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Fathers and Sons

The little boy sat in disbelief as the doctor spoke with his parents. He knew that he could no longer run with the goats and sheep. His dream of riding mountain trails to gather the herd had been tossed from a high cliff and crashed upon the rocky crag of his palpitating heart.

Sometimes the cloud came quickly. It would so affect him that; doubled over, he would just fall to the earth and gasp for breath. In the night it would seep under the warm yak furs. Its icy fingers would steal the warmth from his body and; trembling, he could feel his chest and head pound his bones crying for air. Even the warmth of his homespun blanket could not keep the terror by night away from their yurt.

The medium’s chanting and his parent’s prayers seemed to no avail. The great god of the wind horse could not hear them.

“Some curse on your family.” The frightening ‘Holy Man’ had said. “You must chant and count the beads and make the proper offering to appease the spirit.”

As he looked up into the round white face of the foreigner he wondered what these people would say. Others from their clan had come to these funny looking people with their strange equipment and funnier sounding language.

“Why couldn’t they speak his language if they knew so much?” “And why did they get along so well with the invader doctors from China?” “And where did they get that machine that could see inside your body and look closely at your heart?”

His chest still feeling cool from the jell they had smeared on him; he could tell from his father’s face that this was very serious. The translator explained that he had a small hole in one of the parts of his heart and this was causing the breathlessness and the night terror.

He had never seen his father cry. Father was the strongest, best, most wonderful man in the entire world. He could ride the fastest horse, walk the farthest distance, and carry the heaviest load. As clan leader, he directed their migrations and they always had enough grass for the herds. He did not drink the spirit water like other men and he was always very kind to Mother.

Now, this giant in the little boy’s world wept as he repeated the foreigners words, “Your son will eventually die from this heart condition. Unless, we perform a procedure soon, his life will be taken from him.”

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SEAPC Cambodia

It happened again. I opened up the file for a new child and I cried. On this particular day, I received information on three new children: two boys and one girl. I tear up for every new child, but this girl's story made me cry. Her name is Somphos, age ten, and she arrived at the Koh Kong orphanage on December first. Here is her story.

One morning the leaders at the orphanage saw a van stop in front of the orphanage. The driver got out with a girl. He asked the orphanage leader to take care of the girl because she has no parents and is homeless. He later drove away. Somphos told leaders the following. "I was living with my aunt for a few years with my brother. After a while my aunt didn't want me to stay with her. She sent me to stay with a neighbor who sells rice. Every day the lady told me to sell rice. Sometimes she beat me very hard without reason. Some days she didn't give me rice to eat. Later my brother ran away. I do not know where he went. Last week, one of the taxi drivers told me to run away from this house and go to stay in the orphan center.

When I heard that, I was excited but I did not know how to leave. One morning I ran to meet the taxi driver and he brought me to stay in the orphanage. I am so happy that this is my new life and new home. I am going to school in first grade this year. I am so excited to be able to study."

This young girl was in a situation where she felt hopeless. No one affiliated with NHO knew of her or her plight. Jesus is the one who saw her situation and interceded. He is the one who brought the taxi driver into her life. I am so thankful that He did. Her face may not have been smiling on the day she arrived due to the pain she has suffered. However, I am certain that we will see a smile very soon because she is learning about the love of Jesus and the life that He can give her. Oh, added bonus, she had sponsors from the moment she arrived. A couple from California had been waiting for her for 2 months. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord puts everything in place?

Please pray that the Lord will bring more of these children to the attention of NHO.



Also, please pray for Andy Chee. He is a friend of SEAPC who is staying in Cambodia for six months to teach English and to train teachers how to teach it in the classroom. The Lord connected us with him during the choir's tour last summer.

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Please pray for WORKERS.

From the Me Kong River to the Tibetan Plateau, from the Cities of Singapore and Taipei to the villages of Cambodia and Laos, faithful workers are taking the message of The Son of the Almighty God to people who desperately need and Advocate.

Please pray for workers. Several college students are preparing to give their spring or summer breaks for short term efforts. Please pray that all the pieces fit together to form a perfect picture for their service.

