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### Director's View

by David Hupp, US Director



#### A Different Perspective



Most of us at some point confront the question about what we want to accomplish in life, what is really important, and what life is all about.

That's probably not typically a one-time experience, but a process and an ongoing self-evaluation. That's certainly been true in my own life.

One of the defining moments I can point to dates to 1973. It's a picture I've had in my head since Mary and I visited Christians in the Ukraine, then part of the USSR, during the first months of our marriage. We visited the unregistered church and met with them in the forests and in apartments. I remember clearly

one night in a crowded apartment looking across the room at a young man about my age. In those days, to be a Christian in Russia meant discrimination and persecution. I knew that by being there and taking a stand as a Christian he was sacrificing any hope of a successful career, or even a steady job or an ability to provide for a family. I knew that his refusal to take an atheistic pledge as part of compulsory military service would likely mean several years in work camps. Yet he was there, worshipping the Lord ("singing" in whispers) with a radiance on his face. He had something I wanted and perhaps envied, and I knew that for me it was not what I'd find in the corporate world back in the US. In front of me was a living example that material possessions and the things

of the world are not what are important in life. I'm thankful for that experience, and I do believe it has made a difference in our priorities and goals over the years.

I trust that in the middle of the daily grind, disappointments, responsibilities and stress that we can all remember why we're on this journey of life and walk with the Lord, and stop to give Him thanks for His calling on our lives. For some, that indeed is in the corporate or professional world, or wherever He has equipped and placed each one of

us. For some that means overseas missionary service. For all of us, we serve the risen Lord who has clearly directed us as His church to go into

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## A Tentmaker Story

**Unlikely missionary candidates are used mightily by God**

*Following is a story of a family that moved to the mission field ten years ago via Mission to Unreached Peoples. Many considered them unqualified but they made themselves available for the Lord to use, and use them He has. Their names and the country they are in are not identified for security reasons.*

Nothing in my history prepared me for missionary service and yet everything did. My physical handicap left from youthful polio surely would say "unqualified." The usual qualifications of Bible school or seminary training were completely lacking, as was any personal involvement in a missions committee or other missions related organization or efforts. Yet HIS passion to share HIS love with the ABC people was waiting for me. That first short term trip stirred me as nothing ever had. Returning to my wife and three home schooled children we began to talk about how to be of service to the ABC people.

We researched lots of alternatives and realized that we had almost no qualifications other than our ability to speak English. Was that enough? I had been a research scientist after graduate school, then worked in a hospital laboratory for many years before spending more than a dozen years in sales. My wife was a home schooling mom with some community involvement; not exactly what you would think of as sufficient preparation for life as a missionary. We did have some experience teaching Sunday school, but was that enough to qualify for Kingdom service as... missionaries?

**"Having been part of planting a still-reproducing and functioning church, we moved to the city to establish an English training center that now has over 200 students... Who would have thought all this was in our future ten years ago?"**



**Where Mission to Unreached Peoples missionaries labor, children are often the recipients of spiritual and physical ministry.**

Those ... marks are to tell you that even as we were being sent out from our home church as missionaries through a missions agency, our personal sense of who we were could not grasp what we felt was the "high calling" of being called missionaries. We had accepted a position at an ABC university to teach spoken English. Because of our intentions to learn how to share our faith in Jesus Christ in culturally appropriate ways, this meant we would be tentmakers—earning at least some of our cost of living by the work of our hands. We could say we were English teachers, but the idea of being missionaries was still beyond our ability to grasp. That has since changed.

After five years at our first university, having been part of planting a still-reproducing and functioning church among the national students (now pastored by one of the early believers who we continue to mentor), we moved to another university and then into the city to establish an English training center that now has over 200 students, ten national full-time workers and an additional thirty young people being trained to be teachers.

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is to obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by investing our lives, gifts, resources, and vocational skills in God's work throughout Asia and Europe.



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**MISSION INSIGHTS**

**Community Health Evangelism**

A number of our MUP workers have taken some training known as Community Health Evangelism or CHE. One family in particular is now actively developing a CHE project which will also include recruiting and mobilizing Asian believers from Southeast Asia who are culturally closer to the target people group. This will not only enable them to adapt more easily than western missionaries but will allow them to be received more easily by the target group as they are not from the West. It's a unique & exciting strategy. The following information was obtained from the website of Medical Ambassadors International (MAI). Go to their website at [medicalambassadors.org](http://medicalambassadors.org) to learn more.

