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I Love to Tell The Story!

These are the words of a popular hymn we have heard over and over again when we were kids. From day one the Gospel was meant to be told. To whom? To the whole world! The story was so important that Heaven dispatched the commander of angelic forces, Archangel Gabriel, to deliver it on that first Christmas!

And so, we ask how important is the preaching of the Gospel today?

To Doris it is a matter of life and death! I met this veteran missionary to China some weeks ago in Taiwan.

The year was 1935. Doris was just 12 years old and left her home country for China to serve with China Inland Mission, founded by Hudson Taylor.

Fourteen years later the Cultural Revolution erupted and all missions organizations were shut down and missionaries were expelled from the country.

Many of them went to the island of Taiwan (Formosa). Doris was among them.

Today Doris' missions organization publishes several high quality magazines. One is a full color monthly magazine with a circulation of 500,000 copies! Doris also founded an incredible media ministry, daily Christian radio and TV programs that are heard and seen throughout Taiwan, with awesome impact.

This humble, aging servant of the Lord has wonderfully made the most of the talents she has received from the Lord. I asked her how "Missionary Doris" became the leader and founder of such a vast media missions organization, what caused her to switch from conventional missions to media missions.

Doris thought for a brief moment and replied: "When I looked around I could see multitudes of people on their way to eternity and hell not knowing about

salvation in Jesus Christ. I realized that the church was not reaching them fast enough. There had to be a way to reach these people much faster. We started the radio ministry and the monthly magazine."

Heaven knows how many Chinese in Taiwan and elsewhere in Asia have received the Gospel through the ministry of Doris and her team.

There is an urgency to the preaching of the Gospel.

Every generation passes. We are here for a few scant decades. Then its over. It is the task of our generation to reach this generation with the Gospel. It is a shared responsibility.

Does it arouse our interest? Heaven is betting on it.

Gabriel will not come again. Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, Paul will not rise from the dead to preach to this generation.

Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy: "Do the work of an evangelist, do the duties of your ministry well."

Almighty God measures out talents to each one of us. Everyone receives something. There are no "talentless" people in the Kingdom.

I hear someone say that he or she received a single talent. Insignificant? Not at all! Join hands with friends. Form a cluster of talents and rejoice in the multiplied returns from the combined talents.

Can there be a greater joy than to leave this life and declare: "I gave the Lord, His Kingdom, my best shot, my all—intellect, mind, body and soul! I made sure that His amazing grace was not «grace wasted»! As Paul wrote: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".

Oh Lord, let it be...

Hannu Haukka

Prayer Calendar Fall 2007

We are in the middle of an extremely busy time of ministry at IRR/TV. Please remember us in prayer as we work to complete an unprecedented five city campaigns and three leadership conferences for pastors currently under way.

2007 Fall schedule:

- **Bishkek City Campaign** Oct. 1 – Oct. 31
Goal: to reach the residents of Kyrgyzia's capital city.
Kyrgyz people are Muslim.
- **Krasnojarsk City Campaign** Oct. 1 – Oct. 31
Siberia's mega-city.
- **Vladimir City Campaign** Oct. 1 – Oct. 31
Historically an Orthodox stronghold in central Russia.
- **Izhevsk City Campaign** Nov. 1 – Nov. 31
Capital city of Udmurt.
- **Kiev City Campaign** Nov. 1 – Nov. 31
Capital city of Ukraine, home to 5 million people.
- **Pastor's Conference in Moscow** Oct. 12 – Oct. 13
About 700 pastors and layworkers received training to help meet new challenges.
- **Pastor's Conference in Krasnoyarsk** Oct. 27 – Oct. 28
An estimated 1,000 pastors, counsellors and lay people to be equipped, trained and educated to meet ministry challenges.
- **Pastor's Conference in Almaty** Oct. 30 – Nov. 1
1,000 pastors will receive training, inspiration and instruction to help meet ministry challenges.

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Behind the iron doors the boys have no bed sheets or pillows. Few have a mattress. There is no toilet, just a pipe that drains waste water and urine to the outside of the cell. This run down prison camp has not been maintained in decades.