Dr. Jennifer Madigan is traveling this month to Cambodia to assess our Cambodian Christian School network, meet the key people, and begin her project of creating an integrated science curriculum for the nation of Cambodia.

Please keep Dr. Jennifer in your prayers as we move forward in this work.

SEAPC Coins for Kids

By the time you receive this it will be 2008 and with the new year pray many hearts will be turned to what can I do to make a better place for the homeless, the helpless, the sick, the poor children of this world.

One thing we are providing for you with in this newsletter is a poster with information about SEAPC Coins for Kids that you can take to someone you know, share what Coins for Kids is, and encourage them to run a campaign.

We need to pray daily for workers for our Oakmont office. Only through the work of volunteers are we able to keep administration costs below our 10% mandate. The heaviest time is the production of the newsletter. You could be an answer to pray if you could give a day to that.

Do you have a favorite teacher or a principal friend? Ask them about doing Coins for Kids in their school. Do you have a service club you belong to? Then please ask them to pass out labels and collect change for Coins for Kids.

How about your church? Is it time to have the Sunday School or your small group or Missions Class or Awana or Bible School or your entire Church have a contest?

Please use this poster in any creative way God brings to your attention! We stand amazed at what the Lord has done in 2007 and just can't imagine all He plans for 2008!

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Prayer Testimony

You are an answer to prayer. That is right, you. I am talking to you. Look in the mirror and say, "I am an answer to Mark and Ellie's prayers."

Now, think about your life. What has the Lord done for you lately? Have you seen the results of His advocacy in your life? What 3 things can you point to that could not have happened if Jesus was not active in your life?

You are an answer to my prayers as each month you read this letter and believe with us for the impossible to happen on a daily basis. Every time you turn to this page and pray for the people we have listed or come to the web site and pray for the needs listed there or think of us and pray for us, you are an answer to our prayers.

SEAPC continues to grow in her effectiveness among the nations. The past year was great, and the Lord continues to save souls each day through the workers for whom you pray. See you are an Advocate with the Father on behalf of all those thousands of people you have yet to meet. You are an answer to my prayers.

This month we will travel again to Singapore, Cambodia, Mexico and Tibet. In each of these places we will have to see the results of your prayers happening. Ellie and I learned years ago that it is your intercession that carries this "Ark of the Covenant." Sure, we get to go and to be carried by your prayers into the wonderful adventures we get to experience, but there is no doubt in our minds that we are as effective in ministry as you are in prayer.

So, as we begin another year together, let us celebrate the symbiosis of Christian Fellowship. You are an answer to my prayers, I am an answer to your prayers, We are the answer to Jesus' prayers. And He lives to pray for us.

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"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us." - Romans 8:34

12 Power Prayers for 2008

As we stand at the crossroads of time, the seventh year of the new millennium, we see war on every side, famine and pestilence that cannot be cured and threatens to mutate into panepedemics. Every culture struggles with the emergence of an amoral generation with no absolutes. Global focus has come to a strip of land 100 by 24 miles. A possible global nuclear war could spark from a city where the Angel of the Lord once said:

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty.

Use this newsletter to join with the SEAPC Global Community to call upon the Lord for the release of His Spirit to touch the hearts of men. Please make prayer a priority in your life.

January

Most precious and wonderful Savior, I thank You for choosing to become my Advocate with the Father. I thank You that the Almighty God has sent You, His Son, to look into my life and to speak to Him of me.

You have sent Your Spirit into my life to enthuse me and to encourage me through this month. Please keep my feet walking in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. I do not want to say or do those things that bring a reproach to Your name. I have a plan for today, but I realize that You have a better plan. Please establish my feet in the way they should go and keep me from pathways that would lead to problems. Help me to understand that there will be many things today that I cannot change. Help me to quickly bring them to You in prayer.

Jesus, You have saved me, cleansed me, and done so many wonderful things for me. I want to be Your instrument of righteousness, peace, and joy in the earth. Help me to cast all my cares upon You so that I can be free to see and to pray for the needs of others. Show me the power of Your love for them as I see Your blessings come into their lives.

