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The Birthday

It happened again, the birthday. Oh yes, there have been 59 of these and the next one marks the completion of the sixtieth year. I suppose that this is a time of reflection on a life well lived and a time to set short term goals.

Many think of this as the last year before reaching maturity. I, for one, am looking forward to the discounts at restaurants and all the other benefits that AARP promises are mine in just a few months.

The Lord blessed me with three days of trout fishing with the boys. Montana is beautiful in November. The Aspens have shed their yellow splendor and the purple mountains' majesty has a lot more white on the top. There is a message in it for us all: the passing of seasons. Or course the elk herd is being driven by pre-winter passion.

The Madison River winds its way from Yellowstone Park to the Missouri and then the Mississippi. It was a highway of development for Louis and Clark and the great American push to the Pacific. Its beauty has not been compromised nor its bounty spoiled even with the arrival of land developers.

We fish in the first quarter mile of the Madison. There the icy cold of the Gibbon River and the warmth of the Hell Fire Creek come together to make a stream resplendent with just those sorts of things trout like to eat. We tie on larva patterns and "emergers."

That's right, we are fly fishermen. Sam and Matt are both guides, and Sam knows these streams like the back of his hand. He has taken folks from Jersey to Florida, Chicago to Dallas to catch and release these very well conditioned Brown and Rainbow trout.

Flies go through a fascinating change as the egg hatches and the larva gives way to this fly looking thing that could rest on the nail of your little finger. It is called an "emerger" because, for all the world, it looks just like the fly as it rises to the surface. A little bubble of air rests under the pink tail and lifts this lure to the surface.

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SEAPC Cambodia

Today we took an office photo...I hate having my picture taken. It always reminds me of feelings that I had growing up of not being good enough, pretty enough, etc. I know that I'm a child of God and that He loves me, has a specific plan for me and thinks that I'm beautiful (since He created me), but it only takes a simple thing like getting a photo taken to bring those negative feelings for a short visit.

How does this relate to what I need to tell you about Cambodia? Well, I think it helps me to somewhat relate to the orphans. I will never completely understand what they have suffered, but I know who does – Jesus. This brings a reminder of the most important aspect of the Cambodian projects – to help people know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. That is what it is all for – the orphan care, the schooling, the pastor training and church planting. All of it is to bring people to Christ for His glory and honor.

I often talk about what is happening at the orphanages and school, but outreaches,

pastoral training and church planting also happen regularly. This month, Pastor Sinai's team will hold four different outreaches to communities in Kampong Cham, Kampong Chnang, Kampong Spue and Banteay Meanchey. They are anticipating approximately 500 people at each one. In Banteay Meanchey, the outreach will be held for students and their families at the Rongko School, over 2,000 people. The outreach team, led by Sothea, held a very successful outreach there in April. This one is sure to reach many more students and families.

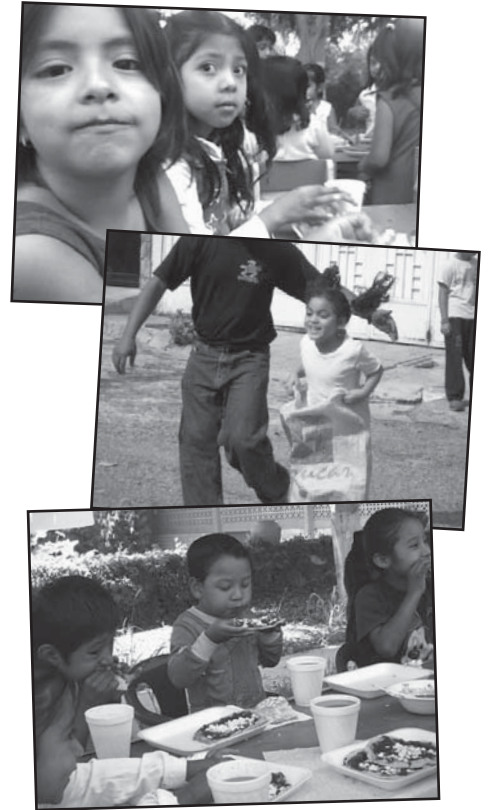
Other great news is that a Sunday afternoon church service is now being held for village families at the new college site. This provides further discipleship and growth and is in addition to the regular Sunday morning services at the orphanage. Isn't it wonderful to know that the same God who loves us so unconditionally also loves the Cambodian people and is drawing them to Himself? As we celebrate the birth of Jesus this month, many people in Cambodia will celebrate their own new birth as Christians.