Treacherous Conditions at Central

Kyrgyzstan is one of Central Asia's poorest countries even though it has some of the world's largest oil and natural gas deposits and abundance of natural resources. After the collapse of the Soviet Union Kyrgyzstan has not been able to start its own economy.

It is a small country with five million inhabitants.

Kyrgyzstan's majestic Pamir mountain range is similar to the Swiss Alps. It has a multicultural mixture of people including the Uzbeks, Tajiks, Russians, Ukrainians, Germans Uigurs and Koreans.

Because of political instability many industries have closed their doors. Unemployment has skyrocketed, malnutrition and starvation is commonplace. The country

is divided into two regions; the richer northern region and the poorer southern region.

More and more parents cannot make ends meet in daily living so they have turned to augmenting their wages by the labor of their own children. Abandoned children are on the increase as well. Churches in Kyrgyzstan have sent out desperate pleas for help.

Last year at a leadership conference held in Moscow IRR/TV received an urgent invitation to hold a month-long city campaign in the capital city of Bishkek. As you read this article we are currently in the middle of the month-long campaign.

Three mega-city campaigns launched in October

This is our second city campaign held in Central Asia. The first one was in Almaty, Kazakhstan in the spring of 2006.

An estimated 13.5 million Kazakhs had the opportunity to catch the campaign's message by television. Local churches got the message (*God can give you the power to change*) out by distributing literature to 137 thousand homes in Almaty. The churches experienced an immediate increase of attendance at their meetings.

The campaign caught the attention of the President's inner circle as well. People turning to a faith in Christ by seeing the message on TV include a



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The shower is just a pipe that has cold water pouring out of it. This is where the boys line up and take their turn to "wash".

Asian Children's Prison Camp!

well known surgeon at the Almaty General Hospital, a former KGB officer, a champion javelin athlete. Also 100 inmates at a boy's prison camp made their decision for Christ after hearing the simple message of salvation presented to them at the prison camp.

Now we turn our efforts to the capital city of Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek. All 31 TV programs presenting the Gospel are being aired in the evening at prime-time on the most popular channel and are repeated after midnight to a totally new audience.

We have posted outdoor ads throughout the city, something that was not possible in Kazakhstan.

Forty thousand campaign booklets

have been printed in Russian and Kyrgyz languages.

Kyrgyzstan seems to be on the edge of political mayhem. Islamic forces are fighting for political control in the country.

The purpose of IRR/TV's city campaign is to reach the Kyrgyz people with the gospel message and to support and help strengthen the local congregations.

The time is now for action. We may never get another chance like this in our generation.

Horrible conditions in Kyrgyzstan prison camps

Our first order of business is to go to

the prison camps where children are being held for petty crimes for the most part. It is about an hour's drive from Bishkek.

Our first impression of the prison camp was gut wrenching.

"We have never seen such bad conditions in any other prison camp in Russia. We were sickened to see the disgusting environment the boys have to endure while they serve their sentence. You could call it the prison camp from Hell!" says IRR/TV's local campaign coordinator Sergei Altuhov.

There are no toilets, only several holes dug in the ground with a roof above. The cells have holes punched through the walls to facilitate drainage of waste water, there are no drainage pipes.



Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country. A large portion of the poor are Muslim. Lately Islamic extremism has been on the increase.

Since this issue of Russia blankets to each boy at this

Showers are non-existent as well. Cold water pours out of a pipe under which the boys take their turn to "wash".

The kitchen has no proper appliances for preparing food. No wash basins, pipes or faucets not to mention a clothes washer and dryer.

Waste water runs along shallow ditches to the far corner of the prison camp property. A swamp has begun to form in the area where the water drains into.

These boys have no bed sheets, blankets or pillows. Only a few of them have a mattress to sleep on.

An isolation cell is located in the middle of the prison yard. Misbehaved inmates are locked up there. About sixty boys are doing time in these dank cells that are secured by iron doors. A tiny slot in the door allows the guards to check in on the inmates. We could only see large sad

eyes looking out through the slots. These cells have no windows, toilet, any furniture or a decent bed.

