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5/11-13 –
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Oaxaca, Mexico

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Do you remember the advertisement with the little boy watching the ketchup bottle to see when the long awaited wonder drop would add zest to his life? Do you remember the lyric “anticipation, you’re keeping me waitin’?” Do you recall the expression, “Anticipation exceeds realization?”

How ‘bout this one, “I just can’t wait for Christmas to come?”

When the boys were small and we had to wait for things to happen we would talk about the longest hour in our lives. Was it the hour before dinner? Or was it the hour before we opened Christmas presents? Was it the hour flight from New York to Pittsburgh? Or was it the hour flight from Chicago? Waiting for things to happen can be torturous. I recall waiting for judges to tell me my future. I recall waiting for my wedding day and for the birth of my sons. Waiting brings out the best and worst in us. Anticipation of coming blessings is far more wonderful than the dread of bad things.

So, we have waited. Promises have been made and broken. Words have proved empty and the long anticipated zesty blessing often seemed so far away. As the days passed and blended into weeks and months, we heard many trite clichés.

“You know, God has a ‘timing’ in everything.” That is one of my favorites.

“You know God always waits ‘til the last minute.” There is another.

Finally “It” has happened. A foundation in the United States released funds which were matched by three foundations in Hong Kong and the money was sent to the holding company and then released to Philips and they are now installing the Cath Lab and Pediatric Cardio Care facility in Lhasa, Tibet.

Plop.

Through the years of waiting I have often thought about how I would feel when “It” finally happened. When I received the news I cried. Right there in the office of the foundation that had put it all together, with a young couple whose individual gift was more than the value of all my life’s possessions I broke down and cried as I have never cried before. A bit embarrassed, they tried to console me with tissues and back pats, but there seemed to be no end to the tears.

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I looked up from the back seat of the bumpy bus to one of the best pictures I'll ever see. One Kam Tibetan, another from Lhasa, two mainland Beijing Chinese, five from Taiwan, one definite American and my dad (wherever he is from!!), joined together with the rhythm of the road to return home after a long week of hard work.

Sixty more families touched with Hope! I could almost shout as we sped through the mountains.

I saw a boy who we treated in 2004. North Way Christian Community and Dr. Gu Hong came together to save his life three years prior. I was only the messenger and delivered the funds needed then, but I remembered his face and the pressure I felt in knowing that we were his only Hope. His parents were in tears, we were in tears. The Holy Spirit was present and all were fulfilled. It was one definite moment that I wasn't frustrated in the lag of my language training – as we shared the moment, no words could get in the way

We were by no means away from the financial pressures of the project, under definite pressure from the altitude, hungry, homesick and exhausted – but the joy of that family seemed to fuel the bus and keep us moving.

In the middle of the bus, my dad was asked to explain every step of this work from 1998 to now. It was fun to hear all of the stories again and share the memories of the people who have come to help. We had a six hour drive.

I spent the time discussing the Houston Rockets with Kai (one of the two from Beijing) with one ear and used the other to help fill in the blanks of the Touching Hearts timeline for my dad. I think when we arrived, we only made it through 2005.



Boy with 2004 treatment (right), his brother and parents, Dr. Gu Hong (center) and Mark and Matt Geppert

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PLEASE PRAY FOR WORKERS, DOORS, FRUITS & FINANCES

SEAPC Cambodia

It is amazing how quickly things can change in life. At times we may feel frustrated, not knowing what to do and suddenly God paves the way for everything to flow smoothly. For example, I didn't know what to write about in this article. Now, after praying and talking with Matt, I know what to do. Another example is my backyard. Mark (my husband) and I need to finish a major project. It has been a very slow process over the last year, but by the time you read this, it will be much closer to completion.

The same thing has been happening with New Hope for Orphans (NHO) and Cambodia Christian School Network (CCSN). A month ago, 15 children within NHO needed sponsorship. We had been looking for sponsors for about eight of the children for a while. I sent an email out to our sponsors to let them know of the need. Since then, God has poured out a blessing of sponsors. Through people in Taiwan, Singapore and the U.S., we now have all 15 children sponsored plus two more. Of course, I know that a large list of new children needing sponsors could come in my next email. My prayer is that we have a "sponsor waiting list," a list of sponsors who are waiting to sponsor a child (or children) as soon as they come. There will always be more children coming. What a blessing that would be for them to not only get a new home, but to have new "spiritual parents" already waiting for them.

