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BRINGING HOPE AND HELP TO CHINA, CAMBODIA, ETHIOPIA & VIETNAM



ETHIOPIA



by Paula Veith

John's prayer for everyone who goes on a Harmony trip is that their "hearts will be broken in a beautiful way." During my 2014 trip to Ethiopia with Harmony, God answered that prayer.

When the Harmony team visited the 4,000 member Stadium Church in Sodo, Ethiopia, we spent a few minutes with their children's ministry director. I asked if the children read their Bibles at home during the week. He sadly shook his head and said no. Curious, I asked

why not. God used his response to break my heart. He told us how an Amharic language Bible is too expensive for the average Ethiopian family. I asked how many children were in children's ministry. Answer: 1,500! In that moment, God placed a burden on my heart to bring back Amharic Bibles for those children. I had no idea where to buy Amharic Bibles—or where to get the money to buy them—but I knew God had called me to this, and that was really all I needed to know.

Upon my return to Colorado, my pastor asked the team to share our testimonies at church. When I spoke, I shared this burden with my church family. Amazingly, we had a guest speaker that day who, after hearing what I shared, told pastor Nunnally that he had a friend in Africa who might be able to connect us with a resource for Amharic Bibles. And indeed he did! Our new contact was able to connect us with someone in the Ethiopian Bible Society.

It wasn't until August that we finally received a firm quote (\$4.00 per Bible). We also learned we'd need to order the Bibles by the end of the month to ensure they would be printed and ready for delivery when

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Where's
Waldo?



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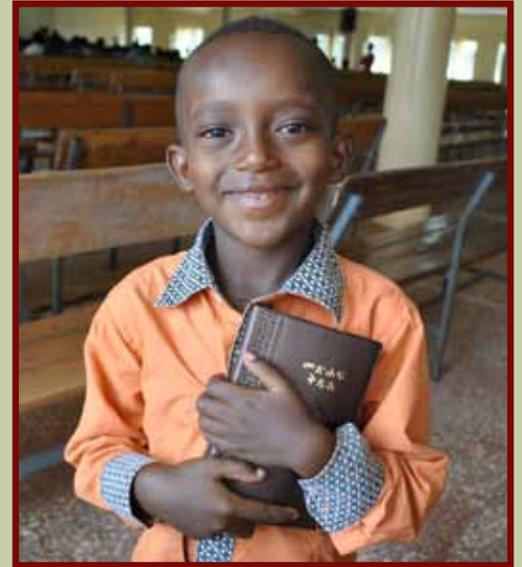
we arrived for the next Harmony Ethiopia trip in February 2015. That gave us less than three weeks to raise \$8,000! The next Sunday pastor Nunnally brought this need to our church family. Amazingly, despite our church's small size, the special offering raised over \$5,000!

And still God wasn't finished. John Bentley called me two days later to tell me that someone who'd gone on a previous Harmony Ethiopia trip—whom he hadn't heard from in years—called him out of the blue inquiring if Harmony had any special needs in Ethiopia. Joyce informed John that God had placed on her heart to donate \$3,000—before even knowing what Harmony's needs were!

Her generosity enabled us not only to provide Bibles for the children in Sodo, but also to all of Harmony's orphans in Ethiopia, and to cover the cost of ground transportation! Talk about an Ephesians 3:20 situation!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory!

This past February I was able to return to Ethiopia, together with my pastor and 14 others on the Harmony team, to distribute the Amharic Bibles to the children at Sodo Stadium Church. To witness all of these children holding their very own Bibles in their hands—some clutching them to their hearts—was a beautiful reward at the end of a journey of faith and obedience. 🌱



Harmony House seems to be a revolving door recently. We reported 6 adoptions last issue, and we just had another on March 16. **Allen**, who has been with us nearly a year, was adopted by a family in Texas.

We all know that Lily has a big heart for orphans and doesn't like to see empty cribs at Harmony House. She added little Suzanne, a preemie, January 30. Weighing only eight pounds at three months, Suzanne was treated for pneumonia before she came to us. She has been diagnosed with a minor heart problem common to preemies and is being examined for a liver-function issue but is gaining weight and thriving at Harmony House.

Lily has already arranged for THREE more babies—which we will report on next issue. 🌱



Suzanne, upon arrival at Harmony House.



Suzanne, 3 months later!



Allen with his new sister.

VIETNAM

Hanoi, Vietnam Pastor Training Begun!

by John Bentley

Far more exciting than running missions for the U.S. government is running missions for God!

