



Harmony OUTREACH

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BRINGING HOPE AND HELP TO CHINA, CAMBODIA & ETHIOPIA

ETHIOPIA

- 3 orphan homes providing holistic care from childhood through college

CAMBODIA

- COH Orphanage
- Rescue home for vulnerable young women
- Pastor training at HBC
- Victory House rescue home (coming soon)!

CHINA

- Harmony House orphanage in Langfang
- Egg Granny's orphanage in Xian
- Underground seminary in Xian

10/40 WINDOW

The Thing That God Has Called Us to Do

by John Bentley

"This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth." – Keith Green

Jesus warned us with the three parables of Mathew 25 that our lives, as followers of Christ, are essentially stewardship tests. God entrusts us with certain gifts with the expectation that we will use those gifts for His kingdom.

It has been estimated that 90% of the global resources of Christendom are stored up in North America. We have churches on every corner, Christian colleges and seminaries and access to countless excellent para-church ministries.

Jesus said, *"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."* (Luke 12:48) As wealthy Christians living in North America, what is the responsibility of our stewardship?

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70% of the world's population live in the 10/40 Window

90% of the people in the 10/40 window are unevangelized

85% of the world's poor live in the 10/40 window

Despite these staggering statistics, **ONLY...**

8% of the world's missionaries serve in the 10/40 window

Water from a Rock

THE UNTOLD STORY OF HARMONY OUTREACH

by John Bentley

“Some said I was foolish for bringing my family to China in those circumstances. Others called it courageous. I call it faith.”

It was 2006 and I was in Lonnie Diggs' office at Fielder Road Baptist Church. Fielder Road had a membership of nearly 10,000 and Lonnie was on the senior leadership team. Although I am non-denominational, Lonnie had visited our work in China and during that time had graciously offered my family the use of one of the houses which Fielder owned near their large campus. I had been on furlough in the US for nearly a year, and during that time Lonnie had helped me to found Harmony Outreach and tried to get some support directed my way. But Baptist churches have committees and Lonnie could not just declare the church would support us. I will never forget our conversation that day:

“John it's almost time for you to return to China and the money you need hasn't come in. What are you going to do?”

“I'm going to get on the plane.”

“What do you mean?”

“Bro, if I wait for the money to come in that I need before I go, I'll never leave. I'm going to go in faith and trust the Lord to provide me the manna I need, as I need it.” Leaving Lonnie's

office, I got into my car and started to back out when my friend Larry called me on my cell phone. Larry had collected a bunch of used suitcases for my family's return trip to China and wanted to know where to meet. Before I could answer, Lonnie ran out the door waving at me. I told Larry to hold on, laid the phone on my knee, and turned my attention to Lonnie. Lonnie said he knew God was leading me and he was praying that God would miraculously provide for all of my needs. Thirty minutes later I met Larry. He gave me a pile of suitcases – and a check for \$5,000! Larry had overheard Lonnie's comment about our need. The amount of money was exactly what I needed to purchase my family's one-way tickets to Beijing.

Just-in-time Jesus had provided the manna to get me to China but He hadn't yet provided the money I needed to open an orphanage – taking in special needs children who would all require surgeries. Some said I was foolish for bringing my family to China in those circumstances. Others called it courageous. I call it faith. The first month in China it took every drop of my personal support to cover the costs of operating Harmony House, leaving nothing for my family. And then the manna began to come. A

wealthy Jewish woman from Los Angeles contacted me and said she and her husband wanted to give Harmony \$3,000 a month for six months to give Harmony time to get on its feet. Then a Buddhist charity in Beijing heard about our need and donated furniture for Harmony House. Next, Father Tom, a Catholic priest in Beijing, contacted me and said his parish mission committee had voted unanimously to give their mission tithe to Harmony Outreach. Despite the fact that I was a known Evangelical Christian missionary, I was receiving help from a Jewish woman, from Buddhists and from Catholics! God was miraculously providing for our needs but from the most unlikely of sources. **Like Moses, following the call of God required that I leave Egypt and step into the desert in faith. Having done so, I was now experiencing manna coming from heaven and streams of water flowing from a Rock!**

Since that day two things have remained the same. Harmony continues despite great weakness, inadequate resources, and overwhelming obstacles. And, God's strength continues to flow through our weakness to produce such beautiful fruit. For me, I lost the American Dream, but gained Abundant Life in Christ! 🌱



Billy

Cliff

Kari

Lily

Reid

Timothy

Christy

Jane

Kirsten

Lance

Rudi

Wendy

14 NEW KIDS AT HARMONY HOUSE!!

by Linda Huckaba

Can you imagine getting 14 new children within a couple of months? Wow! Change became the norm at Harmony House in the last quarter of 2012. With many of our children having been adopted during the year, Lily allowed the numbers to dwindle until after the move to our new location.