Let's keep them and the ones who are reaching out to them in our regular prayers. Merry Christmas!

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SEAPC Coins for Kids



Greetings,

One of the ways SEAPC Coins for Kids is serving is with feeding programs for children in Mexico and Guatemala (both pictured above). Isn't it good to know that children who need it have a good meal in their bellies to keep them healthy and their minds working? We are the privileged ones to be able to use all that loose change we accumulate to serve the children of our world.

Bless you for taking a label and placing it on a bottle and collecting loose change for our world.

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Please pray for WORKERS.

How do you picture the Apostle Paul? Was he tall or short? Was he thick or thin? How did he sound when he spoke? Did he have a sense of humor, or was he very droll? Did he stand as he taught, or did he sit?

Workers come in all shapes and sizes but they have some similarities.

They work. Yep, to be a worker you have to work. They love. Indeed, workers love the Lord and love each other. This is how they are known by the world. They love each other.

Workers are focused. In fact they are intent. Sometimes they are obsessed. In actual fact, they can drive away others with their obsession. This is good because it keeps workers from piling up in one place.

Hubert Chan is the Worker we want to pray for this month. He is the SEAPC Director for the Me Kong Region. Hubert and Mark have been through many dangers, toils and snares and the Lord has been faithful to them. Hubert is the Chinese in our book, "A Faith to Die For."

It was in his home that Ellie and Mark lived while in Singapore and the picture of his parents is one of the treasures in Mark's office.

Please pray specifically for Hubert Chan this month.



Prayer Testimony

The predawn chill swept gently through the Lao market place. Little more than a bus stop where two dirt roads came together, this hive of shacks was shelter to a few weary travelers.

Wisps of wood smoke curled their way through thatched roofs to carry our morning song of praise to the heavens. Battered travel guitar in hand, Hubert played the three-chord praise progression and we praised the Lord changing harmonies and languages. Breakfast noodles cooking and hearts warmed with coffee, we lifted our voices in the early light and settled on Chinese as the language of choice for that daybreak.

We were observed. She was a slight Chinese, down from her homeland in the hopes of making some money selling really good noodles. She paused to hear her mother tongue. She approached Hubert and they shared in Chinese for awhile, and soon we were invited to meet her family. **Worker**

Following her we came to a new hotel. The family had been sent down to establish a hotel for all the Chinese who would be traveling through Laos developing the economy. We were invited to stay with them and Hubert just plain ministered to them all in Chinese.

Open Door

Now, several years later, we have received a request from this family. It seems they have multiplied into four cell groups and need a Pastor to teach them the Bible and minister to their needs. **Fruit**

Having been taught tithing from the beginning of their Christian walk, they can fund the emerging church themselves. **Finance**

Twenty years ago I was the Vice-President of the Association of International Missions Services. I was also the Director of Operation Unreached and responsible to know the 7,000 plans which had been developed to reach the 17,000 unreached people groups. Ellie and I saw after six months that the missing ingredient was prayer and the South East Asia Prayer Center was born in our hearts. Now, 20 years later, we see the Lord continuing to plant His church through your prayers.

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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.

December

My Heavenly Father, I live in a world where fathers are not faithful. There are so many young people who have no idea who their father is. So many fathers have fled the family and left children abandoned.

I ask You today to be a Father to that fatherless child. Your name is above every name. I declare Your name today as a witness of Your Fatherhood in my life. You have adopted me from the world and I will forever thank You.

Your Kingdom is perfect in relationships, peace, and abiding joy. I pray that You will touch the earth with Your joy today and make relationships right. We seek to do Your will. The problems before us come from the dilemma of uncertainty as we try to serve both You and the world system. Please forgive us for turning back to the world and its ways.

You are our Bread Provider. You are the source of every good and perfect gift. You give without false motive or thought of return. Help me to forgive. There are so many times that I become offended, and I realize that it is my pride that gets hurt. Please deliver me from self centeredness that I might truly forgive those who have offended me.

The tempter is everywhere. I often feel surrounded. Knowing that I am drawn aside to things that still have a place in my heart, I ask You to purify my heart. Keep me from the evil one.

You are exalted, and Your Name is to be praised. I thank You that You have heard my prayer and that You will release all good things to me. 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

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

I'm sure the struggles Henry Heinrick had in his famous seven years of traverses through the Himalayas have served as the most public example for the inconceivable task of simply surviving as a foreigner in this vast proud and extreme region of the world.