Lord, be with my mouth as You were with the mouth of Moses and let Your words of deliverance flow out from my heart and my mind. Be with my heart as You were with Your servant David that I may sing praises from a full heart, being mindful of all You have done for me. I thank You today that I stand in this world by the power of Your might and not my own. You have visited me and I am eternally grateful. Amen.

Names for Prayer

Tibet

- Mary Kelly Handy
- Dr. Lawrence Ng
- Dr. Wang
- Dr. Ren
- Dr. Ma
- Dr. Brad Keller
- Dr. Koko
- Equipment costs

Thailand

- Dan, Debbie, Josiah Ecker
- Hubert Chan
- Ps. Thomanoon and family
- Hong Sunee
- Ps. Tong
- Isan Bible Institute
- South East Asia Products Company

Laos

- Weipon and Lampon
- Nupon
- Silivan
- Tu
- Micro-economic development

Cambodia

- Ps. Sinai and Somalay
- Sothea
- Boeurn and Vanna
- The Kids
- Cambodian Christian School Network
- Andy Chee

Vietnam

- Ps. Mai and family
- Pastoral Training
- South East Asia Products Company

Malaysia

- Ps. James and Evellyn
- Boon Fei and Angela
- Pastor Ho
- Pastor Wong

Hong Kong

- Curtis and Mei Lin Jones
- Dennis and Cathy Balcomb

Taiwan

- Mike and Anne Jih
- The Choa Family
- Andrew and Marrion Jiang

Mexico

- Ps. and Mrs. Bulmaro Valle
- Hector Zetino, Mark, Jeannie, and Debbie

Guatemala

- Amilcar Cabrera, Rudy, Ellie, Ami
- Mark and Lois Simpson

Teams are building!!

I love January in Tibet. Many emails have been flying around over the past few weeks. Doctors from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and the U.S. are all trying to build their schedules for the coming year and deciding what two weeks they can cut out and head for the mountains. Pastors and ministry leaders are praying about specific two week periods that do not interfere with scheduled calendar events (Easter) where they can join the harvest that's happening in Tibet.

Our SEAPC staff is taking a close look at this year's coming commitments within the Touching Hearts project, the budget that is needed to complete all goals, and the time periods we can commit to our being away from our families, and how exactly we are going to fit all the different schedules together.

January is a cold month for the world's most elevated people. Many of the Nomads are coming down from the high mountains to

settle in tiny community valleys throughout the different ranges. In Ali, Tibet (Five day travel from Lhasa, Tibet) our coordinators are preparing for this influx of people.

Of course, when people come together for any reason, we want to be there!! Jesus has given us this January in Tibet - even though it will be very cold and harsh, we believe it

is the best time to build relationships among the people. Please pray for us as we go (January 26 – February 7).

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Touching Hearts patients and their family



Please pray for DOORS.

As we enter 2008, there are a couple of specific doors that we need to see open. They will as we pray. Paul said, "And pray for us that a doorway of utterance would be opened to us."

We are asking the Lord to continue to open doors to government leaders. In Greece these are the Kosmokrats who control the lives of others. SEAPC will seek to register as a business in Laos and to reregister in Thailand. We will be extending our networks into Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the mainland of China as well as Argentina and India.

We have been again invited into Africa and are talking with several ministries about the distribution of the books into these nations.

Of course we believe that through submitting to the Lord in prayer we will see His sovereign hand take us to pray in the places He desires. So:

Please pray for God's Open Doors for us.

SEAPC Mexico

God has blessed me with many relationships within the Hispanic community, particularly with Hispanic pastors and leaders. The Lord has allowed me to come along side of these men, kind of as a big brother, walking with them in their ministries and sharing in their burdens and concerns for their people, ministering to them in friendship.

I have also been led by the Lord to serve several immigrant families at this present time, through the means of home visitation, prayer and counseling, as well as practical assistance such as helping them to find work, taking them to the doctors and translating for them even sometimes helping them to find furniture for their homes... whatever the Lord leads.

Last year when I visited Oaxaca, it was a city in turmoil. There was terrible political unrest and even violence, buses and businesses burned and the main arteries going in and out of the city were blocked and even the police were not around. The local newspapers and radio stations

were taken over by rebels and nobody seemed to know how it would all end. The economy of the state was a disaster and the people were desperate. At that time I spent about a month there and prayed especially in a central park where these rebels had set up their camp and were actively recruiting young people to join their cause.

