

**W**hen Wade asked me what the theme was for this newsletter I was at first a little baffled because there has never been an overall theme... but it caused me to realize that there is a theme this time. Almost every recounting of events portrays our prayerfully-made plans being put into the hands of the Lord, who sees the end from the beginning. And from that release, He has put us in the right place and the right time over and over and over (even if we had not planned to be "there"). The story of our dear father in missions, Mike Hines' sudden death is an amazing illustration of God's taking well-made plans originally designed for one purpose, and using each and every intricate detail for a completely different purpose.

When we live by faith (which, by the way, has nothing to do whatsoever with the source of our paycheck - we should all be living by faith, whether we are "full-time" or not), we are spending time with God - resting in Him. We know that time spent with God is time that pays dividends - no matter what other time restraints are screaming our name and calling for our immediate attention. Then, as situations come up that are not in our plans, we can breathe a sigh of relief because Someone besides us is in charge - Someone who is totally committed to our wellbeing - because we have put Him there. We hope this newsletter encourages us all to be a people whose trust in God goes beyond the times when things go as planned, to face **WHATEVER** is in front of us *in faith*. "Whatever is not of faith is sin." **FACE LIFE** knowing that **YOU WILL NEVER BE ANYWHERE CLOSE TO PERFECT** - that is why God sent Jesus. If you have, by your own humanity, created a situation that looks dark and scary - you are not alone! Repent, get up, brush yourself off and **run to God**. Whatever situation you are facing - bankruptcy, loss of a friendship - face it in faith, asking and believing your Father to bring good out of it... not because of who you are - but because of who He is!

**When** (not **if**) you face a situation that does not go as you plan; stop, take a breath and reaffirm the Lordship of Jesus, the caring love of Father and **already** have scriptures in your heart and mind that you can use to encourage yourself. (Remember! You can't lay a foundation in a flood - put the Word

**We make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9**

in you when you don't need it, so it's there when you do need it!) And **TRUST GOD - He's much smarter than you are!**

## ***The Redemptive Lift of the Gospel***

There are 51 Muslim majority countries, of which 23 have GDP (Gross Domestic Product) per capita less than \$1,000 (710,000,000 individuals). This includes oil revenues. **NONE** of the Muslim countries are identified as "Developed" by the World Bank.

- There are four Hindu majority countries, of which three (India-\$459, Nepal-\$239, Guyana-\$936) have GDP per capita less than \$1,000 (1,100,000,000 individuals). **NONE** of the Hindu countries are identified as Developed.
- There are 167 Christian majority countries, of which only 33 have GDP per capita less than \$1,000 and 129 exceed \$999. **Thirtytwo** Christian majority countries are identified as Developed by the World Bank.

Central Asia has the fewest evangelicals (1,094,500), followed by Eastern Europe (2,287,635) and Eurasia (2,918,447). Africa has the greatest (124,795,776).

*Taken from: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matt 28:19-20**

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# 5000 Gather to Pray in North India

"Brother Wade, would you consider coming and ministering to a group of people that will be gathering together to pray?" We had

no idea what a historic meeting this would be - sixty leaders from 13 denominations! 5,000 believers in all. When God's people gather together to earnestly seek His face, **stuff just happens**. In almost every town where we ministered in India this November, people are letting go of their denominational labels and the need to be "right" in order to gather together, to pray, to seek answers from the one who *knows* the end from the beginning. The spiritual and political face of India is changing **because people are gathering under the banner of 2 Chronicles 7:14**. These people (including children) sat from 9 am to 3 pm to pray for their state, elected officials, leaders in the church and many other arenas, because they know that the fate of their country is not in the hands of politicians - it is in the mouths (therefore, in the hearts) of the believers!



As we bumped along toward the next ministry assignment on one of the worst roads we have ever traveled in India (that means it was really bad!), we approached someone being carried on a litter. Not knowing if the person was dead or alive, we stopped to pray for the woman pictured below. As her husband and sons vigorously tried to awaken her, we noticed that she was ashen-black in color. Her only response was a slight moan that was barely audible. They told Peter that she had brain malaria and they were taking her to the hospital (we were in the middle of nowhere!). We laid hands on her and prayed for God to heal this precious lady's body. As we were getting back in the vehicle she began to stir! She sat up and asked for water. By this time several people had gathered around, so we took advantage of the opportunity to preach the Gospel and almost everyone in the circle asked Jesus to come in and be Lord of their lives. It turns out that this family were BELIEVERS! In case you do not know what a profound miracle it was to "happen" upon believers in North India, whose Christian population is generally about 0.08% - it was amazing! The driver, who had been Hindu, said that this was an undeniable miracle and asked Jesus Christ to be Lord of his life.

