

The SOUND of Heaven

"Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous will live by their faith." Habakkuk 2:2-4 We have all heard stirring messages based on that scripture, haven't we? But have you read verse 1? It says "I will climb up into my watchtower now and wait to see what the LORD will say to me..." The writer was waiting to **see** what the Lord was **saying!**



Have you been hearing phrases such as, 'the new sound' or 'the sound of heaven?' Songs are being written about The Sound, messages are being preached about it. In doing research, I discovered that well over half of the references to sound in the Bible have to do with either gaining new ground or taking back something that had been stolen. And of course the scripture that comes immediately to mind is Acts 2:2. "There came a sound from heaven..." That was definitely taking back ground. How did God create in Genesis? He spoke!

From Acts 2 and other scriptures regarding sound we can deduct that The Sound of Heaven signals:

- * An Abrupt Change
- * The Death Of The Old... Transitioning To Something New
- * Entering New Land
- * The Need To Reorder Our Day And Be Awakened To New And Present Truth
- * NEW LEVELS!
- * The Breaking Of The Yoke Of Ignorance And Fear
- * New Revelation

*I can't wait to **see** what God is going to **say** next!*

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India, one of the most densely populated countries in the world, is a place of amazing contrasts. In the shadow of opulent palaces and temples, lies the largest populace of extreme poverty one might ever imagine. The sights and smells of 1.1 billion people, along with the many hundreds of animals that roam a city street is an assault on the senses. Although India occupies only 2.4% of the world's land area, it supports over 15% of the world's population. Words that stir deep emotions in our hearts originated out of Hindu minds - words such as aryan and swastika.

But if you listen you will hear a different sound in this land of mystery - the sound of true worshippers and yes, the *sound* of dancing.

Ministering in all sorts of venues from under tents to Bible colleges, LWMI sponsored five conferences across North India providing food, lodging and one-way transportation for the participants.



A dance to welcome the team



A new generation creating a new sound and new alliances



Proclaiming truth



Riding in style



Local barber under a local tree



Drama opens doors of opportunity



This is Heart of Praise's 2nd time to follow us to India. **Thanks** to Steve & Melissa Caddell along with Carol, Laura, Lisa, Linda, Diana, Bronson, Sylvia and Brian (along with Peter, our ministry partner in India)



Great teams are comprised of great people! LWMI facilitated four teams during the three months we were in Asia.

Taught those in the marketplace
Frank Labby



And purchased 800 discipleship manuals to give to leaders
Martin Fessler



China has one of the world's longest periods of mostly uninterrupted civilization and one of the world's longest continuously used written language systems. The successive states and cultures of China date back more than six millennia. For centuries, China was the world's most advanced civilization, and the cultural center of East Asia, with an impact lasting to the present day. China is also home to many of the great technical inventions in world history, including the four great inventions of ancient China: paper, the compass, gunpowder and printing.

Despite these strong beginnings, China continues to be a place where the basic rights of human beings are suppressed every day.

Reports are that there may now be more practising Christians in China than there are members of the Communist Party. The precise figures cannot be known, in a country in which Christians are still persecuted. But the evidence suggests that there may be as many as 80 million or even 100 million members of underground Christian churches in China, unapproved by the state. The Chinese Communist Party, meanwhile, has only 70 million members.



Ron & Christy Bishop joined us in China (we traveled together for two months in China and Thailand). While in China we visited The Home of Hope orphanages in both XuZhou and GongYi.



Teaching believers - some who are market-place leaders, some who lead from a pulpit. Most of them serve in both places.



In some of the places we ministered we were asked not to take pictures because of the sensitive nature of the situation and the people involved. We taught believers in hotel and restaurant conference rooms (both out-of-the-box thinking for a place like China and somewhat risky), apartments rented solely for the purpose of believers meeting together, hotel rooms, living rooms and quite a variety of other interesting places.

You want lunch?



OK - No problem!



How about tea eggs or babba?

Or our specialty-fried chicken feet!



Alright-let's go upstairs, sit on 18-inch chairs & eat with chopsticks



Thailand was formerly known as Siam (remember *The King and I?*), and is one of the few remaining monarchies in the world. 94% of Thailand is Buddhist. On any given day one will see flocks of young men draped in saffron... Buddhism teaches that the family is guaranteed a place in heaven if one person from their family will commit to the priesthood for a period of time.

The word "Thai" means truth...