Praise the Lord we have visited Mexico this year 3 times, and we can see the changes. First of all, the church has come out of this stronger and more united, and an awakening within the people and a greater hunger for God. Especially among the young people I could clearly see a fire in them for the Lord; and they were highly motivated to follow Him. I got to sit in the same park again, and I was filled with praise to see the hand of the Lord bringing changes to this place. Truly, the Lord is answering our prayers for Oaxaca.

Hector Zetino

Director of Hispanic Ministries

Fathers and Sons *(cont'd from page 1)*

"We have no money." The father lifted his proud head. "We could never pay what ever the cost. We are simple people following the yak through mountain passes. We live from whatever the earth provides. Lifted now to the father's lap, the little boy leaned against the sagging chest. The weight of this heavy burden had crushed his father to tears.

There they sat as the foreigners called for Tashi, a Tibetan woman to talk with them.

She came into the room in a swirl of Good Spirit. Her face was kind and very knowing. Greeting their family in the mother Tongue, accented by city life, but still the language of the mountains, she began.

"The foreign doctors want me to tell you that the Almighty God above the sky has sent His Son to the earth to take a look around. He has seen your situation and knows of your need. He has reported to His Father about a father and son that are having a physical problem and His Father has sent these people to fix it.

"The Son of the Almighty God, higher than any Tibetan spirit, has mentioned your names before His Father and that Father - because He loves you and all people - has sent these people to fix your problem.

"The Son of the Almighty God has also spoken to people He knows in a far away land and they have given the money to pay all the costs for your son. Because they have been saved by the love of the Almighty God and His Son, Jesus, they want to help you to be healed and to know their God and His Son."

The little boy watched and listened closely as his father's sorrow turned to joy. Father asked the lady to repeat the message and so she again explained that Jesus, The Son of the Almighty God, had spoken to His Father and they had decided that they would cure this boy. Jesus then had been sent to these people to tell them to come and find the boy and to fix him. Jesus had spoken to His followers in far away lands to give the money to pay for it all.

"How do I meet with Him to thank Him?" The honorable man wanted immediately to meet his Advocate with the Father. "He is a Spirit," Tashi replied. "You must pray to Him throughout each day."

"Will He hear me?" Humility spoke.

"It appears He already has. Just feel His presence of warmth and peace and give Him the sacrifice of praise and thanks, and He will always continue with you."

Is this a true story? Yes, and it has happened just this way many times. What a joy it is to know that we have an Advocate speaking for us to the Almighty God. The fact that He is a Son speaking to a Father makes it relevant in every culture. Jesus loves you and He lives at the right hand of the Father advocating for you. Give Him the sacrifice of praise, the fruit of your lips giving thanks for all He has done for you.

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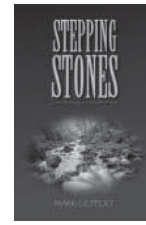
Attack Lambs in Action

January is a great time to reflect on the past year's goals and achievements and to begin focussing on the new goals at hand. Last fall my dad and I were introduced as the "Implementer's" for the first time. Of course we joked back and forth about it for a few weeks but it definitely made me take a close look in appreciation for those who are implementing SEAPC ministry goals around the globe. Please pray for these directors daily as they coordinate the awesome ministry tasks in front of them and carry out the follow-up needed for those who are just coming to know Christ:

Dr. Lawrence Ng - Tibet
Pastor Mike Jih - Taiwan
Pastor Bulmarro Valle - Mexico
William James - Thailand
Pastor Sinai - Cambodia
Weipon and Nupon - Laos
Pastor Mai - Vietnam
Hector Zetino - Latin America

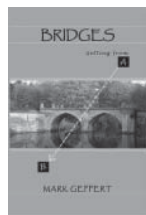
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Books by Mark Geppert



Stepping Stones

First taught in a leadership meeting in Indonesia. This 217-page book teaches the establishment of ministry base, resource development, intercession, discipleship with a purpose, going, evaluation and sustaining the work. It is backbone of the Church Planting effects of SEAPC.