**This entire episode happened because we were not "supposed" to be there.** The pastor had emailed to say that the road was very bad, and we should change the train ticket to get off at another stop. But when Peter tried to change the ticket it was impossible... once again - when our plans fail, God steps in!

The steps of the godly are ordered by the Lord. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will not fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.

Proverbs 37:23,24



# Not Many Fathers...



Paul told the church that they had many teachers but not many fathers. In the last few years we have sadly said *temporary* good-byes to many of our fathers in the faith. They were people who had impacted all of our lives, both from a distance or as well as on a more intimate level. Personally this year we said goodbye to two of our fathers. Mike Hines and John Hamrick were men who could - and would - gently speak into our lives with advice, encouragement, and answers to hard questions. We looked up to these men - we could call on them, and they were there for us! We miss them and yearn for their quiet wisdom.

God is raising up new ranks of fathers, just as he promised in Malachi. (A father in the spirit is not necessarily male - see Galations 3.) Our prayer is that during this time of the changing of the guard (a potentially dangerous time for any army) all of us will step into our proper rank to see the Kingdom of God advance as never before.



*What happens when your well-made plans fall apart?*

Isn't it amazing that our God already knows our need, not only before we ask, but also before we even know that we need to ask? When our prayerfully-made plans crumbled, the Lord already had a plan of action; we simply had to position ourselves to hear. **China**



With cell-church leaders partaking of *yak butter tea* (in the bowls) and steamed bread several weeks before our departure date, Wade shared with me he felt we would be working with business men and women this trip. Even though independent confirmation came through one of our faithful intercessors in the following weeks, such ministry seemed unlikely. After all, our "known" contacts ministered only to village pastors. But on Sunday morning, after ministering at the international church, a couple inquired whether or not we had plans for the next week. Well, even though that seemed like a crazy question to ask (do you KNOW Wade Thompson? He ALWAYS has a plan!), as afore-mentioned, it turned out that our well-made plans had fizzled. So, we spent a week with our new friends, Tim and Faith (Australian and Malaysian) ministering to just a few at a time to (who woulda guessed?) Chinese business men and women (!) along with underground cell-church leaders.



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LWMI IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD INTERCESSORS - AN ARMY OF ONE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF A GREAT TEAM, CONTACT US USING THE INFORMATION ON THE LAST PAGE. COME ON-THERE'S ALOT TO DO. *YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!* Contact us to volunteer.

# Germany

"WE PRAYED FOR 12 YEARS FOR MISSIONARIES TO COME - YOU ARE THE FIRST. **As a result of the last visit** WE HAVE SIX PEOPLE ADDED TO THE CHURCH." PASTOR MARKUS

Living Water Ministries has partnered together with Pastor Markus Rex to reach the eastern part of Germany, which is in many areas as unreached and unevangelized as any of the countries where we minister. On one university campus, we encountered a tremendous amount of resistance to the message of love and hope presented by the team. One young



Where do you eat lunch when you are ministering on the street in the rain? Well, on the street, in the rain, of course!

The team is with a group of young people that heckled them and tried to intimidate them until finally the message of God's love came through and these, along with several others accepted Jesus as their Savior. They were left in the hands of a very capable pastor.

man actually snarled at a team member - several others openly scoffed at the whole concept of inviting God to be a part of their lives. "I have my education - why do I need God?" Pray for open doors, open hearts and for the chains of darkness to be broken as we return this June. Eastern Germany needs a touch from God! *If you are interested in going with us this year, contact us, using the information on the last page.*

Handing out tracts at the Gay Pride parade in Berlin.



Standing by what is left of the downtown portion of the Berlin Wall.



