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Director's View

by David Hupp, U.S. Director



Perspectives
From Our Travels

I spent one day and night in the countryside with two of our MUP staff members. They work at a hospice outreach to AIDS victims and families-currently working with over 250 families. Upon arrival there, we found three men and three women in the in-patient hospice, with a newly arrived mother currently being admitted. Two of the men, probably in their early 30's, were near death, with one not sure of lasting through the night. What medical help that can be provided is done-perhaps an IV solution to provide some temporary relief, some nourishment, and some basic care done in the name of Jesus. More importantly are the opportunities to witness to the patients and their families of the amazing love of the Lord for them. Jesus is not known in this land where men and women are lost in the bondages of animism

Mary and I have been traveling for the past ten weeks to parts of SE Asia, India, and Afganistan, visiting our workers, looking for new opportunities, and participating in various meetings. Let me share with you some thoughts on part of our travels.

and Buddhism. AIDS is taking literally thousands to early deaths and eternities without the Lord. But we do give thanks that some do come to a saving knowledge of Jesus as love and compassion is shown in His name.

In another country our travels consisted of hours in a speedboat traveling up the Mekong River, walking, biking, and many hours on dusty roads in the back of small pickup trucks. We passed the Golden Triangle, famous for the exporting and dealing in opium and more. We stayed in crude guesthouses in frontier market towns filled with peoples from dozens of ethnically and linguistically distinct people groups. We visited ten or more villages and spent time witnessing and prayer-walking. Our MUP staff member was taking several Chinese believers into this country for the first time, and several of them spoke the languages of the groups we were reaching out to, with

the result of more opportunities for evangelism in this part of the world than has been possible before. For most of the simple people who we visited, their answer to the question, "Have you heard of Jesus?" was a simple reply, "No, we have never heard of that name." At the same time we found them friendly and lovable people. They invited us into their thatch and bamboo homes and often readily received our beginning Gospel materials. We were told that they were not happy with their animistic ways and they wanted to know more about the hope that we spoke of. But they are afraid of a government that says it is unlawful to change religions. They can worship the spirits, but not the one true God. Yet they are drawn to the Gospel message. These are simple people living in places of high mortality, and facing a future separated from God unless someone crosses cultures so that He may be known.

Reaching Out to Prostitutes

Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful. He also said that He came to seek and to save those who are lost. To seek means to take the initiative and to search out and go where the fields are ripe. This month we will share stories from two of our fields where MUP staff are working with prostitutes in the countries of China & Thailand.

CHINA: "These are exciting times. I feel like I have embarked on a great adventure with God at the wheel. I hold my breath to see what He is going to do next.

Over Christmas we were able to give out about two hundred gifts to the ladies that work in the red light district. It mystified them that the presents were given unconditionally with no strings attached. In places that God was working, we were welcomed into their shop, chatted, and drank tea with them and were even able to share with them the meaning of Christmas. However, in other places the pimps were hostile and turned us away.

Soon after Christmas we felt God urging us to reach out to the girls over Chinese New Year. This is a time when Chinese all over the world try to go home to be with family. Because of their choice of career and the cost of travel, most of the ladies we work with were not able to go home. About this time, our Lord made available to us an apartment within the district to be used as a drop-in center for the ladies. Within a week we had the apartment furnished and cleaned. Flyers were distributed to announce the party we were going to throw on Chinese New Year's Day when all shops and restaurants are closed..

The party was amazing with lots of good food, fun, and games. Seven girls and two madams showed up. The week prior to this, one of the girls we worked with was murdered on the job. This incident opened doors for us to discuss spiritual matters with the girls. They cried as we shared with them that we were going to love them unconditionally, without expecting anything in return. We explained that God was the one calling us to do this. We were able to share about Jesus, and one of the madams even asked how one could become a Christian. Even though our province has the highest HIV rate in China, none of the girls had ever heard of the disease. We left them some literature about it and they seemed very interested in getting together again."

THAILAND: Many know that prostitution is widespread in Thailand. In many respects it is a large industry and business. MUP has workers in the northern city of Chiang Mai where there are about 3000 prostitutes. One of the challenges for anyone working with girls and women caught in prostitution is their need for an income after they leave that lifestyle. For many it's been the only income they have (cont. on page 3)

Something to Think About

"Fasting is abstaining from anything that might hinder prayer."

Andrew Bonar

"Failing to pray reflects idolatry, which is a trust in substitutes for God."