CCSN is also experiencing a delay. Efforts to proceed in the best way possible, increased costs and the need of more funds have slowed the construction process more than we would like. However,

I know that Jesus will open the door and everything will ultimately come together for His glory. In other areas of CCSN, things are moving quickly. August is rapidly approaching and it brings a five-day teacher in-service in Rongkor. This training, which will also



Newly sponsored siblings Seang Van Dy, Seang Phan Ny, Seang Chhoy and Seang Sey Ho.

include sharing the gospel, has the potential to impact the entire country. Im Sethy, Secretary of State for the Ministry of Education, Youth & Sports, is choosing 200 teachers from all of the provinces in Cambodia to attend. Planning for this event is well underway.

As always, prayer is vital. It is prayer that breaks through and allows the release of every need. Thank you for your continued prayers for Cambodia. It is how I know that every delay is only temporary.

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...And Then It Happened *(cont'd from page 1)*

I had come to Hong Kong at the invitation of a dear friend in ministry. It was she who had counseled me after my run in with the Indonesian police and expulsion from their country. She had arranged meetings with a few young people from her ministry. They had arranged meetings with others and there it was.

Actually, I was in the midst of one of these meetings when I excused myself to take a call from the U.S. foundation. All the parts began to fit together. I could see the ketchup begin to flow. One week later, "It" happened.

But, for a 12 year old girl in Na Qu, Tibet, it came too late. These are two words I have come to hate. "Too late" because her heart had to be treated two years ago and now the only hope for her is a miracle or a heart and lung transplant.

So, now we have a Pediatric Cardio-care Facility. We have a rotation of Cardiologists from An Zhen hospital in Beijing and we have support and oversight from Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. And we have an estimated 10,000 children out there in the mountains and plains of the TAR with holes in their hearts who are waiting.

Our first treatment team of this project was supported by a dear friend, Salah Hassanein. The Children's Lifeline Foundation and Variety Clubs International had heard of the project through Children's and became one of our first partners. Their commitment to children's needs grew out from Salah's own childhood experiences. He knows what it is to be in need and to cry out for someone to help. This month Matt and I will attend an event honoring Salah for his leadership and generous spirit. His example has lighted the pathway for us.

The Cath Lab will be put to good use in July. We will be treating more than a dozen children. They come from about five hours outside the city. And then the search begins.

10,000 kids are out there. They are nine or younger. They have no idea why they can not run like the others. They have no idea why they do not grow like the others. They have no idea that in their chest is a ticking time bomb. Since we have received so great a gift, we have the responsibility to find these kids and use what the Lord has given to give them life, the anticipation of a wedding, the anticipation of their own children, and the anticipation of eternity in heaven.

Thanks to you for your prayers and giving. Thank you for believing with us for this great event. I believe that life is God's gift to us and what we do with it is our "Thanks" to Him. Together SEAPC has found His favor in this matter. Let us now pray that He leads us to these children.

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Huang Hong Wei, 2006 Treatment

Generosity Factor-Bill Baierl

Bill Baierl remembered. I had the wonderful privilege of standing at Bill's memorial service last week with hundreds of other individuals who have received directly from him at one or another point of need.

For me, I had a long list of kid's names on my desk and the reality of life or death hanging on our ability to provide care. We had doctors ready to go and time scheduled for the treatment but we had to pay for the travel and devices needed.



Attack Lambs

Nothing motivates more than names and pictures of families counting on you to save their child.

Like many of you, Bill saw the opportunity to help and the open door to share the Love of Jesus that he so firmly believed in. I was telling close friends about the funeral and one of them said, "That's how I want to live, just giving to so many things." The very real fact that came from the message at his memorial was that Bill, with all of his generosity, had still not given as much as his savior Jesus Christ – and he wanted to be sure that we all knew that and had the opportunity to receive him before we left.

