

I. INTRODUCTION

Goal: Make Disciples in All Nations.

Everyone needs to be involved in missions, either on the home front or going to the mission field.

1. Prerequisites for an Effective Life as a Disciple
 - A. Meet with God on a daily basis
 - B. An emphasis on Bible Study and Scripture Memory
 - C. Winning souls with the gospel
2. Characteristics of a Disciple with Heart for the World
 - A. Commitment - to the Great Commission - John 20:21
 - B. Cultural - A true disciple is always counter to his own culture - Romans 12:2
 - C. Continue - Give yourself to continue the vision world-wide

II. Developing a Heart for the World

UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE AT WAR!

Missionary enterprise is not just a business, it is warfare.

1. The Sides
 - A. Satan vs. the Seed of Woman - Gen. 3:14 - 15
 - B. Ishmael vs. Israel - Gen. 21:9-13; Gen. 4:22,23,29 - 31
 - C. World vs. the Missionary - John 15:18-20
2. The Scope
 - A. Home Front (our Jerusalem) every disciple a missionary
 1. Everyone is lost - Romans 3:23
 2. Salvation is for everyone - John 3:16
 3. Each disciple is an ambassador for Christ - II Cor. 5:19-20

B. Cross Cultural Missionaries

1. Abraham left home and kindred to become a blessing to all nations - Gen. 12:1-3
2. Jesus sends forth some as missionaries to leave home and culture for sake of the gospel

3. The Steps

- A. Do Discipleship where you are.
- B. Look for and minister to internationals.
- C. Go on a short term mission trip.
- D. Be willing to go as a missionary full time.

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TELEGRAM

TRAINING EVANGELISTIC LEADERSHIP (TEL)

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Local Gospel Team Outreach in Rural India

Roy Robertson

Last year in a bold step of faith we doubled our staff in India. Two years ago TEL supported only five young evangelists, so we launched a full time training program with teacher and students all living together for one year to upgrade our five senior workers and five more new students.

The TEL training programs are modeled after the example of Jesus, who invited 12 men to live "with Him" that they might be sent forth to preach (Mark 3:14). Usually we select one or two from the graduates to join with us on our staff. But this time all of the trainees wanted to join our team, and we brought them all into our family.

We now have a gospel team based at each of our training centers in the key cities of Hyderabad and Rajahmundry located in the state of Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) inhabited by 75 million Telegu-speaking people. We target the rural areas, where most have never heard a clear explanation of God's plan of salvation.

Getting our teams in place has taken several years of painstaking toil as we trained with a limited budget under difficult circumstances and frequent setbacks. Actually, setting up a permanent gospel team is arduous. To my knowledge there are no other full time Indian gospel teams on the horizon. Oh yes, some Bible schools send out students to do evangelism during vacation periods, and some preachers travel from church building to church building giving a gospel presentation; but very few of the village people will attend. We must go beyond the church borders into the countryside to carry the gospel message to the common people.

We don't do this in isolation, but seek the help of a local church in the area in order to get church members involved in discipleship and sharing the Gospel. In an area where 98% of the people are non-Christian the obvious need is to proclaim the Gospel. Since we send the seekers to a local church, nearly every pastor who joins with us in reaching the lost



TEL India Coordinator
Dasu Babu and family

of his community will also allow us to teach some of his members how to share the Gospel and do follow-up.

Now the teams are in place and the results are much more fruitful than anything seen in India in the past. Here is a report from *Dasu Babu*, the coordinator of our ministry teams over the past two years.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 15 Timothy Training Programs
- 11 Churches started (pastored by our network friends)
- 4 Children's clubs
- 9 Districts out of 24 in A.P. Province entered by TEL gospel teams
 - Adilabad
 - East Godavari
 - Hyderabad
 - Karimnagar
 - Medak
 - Nalgonda
 - Rangareddi
 - Warangal
 - West Godavari
- 1800 Total professions of faith

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR 2003-2004

PUBLIC EVANGELISM: Two weeks out of every month away from the training center doing public evangelism in rural areas

PERSONAL EVANGELISM: Two weeks each month visiting in the neighborhoods and districts around our two bases during Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evening hours.

FOLLOW-UP: Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday morning and evening, according to availability of the new converts.

TIMOTHY TRAINING:

1. Lutheran Church in Santhi Nagar
2. Lutheran Church in Gadala
3. Elim Church in Vidya Nagar
4. Bethel Church in Sarah Nagar

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Conduct clubs in Hyderabad and Rajahmundry TEL Centers. Start two new clubs in Sarah Nagar and Kotilingala Peta.

