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Welcome to the May 2007 edition of "Heart Beats," a short monthly e-mail to keep you up to date on the exciting things happening through Heart Sounds International.

Siberia - Overcoming

One of our HSI couples returned recently to Russia where they had for many years been involved in church planting and encouraging the believers to explore ways of using their own artistic expressions in worship. They were privileged to return to see the fruit of their labors, as a group of indigenous Sakha believers held a New Song Festival, the first of its kind in the Siberian republic of Yakutia. Less than two days before the event government officials forced the hall (which seated 700 people) to close its doors to the event. The event relocated to the 120-seat church nearby. The local Sakha believers escorted their guests to the new venue, but were not able to attend, giving up their seats to the non-Christians they had invited. Over 150 people packed the church, while performers lined up outside in sub-zero temperatures. People were fascinated to hear Christian themes in the Sakha language and music style.



[Click here to read the full report on the HSI website](#)

PRAY for the continuation and strengthening of the Christian arts fellowship, *Algys*, and for the preparing of the documentary DVD of the event that needs to be completed by the end of July.

Thailand - Connecting

Two HSI staff members participated in a global gathering of Christian workers focused on reaching Muslims around the world. The HSI members were part of a multinational praise team for the event and led worship in English, Arabic, Turkish and Farsi. The HSI team also led a seminar on using music to build bridges to Muslim people, and talked with delegates working in Asia and the Middle East, exploring how HSI could partner with them to enhance their ministries.

PRAY for the Lord's guidance and timing to see these preparations lead to actual projects with the HSI teams.

China - Praising

A four-person team facilitated one of the very first song writing workshops and recordings among one of China's God move in and through these new songwriters who wrote new songs of praise and worship in their mother



tongue. The recording of these new indigenous worship songs will be sent back to China for distribution and for Christian radio broadcasting into the region. [Click here to read the full report on the HSI website](#)



PRAY for these new song writers to continue developing their newly discovered gifts and energy. Praise God for a very fruitful and safe trip for the HSI team.

HSI - Developing

Recently the entire HSI leadership team met for a retreat with one of OM's leadership management coaches. We enjoyed several days of self-analysis, troubleshooting and creative thinking as part of the process of strengthening our structure and roles. We redrafted our purpose statement, sorted through goals, opportunities and problems to solve. The outcome was more focus and clarity in our mission as we worked through a series of long-range, 12-month, and 90-day priorities.

PRAY for those in the headquarters coordinating team who are moving into a new alignment of roles and responsibilities, and for the next planning retreat that will take place the end of June.

Online Store - coming soon!



In the next few weeks we will open our online store at the HSI website! You will be able to purchase HSI-produced recordings, videos, and related materials through the website. To get to the online store, visit the "media center" section of the site. www.heart-sounds.org/media

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT HSI

Pray - Prayer is the fuel that powers this ministry. (Matthew 21:22)

Go - There are always opportunities to serve. [Contact us](#) to see where you can go. (Isaiah 6:8)

Give - If you would like to financially support HSI or its staff [click here](#) – this link takes you to the giving page on OM USA's website. (Mark 12:41-43)

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Executive Assistant

HSI is looking for an Executive Assistant to join the office team on a full time or part time basis. If you enjoy administrative type work with an appreciation of music, then we invite you to contact us for further information. info@heart-sounds.org



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