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There have been many times when Mark and I have searched our sofa, car, nightstands and pockets for enough coins to get basic groceries or turnpike money to get to the next meeting we were going to. So now as we turned in our bottles of change it meant so much. It meant God was providing in a different way for us now. He was multiplying the coins we've used to honor Him. It meant we could be the sofa for someone else and it meant we needed to thank God for this opportunity and ability to give.

The first thing we ever gave to, as a married couple was World Literature Crusade—Bibles! I saw it on TV and talked to Mark. Wow! We had no idea that we would one day be raising funds for the nations to hear about the Lord. Philippians 4:19 "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Coins have been coming in locally in bottles and we've had the fun of rolling and also going with a friend to a local bank that has a coin machine for it's customers free use. We have, as I write, received \$9043.43 with \$1500 waiting to be collected in West Virginia and \$2000+ waiting in FL. There are several other places left to report and we will keep you posted. We will be in touch with the captains and all donors whose names we have to thank.

We're enjoying the testimonies of people who returned coins: A very busy woman responded to us about being a coins captain that she really had no time or opportunity to do it. We understood completely and said so—however, Mark at the time was en route to Asia and wrote notes to the coins for kids captains thanking them—only his list didn't include the deletion. She received the note of thanks and thought about it. A door opened at her local school and one group collected \$692.96!!

An email was received from a Pastor in Ohio to announce he was sending a check for \$201.46 from the bottles. He had been in Mark's meeting in Marietta, OH and was prompted to take labels

for bottles with him. He wrote to tell us he would be doing that for each major holiday. What a blessing that was to hear and encouragement as we are doing this for the first time planning on doing it again. Thank you so much for following through. A teacher in Florida wrote that the woman who cleans there noticed her large jar of coins and asked about it. The teacher told her what they were collecting for ... and the following week she brought two big bags of coins that her children wanted to give.

We are so thankful for all of this. Please round up your coins now as we collect the money from this campaign and get it to your captain or to SEAPC. If you can count and wrap and either give them to us or deposit them yourself and give a personal check it would be so helpful. Let's WRAP it up!

For troubleshooting tips and all questions regarding SEAPC Coin for Kids, contact us at coinsforkids@seapc.us

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Clay Pots

Isaiah 45:9...Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you Making?'

Funny picture, right! Could you imagine how annoying that would be for the potter? For people in those days, making clay pots was like today's equivalent of making green out of the yellow and blue sides of a ziplock bag.

What if you had just finished three of the six meatballs that your new mother-in-law prepared for you and had plans to save the last three for lunch the next day. All of a sudden your ziplock bag says, "Not in here, I was made to hold potato salad." That little baggy now has a big decision to make, either he can go back into the cardboard box and live a frustrated life or he can let me make him the best ziplock meatball holder to ever live in my refrigerator.

I've seen some really close friends wiggle themselves out of the potter's hand and I can definitely remember days when I thought I had broken free and was controlling the best plan for my life. Like those friends, I quickly found myself to be a dried up piece of mud on the floor watching a beautiful pot be molded around me.

The reality is this – Our thoughts can be captive to the Maker of the World. Our desires of life can be His desires for our life. It is so easy.

Last week I watched a handful of the world's finest doctors in action with patients found through the Touching Hearts Project in Tibet. I also got to watch them out of action. For most, all outside agendas, difficulties, pressures and schedules drifted away when their hands met the first patient. The Lord was now in control and they were living His purpose for their lives. Countless kids and hours passed but the joy of fulfilling their Purpose carried long into the night. Each morning started with laughter and kind words, each night ended with one more cup of coffee and another story.

Allow yourself to be molded for a while. They've been the best years of my life!