FILM MINISTRY: Once or twice monthly in slum areas, schools, and rural villages.

CHINA — Guangzhou

Dick and *Diedre Howlett* live in an apartment close to *Guang Wai University* that majors in foreign languages, and many of the students study English. This gives lots of opportunity for *Dick* and *Diedre* to make friends with the students and share the Gospel in English.



Diedre Howlett surrounded by university students

There is also an English Corner near the university that meets on Wednesday evenings. *Deidre* writes, "This is really a three-way ministry. We give students an

opportunity to practice their English. They give us an opportunity to practice our Chinese, and God gives opportunity for us to share and for them to hear about who Jesus is and what He has done for them. As some students have shown a definite interest by accompanying us to church on Sunday mornings, we have been able to invite them to lunch and to share the Gospel with them. We have seen a number of them believe and profess their faith in Christ and begin Bible studies with us."

Dr. Mylene Garcia, a dentist, has been sent by friends in the Philippines to minister in Guangzhou. As an example of a third world country sending out missionaries to another Asian culture this is a significant breakthrough. Even Asians going from one Asian country to live in another go through various forms of culture shock.

She writes, "The third and fourth months are supposed to be a time of testing for every missionary. I was well within that time frame. God put me in a listening mode—a period of seemingly deafening silence. After waiting on God during the difficult and painful process, I finally came out of it and experienced God in ways beyond description. Since then, God has outpoured one blessing after the other. Certain *Guang Wai* students continue to come for Bible study. As I reach out at English corners for the other prepared hearts ripe for the harvest, my prayer promise is 'Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance,' (Psalm 2:8).

"It is truly a joy to see people come to Christ. Several weeks ago I met with a friend's sister, and she prayed to receive Christ before we parted! Prior to her prayer of acceptance she said she could not feel anything, but God removed her heart of stone and replaced it with a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). I am still in awe of the Chinese' eagerness to know what happens next after coming to Christ, which is exciting to behold. She asked, 'What do I have to do now?' I'm praying for her faithfulness in her Scripture memory and for a growing desire to know Christ more and more."

LANGUAGE SCHOOL

"Also," *Mylene* concluded, "the longer I stayed here the more I saw the need to get on with language learning. God wonderfully provided free use of a language lab and teachers with innovative teaching styles."

Other TEL missionaries felt a real need for language study as well. We have started our own Mandarin language school this year with nine staff in classes for three hours a day on three days a week. The Lord has supplied two qualified teachers, *Cathy* and *Patricia*, who also serve with us. Their approach is practical, effective and fun at the same time. The school meets in an apartment where *Mylene*, *Jennifer* and *Cathy* live in the center of the city.

Those who have participated in this language study course are *Andrew Richey*, *Dick* and *Dee Howlett*, *Brian* and *Laura Mackay*, *Stacy* and *Pat Dexter*, *Jennifer Weiss* and *Mylene Garcia*. All these have had a most fruitful ministry using English, yet it is a worthy goal to be able to converse in Chinese.

Leonard Robertson, who speaks both Cantonese and Mandarin, and his wife *Triphina (TJ)* made a follow-up visit to Guangzhou, as well as to the tribal area of Guiyang, where TEL has served the local registered church in outreach and discipleship. Under the dynamic leadership of Pastor Timothy Wu, this church grew from about 300 to more than 3,000 in ten years.

Leonard wrote: Please pray for our Chinese co-worker *Sean Zhang*. *Sean* is Chinese on his father's side and of the Buyi tribe on his mother's side, and he walks with a shuffle because of a foot deformity. He recently was graduated from *ZhongShan University* in Computer Programming and English, and has returned to his home province after TEL training to be a missionary, where I was his team leader. He works out at a gym with a friend *TauFu*, who needs to be born again.

"Please pray for the salvation of *Sean's* parents. They are peasant farmers. *Sean's* father is a Communist party member, which requires its members to believe atheism. *Sean's* mother can speak Buyi. I stayed in their home one Chinese New Year and told his uncle the story of *Esther*."

Wu Han

The LORD has provided a wonderful new life partner for *Valori*, the widow with six girls, whose husband *Bruce Morrison* was murdered in the registered church of *Wu Han* some two years ago. *Simon Liu*, the new husband, was discipled by *Bruce* himself. Both *Bruce's* and *Valori's* parents made a trip to China, and they are delighted that God has provided a wonderful husband for *Valori* and a father for their six grandchildren. *Simon* does not speak much English, but that is no problem for *Valori* and the children are all fluent in Mandarin.

