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Calendar Items

2/19-3/19 – Singapore, Cambodia, Taiwan

4/7 – Cambodian Community Parade, Long Beach, CA

4/7-30 – Taiwan, Tibet

5/18-20 – New Life Christian Church, Irvine, CA

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The “Beautiful Country,” that is what America is called in Chinese. “The Middle Kingdom” is what China is called and that seems to fit in the light of world events. China is becoming central in so very many talks.

On the third Monday of June, I will once again lead a team to pray in Beijing and then up to Lhasa to pray for Tibet. We will see a land that has been central to our lives for 2 decades, a land with which we have enjoyed a very compelling relationship. I invite you to set aside two weeks of your life to see why China is central to so much and to learn the impact of the central kingdom thinking on the rest of the global community.

This trip should cost about \$2,500 if the airfares do not go crazy. We can be sure that it will cost the airfares plus \$1,000. Please do pray, get your passport up to date, walk a couple of miles every day, and get ready to be a light for Christ with friends from across the “Beautiful Country.”

You do not have to be “medical” to join the team. We will be going to altitudes from 11,000 to 15,000 so if you have a cardio history you should get a release from your family doctor to make the trip. The daily walking will help a bit, but you should check with that doctor, let them know what you are going to do and hear their advice.

While we are in Lhasa we will visit the hospital where Touching Hearts is happening and will meet several who have been touched through this project. If you have helped to pay for one of the procedures, then this is your opportunity to see your gift keep on giving life. I would strongly suggest you do this, as I have experienced no greater joy in my 30 years of missions than to see one of these little ones in action.

Allow me to extend my thanks to those of you who are helping with “Coins for Kids” and with the “Chinese New Years” promotion. Please do continue to pray for the results of these two initiatives. “Coins” continues through mid-April. Several schools and businesses have taken up the challenge to be the biggest fundraiser, and we certainly encourage everyone to get their coin collection going.

I have just completed a 6,000 mile drive from Seattle along the West Coast to San Diego and then across the bottom of the Beautiful Land to Florida and then up to Atlanta and into Raleigh and Ohio before reaching Pittsburgh. The Chinese got it right. This is a beautiful land.

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Permits, Resumés, Background Checks, Itineraries, Flights, Lodging, Meals, Transportation, Devices, Patient Reports – **Here We Go Again.**

Lord willing, our next month will be full of logistics and treatments within the Touching Hearts Project in Tibet. April 9-16 will mark the first treatment phase for the 2007 year and personal care and treatment for 39 more children in Tibet. We still believe that the preparation for this team will come without any hitch or attack as we continue to pray. We all know that the more we surround this work in prayer, the smoother the journey.

I am still driven by the kids I met in January and the example set by Kelly and Vicky, to bring the Great News of Jesus Christ to these families. Please pray with us for the Lord’s Grace and wisdom during this month of preparation and pray that we will stay focused on declaring His name in that region.

Our treatment team looks a little different this time – we believe to meet up with four amazing physicians from Taiwan who will represent the Taiwan Christian Medical Association. (It is so cool to see God put this together). Again, Toshio Nakanishi

and his team will join us from Tokyo Women’s Hospital Japan as well as Dr. Gu Hong from Anzhen Hospital Beijing and Dr. Brad Keller from Children’s of Pittsburgh. These doctors are such a blessing to us and we are so grateful for their skills, talents, and time.

Please pray for the team as we discuss the steps and timeline for comprehensive health development in Tibet, the door God has opened to develop 72 county facilities around the region.

Your prayers are what make this time feel less pressure packed. Your encouragement and excitement for the project make the financial needs (\$5,000 per child) seem more attainable. Please continue to pray for Touching Hearts this month.



Girl being checked at screening

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PLEASE PRAY FOR WORKERS, DOORS, FRUITS & FINANCES

SEAPC Cambodia

I was in tears on Sunday. In church, we saw a video about modern slavery – especially the sex-slave industry. Cambodia was one of the locations discussed. I knew about this, but to hear it again and to see the pictures of children trapped in this made me cry. I was picturing the faces and hearing the voices of children that I’ve met and thinking of what could have happened to them. I thought of how God is moving in Cambodia to bring change. I thought of the orphans within New Hope for Orphans, the pastors receiving training, the churches being planted and the effects of Cambodia Christian School Network (CCSN).

