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Genesis 2:7



2010 was another amazing year! Yeah, I know, we're a little far into 2011 to still be looking back. But you need to know what happened over the past year that makes it so amazing.

First and foremost, I continue to be amazed at how God multiplies the little that we offer Him into something that is impacting the lives of thousands of people.

It is the story of the five loaves of bread and two fish being played out again. Only this time you are the ones who are offering your 'lunch' to Jesus. The end results are that thousands of hungry hearts are being satisfied!

How in the world is it possible that so many people are blessed by so little? I can't explain it logically, but there is a principle that Jesus demonstrated on a grassy hillside so long ago. It's the principle of seeing a need, taking action, giving, receiving, not focusing on the lack but looking to heaven with thankful hearts for what you have, allowing it to be broken, blessing and distributing it in obedience - by faith. And guess what? It seems to really work!

*"They all ate and were satisfied,
and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken
pieces of bread and fish.*

*The number of the men who had eaten was five
thousand."*

What I can tell you is the reason it works is that Jesus really is a Real Person who really is watching us, who loves and cares for both satisfied and dissatisfied humanity and who really does what he said he will do ...on his terms.

It is with profound gratitude that I thank you for responding to God's nudges to share your 'lunch'. Your gifts in God's hands have made it possible for thousands of people to find real 'satisfaction'! Thank you!



Over this past year:

- With your gifts Go Forth Ministry funded the printing and distribution of 10,000 Chinese Bibles - from inside China.
- Over 19 tons (that's about 52,000 Chinese Bibles) were hand carried by Go Forth Ministry teams into China.
- Your gifts enabled nearly 100 house church pastors in

southern Vietnam in their ministries resulting in thousands of new believers and dozens of new house churches!

- Work in Taiwan continues to expand rapidly as the fire of the gospel is spreading among an estimated 200,000 Vietnamese migrant workers there. Hundreds have turned to Jesus Christ in the past two years! As these newly trained believers return to their homeland, new house churches are springing up. *Read more about this on page 3*
- Some of the Vietnamese house Church leaders have made a bold move to be ordained, and in doing so have birthed the Vietnam Free Methodist Church. As a result we're seeing them reaching a new level of cooperation, accountability and maturity. It is very encouraging to see them eagerly assuming responsibility, getting their own vision for bringing their nation to Jesus Christ, and moving forward by faith and on their own initiative.

Did you know that for the whole nation of China there are only 70 legal bookstores where Bibles can be purchased ...if you are a registered member of the Official Church?

Did you know that the Bible Courier Ministry continually receives requests from the Chinese House Churches for immediate need of 10,000's and 20,000's of Bibles from many different places? Several recent requests have been for at least 100,000 Bibles!

Did you know that 10's of millions of people in China are in need of Bibles right now and the number is growing?

Did you know that every Bible going into China results in at least five people coming to faith in Jesus Christ? (The Bible League)

Did you know that at the current growth rate since 1948, the church in China will number 400,000,000 people in 20 years!



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The Breath of Life



All my life I have been told that reading the Bible is very important in order to maintain good spiritual health. I have never questioned the wisdom of that because I have experienced what it is like to be spiritually unhealthy. You see, there have been times that I got tired of reading my Bible and have laid it aside for a season.

Have you ever done that?

When I don't read my Bible, it doesn't take too long until spiritual lethargy sets in. The heart becomes insensitive to God's presence and leading. Spiritual ears become deaf. Spiritual eyes go blind. The heart becomes calloused and numb. It doesn't take too long until a cloud of apathy settles on our life and we find ourselves becoming numb to the cause and effect of our wrong choices.

It's almost like you have stopped breathing! I can go without breathing for a short time, but eventually, if I don't inhale oxygen, I'm going to die!

But what is it about the Bible that makes it different from any other good book? It's just words on paper like any other book on the shelf, isn't it?

In fact, there are many good books that give us great nuggets of wisdom on how to live life to its fullest. I have read some of them, yet at the end of the day few have made any real lasting impact on my life. But when I read the Bible, it is different. It does make a lasting impact,

Here is the mystery of the Bible; the Bible is more than 'just words on paper'!

Let me shed some light on that mystery with this question: Can you speak without exhaling?

Try it! (Actually I can, sort of, while inhaling, but it sure doesn't work very well!)

Something wonderful and amazing happens when God speaks. There is a power attached to God's words. The power is in his Breath of Life upon which every word is carried!

