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WHY MORE CHILDREN?

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 16:26, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" Thus we use the expression such as, "One soul is more important than the whole world." If we honestly believe this expression, it must be our natural response to try our best to win as many souls as possible. Look around the children in your country. How many of them know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior?

I vividly remember the scene when I visited Sri Lanka 14 years ago. That time, I happened to visit one of the Buddhist temples in the city of Colombo. There I saw many believers of Buddhism enter the temple. Amongst them, many children being led by their parents or grandparents, joyfully walking into the temple.

Looking at this scene, I knew in my heart these children will naturally become Buddhist when they grow up, unless someone reaches them with the Gospel of life. I prayed silently, "Oh, God, who's going to tell these boys and girls about the Savior who died for their sins?"

Again, think of the tens of millions of children in our region. Their souls are

More Children, More Nations...

crying out to us, "Please send someone to tell us the truth!" Can you hear their cry? Don't say because there has been CEF ministry in my country for more than 30, 40 or even 50 years, most children in my country must have heard the Gospel at least once.

Let me tell you my own story. I grew up in Korea where CEF ministry has been very strong for the last 50 years. Still, I did not hear the message of salvation until I was 14 years old. All my childhood, no one ever uttered the Name Jesus in my ears. It is clear that there are tens of millions of boys and girls in our region who are like me in my childhood days. Who will reach them with the Gospel?

WHY MORE NATIONS?

When a country has no CEF work, that means the children in that particular land do not have an opportunity to hear the Gospel through the various ministries of CEF. Of course God can reach the boys and girls in that nation with the ministries of other mission organizations or of faithful men and women of God who simply love children.

However, the chances of those children to hear the message of salvation will significantly decrease when there is no CEF ministry in that nation. That's why the World Headquarters is pouring out

its greatest efforts to open CEF in every nation by the year 2017. You will notice that the theme of this year's International Conference is "Around the World in 80 Years." This theme also emphasizes the urgency and importance of opening up CEF in all the countries in the world.

My beloved co-workers of CEF Asia Pacific Region, the Lord Jesus has given us a very clear mandate when He left the earth to go back to heaven. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matt 28:19-20b)

In this great command, we find the words 'all nations.' It literally means all nations in the world! If so, we, as children's workers in AP region are to reach all the boys and girls in all the nations in all parts of the region. No country should be left out!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please pray together with me that the Lord of harvest will give us wisdom, courage and strategy to reach more children in more nations in the coming years!

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Home for CEF Fiji and Myanmar

The need of a home for CEF, moved two countries in our region to embark on a building project. Financial constraints would not deter them from pursuing the plan, but went ahead by faith. A God-honoring faith turned reality. Here are some updates of CEF Fiji's and CEF Myanmar's building projects.



God Did It!

Our dream for CEF Fiji to own a property for the national office has finally come true. The official purchase date was December 3, 2007. This beautiful piece of "freehold land" is now dedicated to the evangelism and discipleship of the children of Fiji. Twenty one years ago, the third of December, Kent had the privilege of leading his very first child in Fiji to the Lord Jesus Christ. God, in His infinite knowledge and wisdom, chose that day to purchase a national office for CEF of Fiji in honor of the spiritual birthday of one little Indian boy.



On December 12th, a team of volunteers joined the staff and worked very hard to complete an extreme makeover via interior and exterior paint and the pruning of the yard. This "face lift" will enable CEF Fiji to use the property until actual renovations and construction can begin. We rejoice with CEF Fiji for God's wonderful provision!

With God, Nothing is Impossible



At the last Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Korea in September 2007, consensus was made to contribute towards the US\$40,000 needed for the completion of CEF Myanmar's building project.

Soon after, funds started coming from sources within and outside of Myanmar. Thanks to God and to everyone who gave -- a total of US\$24,500. With this amount, construction resumed and is nearing completion, except for the finishing of the interior. What seemed an impossibility is now a reality -- "for with God, nothing is impossible". To Him be the glory!

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POSTAGE

Korea held their annual Children's Ministries Institute (CMI) last September to November 2007, with a total enrollment of 33 students. How rewarding to know that 22 of these students will go into CEF, full time. Indeed, God is using the Korean people to spread the Good News of salvation to the children of Korea and in many other countries. The students diligently worked on their assignments and showed much creativity -- a gift from God.

Solomon Islands also held an Institute last year. Twenty students from the Pacific attended; four from Papua New Guinea, two from Fiji and 14 from the Solomon's, including several provinces. One of the students from Solomon Islands was Jonathan Kwaimasi's daughter (National Director); and another student was Pala Sebea's son (Papua New Guinea, National Director).

While Thess Llorente was teaching at the SI Institute, her father died in the Philippines. Two students lost their grandparents and many students struggled with malaria, toothaches, head aches and flu. God in His mercy, enabled the staff and students to accomplish all their duties and assignments.

Despite these challenges, children were saved through the students' practicums; a 4-Day Club, Open Air and a Christmas party. In all, there were 250 children reached with 110 who made professions of faith in Jesus. It was an exciting day as we



Korea CMI



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Cambodia IOT 1



had the closing ceremony for the students - a day of turmoil in the city because of the election that had taken place the week before. But a day of rejoicing for the students and friends who were gathered that day.

Institute finished a few days before Christmas, but some students were not able to leave as the boats they were supposed to take were full or no more until after the New Year. The Fiji students flew home on Christmas day. By God's grace, most arrived home without difficulties.

The New Year began in Cambodia with an Instructor of Teachers (IOT) 1 for the new staff. There are now 20 on staff in Cambodia under the leadership of Mrs Grace Lee. What joy to work with her and three of the staff who were teaching as Leadership Training Instructors. A blessing as they faithfully studied and instructed. It was a great two weeks.

Next was the first ever Institute in Macau. It went well despite severely cold weather. The students and staff had to wear several layers of clothes, including coats to keep warm in a room without any heat. Thank God for keeping students and Instructors healthy with all of the cold and long days.

Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy as we work together reaching children in the AP region.

- Jan Johnson

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"It is better to train ten men to do the work, than do the work of ten men."
- D L Moody

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