Through CCSN, the children in the village of Rongko are less likely to be enslaved. Education and Christ-like models are paving the way to a brighter future. The process had to start with the teachers. Most of the teachers were Buddhist. Now, some of the teachers in Rongko are Christians due to regular Bible study. These same teachers are setting examples for almost 1,700 students. Change has occurred. Children are excited about school, and parents are involved. This affects the whole village.

For example, in January, three of the preschool teachers traveled to Phnom Penh for training. Sothea, SEAPC-C treasurer, hosted the teachers and wrote to us saying, “They are new Christians. They love Jesus very much. While they were with me... I spent time talking with them about stories in the new testament, they really tell me a lot about what was happening in the story and



Preschool class at Rongko

also shared how the Lord change their lives after they became Christians... I encourage them to use children bible story to tell story to their students in class. With all my heart, I believe that God is using them to bring His Love to children in their classes.”

As construction begins on the Teacher’s College, the opportunities to reach more people are developing. Students from all over Cambodia will come to learn needed skills and about Jesus. As they graduate, they will become Christ-like examples wherever they go. The possibilities are endless.

Prayerfully consider your involvement with CCSN. Participating in Coins for Kids is one of the many ways to help. These children may never know what you rescued them from, but the difference will be for eternity.

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From Sea to Shining Sea *(cont'd from page 1)*

The beauty and blessing of the Lord is resplendent from sea to shining sea. The hours of driving gave me the opportunity to reflect on 30 years of missions: the people I have known, the places I have been and the true beauty that is the Presence of Jesus. Often I would burst out in song at the glory and grandeur of His creation.

We are a people of privilege. That trickle of a stream separating El Paso from Juarez is a constant reminder to all of the wealth that lives to the North. As my Ford Escort wagon, appropriately named the Mission Vehicle for Prayer, wound its way from Mount Shasta to LA, I was struck by the beauty that is America.

In San Jose I worshipped with our Chinese friends. In El Paso and Little Rock I got to eat the best Mexican food you can imagine. Seafood at both coasts and an abundance of hospitality has put me back on the diet and exercise program. We are blessed.

Now, after writing this article, I will sleep a few hours and then join with Bob Roth, Dan Sowers and John King for a journey to Singapore, Cambodia and Taiwan. Mark Pupilli, our SEAPC Representative from Raleigh, NC, will join us in Cambodia.

It is not the best time to go. I have been away six weeks of this New Year. My desk is calling to me. We are in the midst of two major initiatives and the funding for our Cath Lab appears to have fallen through or at best been delayed past acceptable deadlines. This last jolt to my faith has left me a bit red in the face for I had really trusted in the assurances we were receiving and felt quite crestfallen that the funds have not in actual fact materialized. We need a miracle. We need your prayers. We need to see the One who made this land so abundantly beautiful that even those of the Middle Kingdom acknowledge

His blessing every time they say America. He is the One who can get this Cath Lab into place in Tibet. He is the One who cares the most about the children. And He is the One who can be accessed by our prayers.

The immediate cash need for this to occur is \$650,000. We have received a very generous pledge of \$250,000 from North Way Christian Community that will be paid over a three year period. We thank God for this wonderful church and their giving; but we need this money now. When we can send these funds to Philips, they will install the equipment. We will have to pay the balance of \$1,350,000 but the Chinese company who is transferring the funds will extend an International Letter of Credit for that balance and we can pay them.

So, if Jesus can create such wealth and beauty that a nation should be named the "Beautiful Land" can He not also meet this need? Stay tuned for the next installment of "Learning to Lean on Jesus."

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Children in screening line at Touching Hearts

Special Thanks

We want to personally thank the Pittsburgh Chinese Restaurant Association and the participating restaurant owners for helping to raise funds for the Touching Hearts Project last month. Thanks to all of the different Churches, YMCA's, Libraries, Giant Eagles, barber shops, banks and businesses that helped to encourage people to "Eat N Save". We also want to thank CTV, WORD FM, KDKA, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Trib Media, Advance Leader and the Valley News Dispatch for helping to promote the event.

