate our plan to facilitate a Church Planting Movement among the Kuy people. The team from SIL would like to do a more in-depth survey. Their preliminary findings are very useful as we research the Kuy People. Pray for wisdom in the research task and for partners to join us in reaching the Kuy, e.g. linguists, development agencies, and church planters.

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Something to Think About:

In the midst of the busyness of our Western culture and lifestyle, and especially during the upcoming holidays, reflect about the following and make whatever changes the Lord reveals to you:

Direction is always more important than speed.

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OPENINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Mission INSIGHTS

An Example of a People Group
 by Keith Hook

In our last issue in this section we asked the question, "What is a People Group?" I thought it would be good in this issue to give you an example of a particular people group that is one of many that our workers are reaching out to. This is a new outreach for us as an agency. Our first workers to this group will arrive on the field in January. They will spend the first year in language and culture learning as well as developing relationships with other workers in the area.

The Pattani Malay – A Majority Minority

Who are They? Although the 2-3 million Pattani Malay make up only four percent of Thailand's population, they are the majority population within the five southernmost provinces of the country, just across the border from Malaysia. There is also a substantial community of Pattani in Bangkok. In addition to their location in S. Thailand, the Pattani Malay are separate from the rest of Thailand in a number of ways. They are Malay in their race, heritage, language and culture. While Thailand is 94 percent Buddhist, the Pattani Malay are Muslim.

What Are Their Lives Like? Most Pattani are self-employed either as farmers or fishermen. They grow a variety of native crops which include rubber, coconut, and tropical fruits. The mosque and Muslim festivals and observance play an integral part in the life of the Pattani Malay people. The mosque is a place not only for religious practices, but also the place where cultural identity is expressed. It provides education and is at the center of community celebrations in these fishing and farming communities. As a leader of the mosque, the Imam is often regarded as the leader of the village or community.

What Are Their Beliefs? Unlike the majority of the population of Thailand, who are Buddhist, the Pattani are Muslim. However, despite their resistance to the Thai language and culture, the Pattani have adopted the Thai belief in "phi's" or ghosts. So in reality, the Pattani practice a blend of Islam, folk, and animist beliefs. Another important figure in Pattani religious life is the "bomoh". The bomoh is a folk healer that acts as a mediator or median between the spirit world and the earthly world and provides fortune telling as well.

What Are Their Needs? The Pattani way of life is based on survival. For the most part, they are not benefiting from the development of large industries in their provinces. In fact, as these industries continue to expand, the Pattani are being pushed farther and farther out of the markets. Agriculturalists are needed to teach the small-scale landowners how to get the most out of their land. And English teachers are needed to help the Pattani learn English which is the business language of the world. But the greatest need of the Pattani is for Jesus Christ. It is not God's will for any to perish (2 Peter 3:9) but how will they hear without someone sharing with them (Romans 10:14-15)?

What Resources are Available? Five agencies have targeted the 2-3 million Pattani and there are estimates of 150-200 believers. The New Testament in the Pattani's language was completed in 1981. The Jesus film is available in their language, but no Christian radio broadcasts in their language.

LOOK AT WHAT GOD IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH HIM !

Breaking News From Operation Equip in India

Tim and Aruna Swauger work with the disabled in India and just received word that Evanangelische Omroep, an organization in the Netherlands, has committed to raise \$165,000 to build a Disability Ministry Center. E.O. plans to go to India and do a TV documentary on the ministry there and then will air it on TV in the Netherlands to raise the needed funds for this vital project. E.O. has never failed to meet their target. Work teams for the actual building of the facility will be needed for late 2003 or early 2004.

Short-Term Teams for 2003

Plans have been made for some great short-term mission trips to the following countries next year: China, Turkey, Poland, Cambodia, India, Japan, Russia, and Thailand. What an opportunity to grow in your walk with the Lord and experience the things that break the heart of God. See the MUP website at www.mup.org/ for more information on these trips. If you don't see exactly what you need, let us know and we'll see if we can customize a trip for you and/or your group. Go for it!

Christmas Giving Tree

As we approach the season, we are reminded of God's faithfulness and his many provisions to us. We thank you all for those who have contributed to the gift giving project last year. Your generous contributions helped us raise over \$2400 to fund various projects in China, Cambodia, India and to our servicemen and women.

This year, we would like to continue the gift giving program in what we hope will be a tradition here at Mission to Unreached Peoples. This year, we have added a couple of new projects. One being the Luke 10 Challenge program. This year we had 14 young adults go out to different parts of the world. Your partnership in this program will help us reach the vision of 72 young adults going out yearly with the mandate of reaching those who have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The other project is ensuring that our missionaries have the care they need in the field. We value our missionaries and we strive to ensure their success and well-being by attending to their spiritual and emotional health on the field.

To learn more about how you might be able to join in the work that God has begun here, please visit <http://www.mup.org/GivingTree.htm>

General Fund Giving

This may not seem as exciting as the items above but it is also vital. In the Director's View in our last issue (<http://www.mup.org/AdvocateSummer2002.htm>) we set a goal of increasing our general fund giving by \$5000 per month. We are happy to report to you that we/you are on our way to achieving that goal. Thus far we have received commitments of \$1100 toward this goal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this need.

Prayer and General Fund Response Form

Please send in the following form or respond by e-mail to mupinfo@mup.org

I pledge to pray for Mission to Unreached Peoples ministry ___ times per week, and/or for this specific Missionary or People Group/Project: _____ .

Please count on me as part of the \$5000 in new general fund monthly pledges beginning _____ in the amount of \$ _____ /month for a minimum of one year.

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