"EVANGELISM SOMEHOW SKIPPED OVER EASTERN GERMANY." GARY COOPER, MISSIONARY TO GERMANY FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS



***We planned an outreach to the schools and streets of La Ceiba, Honduras... What God had planned turned out to be a very different assignment indeed.***

Within an hour after arriving in California (where we had planned to conduct team training), we received a call saying that our good friend and father in missions (and the head of the ministry with whom we would be working in Honduras) Mike Hines' plane was missing. That began a flurry of God-(pre)arranged activity centered on meeting the needs of a family in need of support and care during several days of uncertainty, then painful loss.

***It is quite an awesome thing to watch the supernatural hand of God at work in your life to make absolutely sure that you are in the right place at the right time.*** (We can certainly take no credit – we thought we were headed for street ministry in Honduras!)

- Mike's youngest daughter, Mary Ann and her husband, Javier *lived just 45 minutes from where we were in California, isolated from the other family members.*

- *God placed us there for them during this very difficult time*

- The team trip was cancelled (despite a small team, we along with Rick [our team leader], knew in our heart during the planning phase that we simply could not cancel [that would have put us in the wrong place at the wrong time])

- Rick was in business for himself, Ruth was retired and Mic worked for his dad – all quite easy to change schedules.

- The family insisted we come

- We, of course, *already had tickets* – on flights that were absolutely booked and that would have been outrageously expensive, had we been required to buy them with just a few days' advance notice.

- When our flight arrived in LaCeiba, someone just "*happened*" to be at the airport and gave us a ride to the hotel. We ate and showered *just in time* to take a taxi to the memorial service.

The next morning while discussing what we should do, we received a phone call from Becky, Mike and Karen's eldest daughter and her husband, Daryl (with whom we would have spent the bulk of our time during the team trip), asking us to come to the house. We went, trying to be sensitive to a family that had just lost their husband/father/grandfather. The family asked us to stay in Honduras with them a few days. We swam in the river, played games and were just there – being friends.

After a couple of days, we decided it was time to return to the USA, where we stayed in Javier and Mary Ann's beautiful home. Since we had no other plans (we would have been in Honduras), instead of paying a fee to change our tickets, we used this time to concentrate on praying, seeking God, reading the Word.

The day before we were scheduled to leave, we received a call from Mary Ann stating that Karen, their mom and Mike's widow, was coming back with them. ***"I am so glad that you are still there. Could you pick us up? We are just not ready to see anyone else yet."***

The next morning, as we waited for our previously-scheduled flight back home, I wept – knowing that because the Philpots and Hines were nestled in Honduras and Karen, Mary Ann, Javier and their two children had been safely deposited back in California... ***now we could go home.***



***Watching God take every detail of a schedule made months in advance and use it to make sure we were in place to tenderly care for a family that had just lost their husband/father/grandfather was one amazing miracle.***

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What you read in this newsletter is only a small, hopefully interesting picture of what we do. The majority of communication is done via email. ***If you would like to receive email up-***

Together we are touching lives! This year:

- 1,300 ministry leaders trained
- 1,800 first-time decisions for Jesus Christ
- 21 people taken to the mission field
- ... and placed the following resources on the mission field:
- 3 portable sound systems
  - India
  - Germany
  - Honduras
- 14 bicycles
- 5,100 Bibles (Hindi language)
- 5,000 NT (Hindi language)
- 1 1997 Isuzu Rodeo in Mexico

## Passion Projects

- 0.75 buys a New Testament
  - \$75 buys at least one bicycle for an evangelist or pastor
  - \$100 buys a laptop that has a complete Bible school curriculum installed
  - \$650 buys a motorcycle
  - \$1,500 buys a tent for a congregation
  - \$3,500 buys a Jesus Film, projector and generator
  - \$2,500-\$5,000 buys a building for a congregation
  - \$5,000-\$8,000 buys a vehicle so teams can reach remote locations
- LWMI prefers to put tools into the hands of believers. There are three evangelists in North India that need motorcycles. We are also hoping to place 20 of the laptop Bible schools and three Jesus-film systems.

Look what the Lord has done!



***Come Join Us!***

***India WorldVenture***

***January 25 - March 2, 2005***

***Germany WorldVenture***

***June 22 - July 12, 2005***

***Africa Outreach to Kenya/Uganda/Sudan***

***Medical and Evangelical Outreach***

***July 16 - 31, 2005 - 2 weeks***

***India 10/40 Outreach***

***LWMI/Honduran Evangelistic Team***

***November 2005***

For more info regarding team trips and to see a detailed itinerary, visit the website listed above.