This fundraising event was a very new thing for SEAPC which leads to a lot of different ways we can look to make it better for the years to come.

Attack Lambs

We are most pleased with the new relationships and friends that were made in the Pittsburgh area and encouraged by their testimonies and efforts. We also want to thank you, too, for taking your personal invitation and going out to eat.

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Blessings Will Overtake You...

Ellie - Home and Office

There's a saying, "You lead a charmed life". No not charmed, but I do lead a blessed exciting, bigger than life —life. The difference is there is only one reason I have the life I have—JESUS. He paid the price for me to live a life that has meaning and hope. Yes, there are disappointments—the Cath Lab isn't paid for yet—the scale doesn't work right at Curves when I overindulge and don't exercise enough—are my two extremes. But He encourages my heart every time I open my eyes in the morning with a word or a song and the new day begins. As Tina says so often—"Oh it'll all work out—it always does."

I have always have a Word from the Lord to live in. Deuteronomy chapter 11 has been one that spans from 1980 still through today. It has actually been a road map to me over the years. Verse 26 says "Behold I set before you today a blessing and a curse. I must choose to walk in blessings by obeying His words. I have to love my neighbor as myself, I have to love the Lord with all my mind and heart and strength. Sounds easy—choosing love. Well the blessings are certainly easy to desire and accept and live with.

Proverbs 10:22 - "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich and He adds no sorrow to it."

Psalms 37:22 - "For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth - those cursed by Him shall be cut off."

Proverbs 3:33 - "He blesses the home of the just"

Heb 12:17 - Esau's choice to sell his birthright for food caused him not to inherit the blessing.

Matt 6:33 - "Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you."

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 - if we "diligently obey the voice of God to observe all that He has commanded us, that He will set you high above the nations of the earth and all these blessings shall overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."

Eph 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Zech: 8:13 - The Lord tells Judah and Israel that just as they have been a curse among the nations—He will save them and they will be a blessing.

Let's listen to the Word of the Lord early in the morning and bring blessing to our lives, our homes and to others along the way. And lets think on these things and rejoice in the blessings of the Lord.

This week I have the blessing of meeting with a young woman to share this life with her. It doesn't get any better than that.



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Pray Today

"I trust You today to provide all that I need for my family and for the ministry and business you have given me. I dedicate all that I have to you. I trust You according to Your Promises."

I really can't stand wearing suits. I always feel like there is another me standing along the banks of a river in a t-shirt, waders and a ball cap shaking his head in disbelief. My wife knows that from the moment the tie goes on, I'm a pretty cranky guy.

Last month all of the seemingly mighty pressures of our world were applying their squeeze from all sides. The Cath Lab ICU funds (\$2 million grant) had now past its deadline and the hospital had written to me with their concern about being able to deliver the necessary permits for our doctors to treat the kids in need. I was working day and night to make sure that the people of Pittsburgh had the opportunity to visit our cities Chinese Restaurants and give their contribution to the coming procedures. In the middle of these struggles came the Chinese New Year. So, I donned my suit, pinched up my red tie and took Jessica and my Mom to the celebration dinner.

We were about an hour early. Mom spotted a Target and asked if we could stop. I spotted a Starbucks in their front window and said of course. While inside, tired, hungry, exhausted, Jessica and I had one of the, Oh so important, "How are we financially?" conversations. I loosened my tie. Then came all of the typical statements from me - "I can handle it," "I have it all planned out," "I will provide for all of your needs."

Matt

The event was host to 250 Chinese Restaurant owners and their families. The Chinese program, meal and events quickly rushed by until I heard the words "Touching Hearts." My mind was somewhere else. The pressures surrounding had entirely clouded this night and now it was my turn to speak. Jess and I went to the stage and were introduced with fifteen minutes of rapid Mandarin. I couldn't understand. I was handed the microphone and finally raised my head to see what was happening.

The Lord had placed an entire community of people on the edge of their seats. All of them genuinely caring for the outcome of this project, for the kids in Tibet and for the equipment needed to help them. **The blinding truth came over me.** They didn't just care for these things, but like the Lord, they also cared for me and were willing to help me reach these goals.