I know the words he heard as he trained and prepared to go: Unreachable, Closed, Unstable, Hostile, Expensive, Uneducated, Underdeveloped, Unmanageable, and virtual Unimaginable.

We are now at the completion of seven full years of amazing work within the Tibet Autonomous Region of Tibet!! The Survey and Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease has brought lifesaving care to over 270 children and has screened over 14,000 kids. That is to say 270 kids would have died if the Gospel message did not overcome the many moments when the impossible tasks of Tibet were front and center.

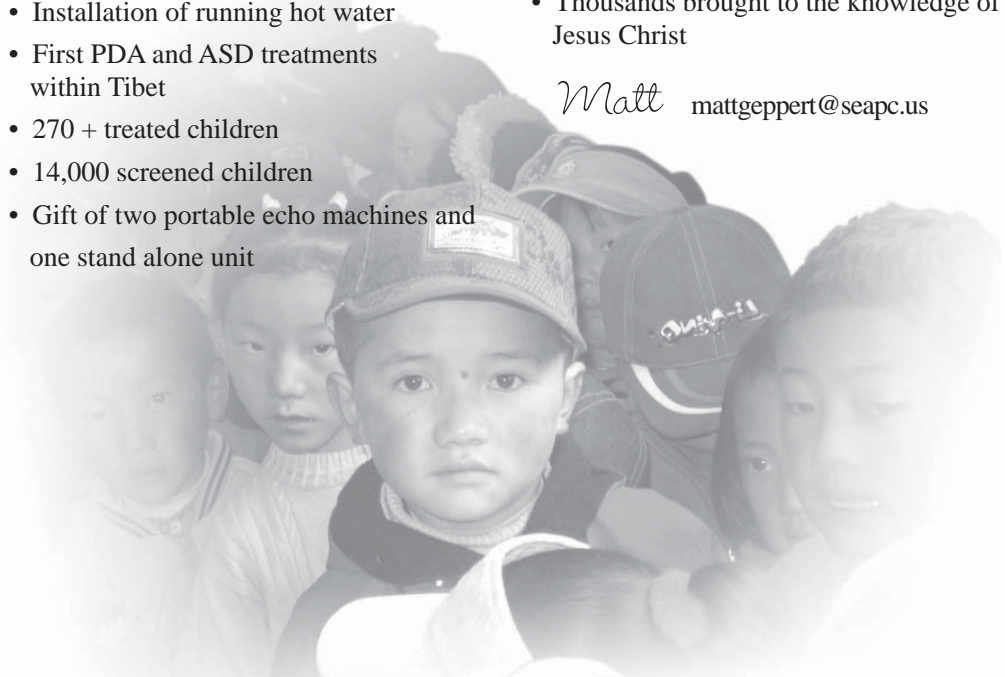
Milestones over these years are true documented examples of what the Lord will do

if you put aside the impossibility in front of you and embrace His unstoppable love.

- First fourteen patients were healed before they reached the treatment phase
- Installation of running hot water
- First PDA and ASD treatments within Tibet
- 270 + treated children
- 14,000 screened children
- Gift of two portable echo machines and one stand alone unit

- Six Tibetan doctors trained in Pediatric Cardiology, Radiology and Nursing
- Gift of Tibet's first Pediatric Cardio Care facility
- Thousands brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ

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Tibetan children in screening line

Please pray for DOORS.

The wonder world of foundations stands before us. I feel a bit like Joshua the night before Jericho. Standing there looking at the walled cities I cringe to think of the hours of paper work, the days of grant writing, the months of anxious waiting and the years that have gone by.

Behind me small voices are crying out for food, shelter, clothing, education, clean water and lifesaving treatments.

I stand and look at these formidable financial fortresses and wonder, "How are we going to take this new frontier."

I am not alone in the picture. There is a strong figure near by. He is watching. He is waiting. He has the plan. He will eventually show me the way.

I need for you to pray. We desperately need for you to hear the small voices and to talk to the One near by. Ask Him to tell us. Ask Him to show us the way.

Mark

SEAPC Mexico

Our nearest neighbor nation is caught in the "conquered" mentality. When the Spanish eliminated the native Aztec and Mayan dialects and imposed Spanish, they taught the people to say, "We are in the state of poverty."

So, every time a Hispanic says, "We are poor" or "I am poor" they are actually saying "I am in a state of unchanging poverty." It is one of the most diabolic ways to enchain a people I have ever heard. It is a declaration of hopelessness, a mantra of despair.

