



# HMI Fellowship

## Notes & News

### Missionary Connections

If you were at the HMI Fellowship on Monday night (3-20-06), you heard that Pastor Jim Keller needs help with Burmese Bible studies. He uses a great resource called '100 Bible Stories' that is easy to use and understand. This is a wonderful way to build a friendship with someone from another culture! Contact Harvest Mission for more information and we will connect you with Pastor Keller.

### Questions & Answers

What do you mean by 'cross-cultural missions?'

Cross-cultural refers to any culture which is different from your own. This could be a person who is from an Asian, Hispanic, African, or Middle Eastern background, just to name a few. And if you really think about it, it could also mean a spouse, a child, a co-worker, etc.

How can I help someone learn English if I don't speak their language?

Don't worry—we have plenty of materials available to assist you. Many of the people needing help already know *some* English, but need to work on reading, writing, and pronunciation skills. Sometimes all that is needed is someone to 'chat' with in order to practice conversational skills—in other words, a friend!



**Next HMI Fellowship Night:**

**April 24, 2006; 7– 8:30 pm**

**Concordia Lutheran High School Cafeteria**

1601 St. Joe River Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805

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**Do you see a recurring theme? Mission work is not about 'doing' — it's about 'being!' Being a friend to another person is the only way to eventually 'earn the right to share the Gospel.'**

What do you mean by a 'reciprocal friendship?'

Sometimes we want to **do** everything for our new cross-cultural friend, but we need to allow them the opportunity to give back to us. This might mean extending a visit in order to eat the meal or drink the special coffee they have prepared. By doing this the friendship becomes equal, and with time the door is opened to share the Gospel.

What is a 'Rice Christian?'

The term 'Rice Christian' came about from missionaries in Asia who gave rice to the people they were trying to convert to Christianity. The missionaries thought that giving the people food would make them feel obligated to listen to their message. We don't want our cross-cultural friends to come to faith only because they see an earthly benefit to doing so. We want to build a friendship first, and thereby **earn the right** to share the Gospel through that friendship.

### **YOU Can Be A Missionary By:**

- ♥ Asking someone from another culture to tell you about their customs.
- ♥ Volunteering to help local missionaries with their ministries.
- ♥ Helping a student with their homework.
- ♥ Offering to help out at the Friendship Center.
- ♥ Praying for the workers.
- ♥ Praying for those who don't yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- ♥ Supporting missions with your financial gifts.
- ♥ Asking your church or small group to 'adopt' a local missionary & help support his work.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- ✝ Pray with Polly Hennig for the Vietnamese family whose 20 year old daughter was killed in a carjacking incident in Mexico. Also pray for wisdom for Polly as she helps the family deal with their loss.
- ✝ Pray with John Ward for the Somali man who needs to repent from sin. Pray that God would draw this man closer to Him.
- ✝ Pray for protection from the Evil One for all the lay missionaries as they share their faith with their new friends.
- ✝ Pray that God would show you specifically a person who would benefit from attending these fellowship gatherings.
- ✝ Pray with Pastor Keller for more leaders to teach the Burmese Bible study groups.
- ✝ Pray for good opportunities to 'receive' from your cross-cultural friend.

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**Remember**—If you have any questions or if Harvest Mission can help you find your place in the mission field, call us at **471-5129** or email at **info@harvest-mission.org**. *We're here to help!*