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Travel Scenes



From the Desk of M. John Cava

Rethinking Priorities – Do They Match God’s?

(Kingdom come or Kingdom bum)

How many of us have made a “To Do” list for the day. We prioritize what we have to do and fill up the day’s schedule. Then, we execute. Number 1 – call So and So, Number 2 – get car washed, Number 3 – Go shopping, Number 4 – check emails, Number 5 . . . Question: What priority does God and His agenda have for the day? Let’s stretch it even more - for the year?

In recent months, I have been looking at how often Jesus and the Disciples wrote about the **Kingdom of God**. It was part of the first messages preached by John the Baptist and Jesus, along with repenting and believing. It flooded the parables. It was imbedded in what we call “The Lord’s Prayer.” It was what we find Jesus explaining in His last 40 days before He ascended, and what we find Paul talking about in the final words of Acts 28. It was and is obviously a priority!

I recently heard someone comment at a retreat, “There is only one way to seek the kingdom of God – First.” So what is this kingdom? Is it a far a way land? Maybe it is a foggy-minded consciousness of God. Or, could it possibly be a daily devotion study. I say, “So much more!” It is God’s ruler-ship and way in *everything*, with hopefully a lot of *His presence*.

Our focus at World Outreach is certainly worldwide missions. But, if we are not getting our lives “kingdomized” and full of “kingdom priorities” now, we will not be much good here or overseas. I can break it down into two parts:

1. Our inner life.
2. Our outer life.

Inwardly, we want Christ’s rule in our hearts, our emotions, our likes and dislikes, our thought life, and inner goals. Then outwardly, we want our actions to exemplify, and even more so, be animated by the living Christ within us. Like Jesus, we only do what pleases the Father, what we see Him doing – kingdom advances and business. Scriptures like, “pray without ceasing,” and “pray continuously” take on more meaning. We live plugged in and as Christ’s ambassadors on earth.

Are you living in agreement with “your kingdom come,” or are you more of a “kingdom bum?” Ouch! Bums are unproductive, let others do the work, and typically can not be depended on by society. They are often found self-absorbed in survival. They live counter the culture. The kingdom of God has a culture and it is to be prioritized and sought first (Matthew 6:33).

The world, even creation is waiting to see a people whose priority is the kingdom and glory of God. Sons and daughters who are full of His character, who know what God wants to do, when to do it . . . and do it! They are living for another kingdom as a priority every day.

Take the time to put first on your “To Do” list what Mary said in John 2, “What ever He tells you to do, do it.” You may find yourself rearranging your day, week and year. Who knows? He may send you to speak to a neighbor or even to the foreign mission field.

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Upcoming Events

Dec 18: WOC Christmas Fellowship

Dec 31: WOC New Year's Eve Party

Feb 16-19, 2012:
WOC Retreat at Myrtle Beach, SC

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday
10:30am Coffee
11:00am Worship

Tuesday
The Generator -Prayer
7:00pm

Wednesday
Training Classes
7:00pm

Thursday
Ladies' Bible Study
10:00am

Open Door Cafe'
Last Friday of each month
8:00-10:00pm

Dear World Outreach Center Family and Friends,

It is time to “Fall – Forward!” We have had an intense and fruitful Spring and Summer. It has been a time of gaining momentum and building for the future. Around the world the work goes on. Yet, we know that it is no time to prepare for winter hibernation. We must change seasons, but stay in forward motion.

So what are we doing? A team from WOC just returned from helping with a second citywide event in Germany and working with our missionaries in Italy. We are hosting a Wednesday equipping class to prepare workers to reach the nations. We are also preparing Christmas packages for missionary projects. But, we sense there is more . . .

Our cities and our nation need a visitation of God. It is time for a humbling of God’s people - to fall on our knees and cry out for God’s presence to overtake us and heal this land. The world is going backwards. We need to **“Fall – Forward”** - seek God’s face and ask for His kingdom to come. Watch, pray, and obey are the buzz words.

God is requiring the Lordship of the Holy Spirit in the Church and His direction. He has a plan for this Fall and Winter season. Let’s seek Him together and for sure – He will be found (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

Thanking God for you,

The World Outreach Center Team



God has answered with miracles!

We met three Thai on their way to the hospital. Their daughter had a very serious headache that had lasted for days. She was shaking and trembling. The symptoms looked like encephalitis (infection of the brain). We asked permission to pray for her, and they allowed us. We put our hands on her and commanded that thing to cease in the name of Jesus Christ. They thanked us and said they would go to the hospital and then to their temple to do some kind of ceremony. As they drove off, we prayed God would heal her before the doctors and priests would have an opportunity to do anything. That way they would know who healed her. She was healed completely before they reached the hospital! The doctor could find nothing wrong and sent her home. They did not go to the temple. They asked us how this worked, and how they could do it themselves!

NOTES FROM THE FRONTLINES...

Ben & Susan Hoar
International Servants Acting As Christ, Inc.
Korat (Nakhonratchasima), Thailand

We have been living and ministering in Korat for 7 years. There are nearly 3 million people in Korat and in its surrounding subdistricts. We are concentrating our work in the district of Non Sung and Non Thai. Non Sung has about 10 Christians among nearly 135,000 people. Non Thai has 3 Christians among 75,000 souls.