SEAPC Mexico is determined to bring freedom to the emerging generation of Mexicans. Restoration of inherent faith

in God and the contextualization of belief are just two of the many facets of this determination.

We have begun with children in Oaxaca State through the outreach, "Breakfast with the King." We provide supplemental food for village families while examining the children for signs of disease.

Bulmaro Valle, President of SEAPC Mexico has assembled the first breakfast, calling it a wonderful success. Please pray for many more.

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The Birthday *(cont'd from page 1)*

Of course it is not a real bug. It is an imitation of the real thing, but the drive of desire is so great in the trout that he completely forgets to be discerning about the process and soon he is being lifted into outer space by an alien creature and forced to pose for the camera.

With a sore lip and an education in imitation he is released back into his natural habitat. None the worse for wear and with a story to tell, he joins the others in their pool of contentment.

I like fishing with the boys. We have enjoyed so many wonderful times along one or another stream. We do not talk much. We do not call out except if we happen along a really big fish, and then it is a scurry to get the camera and land the thing so we can admire it together. Actually we have cut the barbs from our hooks so the fish have a better than even chance of escaping without having to leave the water at all.

Standing there, knee deep in the Madison, steam rising in the early morning light, elk grazing to my left, buffalo stretching on the bank to the right, an American eagle sharing the fishing experience and with my sons in view I have to just give thanks to the Lord.

I do not know how many more of these trips we will have. I would like to think of at least 15, or by reason of strength, 20. I would hope that as we come closer to 70 the Lord would allow a few more in a year. But, I am not in charge of that, and He has always set the best course for us. So, be content with the day and leave the future to Him.

For a moment I think about SEAPC. We have come a long way together. Like the boys, the river, the fish, we have come through many stages and seasons. From a trickle to a flood with many streams coming together we have become a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God

This was a great year. I have seen things happen in the lives of so very many people. Time and again the Lord has shown Himself to be greater than any need. His faithfulness is without equal. His compassion is so very great, and His mercy endures forever.

Another trout interrupts, and we are off to the races. This one is really heavy and has learned to run for the fast water so I have to walk him downstream until he tires. Steadily reeling with the left hand and keeping tension at a 45 degree angle to the bank I convince this hook-mouthed beauty that I am his way of release. He finally submits and we share that moment of joy: mine at the capture, his at the release.

After appreciating the colors and the strength I set him free with this admonition. Do not let your desires take you out of the flow of the stream.

Have a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your family. Let the things of the past flow by on the river. Do not bite down hard on imitations. And, thank you for coming to my birthday party.

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Attack Lambs in Action

Each month wonderful women “Of perpetual Grace” (as my father calls them) come together to sort, label, stuff and ship the SEAPC newsletter that you are reading now.

These women put all their tasks for that day aside and prayerfully begin placing the small envelope inside of the newsletter, tabbing the outside edge, sticking your name and address on the front, and sorting you by region, state and finally zip code.

You can be more than sure that your little town or big city is being prayed over that day as you and your family by name.

We are very grateful and appreciative of their efforts and the desires they share to reach the world with the gospel of Christ. Please take this month and return the favor by praying for them.

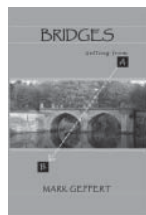
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Books by Mark Geppert



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.



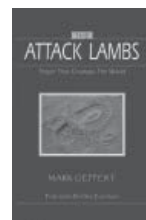
Bridges

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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“Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the Darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”

John 1: 1-4

In November, SEAPC was host to a diverse group of individuals from around the globe, joined together for the purpose of discussing execution, financial responsibility and innovation within the platforms before us and in anticipation of the platforms the Lord has established in His timeline of the Kingdom of God. Ideas, resources, concerns and prayers were brought together from many different schools of thought. Representatives of three separate generations and over ten different industries united in this discussion.

We were all asked individually what our life scripture was and were left to insert that scripture into daily readings and discussions. Each day brought intense discourse in the

topics of Globalization, micro-economic development, health care, parenting, education, and both the History and the Future of Kingdom of God in the world that we live in.

Being in the youngest of the three generations present, it was easy to look at the whole picture and feel a bit overwhelmed. But each morning I thanked the Lord for my life scripture written above. I had heard a message in Lhasa, Tibet just a month prior on the shortness of life on earth. The message was based on King David’s cries to the Lord about being just a breath in the race of life. I remember leaving a bit discouraged – now I sat next to the representative of the oldest of the three generations present at this meeting and began thinking about his life and what it represented in the Kingdom of God.

