

The Richey Report

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SIM
Serving In Mission

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'PARTNERING WITH AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES IN SENDING MISSIONARIES FROM ANYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE'

WE CAN'T BELIEVE WE GET TO DO THIS!

A year ago we found ourselves in transition again. We were excited about the possibilities and potential ahead. Thrilled to be on our way back to Australia, and involved in mission once again, we set out on a new adventure. With all of the excitement there were of course questions and concerns about how we as a family would adjust with yet another trans-global move. There was also the unanswered question of how we would deal with moving from pastoral ministry to working within SIM.



Serving in this ministry now for almost a year we can honestly and wholeheartedly say **"We can't believe we get to do this!"**

As a family, we have been very blessed by a smooth transition back that has gone better than we could have ever hoped. Our kids are all doing very well and have found friends, relationships, and true connect- edness. Much healing has taken place in our lives through this season

and we are truly thankful to God for His gracious provision.

On the ministry front, God is allowing us opportunities to minister and have impact in the lives of people and churches in ways that we previously had only dreamed of. At present we are working with about 20 enquirers and applicants at different stages of their mission journey. It is a tremendous joy to walk with people who are fully yielded to God's will and seeking His direction. Passionately believing that the



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local church is God's instrument for reaching the world we are excited to be developing partnerships with between 15 & 18 different churches to assist them in their mission

endeavors. Along with inspiring them towards mission through preaching we are also involved in mission education in these churches, developing and delivering training in Cross Cultural Ministry, Serving as Senders, Partnership in Mission, and the Future of Mission. More updates on our ministry are on the back page, but I will just say once again, **"We can't believe we get to do this!"**

WE NEED YOUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The title says it all. While "we can't believe we get to do this", there is a reality that for us to continue to partner with churches and individuals, we need YOU to partner with us. When you partner with us you are partnering with churches, missionaries, and fields all around the world in God's global mission. Every time we join a missionary in their journey or partner with another church to send them out, you are a part of that. When a new English

teacher shows up in Mauritius or a church planter goes to Pakistan, you are a part! As you partner with us you are helping people come to Jesus!

When we left the US in June 09, we came to this missionary role with no promised monthly support. While this was risky, any real step of faith is defined by such risk. The plan from our limited perspective at that time was to communicate to all of our contacts and develop a

network of partners consisting of churches and individuals in the US and Australia.

...to continue to partner with churches and individuals we need YOU to partner with us.

To date, we are praising God for 2 regular monthly supporters. One individual in the US and one church in Australia. Combined, these bring us to a total of around 8% of our necessary monthly support. It doesn't take an accountant to realize that this level of support will not allow us to continue indefinitely.

As a whole, the SIM Australia home staff will end this financial year operating at about a \$200,000 deficit. Our Executive Director has sounded the alarm and has called us to prayer and fasting for this need.

We share this with you not to try and manipulate emotions or guilt you to give, but to simply let you know that there is a need and ask you to prayerfully consider being a part of meeting that need. If you would like to contribute see the attached form on the back side of this letter and follow the instructions.

Developing Strategic Partnerships for multiplication of Mission!

SIMCO—SIM CANDIDATE ORIENTATION

Each year SIM Australia holds a 10 day candidate orientation. This year's class of candidates was marked by tremendous diversity. All 3 continents (Asia, Africa, and South America) that SIM send missionaries to were represented. It is exciting to know that in the coming months appointees will be leaving for Pakistan, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Malawi, and Peru.

A major highlight of this



Stan with Mathew from PNG

class was the inclusion of our first candidate from PNG! Mathew will be going from tribal PNG to Pakistan as a church planter. It is great to see mission come full circle as those nations who historically

“receive” are becoming involved in sending out. It was exciting to be a small part of Mathew's journey in encouraging him and equipping him as he goes. Pray for Mathew and the church in PNG as they take bold steps in sending from anywhere to everywhere!

THERE THEY GO!!!

In May it was a great privilege to send out 3 short term missionaries. On May 1st Bhec left for Mauritius where she



Pastor Kirby, Bhec, & Stan

is working in partnership with local churches in teaching children English and sharing the love of Jesus with them. On the 13th Garry and Barbara left for Ghana where they will be managing the SIM guest house as well as taking care of many of the office responsibilities. Their home town of Numurkah (a small rural town in Victoria) is buzzing with excitement. A local reporter is eager to understand more about why they would go and do something like this!

SIM—CENTRAL & SOUTHEAST ASIA

In March Stan had the privilege of traveling to Chiang Mai Thailand for 10 days to work with the SIM field there and a potential partner organization. Baan Jai Dee is an orphanage started by Australian missionaries from Geelong to take in kids who are abandon and give them hope for a better future. It is common in this region for children to end up on the streets and even sold into the sex trade. Pray for wisdom and direction as we continue to explore the possibilities of partnership together.

It was exciting to see the other ministries in that region of the world as well. Meeting those who are involved in church planting, sports ministry, counseling centres, human development and relief efforts, and HIV and AIDS ministry was insightful and challenging. Of all the difficult things, the hardest to accept was that the capacity for ministry in Thailand is limited by a tremendous lack of workers. The greatest need at present is a team of leaders who will develop and cast vision for the ministry in Thailand.

For anyone who is interested, a short term trip is being organized for September to spend a week ministering at Baan Jai Dee and a week with missionary children at SIM's Spiritual life Conference. Contact Stan for more details ASAP!



Stan with kids at Baan Jai Dee

PRAY FOR US...

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON HAS GREAT POWER AS IT IS WORKING. JAMES 5:16B (ESV)

- **PRAY FOR PARTNERS, and prayerfully consider being one of them!**
- **Pray for Bhec, Garry & Barb, in their ministry**
- **Pray for new candidates as they prepare to go.**
- **Pray for opportunities to minister in churches**
- **Pray for new enquirers to sense God's leading**
- **Pray for Grant—looking for work!**
- **Pray for balance in life!**

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