There is revelation in the prayer above. When we finished thanking them and reached our seats, my wife was in tears, "It's just so beautiful, they care about us."

Trust Him. When I trust myself I rarely see the people He is putting in front of me to help.

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Answered Prayer Testimony

It started as a thought and grew into a prayer. The mist of excitement was parched by the reality of 6,000 miles or 100 hours of driving. Sitting at Isan Bible Institute in Thailand, shortly after listening to Johnny Cash, I read Hebrews, and the idea began to form.

I turned to Google and plotted a course. Fly to Seattle, get a car, stop in Oregon, stop in San Jose, stay a few days with Dave and Merrey and then head on down to LA and the Fleury ranch. See friends, walk and pray, ask God for the Cambodians in Long Beach. Step by step the plan came together.

I counted the cost. If we could get a good old missionary car for \$3,000 or so, I could make the drive and sell it in PA and, with the Lord's blessing break even on the car cost. With a small, broken-in car, and if fuel was \$2.50, then the cost would be about \$500 for the gas. If I drank water through the day and ate with friends and stayed in homes, I could make a six week trip for under a thousand dollars.

Making the appropriate emails from Thailand, the thought became a plan and the plan a reality. Through the help of so many wonderful friends, the trip was made, the car is great (given by the way) and 6,000 miles later I am none the worse for wear.

We have prayed for five years to meet the Cambodian community in Long Beach and it has happened. We have seen the Lord do wonderful things giving us favor with Mexicans and Chinese. The churches are growing. The people are prospering. Coins for Kids is off to a great start from coast to coast and I just want to thank the Lord.

The Lord has a way for each of us. Our little ideas in times of prayer and Bible study can become reality. That thought you think in prayer can mean millions are reached. Be encouraged. As you pray this month, you are not addressing an empty throne. You are not talking to a false God who can neither hear nor speak. You are talking with a living and loving Father who will place in your heart a dream, in your mind a thought and will give you all you need to see that thought become reality.

Thank you for your prayers this month. Thank you for covering our family as we travel the nations. Thank you for all of your love and support.

12 Power Prayers for 2007

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.

March

Our Father, who lives in heaven, holy is Your Name.

Please establish your Kingdom here on the earth as it is in heaven. Please enthrone Your Majesty in Your Church and make us Your Glory in the earth.

I present myself to you, a living sacrifice. Declare Your will through my life. Make me who I ought to be.

I trust You today to provide all that I need for my family and for the ministry and business you have given me. I dedicate all that I have to you. I trust You according to Your Promises.

In the Name of Jesus I forgive every person living or dead who ever hurt me, used me or abused me in any way. I ask you to forgive them. I release them and the memory of the things they have done into your loving hands. And I ask you to bless them in Jesus Name.

Father, set my feet in paths of righteousness for your name's sake and deliver me from all evil.

You are enthroned in my life. Your Name is above every Name and at that Name I bow my head, my heart and my life. Be the Lord of all I am and hope to be.

Names for Prayer

Tibet

- Mary Kelly Handy
- Dr. Wang
- Dr. Ren
- Dr. Ma
- John Felmet
- Brad Keller
- Dr. Koko
- 39 Children awaiting treatment
- 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

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

- Agatha Chan
- Curtis and Mei Lin Jones
- Dennis and Cathy Balcomb

Taiwan

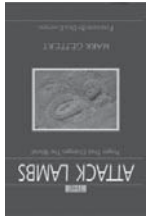
- Mike and Anne Jih
- The Choa Family
- Andrew and Marrion Jiang

Mexico

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

Guatemala

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



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."
 ...available online at www.seapc.us



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 Gertzel shows us the reality of knowing a God who "never fails us or forsakes us."
 ...available online at www.seapc.us



A very special Thank You to the Pittsburgh Chinese Restaurants and to everyone who used their invitations to give 10% of their bill towards life-saving operations for Tibetan children.
 All Praise to the Lord for making this happen!

Thank You!



Changing the lives of children worldwide...
 In Cambodia we're changing lives through education.

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photo: children at Rongko preschool



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