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Director's View



Luke
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David Hupp,
U.S. Director

We just completed training for our third group of Luke 10 candidates. Twelve young adults again this year are heading off for several months of service in India, Cambodia, Thailand, Poland, and Afghanistan. For me, the last two weeks in August and the opportunity to rub shoulders with these individuals is perhaps my favorite time and ministry opportunity of the year. What a blessing to see the group bond together with their teammates over the two weeks of training, and in a small way, to be part of what God is doing in their lives.

The Luke 10 Challenge Program was initiated over two years ago out of a conviction that God has His hand of anointing on the current generation of young people - many who are fully dedicated to world evangelism in their generation. Many seem to be "doers" and "risk-takers" for the Lord, yet, at the same time, they are asking for guidance, for mentoring, for help, and direction. How can we encourage

this dedication and calling of the Lord and not stifle it? The answer seems basic - we encourage and help, and then stand back in some measure and let the Lord direct and provide and go before these called ones - even as He did so abundantly for the seventy-two.

After two years we have been able to further refine the purpose of the Luke 10 Program as follows. We desire to give young adults an opportunity to grow in their faith and walk with God while experiencing overseas missions in a "real-life" setting for 4-9 months working alongside experienced missionaries. As one of the participants articulated last year, "He is molding us!" The desire is that as a result of their missions experience, they will be better equipped to determine God's call on their lives for long-term overseas ministry, and we are seeing that happen.

Perhaps you know of young adults who are seeking God's plan for their lives whom you could direct to consider the Luke 10 Challenge. We'd love to explore with them the possibility of being part of the August, 2004 team.

Reflections On A Short-Term Trip

While much of the work that we do at Mission to Unreached Peoples involves sending people long-term, we also see the importance of sending people on short-term trips such as three weeks in the summer or our six to nine month Luke 10 Project. Following are some reflections from one of our Luke 10 participants who recently returned from China.

The one thing that really humbled me was the people. They are so hospitable. Everywhere we went, people would invite us to their home for a bite to eat. When we were invited over to a student's apartment, I noticed that the apartment building did not have adequate plumbing. It was a very small apartment that an American bachelor would not feel comfortable in, yet it held three of the students and their parents. You could tell that they did not have a lot, but what they had, they offered unselfishly. While their parents were still at work, the students made a meal consisting of green beans, chicken parts and rice. This was still probably more than what they ate on an average day.

Then when their parents arrived, they were embarrassed because they were unprepared for foreign guests. Trying to reassure them that we had been served plenty of food, they rushed out to buy and prepare a larger meal. Nothing we said through our young translators

made a difference in their desire and determination to be accommodating hosts. As time approached for our departure, it started to rain and we had no umbrellas or rain ponchos. Our hosts gathered up the one umbrella they had among them. As we started to walk out, the other tenants in the complex walked up and started handing us more umbrellas. I felt so ashamed. Back in the states, the most anyone would give you is a plastic bag to cover your head. What an example they were as loving neighbors.

Speaking of the kids, they are very dedicated to their schoolwork. Some students walk hours to their school. I live 10 minutes from a junior college and I complain about parking. Talk about being convicted. They spend anywhere from 10 to 15 hours in school, sitting on what we would use for a stepping stool. They also have high aspirations; you can see it in their dedication. We were able to practice our Mandarin with them; while they practiced their English with us. This was also a moment where God opened a door for the team. They asked us about Christmas and Easter, and we taught them some worship songs.

Families there have a really close relationship. They lounge, meaning they interact with each other. (continued on page 3)

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Some Things to Think About:

Dare to take the journey that begins where the path ends.

A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for.

If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

- BUSINESS TENTMAKERS**
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- EVANGELISM/CHURCH PLANTERS**
Asia, Eastern Europe, Turkic World
- CERTIFIED TEACHERS**
Asia, Eastern Europe, Turkic World
- LANGUAGE STUDENTS**
China, Turkic World
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Mission INSIGHTS

Evangelism is a Process, not an Event
 by Keith Hook

This article has been compiled from several online sources. You will find the addresses of these sources at the end of this article. I encourage you to look at them as they contain much more information than I can include here. Resource #4 was especially helpful.