Church: We are currently pastoring a village church in Ban Don Chompu. We have 10 adults that regularly attend. Most are old. God is moving. Several are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit and some have received. One habitual adulterer and drunk has given his life to the Lord and been baptized. Others are getting more serious about Jesus. God has given us love for one another, and it is a good experience for us and for them. Recently I gave them communion using sticky rice. Sticky rice is the basis of their ethnic diet, like bread or pasta is for most of us. Bread to them is only as a treat, if they can swallow it. Most Thai feel like it sticks in their throats. When they hear "Jesus is the bread of life" they hear "Jesus is the cake of life" It was thrilling to watch them each pull off a lump from one lump of sticky rice, and see them understand the clear image, Jesus is the true food that came down from heaven. And for the first time they are hearing "Jesus is the food of life!"



Farm: We have started a Tennessee Horse Farm, a cultural exchange center for Thai horsemen. Through the farm we teach natural horsemanship, care, feeding, medical treatment, breeding, and foal care and training. We feature 6 Tennessee Walking horses that we have imported from America. At the farm many rich and powerful Thai nationals visit us. We always have opportunity to share with them our testimony, the Gospel, and if interested we provide them with a Bible and an offer of help to form a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. You can see our farm at www.tennhorsefarm.com.



House Church Planting: The basis of our vision is to lead Khorat Thai people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, through prayer, demonstration, Bible study, worship, and relationship. We have only been working in the Non Sung area for a few months and are establishing vital relationships that will lead whole families into the Kingdom of God. We have been visiting one very large family at Baan Mai. The family consists of eight children of one couple and their spouses, children, and grandchildren, over one hundred souls! We visit them, eat their food (you should try the ant and papaya salad!), take them free loads of horse manure (this speaks their language- they are farmers!), laugh, share life, share love, and share Jesus. My 19 year old daughter, Margaret, was the Maid of Honor at one of the daughter's wedding! We have had many opportunities to share answers to their questions. And, we have had a few opportunities to pray for their sick. **God has answered with miracles!** Now they are asking questions about how to become a Christian. They ask good questions and are showing increasing interest in becoming Christians. I counseled them to become children of God by putting their faith in Jesus Christ. I believe this whole family will come to Christ as one. If only one gets saved there will be persecution, misunderstanding, and anger. One new believer rarely holds on to his faith as the family pressure is high, but if multiple family members are saved at once, there is good probability for the whole family to be saved.

IT'S BEEN A GOOD YEAR - 2011 IN REVIEW

BY: JOHN CAVA

Recently, Scot Ford and I sat with a ministry leader in Italy discussing the past year and he said, "It was a good year!" I knew he had some health problems mixed in with the many evangelistic campaigns, but he saw the progress of the kingdom of God - the trials couldn't eclipse the joy. It reminds us of the Apostle Paul saying, "... Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice..." (Phil. 1:18)

As I look back at the year 2011, we can say, "God moved. **It has been a good year for the World Outreach Center.**" Though, there were trials, my Dad's passing, people coming and going, we were blessed to see the hand of God working.

Highlights:

1. We ignited a movement in two cities in Germany with Prayer Flash Mobs.
2. We saw progress in The Justice Project as they added help and started contending to stop the human trafficking in Karlsruhe, Germany.
3. Juarez, Mexico - expanded children's center and outdoor evangelism.
4. We are seeing the rooting and forward movement of the new ministries in Italy. (Food distribution and evangelism program in Avellino)
5. Our encouragement to the churches and leaders is often an invisible side of the work, but part of who we are. We have encouraged and equipped ministries in Canada, NY, California, Germany, Italy and in Fort Mill, SC.
6. Renewal by connecting people to the healing love of the Father's Heart.
7. Outreach in the Park in Fort Mill, SC with food, games, and skits.
8. Reaching out to the adult homes locally. (Go Joanne and the golden retrievers!)

What more can I say, we are honored to support those in the fields in the Far East, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. In all this, we are seeing a fresh passion for citywide unity in the Body of Christ, locally and overseas. **Enjoy some pictures of the year!**



A Missions Confessional by Paulette Swiger

In writing this article, memories of my first mission trip flooded my mind. I accompanied my husband for over seven weeks to India. We initially landed in a modern city of over 5 million people, overwhelming me with its sights, sounds and smells. Stone-age sewer systems were on the doorsteps of 21st century computer stores. I felt like I had landed on another planet!

The big city gave way to small remote villages that had never seen a "white person". Tribal peoples, their gods, religious rituals, and way of life, made me realize how desperately they needed the gospel. Such things as entire families hanging themselves over \$100 of debt and "bride burnings" were daily news items.

This was my first experience with culture shock. I struggled daily to choose to look beyond what I was seeing to the purpose and reason I was there.

My reaction went from excitement of being in a foreign land and tasting new food to shock and awe from what I saw and read. Eventually this turned to a deep love and compassion for the people I came to serve. A line from an old hymn continuously ran through my mind, "Jesus left His home in glory...."

Jesus left His home in glory to come to earth. What a cultural contradiction! Yet nothing deterred Him from accomplishing His goal to redeem mankind. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:3 "Looking unto Jesus ... who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross..." and "consider Him who suffered such contradiction of sinners..." In like manner, those called to missions will experience these same contradictions. I can't think about this without being awed by Jesus' love and compassion for people. Oh, it makes me want to be more like Him. Jesus, I want more of Your love, more of Your joy of bringing more people to You.



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