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"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16.9 NIV

To Our Cherished Partners in Ministry:

If you heard new believers begging you to come over and help them as they were struggling to lead a group of other new believers, what would you do? You would do everything you could to help them and that is exactly what you did in being a part of this recent mission. Praise the Lord!!

If you knew there were new believers praying every day to receive a Bible in their language so they could know and read God's Holy Word, what would you do? You would give them one! That is exactly what you did at 3,600 times over. Praise the Lord!

If we fast forward about 2010 years after the time Acts was written we are still doing what those early Christians did. Responding to God's call to go and help—go and bring God's Word. This recent work in Southeast Asia and East Asia was the most extensive both geographically and spiritually of any work we have been a part of this far in MINTOR MINISTRY.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA—PARTNERING WITH DR. RON HERROD

We hit the ground teaching in the Bible Institute. We were the concluding instructors of their intensive 10 week course. They allowed a few pastors' and wives from the area to attend along side the 38 Bible students from all over the country. We taught 4 days and then participated in their graduation ceremony. After the graduation they served a dinner with real ice cream as their special treat. Many of the students left that night to take trains back home for as long as 2 to 3 days journey.

After the graduation, we began a marathon of speaking and teaching engagements in two other cities. Most of these were speaking/teaching at pastors' conferences or Bible Schools. Some were in a big church and there was even a street evangelistic meeting for 2 nights where many were saved (Dr. Ron Herrod preached the evening evangelistic meetings.) It was exhausting and we had to work to even find time to eat and rest. One highlight for Deanna was when she spoke with the about 30 young women who were in the Bible School preparing for ministry. In this southern most city we stayed at the Bible School compound.



Our week of vacation was not really a vacation as we planned because the pastors and wives in the area ask us to teach a 2 day seminar during that week. They took care of all seminar expenses and we just taught. It was God's plan all along! There were 3 men saved and many recommitments made at that seminar. It was held in the only evangelical church building in the entire area. We did get to rest some before we went on to the next country.

## EAST ASIA—PRESSING ON

...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Phil. 3.12b



This work was really challenging as we covered so much land between places we taught. These places are where the new (baby) believers are who need so much training. They love the Lord and suffer much persecution for His Name but they do not have the privilege of hearing God's Word taught. Why else would they travel long distances to sit on a small plastic stool in a cold unheated room to study God's Word? Some of the challenges we had in teaching was that their education levels and age spans were so varied. A couple of places we had to feed like you would a baby. One spoon full at a time and then maybe go back over and approach it from a different place so they could understand. We used many visual illustrations to help them understand as you will see in some of these pictures.

In one place we had a unique opportunity set up by our coordinator where we taught a group of 37 church leaders for 3 days. Then the next 2 days we had 6 couples who were in that same group we had taught and did personal and group counseling. We used interpreters so we could meet individually with each couple and each person as needed. At the end, we saw the Lord do an exciting work in these lives. Let us share about just one precious couple who blessed us so much. He was a talented singer and house church leader with the physical handicap of being hunch backed and walked with a limp. His wife was so pretty and sweet (angelic-like) but with the handicap of blindness from birth. They had been married 4 months and had just found out they were expecting a baby. Of all the couples we counseled they had the healthiest relationship. They had already overcome much adversity in their lives. Their faith was strong and their love so beautiful. She missed the last afternoon of the seminar because she was taking her certification to be a massage therapist. Please pray for their baby to be healthy and for provision for them. Most of these full time leaders/ pastors receive little support because of the way the house churches function. We marveled at their willingness to serve and sacrifice so much for the cause of Jesus Christ.

- We asked our interpreter how he was going to use the money he had earned from working with
- us and he said, "I will use it to feed and care for the 6 young men who work with me full time in my ministry—they depend upon me to feed and lead them (he wore the same clothes every day and
  - they were always clean). His hair was falling out from malnutrition. We encouraged him that the Lord wanted him to take care of himself physically.

The SCOPE of this recent mission was incalculable because the number of Bible students preparing for ministry and the number of leader/pastors who were from the largest geographic areas. This was part due to the ministry of Dr. Ron Herrod who invited us.

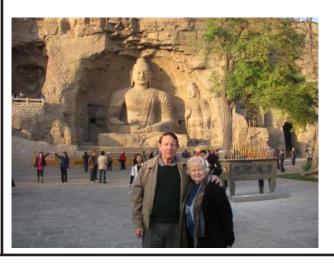
Here are a few stats from the family statistician:



- Total number of pastor/student/leaders in both countries 874
- Total number of persons receiving Jesus as Savior 18
- Total number of other decisions 138
- Approximate number of those attending meetings and receiving
  - Bible Study notes in their language—2,187
- Total number of Bibles given in their language on this trip 3,600
- Total amount given for Bibles in this area in 3 years \$17,000
- Total amount of eternally significant value will be revealed in heaven!!!!

## A FEW LESSONS LEARNED ON THIS TRIP!!!!!!!

- Never try to open a bottle with a plastic lid with a sharp knife. (It might result in your stabbing yourself in the hand)
- Don't try the pickles on the buffet table. (It might burn your mouth off!!!)
- Don't sit in the last row of seats on a 500 seat jet over the Pacific ocean. (It will throw you back and forth the whole trip even without turbulence.)
- Drink plenty of water when flying. (You will be up all night with leg cramps from dehydration!)
- Don't waste time getting on and off the bullet train. (It will leave within one minute with or without you.)







Because of the length of this report, we will forego giving you our 2011 schedule which we are working on at this time. <u>We ask you to pray for us as many opportunities have opened up and</u> we want to do only what the Lord wants us to do. We also ask you to pray for those whose <u>lives Jesus has touched with His Word on this trip (that the fruit will last).</u> We will be spending the holidays enjoying our family.

In closing let us share with you one thought as THANKSGIVING NEARS. The last Sunday we were on this mission, we were in transition and we worshipped in our room. The Lord had answered so many prayers and had protected us so many times and we had seen Him work in so many lives that we just wanted to spend the time THANKING GOD. We decided for that Sunday we would not make a single request but simply praise and thank God for all He had done and for all your prayers He had answered. We are so thankful for your faithfulness in prayer and to the Lord for faithfully answering our prayers abundantly above all that we ever ask or think.

I Thes. 5.16-18 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

This THANKSGIVING just thank God and be blessed! He loves you so much and has blessed all of us more than we could ever express.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE IN ASIA AND IS CONTINUING TO DO. KEEP PRAYING FOR YOUR DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THESE COUNTRIES WHERE THE GOSPEL IS NOT ABLE TO BE SHARED OPENLY.

GRATEFULLY PRESSING ON,

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