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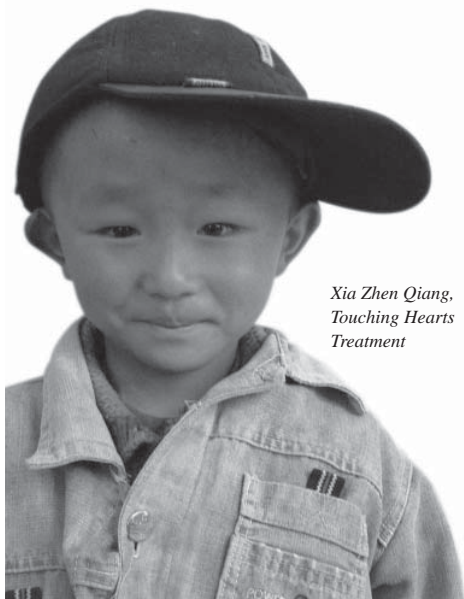
Answered Prayer Testimony

The phone rang, its electronic Hallelujah Chorus interrupting a conversation. Seeing it was an international call I excused myself and took it. It was from Hong Kong and a dear friend who said she had been thinking about me and would like to help us with the Tibet Project. We arranged for me to stop in Hong Kong one night on my way from Beijing to Singapore.

I went back to the conversation and all was flowing when the phone again rang. It was another old friend so excusing myself I took the call and was asked if I could come to a meeting in Hong Kong. The two had not spoken.

Making the necessary arrangements I went back to the meeting and wondered what was going on. It took about two months to unfold and as I write I am in Taiwan getting ready to go back to Hong Kong. As you have been praying, we are asking the Lord for a Cath lab for Tibet. The efforts of these two old friends are being used of the Lord to make this request a reality.

Please do continue to pray as we are much closer than when we first believed. This equipment will open the way to screening thousands of kids across the TAR and finding those who are destined to a very painful death from heart disease. Please pray through with us for the completion and when an old friend calls, take the call.



*Xia Zhen Qiang,
Touching Hearts
Treatment*

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.

May

Heavenly Father we come to you in the precious name of Jesus. You are the Lord of heaven and earth. Let your righteousness, peace, and joy become the experience of all who live on the earth.

Father, we are dependent upon your blessing. Let your face shine upon us and let your blessings be ours that we may take your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus I forgive every person, living or dead, who ever hurt me, used me or abused me. I place them in your hands and I ask you to bless them.

Father, please deliver the children of the earth from the oppression of the evil ones, both spirit and man, and do not allow us to be tempted by the greed and cares of this life. Lord, please send your Holy Spirit to touch the nations. Bring peace to Jerusalem and touch the hearts of the kings of the earth. Turn the hearts of parents to their children and help the widow and fatherless child.

Lord, you alone have the power to touch every person. Let your Holy Spirit reign in the affairs of man. Arise oh Lord and drive out your enemies from all the earth. You are the only true God. You are the creator of all mankind. You are the Glorious One.

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 Lampoon
- 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 Marrison Jiang

Mexico

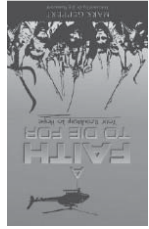
- Ps. and Mrs. Bulmaro Valle
- Hector Zetino, Mark, Jeannie, and Debbie

Guatemala

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



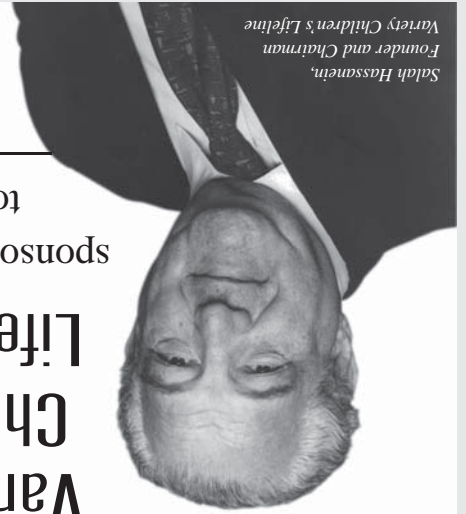
Attack Lambs
 This book details the principles in the Prayer Walking Seminar. Mark has taught this in hundreds of groups and churches to thousands of people. It is described to "powerfully picture the potential impact a gentle army of worshipping warriors can have on a lost and troubled world."
 ...available 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."
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Variety Children's Lifeline
 sponsors doctors to Tibet



Salah Hassanein,
 Founder and Chairman
 Variety Children's Lifeline



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