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**Medical Ambassadors International**

MAI is igniting a global movement with a wholistic strategy called Community Health Evangelism (CHE). CHE equips and empowers international organizations, mission agencies, denominations, churches, governments, communities, and individuals in over 60 nations with a relevant gospel for the poor. Implementation of this strategy is accomplished through over 12,000 community volunteers, teaching and mentoring disease prevention and breaking the bonds of dependency on outside resources. MAI believes passionately in the wholistic approach to ministry modeled by Jesus. He proclaimed in Luke 4:18 while quoting from the book of Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed ..." (NIV)

**How CHE Works**

Most would agree that there is no such thing as a "one-size-fits-all" program when it comes to evangelism, but few can dispute the effectiveness of CHE's innovative approach. MAI, which targets impoverished countries, adopted the CHE concept 12 years ago. Since then, MAI has seen nearly 23,000 decisions for Christ annually and an average of one church planted each week. Instead of sending missionaries directly into the field to live, training teams educate indigenous leaders on how to find and then train local villagers. A community may determine their greatest need is preventive health care. Local villagers then go from house to house imparting information that they learned from CHE

trainings such as teaching people how to prevent common diseases by using clean water and proper sanitation. Each visit includes a lesson on a spiritual principle.

**The CHE Philosophy**

CHE equips individuals to be independent workers and evangelists in their villages. CHE's strategies include:

- Empowering people to do things for themselves. This liberates locals from the bondage of the welfare mentality.
- Reaching the whole person. Some mission programs deal solely with the spiritual dimensions and ignore the physical. CHE addresses both.
- Equipping leaders with skills to address multiple needs.
- Developing community ownership. CHE teaches people how to identify

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**OPENINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Call 888-847-6950 if interested in any of these openings and opportunities with Mission to Unreached Peoples.

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 Asia, Eastern Europe

**PRAYER PARTNERS**  
 Everywhere

*A Tentmaker Story: continued from page 1*

Who would have thought all this was in our future ten years ago? Certainly not one agency we applied to who told us that with three children it was too difficult. Certainly not those that pointed out the need for evangelizing "right here at home." Surely not anyone who matched our "qualifications" against previous missionary criteria. Certainly not those worried that our children would suffer the "loss" of the

*Community Health Evangelism: continued from page 2*

their own problems and to find a way to solve them.

**CHE Training Results**

Abel is a village leader who was both an alcoholic and a wife beater. When he became aware of the CHE training programs to help his village, he decided he would walk twenty five miles every week to another village—just to learn what they were teaching. During one of the spiritual lessons he received Christ and his life was radically changed.

Abel returned to his community and started a Bible study that drew in more than 35 people. Within a brief period of time a large



**A bridge to the Gospel, CHE addresses physical needs a community has pinpointed—from health care to improving infrastructure—while introducing Christ-based spiritual lessons.**

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the world with the Good News! And we can do that with a radiance on our faces, a joy that comes from serving Him, and our eyes fixed on values that are eternal.

American benefits and socialization they saw as foolish to give up. But there is ONE who calls and ONE whose call qualifies and ONE who equips and trains. HE thought we were able and HE enabled and we have learned what it is really like to become tentmaker missionaries—the description of ourselves that we now identify with completely and are comfortable with because we now know what that really means.

body of believers developed out of that Bible study and a church was started that presently numbers over 200 members.

Not only are believers being added to their numbers daily, but the amount of resources in their community has grown: there are more crops, a dramatically improved economy, and more schools. The community took ownership, recognized their problem areas, and addressed ways to correct them.

One changed heart has resulted in the spread of the gospel throughout this community and in turn the personal involvement of the community in solving their own problems.

**PROPERTY NEEDS**

As you may remember from the Director's View article in the last Advocate, the US Board and leadership of MUP feels that it is time for us to seek a permanent office facility. David Hupp, our US Director, stated that "we need the entire Mission to Unreached Peoples family to join us in focused prayer for this important step before us."

Please continue to lift up this need and to share with us any suggestions and ideas you may have. We would also welcome financial contributions toward this end. Thank you for keeping this prayer need before the Father.