During the Vietnam War not even the Marines could get into Hanoi. Yet at the epicenter of the Vietnamese communist government, God has given Harmony Outreach the mission to train underground pastors!



I am happy to report that in early March, our first two U.S. pastors were in Hanoi teaching and training their Vietnamese



The tip of the spear: Pastor Ryan Ellsworth from New Mexico was part of our first-ever pastor training team to Hanoi.

counterparts. They loved it and the Vietnamese loved them. Eight more U.S. pastors will follow throughout this year. This outreach in Hanoi is in addition to the ten pastors we have traveling to Saigon—as our work in Vietnam continues to deepen.

Well, the thrill of working with the underground church in Vietnam is not limited to pastors! This fall Harmony will be hosting our first-ever trip to Vietnam! Watch our newsletters and/or website for the dates. If you are up for a Book-of-Acts adventure to an exotic city that very few Westerners visit, please contact Linda-Mac at our offices for more information and to reserve your place. 🌿

240 Cambodia Pastors Trained and Resourced

by John Bentley

Last October, 120 pastors in Cambodia's Battambang province received training and computer resources through Harmony's partnership with IPCC (Indigenous Pastors' Curriculum Cooperative). This was such a hit that IPCC soon received invitations to repeat this training in Pailin and Pursat provinces—which training was completed in March with another 120 pastors trained!

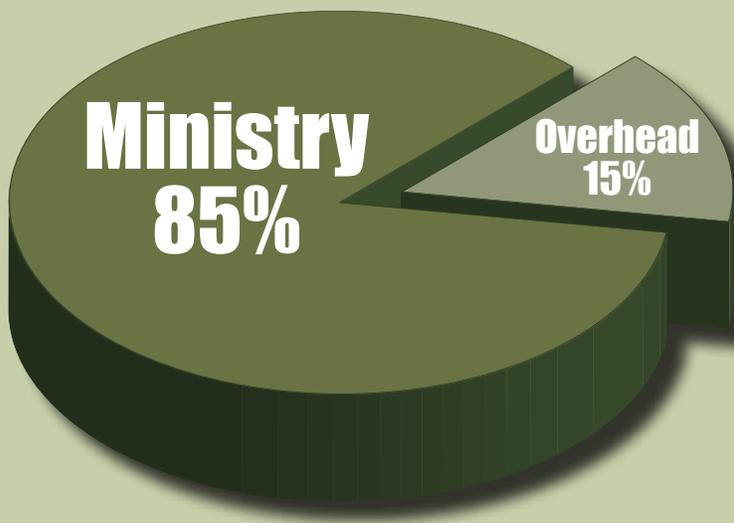
Two years ago, IPCC founder Pastor Dave Anderson was one of our visiting teaching pastors at Harvest Bible College in Phnom Penh. Following his trip he helped us revamp how we train pastors. The problem was that shortly after receiving biblical instruction, many of these village pastors forgot much of what they had learned. To address this problem, IPCC provides each uneducated village pastor with

a computer loaded with everything he needs to understand and teach through all 66 books of the Bible!



His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Pet 1:3)

I am so grateful to God for giving us this mission of helping to support pastors and spread the church in Cambodia. I am also deeply grateful to those of you Harmony supporters who provide monthly support for our Cambodian pastor training mission. You are the wind in our sails that has allowed us to reach and resource pastors in 3 of Cambodia's 24 provinces in just two years! 🌿



85%

by Linda Huckaba

Recently Doug MacRae, one of Harmony Outreach's board members who is a CPA, advised us that based on his analysis, our administrative

overhead expenses comprise only about 15% of our budget —meaning **85%** goes directly to ministry.

Our U.S. headquarters staff is small. John and I are full time, and we have three paid part-time staff: Diana in Partner Services works about 25 hours a week, Tina comes in about 10 hours a week to do accounting, and Linda-Mac works 12-15 hours a week as our Missions Coordinator. Add our unpaid Chaplain Harlan who constantly prays for Harmony, and that's it! That's our little family working in our 1,750-square-foot office God gave us in 2013. Harmony is very much a ministry that operates by faith, trusting the Lord to meet our needs and often stepping into new countries and new works (as God leads) ahead of the resources we need but trusting the One who said "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all [that you need] will be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)

Harmony's ministry mandate is to **spread the knowledge of Jesus** and to **help the vulnerable**. We are committed to making the most of the resources God gives us. We have never requested "Most-Needed" funds, but such funds would provide some freedom for us to respond quickly to emergencies and to meet other needs as they arise. To be a blessing in this way, mark your donation "Most Needed." 🌱



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