It became very apparent, through this man’s example, that our one breath in the race of life can be the breath of God. The same

breath that was poured into man and brought life – the same life that became the light of men can now be your breath that in turns brings life to otherwise dead regions of the world and light to complete and utter darkness.

In 2007 over 20 children received actual new life in Tibet through lifesaving heart care. More than fifty kids found shelter, food, clothes and light in Cambodia. Over 40 men and women found existence in employment and education in Laos. And each Saturday morning many of Oaxaca, Mexico’s poorest children go to have breakfast with the King. When your breath becomes His, darkness will not show through and death cannot overcome it.

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Please pray for FRUIT.

If we just fix hearts and we have not established Christ, then our effort, though wonderful, will fall short of the purpose. While we succeed, we could also be failing.

If we teach children about Jesus, but they do not meet Him and receive Him, then our effort, though wonderful, will fall short of the goal. How then shall we gather the lasting harvest? How shall we see churches established in all the places in which we serve?

As you pray for fruit, we will see the type of answered prayer we highlight in this issue. Our final goal is to see the body of Christ replicated from nation to nation and tribe to tribe. We want to see a self replication church for every people group on earth. We want to hear Jesus receiving praise and worship in every village and city from every tribe and tongues.

We want every man to know the joy of sins forgiven and the hope of eternity in their hearts. As we pray for fruit for the labor, there will be an increase in souls saved and churches planted.

Kingdom First Financial

The first meeting for Kingdom First was held in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. More than 20 attended this three day gathering. The purpose was to meet each other and to begin to formalize a financial development plan that will impact SEAPC and other Christian Ministries.

The meeting was hosted by Everett and Sandy Foss and facilitated by Jeff Swogger.

Kingdom First is a group of business people who are praying with and for each other. Set aside by the Lord for these purposes, they had this opportunity to meet face to face and to share those things the Lord has been speaking to them about the formation of Kingdom Companies. Several amazing business opportunities were discussed and prayed over.

An investment oversight group was formed with Tim Lavelle as the coordinator. This group will be developing businesses which will donate their net profits to SEAPC or

other related ministries. Each member of the group is a strong pillar in their local church and supports those ministries far beyond the tithes.

As we prayed, one of the Kingdom First Corte members had the vision of “Ezekiel’s wheels” within wheels and related it to the succession plan of SEAPC. The new generation represented by Tim Lavelle, Joshua Swogger and Matt Geppert were then set apart and received impartation from the elders and parents. It was a very moving time in the presence of the Lord as He affirmed His direction to us.

Please continue to pray as we explore the market place for those positions God has set apart for us.

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Romans 1:17 ... the just shall live by faith
 Did you ever wait on an important check to come in the mail? A gift that you know is coming? The return of someone you love? I have too and this time it is Shelly Marsh.

Mark and I have been praying for and waiting on just the right person to fill my role in accounting and just in time the Lord has uncovered her (she is our church youth pastor's wife right there under our noses). She has integrity and discretion all wrapped up. And just when my dad needed me, there she was.

My dad is doing better now — thank you, Lord — and I am picturing myself traveling with Mark. Shelly's skills have already benefited us. She loves working with numbers and doesn't find putting every penny in its place a task — but rather a challenge. She is well worth the price and the Lord who brought her just now will (I am sure) supply that too.

Please pray for her as she and I work through the end of the year reports and taxes and she begins January on her own new page!

Now it will be Shelly who thanks the Lord first when donations are received. She'll be seeing the hand of the Lord provide, but that is already her lifestyle. This month she saw surprising ways that the Lord supplied for the salaries for the Cambodian teachers in Banteay Meanchey and for the salaries of the staff here at SEAPC. God is so good!

The thing we always remember is that it is your faith in a very big God combined with ours that sees the nations changed and any day could be the "just in time" day for everyone.

Matt is in the office today after three months in San Jose. There he and Jessica are working with David and Merreyl Whitney to establish a network for the nations.

He never skipped a beat seeing Shelly in his old office seat.

He only has one day in the office and then Thanksgiving activities and feasting will ensue.

We all pray your Christmas will be joyous and blessed — you have given and loved much and for those of us who know Jesus — His return is much waited for.

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Calendar Items

December 29-January 9
Cambodia

January 13
Pleasant Valley Evangelical
Church, Niles, OH

January 18-28
Northern and Southern
California

February 8-10
Youngstown, OH

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Please pray for FINANCES.