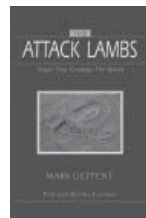
Bridges

Twelve crucial steps to abundant living and practical advice for growing in the everyday. This book gives the reader simple biblical principles to stand on through the hard lessons of life.



A Faith To Die For

How can you face death squarely and know an absolute absence of fear? You can if you have Hope. Recounting his journey from captivity to freedom in Aceh, Indonesia, Mark Geppert shows us the reality of knowing a God who "never fails us or forsakes us."



Attack Lambs

This book details the principles in the Prayer Walking Seminar. Mark has taught this in hundreds of groups and churches to thousands of people. It is described to "powerfully picture the potential impact a gentle army of worshipping warriors can have on a lost and troubled world."

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John 17:9

"I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are yours." John 17:9

For my father and I, the fashions of fishing have changed incredibly over the years. The landscape has stretched, the rivers have swelled, the tools have grown much more sophisticated, and the numbers of fish landed have steadily increased. Reading his article last month made me think of some of our first fishing trips together and the struggles we had and time we put into just catching one. I can clearly remember chasing my brother from hole to hole as a child on Baily's Brook, fighting to see who could pull the next seven inch brook trout from its knee deep pools. We put hours into climbing up that tiny brook for such little fish.

Just last month I stared down into the Gibbon River of Montana and watched a near 30 inch brown trout rise to take my emerging fly. Now that's a fish, right? Here we stood

on the river's wide open banks, trout feeding from one end to the other, watching clouds intersected with the Yellowstone's Rocky Mountain front. Finally, production was machine like, tools where perfect, environment was just right, and fish were being caught.

Growth, organization, definition, and production may make some days in the rivers of ministry seem as exciting as that day on the banks of the Gibbon.

You know - It's crazy, but I can still see the first fish I ever caught from the big pool above the farm at Baily's Brook - 13 inches long!! It's still the best fish I ever caught. It's my favorite memory. My brother and dad let me have the first cast and made me carefully crawl on my hands and knees up to the stream's edge. From my stomach, I lifted the rod out over the water and felt the line go tight. I jumped up and lifted the fish to my feet.

I know that Jesus' best memory in regard to me was at my most humble moment, when I abandoned the world. I struggled to put any grace to it and simply asked Him to connect me with God. There are many days that followed when I didn't put my boots on and waded out into the water to fish. And years passed trying to figure out what tools worked best and how and where to cast. This whole time, Jesus has clung to that memory and prayed to God for me by name. Without His life we wouldn't be known but without His prayers we would be lost.

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Please pray for FRUIT.

I was able to meet with our directors for the ME Kong and Tibet during December. The numbers of souls saved and new believers enrolled in the discipleship process would sound like idle boasting if it were not for the integrity of these men.

Now we need to pray for the hundreds who come to Christ in Thailand. Decisions come quickly, but disciples take time. Our partner churches in Singapore and Malaysia continue to send large short-term teams to Thailand. The numbers they report are often staggering, but our challenge is to get these people water baptized and into the small groups and Bible study so very necessary for their establishment in the faith.

Please pray for lasting and multiplying fruit.



Kingdom First Financial

In 2006, Americans gave one hundred sixty-five billion dollars (\$165,000,000,000) to non-profit organizations. This includes private and public foundations, churches, and other non-government organizations. Of this amount, 80% was given by individuals; and, the other 20% as the result of decisions made by individuals.

At the same time the U.S. National debt rose through seven trillion dollars while EXXON Corporation posted a 56 Billion dollar profit.

