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Director's View



**Whatever
the Cost**

David Hupp,
U.S. Director

Matthew 6:19: *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

As we entered 2004, the Lord impressed upon me this verse as a challenge both in my own life and to the community that makes up Mission to Unreached Peoples. We see all around us people who are working with all their might to store up earthly treasures. It is easy for all of us to make earthly comparisons. It's easy for all of us to compare our earthly treasures and riches with worldly standards. Is it perhaps possible that sometimes we're jealous of our neighbor?

I often have the privilege of visiting MUP missionaries around the world, and stepping off of a plane into the reality of world poverty cures me of those thoughts really fast. **The majority of the world is concerned about survival** – simply where the next meal is coming from. The majority of the world is lost and on their way to hell, unreached with the Gospel, with no knowledge of the name of Jesus, **and no opportunity to hear.**

Mission to Unreached Peoples is made up of missionaries, staff, and supporters who have made and continue to make **daily decisions** to store up treasures in heaven. The team referred to in the "Early Impressions of the Field" have set aside promising careers to serve a needy people. Because there are peoples who have not heard, there are parts of His church that are willing to step up and **make a difference – whatever the cost.** I'm blessed daily as we serve together.

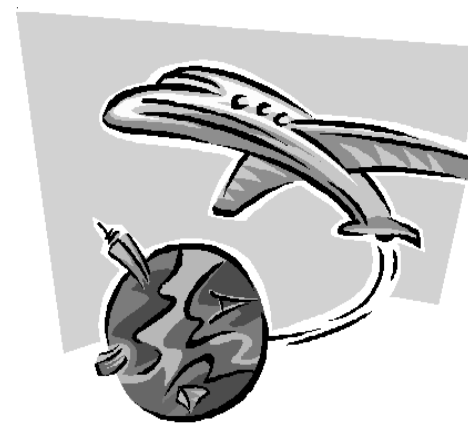
Early Impressions on the Field

Several months ago we sent out a team of workers to follow the call of God on their lives. For security purposes, we will not use their names or the name of the country. We have summarized here some of the thoughts, impressions, and experiences of this team as they left Seattle and began to settle into the mission field they had prayed about and been led to. Some of what follows refers to the team while other sections refer to individuals on the team.

It's amazing how things have developed for us. It is so visibly His moving. We were planning to teach English at a university in the city, but four days before our departure, we received a phone call stating that our plans were no longer going to work. This meant that we had no visas and no in-country employing organization which was disturbing news, but God filled us with a surprising calm. Within two days we received and accepted an offer to assist in a two week wheelchair distribution project in the country. So we were off.

Those first two weeks were unique, full of startling newness and necessary personal adjustments. What He had in store for our future and the pressures of the great unknown weighed heavy on our hearts. **We were deeply saddened by the overwhelming need but encouraged by the multitude of opportunities to make an impact.** God provided several appealing options to enable us to stay in the country and guided us in our decision. We now work for the lady who is in charge of all the orphanages in the country. Anything that is donated to, needed by, or related to orphanages or orphans in this country passes through our office.

I (female) live with a local family. My local "Mom" is a fabulous teacher of language, ethnic cooking, sewing, and history. I love my work from the instant we pull up to the regular crowd of spectators to the unpredictable pandemonium in the director's office to the lively but exhausting classes. There is rarely a dull moment. **Yet it is never without heartache that you grow to love a place and its people.** When I visit my girls, they cling to my hands and clothes and smother me with kisses. I ache for them because they don't have a mom or dad to tuck them in, to teach them about life, and to tell them they are loved. We each teach about 80 students of the 2000 orphans living at two locations. Teaching English to orphans is only the beginning. We have the opportunity to (cont. on page 3)



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Something to Think About:

If you asked why I came, why I stay, and why I love it, I would say... "Him".

If you asked what breaks my heart, I would say... "them".

If you asked what is my biggest obstacle to ministry, I would say... "me".

If you asked who supports me, encourages me, and uplifts my heart, I would say... "you".

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Mission INSIGHTS

The Importance of Pre-Field Training by Keith Hook

Take a look for a few minutes at the job that you are involved in. Did it require training of some type for you to qualify for the job? Does it require ongoing training to stay current with new developments and discoveries? I would venture to say that all types of employment require some type of training prior to taking the job or at the least some type of on-the-job training. It's part of who we are and what we need. The same is true for those going to the mission field. There is much to learn before one goes and much to learn after one is in the new country and culture. Here at MUP we have five different phases to our training which are:

- Phase I: Orientation** – a time for the applicant and MUP to get to know each other better and what it will take to get the candidate to the field.
- Phase II: Distance Learning** – This is generally a six to twelve month time of self-study in fourteen different subject areas using books, tapes, videos, writing, interviewing, etc. with many options available.
- Phase III: Equipped** – a two-week course in Seattle where participants interact with teachers regarding cross-cultural issues, interpersonal relationships, language learning, spiritual warfare, etc.
- Phase IV: Specialized training** such as TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), Community Development, etc.
- Phase V: Continuing training** during the first year on the field.

More and more we are working at making this training an interactive process, which is explained in an article entitled "The Interactive Process in Pre-Field Training", by Ken Williams and Jim Holsclaw. I will summarize the beginning part of that article. The whole article may be read online under "Handouts" at www.relationshipskills.com.

Preparation for cross-cultural service is becoming more demanding, as the gap widens between the complexity of the task and the readiness of trainees. Those who are preparing for service in difficult cross-cultural settings need more than facts. For this reason, an active, indeed interactive process is required in order that critical personal issues may be adequately dealt with during training.

An interactive process is vital for adequate preparation for effectiveness in cross-cultural ministry. Participants are actively involved. They interact with ideas, concepts, and questions in ways which cause them to look deep into themselves, and hopefully grow as they do. People rarely change by receiving copious amounts of information. They change as a result of confronting core issues which speak to their inner lives. Participants must confront, grapple with, and struggle with key concepts, principles and values. These core issues have been carefully selected as essential to be wrestled with at that particular time in their journey through the preparation process. (cont. on page 3)

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They enter into dialogue with God, themselves, family (if relevant), staff members, and fellow participants.



Personal growth is the first purpose of this process. As participants confront these issues in a safe, caring environment, they normally begin to grow in areas important for effective service. It is not a pass/fail approach but one where participants and staff together seek a mutual understanding of where growth is needed. A second purpose is to provide an ongoing process for determining where each person will serve God most effectively. Although there are similarities between many mission fields, each one is uniquely different and each individual has been created uniquely different by God. We need His guidance and wisdom and one another's insights as we attempt together to match the individual with the field and provide the training necessary to be effective on the field long term.

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build relationships outside of class, on the playground, in the dining room, etc. And the director asks us for advice in more than just business matters.

N. is my closest local friend here. **She is thirsty to know God**; we read Bible stories and pray together almost every time we see each other, which is a delight to both of us. She teaches me the language spoken here and I teach her English, and I am daily humbled and blessed by her tender heart. It has been an honor to grow and serve with the other members of my team. I have been blessed by team Bible studies, times of prayer, and the wonderful opportunity of experiencing the strange and fascinating idiosyncrasies of this city together.

I(male) am slowly building relationships with three young men here. We get together individually a few times each week. One is a university student, another works for the police, the third is newly married. They are at different levels in their spiritual interest and I need wisdom to know what to share with them. **I want them to learn more of the "walk" than the English that I talk.** Personally the Lord continues to challenge me through His Word and Spirit. For many reasons, I enjoy serving here, though the inconveniences remind me that I am not here for my own sake. I am here to be obedient and it so happens that my gracious Father has also chosen a place I enjoy.

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