Enclosed in this letter you have received a white envelope. It is sent to you to give you the opportunity to Change Lives through Giving. Please find that envelope and pray this scripture over it:

2 Cor 9:10-15

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people

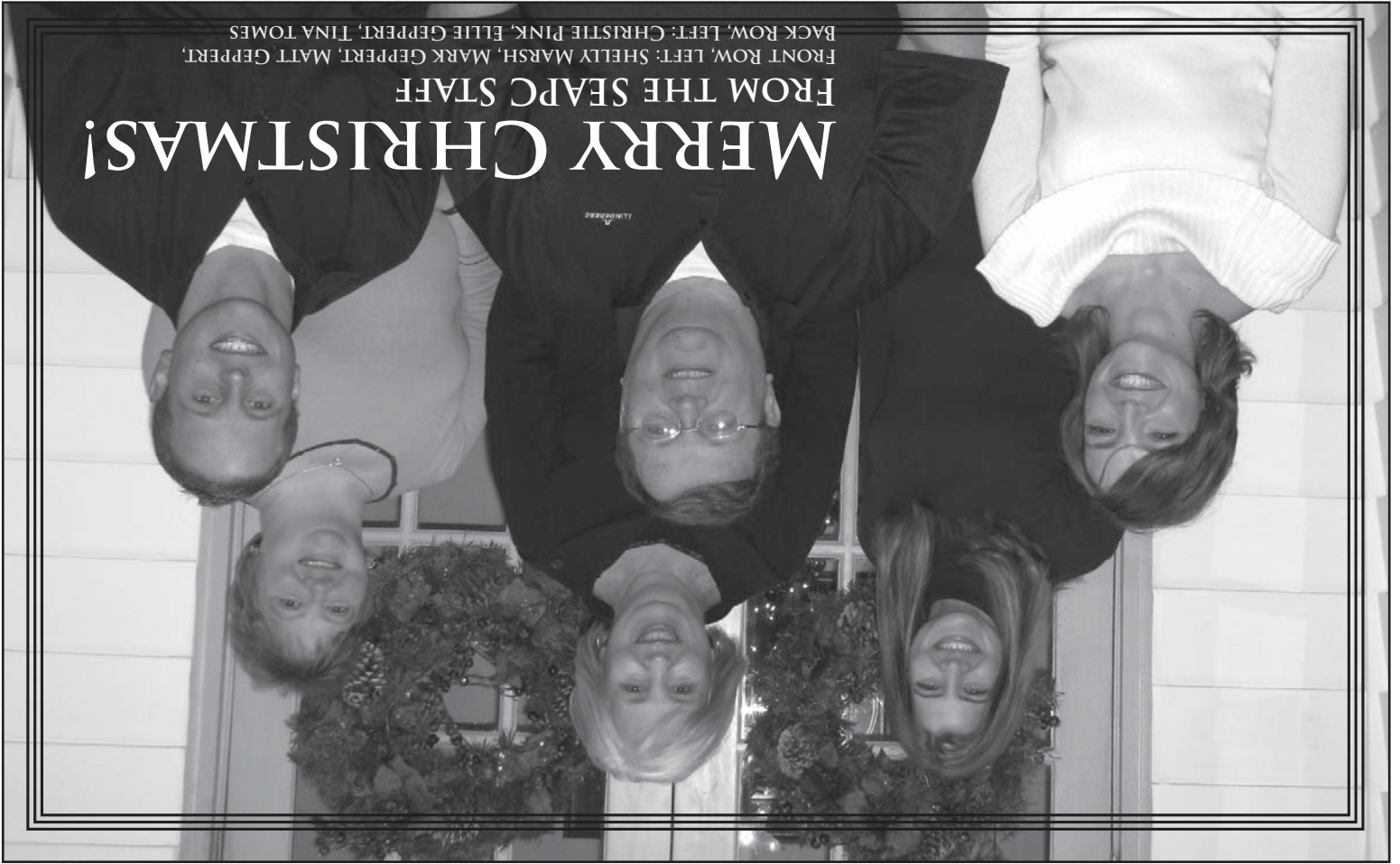
but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

I am asking the Lord to cause you to prosper.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM THE SEAPC STAFF

FRONT ROW, LEFT: SHELLY MARSH, MARK GEPPERT, MATT GEPPERT,
 BACK ROW, LEFT: CHRISTIE PINK, ELLIE GEPPERT, TINA TOMES

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