Ben Jennings

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Prayer and Missions

by Keith Hook

Many of us know in our heads that prayer is important. We've heard about it in so many ways but **our hearts are still not stirred to pray** as if everything depends upon it. The secret to the tremendous growth of the church in China in the past fifty years is fervent prayer. One of the biggest needs our workers have on the field is people who will regularly and fervently pray for them and their work. Hear that cry again at the end of the article on page three. Think what would happen if their prayers were answered for **1000 intercessors!** Let me share some quotes and then some of many available resources that may help stir us to allow prayer to become more and more a part of our lifestyle. And let's remember that **Andrew Bonar defined fasting as abstaining from anything that hindered prayer.**

*"Next to the wonder of seeing my Savior will be, I think, the wonder that **I made so little use of the power of prayer.**"* D.L. Moody

*"You can do more than pray after you've prayed, but **you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.**"* John Bunyan

"The evangelization of the world depends first upon a revival of prayer. Deeper than the need for workers; deeper far than the need for money; deep down at the bottom of our spiritual lives, is the need for the forgotten secret of prevailing, worldwide prayer." Robert Speer

*"It is possible for the most obscure person in a church, with a heart right toward God, to exercise as much **power in prayer** for the evangelization of the world, as it is for those who stand in the most prominent positions."* John R. Mott

"When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. And so on. But when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do." A.C. Dixon

*"**No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer.**"* J. Edwin Orr

*"**Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.**"* Jesus in Matthew 7:7-8

[Breakthrough Prayer](#) by Jim Cymbala

[E. M. Bounds on Prayer](#) by E.M. Bounds (collection of his works)

[Handbook for Spiritual Warfare](#) by Ed Murphy

[Intercessory Prayer](#) by Dutch Sheets

[Praying God's Word](#) by Beth Moore

[Prepare for Battle](#) by Neal & Yvonne Pirolo

[Spiritual Warfare for Every Christian](#) by Dean Sherman

[The Kneeling Christian](#) by unknown author

[Too Busy Not To Pray](#) by Bill Hybels

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ever known. Thus, we are called upon to meet practical needs as well as spiritual needs. Two of our MUP staff found a creative way of doing this by opening a small restaurant to not only bring people in to talk, but to also provide jobs and training in another field of employment for these women. Here are some comments:

"We have a huge selection of coffee drinks using delicious coffee beans that were originally planted in Thailand as a crop substitute for opium. We feature lunch and dinner items such as pizza, wraps, sandwiches, panini and salads. Everyday we make fresh a variety of bagels and muffins as well as homemade cookies and cakes. Our first staff are graduates of New

Life Center, a ministry to hill tribe women and girls in Chiang Mai. They will be the first to complete our vocational training program.

The street where we are located changes as the day fades and night begins. During the day things are fairly quiet with computer shops, convenience stores, and beauty salons. But at night the transformation is astounding. It is loud with drunken revelers crowding the

street with the largest bar/disco almost directly across the street. Within a block of our front door are eight different karaoke bars where an estimated 200 women and men work as prostitutes. **Please continue to pray for our staff as they visit the people working in these places and build friendships leading to transformation and hope in Jesus Christ. We very much need people to regularly pray for us and this ministry!!!"**

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throughout Asia and Europe.*



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Our "Luke 10 Challenge" is a unique opportunity to experience real-life mission work for 3-9 months. We begin on August 24, 2004 with two weeks of training. Then you will be sent out in teams of two following the pattern of Luke 10. You will gain invaluable experience under the supervision of long-term missionaries as you build relationships with unreached people groups and create opportunities to share God's Word. We offer varied and flexible placement opportunities in Eastern Europe and Asia. If you are interested in learning about missions first-hand and using your gifts to minister and share the Gospel with the unreached, Luke 10 is a great way to do just that. The application deadline is May 15, 2004. Check out our website at www.mup.org/luke10.htm for more information and then contact our Luke 10 coordinators, Pete & Esther Errington at PeteE@gatiwa.com.

Short-Term Opportunities

Mission to Unreached Peoples offers a varied array of short-term opportunities to China, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Japan, Turkey, Russia, & SE Asia. Participants will be working closely with the field missionaries in the country to fulfill the field missionary's individual ministry needs. Length of stay ranges from two to six weeks. Costs of trips range from approximately \$1900-\$2900. For more details, visit our website at <http://www.mup.org/summer.htm>, call Kathy at Mission to Unreached Peoples at 1-888-847-6950, or email us at mupinfo@mup.org. It will be an experience of a lifetime. Go for it!

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