But Lily's big love for children soon had her embracing new ones right and left! Two of them were Gary & Peter from the deaf school, and we are delighted to report that it appears Peter is already matched with his Forever Family! Another article (see page 4) requests prayer for Gary who is approaching the age of "timing out" of the system. And here are the other 12 (see above)!

Their stories are all available on our website (www.harmonyoutreach.org), but nearly all of these sweet little ones need *Forever Families*. If you or one of your friends is interested in making one of these cuties part of your family, please call or email us. We would love to hear from you! 🌱

Little Lily & Big Lily



BABY LILY: A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH

by Linda Huckaba

Last October a beautiful little girl whom we named Lily came to live at Harmony House. Born January 10, 2012, she is now a year old.

After being abandoned and taken to a state orphanage, Lily was diagnosed with congenital heart problems, including Endocardial Cushion Defect. She had her first surgery in the fall. When she was released from the hospital, she came directly to us at Harmony House on October 4.

From that date until January, Lily was under constant medical care. Three times she was hospitalized. Surgery was performed implanting a shunt from the aorta to the pulmonary artery. After the surgery she developed fluid around the heart and in the lungs, causing shortness

of breath and chest pain. She has also been treated for meningitis, and for a while she was taking an expensive medication obtained from the United States.

Lily has been improving and is now back home but is periodically being checked by MRI and having her blood monitored. Please continue to pray for this beautiful little girl.

To date her medical expenses have exceeded US\$10,000. Donations have come in to help with her expenses so far in the amount of \$5,270, leaving a shortfall of \$4,730. If you would like to help with her expenses, please use the information at the bottom of page 4. 🌱

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My view is that many evangelical churches in North America are missing a global worldview of our stewardship responsibility. The 10/40 Window statistics evidence that the abundantly resourced churches of North America are, for the most part, sleeping giants.

I believe that fully half of my calling is to exhort believers and churches to wake up and realize the responsibilities of our stewardship. God has not called us to be successful. He has only called us to be faithful. Although we are eternal beings, our sojournage on the earth is a vapor of time. That "vapor" is our one opportunity to demonstrate to God a life of love and faithfulness.

While I try to be an influence on others, the one thing I can control is my own life. And so the second half of my calling is the work of Harmony Outreach in the 10/40 window: in China where 20% of the world's population lives; in Ethiopia—one of the 10 poorest countries—where 6% of the population are orphans; and in Cambodia where 97% of the population is trapped in the hopelessness of Buddhism.

I want to help orphans and give them hope. I want to rescue young women and provide for the poor. I want to train

indigenous pastors and send them out to their own people with the Good News of Jesus.

And praise God that is exactly what we are doing! In March, Harvest Bible College opens its first class training Cambodian and Vietnamese pastors. Coming soon to Cambodia is Victory House, an all-new rescue home for vulnerable young people. In China we just took in **fourteen** new orphans at Harmony House and are expanding our work with Egg Granny and her underground seminary. This spring we will lead a team to Ethiopia where we have three orphan homes.

Some of our most exciting successes have come from our overseas trips where people are experiencing abundant life firsthand and are becoming missionaries. Out of the four trips we have led in the last two years, four people have made the decision to become missionaries! 🙌



Time is Running Out for Gary!

Gary's future looks bleak. On his next birthday—July 12, 2013—he turns 14 and by Chinese law becomes too old to be

adopted! How can any child be expected to fend for himself at 14? And what if he is hearing impaired as well?

In Psalm 10:14 we read, "***The helpless put their trust in you. You defend the orphans.***" We are asking everyone to pray to the One Who makes a way....

We need a family for Gary now!



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