



"Helping ignite culturally relevant heart worship, especially in places where Christ-followers are restricted, persecuted or unknown."

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Heart Sounds International Starts Asian Office

Greetings, HSI Friends! Heart Sounds International is pleased to welcome Erica Logan to our leadership team! She will pioneer HSI's SE Asia office from her home in Davao, in the southern Philippines.



A musician since early childhood with a focus on classical piano, Erica completed a degree in Music Composition and Technology from Oral Roberts University. Following this she received a graduate degree in Ethnomusicology from Bethel University with a focus on Central Asia.

She has been married for eight years to Geoff Logan and has a two year old daughter. They pioneer a creative community development project thru YWAM in Davao, Philippines. Geoff is a professional guitarist and started No Man Can, a rock band of believers that plays in clubs and bars. Erica says, "We try to bridge the gap between Sunday morning church-goers and Saturday evening clubbers, partnering with local churches to reach their own communities. We also support outreaches in the slum communities

by building relationships and encouraging self-esteem and discipleship through free music lessons."

Erica's first involvement with HSI took place in 2003 when she went to Mongolia as HSI's first student intern. Under the guidance of HSI's ethnomusicology coordinator Paul Neeley, Erica was able to extensively study music contextualization and song styles in the community. Erica's research then led to a more in-depth focus on Mongolian nomads and their identity as expressed in the local contemporary music culture.



Erica will make her fourth trip to Mongolia in June 2009, this time in her new HSI leadership role. Seminars are

planned to train and encourage Mongolian musicians. The goal is to help those working with nomadic people groups and their unique needs develop the skills to encourage heart music. It is a vital step in planting long-term churches for people groups on the move.

Erica will also oversee some of the tribal recordings that will build on the recent HSI survey trip in Mindanao, a collaborative effort between HSI, SIL and OM Philippines. Other ministry will take place in surrounding SE Asian countries. Erica has "hit the ground running" in her exciting new assignment leading Heart Sounds International in South East Asia.

Warmly in Christ,
Frank Fortunato, for the HSI team.

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