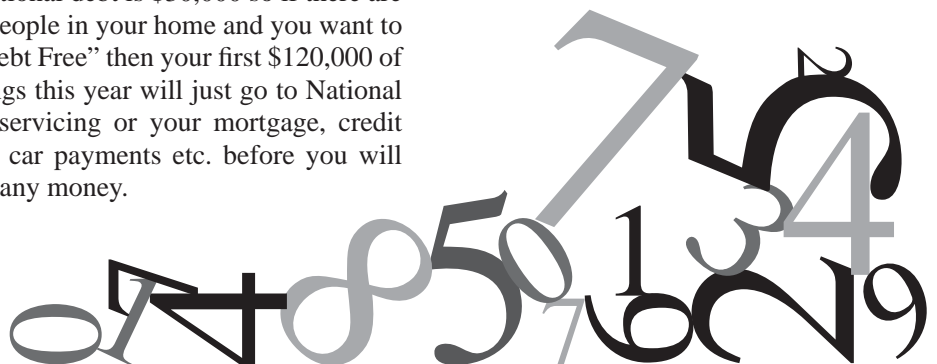
This morning every American's share of the national debt is \$30,000 so if there are four people in your home and you want to be "Debt Free" then your first \$120,000 of earnings this year will just go to National Debt servicing or your mortgage, credit cards, car payments etc. before you will make any money.

The car will go another year, the clothes will fit if you can loose a few pounds, and the interest rate on your new credit approval is greater than the interest rate in your savings account so forget credit. You do not need new things.

This month find five ways to save.

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Mark Simpson, his wife and baby daughter were there before us in 1976 when we arrived in Guatemala to help rebuild villages after the awful earthquake. Many new missionaries were called when the Lord was pouring out His Holy Spirit in revival all over the U.S. It was a vast voluntary enlistment in the war of love. He literally and sometimes even audibly called people to His service. Jesus sends us where we will cross paths with those He has prepared to receive His love.

Today Mark Simpson (who still goes to Guatemala to teach) sent an email containing the results of a survey done by Fuller Theology Seminary's School of Intercultural Studies on why Muslims are opening their hearts to the Gospel and Jesus Christ. The survey represented every major region of the Muslim world.

#1 – Christian Lifestyle (are you doing a mental checklist? Are you identifiable as a Christ follower?)

#2 – The power of God to answer prayers as well as healing including supernatural intervention and deliverance,

#3 – Dissatisfaction with the Islam they've followed-unhappy with the Qur'an—more punishment than love and the use of violence

#4 – 27% said dreams and visions were a factor in their decision to follow Christ.

Source: *The Christian Post* Nov 16, 2007 "Why Muslims come to Christ."

When my husband Mark Geppert worked for an organization studying hundreds of mission strategies—he was struck with the realization that it always boiled down to someone has to go and tell the good news. Jesus wants to use us and prays for us to come in contact with the people around us and do something that will open the door to speak of Him.

Jesus wants to use us and prays for us to come in contact with the people around us

and do something that will open the door to speak of Him. SEAPC Coins for Kids collecting is an excellent way to talk to family, friends and neighbors about why we want to spread His love around the world. Let them see His love in action and your neighbors see your compassion and decision to help. There is always an earthquake, a flood, a food shortage—we will always have the poor—but we can take the opportunity to gather those whom the Lord has given us to gather.

We need advocates to help us get this project into schools, churches, and many other groups in your neighborhoods. Please give the enclosed flyer to encourage someone you know to campaign with SEAPC Coins for Kids.

Please call if you can do this and we will equip you. 1-877-412-826-9063 or 412-826-9063 in the local area.

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Calendar Items

January 13
Pleasant Valley Evangelical Church, Niles, OH

January 18-28
Northern and Southern California

February 8-10
Youngstown, OH

More detailed info is available on our website...
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Please pray for FINANCES.

The Lord is moving in response to your prayers for finances. We believe His word in 2 Cor. 9:10-11 that He is increasing our storehouse of seed as well as our harvest of righteousness. We have certainly seen tremendous increase.

Right now SEAPC is committed to 23 million dollars of ministry spread out over a 10-year period. We are seeing the Lord do very creative things to put that money together. We believe for daily bread and have seen very faithful people sustain the work.

Along the way there have been large promises made to the ministry that for one reason or another have not been fulfilled. This has taught us to keep our trust in Jesus.

We ask you to pray every day for finances for SEAPC to be able to increase at the Lord's rate. He has been very good to us and He will continue to be so as we communicate daily with Him.

Please pray for a steady cash flow that will fulfill these obligations.



Defend the poor and fatherless;
do justice to the afflicted and needy.
Deliver the poor and needy;
free them from the hand
of the wicked.
Psalms 82:3-4

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for these

children.

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