When God breathed into the pile of dust that he had shaped like a man, something supernatural happened! That pile of dust became a living being. In fact, it was the very likeness of its Creator!

"...the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being." Genesis 3:7

What kind of breath is this? It is the same power filled breath on which rode God's words, "Let there be

light." It was spoken and there it came! Just like that! Light! It was supernatural. Thus, super-unexplainable. Irrational, yet I chose to believe it.

The same holds true whenever we 'inhale' God's written and spoken word! It is super-natural. That means that we don't have to totally understand it in order to accept it and receive the Breath of Life!

When God's word, which is riding on his breath, is simply 'inhaled' (His word, believed by faith) into the chaos of our existence (that part of us that is spiritually lifeless, like the dust from which Adam was formed), life miraculously happens! God's breath begins to mysteriously permeate through the chaos and confusion of circumstances and unanswered questions. Somehow, in unexplainable ways, it brings real life to the soul.

"All scripture (written Word of God) is God breathed..." 2 timothy 3:16

This is the reason that I am so passionate about getting Bibles to people who are praying and waiting for them!

And this is the reason that I want to challenge the readers of this short article: If your life is in chaos, filled with questions and no answers, or you are feeling spiritually dry and lifeless, 'inhale' the word of God!

Intellectually I understand that the Bible was written to people thousands of years ago. But 'by the Spirit' I understand that the Bible is written to me. It is personal, for me, here and now. And, it is still carried on God's Life-giving Breath!

Write your name on the promises God is declaring! Then believe those promises! 'Inhale' his life-giving transforming breath! Get rid of unbelief that prevents you from receiving His 'Breath of Life'. Replace unbelief with the same attitude and response that Mary, a virgin, had when an angel appeared (out of nowhere) before her with a personalized message from God that no one in their 'right mind' could have believed...

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you. So the holy one born will be called the Son of God."

..."I am the Lords servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Luke 1:35 & 38

Mary simply received that personal message (spoken word) from God. And with it came 'the Breath of Life', super-natural, irrational and unexplainable, yet very real!

God's words are carried on the same 'Breath of Life' that transformed a man shaped out of dust into the likeness of his Creator!



The Gospel Continues Big Impact among Vietnamese Migrant Workers in Taiwan!

Brother Barnabas arrived in Taiwan with his wife and children in 2008. They didn't know the local Chinese language. They had no contacts. No Mission Board. They had no support.

But what they did have was a clear call from God, a wide open door, hearts full of joy and anticipation, and a vision to bring the gospel to the Vietnamese community of approximately 200,000 migrant workers who are serving two-year contracts as factory laborers.

The Communist nation of Vietnam officially maintains a hostile attitude towards those who preach the gospel outside their imposed guidelines and restraints. But outside their borders, they cannot impose those restrictions.

And so God has made a way that the gospel can still freely be proclaimed to the Vietnamese. Because handsome profits can be made off of each migrant worker, the Vietnamese people have been enticed to travel to places such as Taiwan and Malaysia where promises of adventure and wealth await.

For the most part though, what awaits these eager adventurers is a life of drudgery inside of factories where they may work from 12 - 16 hours a day and only get two days off a month. They live in compounds on the factory grounds and generally are not permitted to leave.

It usually doesn't take too long until the dream of success turns into a nightmare of entrapment and disillusionment.

It was into this hidden community of 'harassed and helpless' souls that Brother Barnabas and his wife found a rich harvest field! Being Vietnamese refugees themselves, Brother Barnabas and his wife immediately connected with one person after another, caught in crisis and eager to find a Savior.



As the news of that "Savior" Jesus Christ has spread by word of mouth through the Vietnamese Community, Brother Barnabas finds himself at the helm of a movement that is far bigger than ever anticipated.

As I was on the phone with Barnabas about two weeks ago, a second phone rang. He politely broke off our conversation explaining that 'another' Vietnamese was calling to inquire how she could give her life to Jesus Christ! Imagine that! "It happens like this all the time," he said. "Everyone just keeps talking about Jesus!"



Right now many of the Vietnamese migrant workers in Taiwan are returning to their homes and families in Vietnam. They are carrying with them a new vision that replaces the broken vision of wealth and adventure. Now, trained and prepared for the battle ahead, these brave new Christians are taking the lead in spreading the gospel in the very heart of this Communist nation.

New churches are quickly springing up in places where it had been too difficult and dangerous for even Vietnamese missionaries from the south to penetrate. The Fires of the Gospel have been ignited in North Vietnam! People frustrated by years of spiritual hunger are eagerly turning to Jesus Christ, even with a full knowledge of the consequences they will likely have to face.

