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Welcome to 2007 and the February edition of "Heart Beats," a short monthly e-mail to keep you up to date on the exciting things happening through Heart Sounds International. On behalf of the HSI team we hope you had a great Christmas and will have a blessed 2007.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2007....

Malta

A team just returned from a strategic meeting focused on North Africa. Praise God for many great relationships with other media ministries and people.

PRAY that networking will continue among the North African ministries.

Thailand

A team will go to "Vision 5:9", a global gathering of several hundred Christian leaders ministering to Muslims around the world. We hope to build relationships with agencies desiring HSI teams to do worship projects and recordings in their areas over the next 24 months.

PRAY for many new relationships that will strengthen believers in restricted parts of the Muslim world.

China

Facilitating a song writing workshop and recording will be the focus of the team going to Southwest China. For the local believers this event is a huge step of faith in so many ways. The outcome will see brand new songs in the indigenous language for the indigenous people in this part of China.

PRAY for the final details to come into place for HSI and the locals, and for the Lord's protection.



Malawi

Research among northern tribal groups, facilitating a song writing workshop and doing a recording will keep the team busy. We hope to record new songs as well as make existing songs more widely available to the Malawi church through recordings.

PRAY for breakthroughs among the Muslim tribes.

Russia

Building upon the previous work of our new team members a contextualization seminar, song writing and recording is planned in Siberia. We hope to provide the believers with indigenous Sakha worship songs, provide other resources for the arts in a Sakha Christian context and strengthen the long-term relationship with the



Sakha churches and HSI.

PRAY for the local leadership being more accepting of contextualization principles through teaching, dialogs and example.



Mongolia

The plan is to strengthen the distribution of past recordings, teach at the Bible School in the capital city, do another recording and turn over the work in its entirety to the local people. This will be the fourth trip to Mongolia.

PRAY for continued growth in the church and for the handover.

Middle East

In June, HSI will take a group of students into Jordan and Lebanon to give them first hand exposure and experience with non-western music and the how to use ethnomusicology tools. The team will do musical research among Bedouin people, and facilitate a song writing workshop with Druze believers.

PRAY for the students to participate fully and for the Lord to speak into their lives.



THE "HOUSE of HOPE" in ALGERIA. DID YOU KNOW.....?

HSI has made several trips to Algeria's only Christian training base and invested in their video studio through equipment, software and training. Here is some of the fruit from the last few months:

- Last October the testimonies of local Kabylie believers were filmed. In all 52 testimonies, (each 13 minutes long), were subtitled in Arabic and are being broadcast across North Africa via satellite TV on the "Life Channel".
- The team experienced the Lord's protection as they traveled during Ramadan when there was some violence.
- Last December 36 episodes of biblical teaching were filmed for broadcast.

Prayer requests from the Algerians

- For more peace in Algeria in this New Year.
- Protection for the team and that God will use them more and more to serve him.
- For peoples' eyes and ears to be open when they hear or see the gospel through media in Algeria.
- That there will be effective follow-up of those in Algeria whom God is winning to Himself through media.

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