The prison camp is in total disrepair. It has not been maintained regularly in decades. Funding for such things has not been available for years now. It should be torn down and replaced by a new facility. But funding for something like that is non-existent.

Little Nurlan

One of the guards told us a heart-wrenching story of a boy named Nurlan.

Nurlan was caught stealing and ended up at this prison camp. He had no knowledge of where his mother or father were.

After serving his sentence Nurlan, along with a few other boys, was finally released. The gates of the prison opened

up for them. Nobody was there to meet Nurlan who was a head shorter than the others. Nobody on the outside of the prison walls knew about Nurlan's day of freedom. No one cared. Nurlan had no idea which way he should go from here.

This prison camp had not received any funding from the government for some time which meant they had no money to give these boys to buy food or find shelter not even for bus fare to Bishkek.

As evening shadows grew longer the boys took their first steps of freedom along the gravel road that led to the city of Bishkek. They split up and went their separate ways in various directions.

Nurlan sat down at a bus stop after walking a kilometer from the gates of the prison camp. Without money, bus fare or a home to return to all he could



& Asia Report went to print IRR/TV representatives delivered prison camp as well as clothing and food to 30 other prison camps.

Teenage inmates received the good news about Jesus by word and print.

do was stare at an empty world with a blank expression on his face.

On his way home from work that evening the prison guard noticed the boy at the bus stop. He stopped and chatted with Nurlan for a while and gave him enough money to get on the hour long bus ride. It is 40 kilometers to the city.

"Unfortunately this story is repeated with too many of the boys," the guard noted. "They have nobody to care for them. And often they soon end up back at the prison camp. These boys really have no chance for a clean start!"

Half way homes

At that moment I turned to my assistant from the local church and asked him if it would be possible to find people in the congregation who would take

care of these children in this situation. He explained that some congregations already have a ministry to help these abandoned children even though they have very limited resources.

I felt the pain these boys must live with and decided to help support these local churches in their struggling children's street ministry including taking in released children from prison camps. We will help them purchase a half way home for about 17 thousand dollars.

Monthly overhead costs are quite affordable to us in the West. In 2006 the average annual income per person in Kyrgyzstan was about 400 dollars.

The only hope that these children in the prison camps of Kyrgyzstan have is the Gospel, a loving, caring church and believers who understand what it means

to "love your neighbor".

These children can receive healing and live a normal life if they are surrounded by caring people and they live according to the Word of God.

A sign above the gates of the prison camp reads: "To freedom with a clean conscience!" I thought to myself, after all I have seen and heard today how can live with a clean conscience if I don't do something to help these children. I realize that as individuals we cannot do much, but together with our prayer partners we do great things for these children.

If we do not rise up to the challenge, knowing what we know, who will?

Please remember the city campaign in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in your prayers. Pray that the hearts of people will be open to the Gospel. Also the needs of children in Russia's prison camps.



50 million children will complete military training this year at the People's Liberation Army camps. But there isn't an army in the

Military Training or Bible St

The president of IRR/TV Ministries, Hannu Haukka, negotiated a milestone agreement with an Asian TV channel. He also discovered that the People's Liberation Army in Mainland China is giving military training to 50 million children this year. Instead of military training for the children, what they really need is Biblically sound teaching on ethical values and love. These could be easily taught by showing children's Bible stories produced for TV. The following is Hannu's report from the Far East.

On my return trip I saw a startling headline in a popular newspaper. Twenty million children, ages 9 to 18, enrolled in a

mandatory month-long military training program at the People's Liberation Army summer camps.

A total of 50 million children will go through the same military training this year. A spokesperson for the People's Liberation Army police admitted that the children are trained as soldiers and it is classified information.

Teaching sound values to children

As I read the article I was glad that I had given the top executives of the most popular TV channel in China a DVD containing some of the best Bible stories for children. An official from External Affairs Department was

also given a copy of the DVD.

The *Superbook* series has sound teaching for children regarding moral issues, obedience, healthy relationships, compassion for their neighbor and the Gospel message.

