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When you read these words, I shall have, by God's mercies, just returned from my latest trip on your behalf. This one to a country numbered among those collectively known as "the Stans" (my first-ever trip to this particular nation) and my third visit to our dear friends and fellow-believers and fellow-workers in Bangladesh.

In this certain "stan" I will have spent time with our ministry partners working along one of that country's borders. These are folks whom I met and with whom I traveled by bus for 10 days last year in Iran. Great folks. Great integrity. Great hearts...for the Lord, his gospel, the nations, and these particular peoples. What a magnificent opportunity for you and me to be able to extend our touch into a spiritually dark, unspeakably dark, place. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Our partners there had submitted 2 project proposals to Lightbearers for funding consideration in 2007. Each was for a different business model to be developed in their current country of residence for eventual transfer into a neighboring country. They themselves were uncertain which proposal they most favored, and so our Mission Projects Advisory Group—under the passionate and devoted and informed direction of Dr. Heather Walker—sure had no clear signal regarding which one we should fund. Therefore, I've made an on-site visit to help them and us sort through the options and make the most wise choice for the investment of your resources. Unlike any trip I've made since July 2004, this trip I traveled alone. The 6 or so college students with whom I'd spoken and who had expressed interest in this trip were eventually unable to go with me.

For the second part of my trip I joined 4 young men from Bentonville (AR) High School—Clayton Clark, 11th grade; A.J. Exner, 11th grade; Matt Prude, 11th grade; and Seth Clark, 10th grade—and 2 dads (Scott Clark and Kelley Prude) in Dubai for the last leg of their flight to Dhaka Bangladesh. The 4 guys have invested their Spring Break for this trip and the 2 dads each

took a week off work to accompany them.

Last July the Lord keenly burdened the hearts of these students for the orphans in the Children's Home in Bangladesh which Lightbearers had previously come alongside to support. Since then these guys have raised many thousands of dollars for support of the Children's Home and are responsible for raising awareness of need/opportunity and the subsequent sponsorship of dozens of these children; children whose parents have been murdered by family members or village neighbors for their "crime" of leaving Islam for personal faith in and follower-ship of Jesus Christ; girls who have been gang-raped by Muslim men for the same "crime". Less fortunate, if such were possible, are those girls who have been kidnapped as "justice" for either their own or their parents faith in Jesus, and married off against their will to much older Muslim men. Once pregnant from that unwanted marriage, their parents are then allowed to know where their daughters are, but are forbidden to help them or to ever have their daughters returned to them. Religion of Peace, indeed.

One of the students on this trip has written a song about

Discovery Trip, cont.

the children. It is heart-wrenching. And you may—might I say, **MUST**—hear it on our website. It is titled “Broken But Beautiful” and can be found at www.lightbearersministries.org on the Bangladesh country page.

Safe to say that whatever these boys and their dads were able to do in the name of Jesus while in Bangladesh (and we know from the Scriptures that whoever does anything “for the least of these”, even offering a cup of cold water in the name of Christ, is doing it as unto Jesus), what has been done in and to and what will be done through them by the Holy Spirit is beyond calculation. Their lives and outlooks, their careers, their families now and future, their studies, their friendships, their praying, their giving...nothing will ever be the same again. How blessed they are!!!

Clayton, A.J., Matt, Seth—may we go and do likewise. For God’s glory. In Christ’s name. By the power of his Spirit. Amen. Let it be, Lord, let it be.



**POWER
POINT**



MIKE COMPTON, founder and executive director of Lightbearers Ministries, received a bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Southwest Missouri State College (now Missouri State University) in 1970; a master’s degree in History from that institution in 1971; and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration/College Student Personnel from the University of Arkansas in 1980. His career includes professional positions in university administration (University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; and Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO), church staff (University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, AR; and First Baptist Church, Moore, OK), and county government (Washington County, AR). He established Lightbearers, a collegiate residential discipleship ministry, at the University of Oklahoma in May 1995. Lightbearers is an IRS-designated 501 (c) (3) organization. Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all contributions to Lightbearers Ministries.

PIONEERING PRAYER
for one of 28 priority people groups

Bhutan's leader, 51-year-old King Wangchuk, drives a Toyota and loves American basketball. He follows his father's tradition of traveling widely to remote villages in order to stay connected with his kingdom that boasts of spiritual freedom.

In practice, however, the culture is linked with Tibetan Buddhism. As one observer puts it, "Bhutanese follow Tibetan Buddhism for fear of what would happen if they do not." They work hard, even though reaching nirvana (reunion with Brahma or eternal nothingness) seems impossible. The majority Drukpa also emphasize their pre-Buddhist animism and demon worship, but God has used Indian missionaries to raise up a few Bhutanese Christians. This new church, scattered across their nation, is less than half of one percent of the population.

- Pray for the Bhutanese believers to be empowered and emboldened to reach their own people, and for cross-cultural missionary teams to join them.
- Pray for the salvation of King Wangchuk.

BHUTANESE

LIGHTBEARERS GATHERINGS 2007

May 2007 DALLAS METRO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Aug 2007 NW ARKANSAS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**Sep 2007 SPRINGFIELD, MO
NORMAN, OK**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

Nov 2007 TULSA, OK

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8