In 1975, James Engel wrote a book entitled, *What's Gone Wrong with the Harvest?* In it he introduced a tool called the Engel Scale which profoundly changed many peoples' understanding of evangelism. In the past, people often saw evangelism as the event of conversion. Thus, when a conversion didn't take place, the evangelist or person witnessing saw themselves as a failure. The Engel Scale changed that by helping us see that the actual conversion is only part of a longer process or journey. Almost everyone who makes a commitment to Jesus has a story to tell of people and events in their lives bringing them closer and closer to the point of their conversion. Some studies indicate the average length of this journey may be about four years. Thus, helping someone take one more step towards God is successful evangelism just as much as helping them over the final line of conversion.

Here is the scale. A person begins at the bottom and moves upward.

- +5 Stewardship
- +4 Communion with God
- +3 Conceptual and behavioural growth
- +2 Incorporation into Body, the Church
- +1 Post-decision evaluation
- 0 New birth
- 1 Repentance and faith in Christ
- 2 Decision to act
- 3 Personal problem recognition
- 4 Positive attitude towards Gospel
- 5 Grasp implications of Gospel
- 6 Awareness of fundamentals of Gospel
- 7 Initial awareness of Gospel
- 8 Awareness of supreme being, no knowledge of Gospel

The primary message behind the scale is that salvation is a process. God is doing different things at different stages, and we need to look at changing what we do and how we pray accordingly. We need to be sensitive to where a person is and to what God is doing. Some people move through the stages quickly but most take some time. There have been modifications to the scale over the years, each of which adds to our understanding of evangelism as a process. I encourage you to spend some time at the following websites so that you can better understand the process and thereby participate in what God is doing in an individual's life.(continued on page 3)

1. What's Gone Wrong With the Harvest? book:
www.newway.org/engel/introduction.htm
2. Explanations of the Engel's Scale:
www.geocities.com/lwcf_uk/prayer.htm
3. Detailed Engel's Scale:
www.gospelcom.net/guide/resources/engel.php
4. Modified Engel's Scale:
www.hazelden.org.uk/pt02/art_pt068_modified_engel_full.htm#Introduction
5. The Gray Matrix
www.thegraymatrix.info/
www.dayspringfellowshipnc.org/printer_30.shtml
www.gospelcom.net/guide/resources/gray-matrix.php

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Let's think through the implications of this process. It means that God and we are involved in this process together. Only God can reveal Himself to mankind. Only God can convict people of sin. Only God can give someone a new birth, and only God can transform our lives and make us new. However, at the same time He is doing what only He can do, He's given us responsibilities He expects us to fulfill such as prayer, being salt and light, listening carefully and then asking appropriate questions that help clear the field so the seed of the gospel can be planted, proclaiming the gospel, offering the invitation to receive Christ, and then following up and discipling.

It also means each of us has a story to tell of our own journey to faith, a story God wants to use to reach out to others. People love to hear a story. Jesus often used stories to illustrate eternal principles and He wants to use your story and my story to illustrate what He can and does do in a person's life. I encourage you to

write out your story. Think through the process God used in your life to bring you to faith in Christ. It will help renew and revitalize your walk with Him, and it will prepare you to be used by God to help someone else along in his or her journey to salvation. I am convinced that when God sees us preparing to share our story, He will in some way put us in touch with specific people who need to hear our story, a story only we can share.



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(continued from page 1 - Reflections) They walk around socializing or just spending time, just about anywhere. It doesn't have to be at a park or special event. In the area of the province we went to, everyone was walking around socializing. You can probably walk around it in about 20 minutes. It was like a street fair only without the rides and games. Everyone was buying food from the street vendors. Some of these snacks had meat or sugar inside them, like dumplings. It started raining for a brief moment and everyone went back inside, but as soon as it stopped, everyone came right back out. The only time they ever watch TV, from what I could tell, was for the World Cup soccer match. It was great. This just made the passion for them even greater.

They don't even know Christ, yet you can see God's mercy and grace upon them. It was so evident. I see why the missionaries we met are willing to be so obedient to God's call in their life. I left there knowing that some seeds were planted and some soil was cultivated. I was also challenged as a Christian to love my neighbor.

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