50 million children in China do not need military training foremost. Instead they should be able to watch the children's series on DVD given to the television channel executives.

There isn't an army in the world that can teach such values to children. Only God can do it through his Word.

If the government officials in China would allow the series to air on TV it would be an indication that they care about their nation's spiritual welfare



world that can teach values such as love and compassion to children. Only God can do it through his Word.

ories for Chinese Children?

which would strengthen their national identity and beautify their image.

Evangelists disappear during the revolution

When communism swept over the nation of China in 1949 all missionaries were exiled. Many of them ended up on the island of Taiwan along with some of China's upper class society. They brought with them the classic Chinese language, religion and culture to the island and they feel as if they are the guardians of their heritage.

Taiwan is an island nation with a population of 22 million. Taiwanese are a religious people, 93% are Buddhists, Taoists or followers of Confucianism. 5%

or about a million people are Christian. Several large congregations exist.

The *Linglia Church* has 12 thousand members. One thousand seven hundred people fit into the sanctuary at a time. They have eight meetings back to back every Sunday.

China and the Great Commission

Tawan's political future is uncertain at this point in time. Mainland China has declared Taiwan as a province rather than an independent country.

Several prophecies have announced that China will evangelize the regions of Islam starting from the western border of China all the way to Israel. Many

Taiwanese churches believe that they will be central to this event and they are full of enthusiasm and faith.

When we were at a media missions conference held in Israel last spring we were invited to meet with Christians in Taiwan. We decided to follow up on the suggestion and arranged a meeting with them on our next visit to that part of the world on other business.

We would never have guessed just how providential that suggestion made in Israel would turn out to be.

500 million potential viewers

The highlight of our trip was the signing of an agreement to air several IRR/TV programs in Mandarin by



Sunday school in China. Churches in China are taking great risks by teaching children obedience and knowledge of God's Word.

satellite channel in January 2008. The channel can be seen throughout Mainland China and is very popular.

We were told that an amazing 200 million subscribers to the channel will be able to watch our programs. That translates to a potential 500 million viewers.

I was speechless. I understood the enormity of the situation. If 100 thousand people could fit into an olympic sized stadium we would need to fill 5,000 of these mega-sized stadiums in order to reach as many people for Christ. That would be an impossible feat. We couldn't even find enough stadiums of that size in the whole world! But through the power of television God has made it possible for us to reach such large masses of people.

Secret document

After the agreement was signed I was led to the satellite channel headquarters. I was shown a highly sensitive video documentary about Mainland China. I watched, in that office high atop the skyscrapers, how effectively Christian TV programs have made a difference in the world's most populated nation.

A large map of China divided into 31 provinces and autonomous regions

was beamed onto a giant screen before me. People began to appear all over the map one at a time. They were Christians recounting the spiritual blessings they received from watching satellite telecasts. They told of their friends turning to Christ, of healings, and receiving spiritual nourishment.

They also revealed the persecution and restrictions they suffer and how their freedom to worship God was taken away from them but still one thing remained and it was the power of God's Word delivered by satellite TV programs. I was deeply moved by what I saw and heard.

I also understood that God had providentially led us to meet with executives of this TV network.

I was not able to take a copy of the video documentary with me for the Christians in the video were in danger of further persecution if it were to end up in the wrong hands.

Negotiations are still in the works with TV channels in the remaining 30 provinces and cities of Mainland China.

Support for Pastors

For the past four years IRR/TV has been partners with other ministries

printing Bibles in China.

Last spring we were asked if we could support several pastors while they prepare for ministry. This fall we have agreed to support twelve pastors for one year during their training at a Bible school in central China. It will cost IRR/TV about 750 dollars per year to support one pastor.

In addition we have sent specialized literature to 50 pastors to help prepare them for their work. The support we provide is essential as the rapid spiritual awakening has left many congregations and their pastors without proper theological training.

Please pray for and support outreach to millions in China.





In the past 12 months over 100 thousand phone calls had been received by a TV ministry broadcasting live satellite TV programs to Iran and Afghanistan!

