

WELLS OF REVIVAL

We would all like to think that we (or our elite group) stand alone in our conquests for the Kingdom of God - like a war-weary soldier that has single-handedly outwitted the enemy and blown up the bridge that prevented them from advancing. But actually we stand upon the shoulders of massive giants - people who have given not only money, time, sweat and tears; but in some cases have actually paid with their lives.

Before Isaac could experience his own outpouring, part of the process was to re-dig the well (provision, outpouring, refreshing) of his father Abraham (see Genesis 26). We have focused for some time now on dealing with the *curses* of the past generations, but now may be the time also to re-dig or revisit the *blessings* imparted by those that are now a part of the "great cloud of witnesses."

This year we had the privilege of visiting the very spot where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into the German language. He is an amazing picture of what some have risked. Was it worth what he suffered? Yes, of course it was!

What about William Carey? Or Lottie Moon? This world we inhabit together has been populated with those who knew what is genuinely valuable. There are blessings stored up - ready to be utilized, but we have to dig the wells!

Serving beside Lutherans, Baptists, and other groups in India causes us to remember that together we are the Body of Christ. We see through a glass dimly (none of us have it all); together we make a whole! When we are in China, no one knows what "brand" of Christian we are - we are simply "Believers." When churches of all kinds "rolled out the red carpet" for the victims of Katrina's and Rita's wrath and turned their pews into beds, they did not ask for credentials before giving them a pillow.

If the blood of Jesus has washed our sins away, then we are eternally linked - we need each other!

Dig the wells - while serving beside people who may think a little different than you - but be careful! You may learn something!

Suggested reading:
Relentless Generational Blessing
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INDIA

When Pastor/Apostle Jeyaraj Marc speaks, one should probably listen. In an area of North India that has, in very recent times, been known as the 'missionary graveyard' (draw your own conclusions as to why this is so), he has a congregation of 5,500. (Those are just the ones that have been baptized - there are about a thousand more who attend, but not yet been baptized.) In his area current statistics scream of only 0.08% Christians, or eight Believers for every 10,000 inhabitants. Bringing Believers together that have vastly different doctrinal thinking seems to be another one of Pastor Marc's giftings. In the spring we reported on a prayer gathering of 60 leaders from 16 different denominations; Pastor Marc was and is the voice that brings them together. It was almost 20 years ago when Wade had a dream that an angel held him as he flew over a map of the world. The countries were a large, *white* landmass, although each country was still visible. The angel said, "See, it's not hard!" At that point they flew over India and the face of a woman came out of the map - in fact, came out of North India - just where we spend the majority of our time and said "Come over and help us - we need you!" Well, it was a long time before we "flew" over India, but each trip grips our heart.

During the month of February (2006) Wade and Linda will be back with Pastor Marc and others in (North) India with a team - training leaders, preaching outdoor crusades at night, and ministering in schools and slums through music, drama, and puppets.

"I believe that God has sent you here to help mend our nets." Jeyaraj Marc

Wade and Linda spend approximately one month in India each time they go, which is generally in the spring and fall. On each trip they have had the privilege of hosting at least two teams that minister in India for approximately two weeks each.



Preaching in Dumka, Jharkhand, (North) India, where hundreds of Believers come together each month to pray and fast all night.



Feeding pastors during the leadership training



Leaders get refreshed, healed and encouraged



Preaching the Gospel using innovative means

Twenty Years!



It was 1985 when Wade and Linda left everything that was familiar, took their vacation time and went to Honduras to “do something for God.” When they stepped off the plane, veteran missionary Mike and Karen Hines met them and said, “Okay! I have been preaching for 122 nights straight - it’s time for me to take a break! Are you ready to preach for the next two weeks? By the way, Wade, you are preaching at the prison in an hour.” Whew! If they weren’t ready, it was time to become so! Each night in that big yellow tent, they got their first exposure to: preaching with an interpreter; attempting to communicate with people whose language they did not understand; becoming familiar with a culture very different from their own; being far, far away from family; and in the big middle of it, sensing a supernatural peace that was beyond their understanding.

During those twenty years so much has transpired! Wade and Linda have:

- Left their corporate careers (1999)
- Carried their suitcases almost one million miles (that is only the overseas flight miles - it does not count the miles *driven* back and forth across the USA, and other countries, or the many *hundreds* of miles on trains/buses in “developing nations”)
- Taught approximately 5,000 church and marketplace leaders
- Encouraged countless thousands of Believers
- Put their feet on the soil of twelve nations several times a year
- Seen 5,000+ people ask Jesus to be Lord of their lives

And they are having a great time doing it!



“Wade, this is Jerry. Could you guys come and give me some relief? I have been here in New Orleans running this relief center for two months nonstop. I need to go home for awhile!” This was the call that Wade and Linda received while they were in Wisconsin ministering at a missions conference. So, ASAP they hopped in their faithful chariot and “flew” to New Orleans to give Jerry Davis a one-week break. (See www.anoint.com)



Delivering food to a pastor in the 9th Ward. Gun shots were fired as we were leaving

Training a new team from Campus Crusade to help under the tent



Germany/Poland

What a beautiful thing when Believers from very different cultures can come together for a two-fold purpose: 1) to tell people that they have never seen or may never see again that Jesus Christ loves them and has a plan for their lives, and 2) give them an opportunity to respond to what they have heard. From the elderly, to the gypsy children on the streets in Poland, people heard THE Truth. Our USA team blended with Believers from the northeastern corner of Germany as well as Polish Christians to present the Gospel through drama, soccer, music and preaching in churches, on the streets, in schools and in parks. Thanks to David and Christina for being the kind of team members we dream of having on each trip!



China



Dinner



Whats wrong Pas. Walter, Wade? Even the elderly Chinese can do it!

Imagine your hosts driving for several hours in the middle of the night, then dropping your team off (see above) at a compound with people that you do not know. They inform you the only person who speaks both English and Chinese will be there tomorrow. Then they wave good bye and say, "I'll see you in a few days!" This is said with a smile (or was that a chuckle?) as they drive off into the barely visible breaking dawn. As you become a little more familiar with your surroundings, you realize that there is no indoor plumbing - in fact, the shallow outhouse is in the same building as the pigs! But as you teach leaders in the underground church (from all over southern China), whose lives are in jeopardy every day, a new perspective comes into focus. And as you leave the compound in a three-wheeled "Hongda" motorcycle - completely covered, so the neighbors do not see the foreigners leaving (see bottom left) you say to yourself, "I can't wait to come back in March!"



Chinese Believers sitting for hours on stools that are eighteen inches high to be taught the Word of God.





Carrying a heavy load home in the slums



Building bridges



Praying for the **Hindu** newspaper reporters. Each day up to six papers from the city of Ranchi (capital of the state of Jharkhand) carried articles about the crusades. We have been told that the headlines (see samples on this page) read “Jesus Christ the Answer”



Ministering to children in the leper colony



Bible school students benefit from the wisdom and enthusiasm Wade & Linda bring

Reviewing the book that each leader received (Book One, by Martin Fessler, containing basic material to use in discipleship). Each leader was also given a New Testament (below).



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Pray for Wade and Linda while they are in:

- **(North) India** January 26 - February 27
- **China** March 1 - March 26
- **Thailand/Myanmar** March 27 - April 30
- **Germany/Poland** June 15 - July 5
- **Izmail, Ukraine** July 10 - July 20
- **Deer Park, Texas** September 8 - 10
"My City, God's City"
- **Rio Bomba, Ecuador** November
Church/Marketplace Leadership Training

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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