An Investment Opportunity ...for an Eternal Profit!

This new open door to North Vietnam is offering a great opportunity to invest in a way that will reap eternal profits!

Jesus made it clear that a good place to invest, that reaps an eternal profit, is found in a 'ripe harvest field'. And he taught us that a ripe harvest field is found among people who are 'harassed and helpless'. I have seen this to be true over and over again throughout my life. We've seen it in the spiritual vacuum left in the wake of China's Culture Revolution which has resulted on well over 100 million people turning to Jesus Christ in just 30 years! We've seen it among the Vietnamese Boat People who, in desperation, made the dangerous journey towards freedom in little boats to only end up in prison-like refugee camps! Dreams dashed, and fearing reprisal if they returned, they remained in Hong Kong, eagerly embracing their new found hope in Jesus Christ.

Now another amazing investment opportunity is before us! It is in the movement of the gospel among Vietnamese in Taiwan who are boldly returning to Vietnam to share the Good News!

**I want to help support the spreading of the Gospel and training of leaders
for this new open door to North Vietnam!**

An estimate of \$50,000 would meet the current projected basic costs for 2011

Gifts designated for the 'Barnabas Fund' will be used towards:

- ! Evangelism and leadership training of Vietnamese while they are still in Taiwan.
- ! Support of evangelism in North Vietnam.
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Overcoming story ...testimony!

I had thought we were just going to spend an hour or so with our team visiting the Drug Rehabilitation Home in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam which is run by a Christian family out of their home. Instead we ended up spending hours there in worship, interacting, and sharing a meal with the 40 recovering male drug addicts. (another location houses 30 female drug addicts)

It was during a worship time that one individual seemed to stand out among the rest. What set him apart was the sincere and intensely joyous expressions that were contrasted by a face etched with hard lines that told of a dark history. When he shared his story with our team we quickly discovered that behind that intimidating exterior was a tender and broken heart. I'll call him "Brother V".



The Drug Rehab Center and a few of our team members

Brother V told us how he grew up in great affluence. His father was a very high ranking government official who oversaw the internal security of the nation. His father held the power to determine policy and how Christians in Vietnam would be treated.

Brother V began his life as a young man at the "top of the pile" as a high ranking police officer. He specialized in undercover operations, especially among the notorious drug gangs.

It didn't take long until his life plunged completely out of control when he was forced to take drugs in order to maintain his cover inside the gang. He became addicted to the hardest drugs and dependant on the very ones he was supposed to fight against. It wasn't long until he found himself caught up in the criminal activities of the gang in order to fund his expensive habit. Eventually he was arrested and imprisoned.

Tagged as a 'turncoat' to the public security force, and viewed as a potential 'turncoat' by the drug gangs as well,

Brother V plunged rapidly to despair. With his inside knowledge of the security force, he became a powerful and dangerous leader in the criminal underworld. Nothing was too evil to do in exchange for quick cash and a drug fix.

Eventually, after serving several prison terms, Brother V was offered a ray of hope when he was introduced to the Drug Rehabilitation Center. There he encountered the power of Jesus Christ. He has been totally set free of drug addiction. In fact, word has it that among all the government sponsored drug Rehabilitation programs in Vietnam, this one is the only one getting real and lasting results, ...so much so, that even though the Rehab Center in which we were visiting is actually an underground church, the police can't touch it because of its proven reputation.

Word about the high rate of success has reached the attention of the government in the far North, who are now sending their own drug addicted children there instead of placing them in their own government drug rehabilitation programs. In fact, most of the 40 men are from the north!

Brother V made a trip home to see his parents and tell them about his transformation and Jesus Christ. As a result, both father and mother gave their lives to Jesus Christ. Soon thereafter they both passed away, and their son, Brother V, returned to the Rehab Center.

God is not only changing the broken lives of drug addicted criminals. On a much larger scale, God is changing the heart of a nation;



The November 2010 Go Forth Ministry Team

one person, one family, one village at a time. As we continue to encourage and support ministries like this government protected 'underground' Drug Rehabilitation Center, there are far reaching effects that are touching the very heart of the nation.

Change must come (and is)! As God's Word is proclaimed, His Breath of Life is bringing transformation. For this purpose Daisy and I continue to dedicate and commit our lives and encourage you to do so as well.

Thank you so much for joining with us on this mission!

Serving with joy,

Wendell & Daisy Martin

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