Larry and *Nila Paulus* have been a source of great encouragement to *Valori* and her six girls during their period of difficult adjustment. Some of their Chinese friends have opened a bakery shop to witness to their neighbors



TEL Mothers in Hong Kong:
Ruth Nelson, Rachel Bemenderfer,
Phyllis Robertson, Susie Harrison

while giving employment to brethren in financial need. Pray for Nila's health. She has an abdominal infection, which they have decided to treat locally, which includes traditional Chinese herbs and medication.

Shanghai

When **Mark** and **Rachel Bemenderfer** lived in Shanghai they had a very fruitful outreach and discipled some key people. Now rejoice with us in the marriage of **Hannah** (whom Rachel led to Christ) and **Joe**. The newlyweds have moved to an apartment close to two major universities and launched a new student ministry.

PRAY FOR CHINA LEADERS:

Barry and Ruth Nelson — Barry's goal is to see that there is a team emphasis within the ministry. He feels no one person or family should be an island of ministry just doing his own thing. Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 clearly identify the parts of the body and what is needed to function as a healthy body. Recently these passages challenged him as he works toward shepherding the "flock" of TEL staff (40+ people now). A team (body) environment is essential (not optional) within the work for accountability, spiritual protection, encouragement and fellowship.

Tom Frakes continues to set the pace in evangelism and discipling for all our work in China. By the grace of God our co-workers are bearing fruit in each place where they minister.

INDONESIA

Salatiga

Don and **Jill Klein** with their four small children have moved to Salatiga, Central Java to be close to the rest of the TEL team. Don has brought his management skills into upgrading the office and ministry materials, and he meets one-to-one with the national staff for spiritual enrichment. Jill has enrolled again in language school and leads the Indonesian staff wives in Bible studies.

Sumatra

Staff members **Simon, Lilik, Wiwid** and **Jemino** ministered to the Kubu tribe in the jungles of Sumatra. A total of 625 people heard the Gospel and 34 made decisions for Christ. The Kubu tribe was first reached for Christ by missionary heroes, David Morken and Hubert Mitchell, as described in Roy's book, "Developing a Heart for Mission."

Yogyakarta, Central Java

Lee and **Anna Robertson** led a training program for three months in the TEL center at Yogya and graduated four trainees.

Both Lee and Anna are into fitness programs. Anna jogs at 4:30 A.M. and Lee has opened his own weight lifting and fitness facility near his home. He is tops in the city of Yogya for deadlifts.

VIETNAM

Roy and **Phyllis Robertson** visited our staff workers in Vietnam. We have wonderful ministry opportunities, particularly helping registered Vietnamese churches. The Gospel is preached regularly with an open invitation to make a public profession of faith. At the service we attended on Sunday morning, three young people came to Christ and the pastor knelt in front of the church to pray for the new believers. The Sunday school classes are crowded with children and the church is growing rapidly.

PHILIPPINES

Mike and **Diane Tripp** report that God did many wonderful things in cutting through red tape and all kinds of political obstacles so their adopted daughter, Katie, could accompany them back into the Philippines. Katie came from a White Russian dysfunctional family in Kazakhstan, one of the new countries which broke from the Soviet Union. Now living in Batangas City with her brother Sam in the midst of all her new Filipino "uncles" and "aunts", Katie has already made remarkable progress in adjusting. But Diane and Mike ask for continued prayer as Katie is a hyperactive child.

Michael and **Kathy Grant** with their two children, Jacob (8) and Caleb (4), plan to join the TEL staff as missionaries in May 2004. Michael was recently ordained by a local church but needs more support. Pray for Michael's father, a former missionary to the Philippines, who is recovering from extensive surgery due to cancer. Pray for Michael and Kathy as they remodel both their home and their father's home and prepare to sell them before going to the Philippines.

Doug Johnston, the versatile, multi-cultural missionary, who has served both in India and the Philippines, will return to Manila on January 3. Doug along with Filipino co-workers is opening up a new TEL center in Manila. The opportunities and magnitude of the assignment can be overwhelming. Pray for Doug to ascertain God's direction and be able to focus on clear goals.

Two TEL staff workers, **Val Cruzat** and **Mintu Mostafa** (a Bangladesh convert) are doing full time seminary training at the International School of Theology (ISOT). This is one of the top seminaries in all of Asia, sponsored by Campus Crusade. It is a stretching experience with a lot of high level academic and ministry requirements, so they need prayer.

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