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“The Khmer Rouge are no longer in power and God’s Spirit is moving in that country that “They may have life, and have it abundantly. Through an organization called Hagar, and people like Katie and Morgan, the Holy Spirit is bringing life in the midst of hopelessness, poverty, and oppression”

Cambodia: Killing Fields to Harvest Fields

By Keith Hook from an interview with Katie Ernst and Morgan Schmeltzer

In the mid seventies, approximately 20% of the population of Cambodia died by starvation, torture, or execution after the Khmer Rouge took power. This tragedy was in the mid-eighties. It was a time when the truth of John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” is a taste of one of the ways the Spirit is working.

MUP has about 25 workers in Cambodia all of whom have stories to share. Two of the workers are with our Luke 10 program which places young adults in their twenties with experienced workers for 3-6 months. It’s a great experience at a formative time of life. Katie and Morgan are currently working in Cambodia as part of Luke 10. I had the privilege of interviewing them at our worldwide conference in Thailand here.

Katie and Morgan work with an organization called Hagar which reaches out to women and children who have been trafficked, transported, harboring, or receipt of people for the purpose of exploitation and it oftentimes involves prostitution. See the site listed at the end of this article for a more detailed look at the sex industry.

Cambodia has become a source, destination, and transit country for men, women, and children for exploitation and labor. Extreme poverty and

homelessness are factors that increase women’s risk of exploitation and becoming commodities to be sold, for labor or sex, into the thriving sex industry. It is estimated that 800 women and children are involved in the Cambodia sex industry. Although the number is estimated that 800 women and children are involved in the Thailand monthly. It is another way the enemy steals and kills and destroys. But through Hagar, and

people like Katie and Morgan, the Holy Spirit is bringing life in the midst of hopelessness, poverty, and oppression.

At a time in their lives when it would be easy to stay in the States, get a job and enjoy life, they are listening to the voice of the Lord calling them to work with the



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OPENINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Call 888-847-6950 if interested in any of these openings:

PIONEER CHURCH PLANTERS
Japan

MEDICAL WORKERS
Mongolia

INTERIM PASTOR
Vietnam

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP
Thailand

HOME SCHOOL TEACHER
Cambodia

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AND LIBRARIAN FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Turkey

CERTIFIED TEACHERS
Multiple Locations

TEFL/TESL TEACHERS
Multiple Locations

MEMBER CARE PROVIDERS
Asia, Eastern Europe

FINANCE DIRECTOR
Seattle

PRAYER PARTNERS
Everywhere

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and light and love of Christ to those who haven't heard the good news. They would be easy with sickness, loneliness, discouragement, limitations of language, etc. It is worth it. They have seen the Lord work both in and through them. To be broken with the things that break the heart of a whole new level. And to see light and hope in the eyes of one who has come to know Christ is immeasurable.

What would they say to others their age? you to bring hope and life to people in great darkness and great need. Come, and expand your vision of who God is and what He can do in and through you. Come and explore various types of ministry and get a

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reaching the unreached. However, all our leaders were quick to emphasize two things: we should not devalue anyone's past or current service or ministry. Second, we can build on what we have, and by God's grace, work more strategically through internal and external networking. Several times during the conference, Kent noted that he is very likely to ask any one of us: 'What if you did whatever you're doing now in a different way or with a different vision in mind?'

This Worldwide Conference was the second to be organized and run by a committee made up of volunteers from staff. Apt use of their giftings, creativity, frequent communication, and endurance characterized their much-appreciated



Katie Ernst and Morgan Schmeltzer with a Cambodian friend.

better sense of God's plans and purpose for you. Come and be challenged like as God uses you for the eternal work of

efforts on behalf of us all. Responding to feedback received from the 2005 conference, they put together a program that allowed for both breadth and depth. Over 20 workshops were offered plus nine different tracks during which most attendees chose to focus on one topic with a group of like-minded co-workers doing similar ministry.

All in all, it was an invigorating week. We're looking forward to 2011 and more silver Conference! |

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Director's View

A New Generation of Leadership



by David Hupp, outgoing US Director

*How great is our God.
Sing with me how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great
is our God.*

As over 300 MUP missionaries and friends gathered at our tri-annual & [}-^!^ } & ^ Á ä } Á Ø ^ à ! ~ æ ! ^ É Á c Á , æ • Á æ Á •] ^-cial joy to worship the Lord together and to give thanks for His greatness, for what He has done in our midst and for His purposes for our future. It has been my joy and utmost privilege to be part of the leadership of this mission family for almost 15 years. We've seen the Lord move in marvelous ways as He writes His story upon the lives of our missionaries and the hearts of unreached peoples. And now in amazing an-

swers to prayer, He has provided a new generation of leadership to lead us to the next level.

Dr. Kent Parks is now serving as our International Director. Kent and his wife, Erika, come to MUP after 20 years of experience in Asia and with a heart of compassion for the least reached peoples. Tim Swauger is transitioning from working in India to take on the role of US Director. He and his wife, Aruna, have over 10 years experience in starting and leading a successful MUP project ministering to handicapped and disadvantaged peoples. We are thrilled with both couples and are stirred anew to see æ } ä Á c [Á • ä } * Á % P [, Á Ö ! ^ æ c Á ä • Á [~ ! Á Ö [ä È + Á Á You'll be hearing from both of them in this space and in future

issues of the Advocate.

We do feel that God has His hand upon MUP, and just as He has guided our past He will guide and direct our future. My wife and I

look forward to seeing and being part of that. There are some things that MUP does extremely well and some values that we effectively model in the world of missions. There are other principles that we value but also need to develop and grow in. I'm en-

couraged that God will use us as we step out even in new areas of faith and in ways beyond our understanding and comprehension and comfort. And I believe that He will allow our eyes to see the nations praising His } æ { ^ Á . Á æ } ä Á c [* ^ c @ ^ ! Á] ! [& | æ ä { ä } * Á % P [, Á Ö ! ^ æ c Á ä • Á [~ ! Á Ö [ä È + Á Á

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