Village gas station



Everywhere we went in Thailand seemed to be UP and Linda came back with a new determination to be better prepared next trip.



Thailand graciously provides refugee camps for the Ka-ren, a minority that are facing ethnic cleansing in their own country of Burma. (Please note the barbed wire - they are not permitted to leave.) Rice, oil and fish paste are provided - everything else must be somehow garnered themselves-without leaving!



Because shoes are not allowed - teaching bare-footed is the standard



Although we had difficulty getting across the border into Burma, the team was able to set foot on the soil and PRAY! Our long-time friend, minister & entrepreneur Javier joins us in intercession for Burma.

We plodded up the steepest hill I have ever seen to get to this place.



In the refugee camp, after five hours of Bible truths being taught by the team (Wade/Linda, Ron/Christi), English was taught for another one to two hours.

Wade and Linda have been ministering all over the world, including the United States, teaching both pulpit and marketplace leaders as well as helping believers in their quest to 'do the work of the ministry.' It is their desire to build up the Body of Christ and be a part of establishing God's kingdom principles here on earth. From pulpit preaching to helping reconstruct homes destroyed by hurricanes, they are intent on blessing those around them in whatever way they are able.

One of Wade's talents or anointings in the business arena is as a meeting facilitator. Recently he and Linda aided the missions department at Life Church in Walker, Louisiana to create a mission vision. Read what Pastor Val Taylor and his staff had to say about the experience.

ASIA 2006 PROJECT MILESTONES

During the three months in Asia, Wade and Linda, arm-in-arm with their partners:

**Facilitated four ministry teams*

**Purchased pipe for water (hundreds of families line up each night with buckets to get water from one of a few spigots in the refugee camp)*

**Taught 1,200 pulpit and marketplace leaders*

**Funded 12 conferences (all included food for the delegates, but many also included funding for lodging and one-way transportation)*

**Purchased and distributed 800 discipleship manuals to leaders*

The meeting facilitated by Wade and Linda Thompson caused us to understand the importance of having a missions track. Based on the information and format provided to us by the Thompson's, it jump-started our missions-development program. We are continuing a series of meetings based on the basic outline of topics laid out in the original meeting. The end-product will help us set up an equitable means of determining candidates for missions and other ministry areas based on balanced criteria not personal choices. Pastor Val Taylor



The importance of having a developed missions program is not only critical for the local church but also for missions candidates like us. We have learned so much from sitting in the meetings that the Thompson's laid out for us.

Wade was an awesome facilitator and Linda was an excellent, and much needed support. Without initiating these meetings, we may not have known what we need to get done and work out from here before going to the field. Billy and Julie Simms

Children are the hope of any nation or group. *It only takes one generation to lose a country, a family or a way of believing.* Recent statistics are alarming - only 4% of people 25 and younger in the United States believe the Bible is God's word. Make a decision today to pray for and invest in our children.

Remember! Children are people too!





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This is where Wade and Linda will be ministering -
come join us!

2006

- October 10 – 12 Crosswinds Missions & Marketplace Conference
Mark Van Deman, Indianapolis, IN
- October 25 Berean Family Worship Center
Pastor Walter and Joycelynn Henderson, Milwaukee, WI
- October 26 – 30 Restoration Fellowship "Harvest Time Conference"
Pastor Gerry and Gail Burns, Pewaukee, Wisconsin
- November 1 Grace Christian Fellowship
Pastor Jerry and Patricia Hawkins, Ironton, MO
- November 5 Victory Church
Pastors Paul & Trina Freeman, Plano, TX
- November 9 – 27 Regional Leadership Transformation Conference
Chris & Beck Ranalli, Rio Bomba, Ecuador
- December 3 Winds of Harvest Church
Pastor Gary & Sherry Evans, San Marcos, CA
- December 31 Family Faith Center
Pastor Mike & Cheryl Johnson, Pflugerville, TX

2007

- February 12 – March 11 North India City/Regional Leadership
- March 12 - April 8 China
City/Regional Leadership Transformation Project
- June 7 – 21 WorldVenture – Germany
- June 23 – July 10 Romania Leadership Conference and Outreach
- November Thailand/Burma

This newsletter is a small, but hopefully interesting picture of what Wade and Linda do throughout the year. If you would like to receive more frequent updates on their whereabouts, prayer needs, and other info (even from the foreign field), please send your email address to:
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