50,000 Iranians Turn to Christ Watching TV

God intervenes when people use force and methods of persecution to stop the Gospel from reaching people in need. If traditional time-tested methods of outreach fail God is ready to move in supernatural ways. This is what is happening in Islamic regions today. IRR/TV representatives attended a strategic meeting for Muslim Ministry in central Europe and returned home with some very interesting, newsworthy information.

You may ask whether it is really worth sending programs to extremist Islamic nations like Iran. Definitely!

Recently an Iranian pastor told me that in the last 12 months over 100 thousand phone calls had been received by a TV ministry broadcasting live satellite TV programs to Iran and Afghanistan! They had opened up telephone lines linked to the live telecasts.

An astounding 50,000 callers had prayed to receive Christ on air. This verifies that millions of Iranians watch Christian TV programs by satellite. Many had obviously watched for a period of months or even several years before responding.

IRR/TV has produced and aired satellite TV programs to Iran and other Persian language countries over the past

few years. Now we have received an order from the satellite TV channel for an additional 90 programs in the Persian language.

Despite Iran's severe restrictions millions of Iranians watch Christian TV programs by satellite. As Islam makes headway in Europe it seems the opposite is happening in Iran.

Eight million followers of Jesus in Iran?

A certain Iranian pastor was jailed for his work as a Christian minister. At the trial he asked the judge if several hundred Christians could be such a threat to Islamic Iran. The pastor was not connected to Christians elsewhere in Iran and did not know how many

others there could be.

The judge answered: "There are 8 million Christians living in Iran!"

"This is a paradox," says an Iranian Pastor living outside of Iran, "that Iran is trying so hard to export their Islamic revolution to the whole world but is losing ground to Christians in their own country."

Mother receives healing!

A young Iranian woman was told her mother's diagnosis indicated that she had no hope of getting better and would soon die.

The woman saw a dream one night. In the dream a man met her. "Who are you?" she asked.

"I am Jesus," said the man.

50,000 Iranians Turn to Christ Watching TV

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"What do you want?" the woman asked.

"I came to tell you that your mother is healed."

"Impossible," she resisted. "The doctors say that there is no hope, she will die!"

The man repeated his words, that her mother is healed.

When she woke up she ran to her mother's side and found her totally healed. The young woman however did not know anyone named Jesus. Some time later she received a New Testament from a friend and found a person by the name of Jesus in the gospels. She turned to faith in Christ as did her healed mother and the whole family.

"I recently baptized this mother," the elderly Iranian pastor told our staff.

I Am the Truth, follow me!

The same pastor recounted the story of an Iranian government official who had been desperately searching for the truth and purpose for his life.

The man saw Jesus in a dream. "I

am the Truth, follow me," Jesus said. In the morning the man realized it was just a dream and promptly forgot about it.

Several days later, when he was wide awake, the same man he saw in his dream appeared to him in a vision. Jesus said: "I am the Truth, follow me!" Then he disappeared.

This government official began to compare the founding person of the two opposing religions. One was a young man of 33 years who was nailed, hung on a cross and cried out: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!" The other was a 50 year old man who married a six year old girl!

His study of the two religions and the vision helped him decide that Jesus is the Truth.

The man asked the pastor to baptize him. The pastor said: "You know not what you ask, you could be killed!"

"I know what I am asking, baptize me now!" He was baptized.

Prayer is powerful. The prayer of faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...

Targeting the mega-cities in the Middle-East

IRR/TV is moving toward conducting mega-city campaigns in Middle Eastern Islamic countries. These mega-city campaigns will be tailored and be culturally sensitive to the region.

The cities targeted are Cairo, Egypt; Damascus, Syria; Beirut, Lebanon; Amman, Jordan and possibly Istanbul, Turkey.

We sincerely believe God wants to powerfully reach out to those living under the yoke of Islam. We trust He will guide us and open all necessary doors. May this be our joint prayer. We will keep you informed as things progress.

The Gospel Truth is the only hope for the world. It is our responsibility to take the Gospel to all corners of the World. We need to continually grow in His knowledge, to be anointed with fresh anointing and to go forward with a renewed vision of the Great Commission.

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