



How far can your \$5 go?

What if I told you it could take me all the way to Asia?

It could help me purchase a motorcycle to travel all over Laos and Cambodia and reach into far away villages and towns to bring the gospel to people who have never heard it before and to train up future leaders to impact their nation for God.

Yes, it is possible for only \$5, if everyone will help. The same \$5 someone might spend on a fast food combo meal, a coffee at Starbucks, or a couple slices of pizza could help me reach into Asia and change peoples lives for eternity. I don't know about you but that leaves a much better taste in my mouth than any food I have ever eaten.

As most of you know, I have been working in Asia since 1999. I have done a lot of work with the underground church in Vietnam and have helped train and raise up leaders all over that nation as well as created some imaginative techniques to do underground crusades to help plant churches. Today, Vietnam has allowed even more freedom to the churches and growth is starting to explode. We have raised up two pioneering teams that are planting over eighty churches a year and that figure is multiplying with the new freedoms that the church has today.

Laos is a country where it is still illegal to preach the gospel. We have some contacts in Laos who have heard of what we have done in Vietnam and have asked us to come and help them model that in their country. Cambodia is also a country that is in need of help in getting the gospel out and training up leaders. I have ministered in Cambodia and there is a great hunger in that nation for God. While there are some restrictions the government has tried to impose on the church and evangelism, it can't stop the Word of God.

Most of you have been with us since Laurie and I were missionaries in Africa where we saw millions come to Christ in our crusades and where we trained and raised up thousands of leaders and planted many new churches. Rarely, does a week go by that I don't receive a letter, phone call, or e-mail from someone who was impacted by our work in Africa. I have had other missionaries contact me and tell me about all the Christians they have met who were saved in our crusades. One pastor, who visited Zambia, called me as soon as he arrived in the states to tell me that while in that country he met people all over who were actively involved in their local church serving Jesus. They relayed to him how they came to Christ in our crusades over fifteen years ago and still remembered the sermon I preached that touched their heart. Now, I believe that is fruit that remains!

My upcoming mission trip will start in Thailand where I am purchasing a motorcycle and will have it specially equipped to handle this trip into Cambodia and Laos.

This bike will also be used for future mission trips.

The travel conditions in that part of the world present some serious challenges. The roads are not all paved and the bike has to be light enough to place on a boat or raft to make river crossings or to be able to push through mud. It also has to be fuel efficient to go the long distances we will need to travel to reach the areas that God is leading us into.

The cost of the bike and the modifications that need to be made is around \$5000, the price varies some with the fluctuating exchange rates. There is airfare, food, lodging and conference costs to host pastors etc. As I was praying about this trip, I realized that if everyone would give just \$5 the need would be met. I realized that some would want to give more and that some on our mailing list may not be able to give but I believe if we all do what God asks us to do, this need will be met and the lives of people will be impacted for eternity.

