

Please Pray:

- For a Pastor, his colleagues and students as they continue their study and witness under very difficult conditions in Myanmar (Burma).
- A great friend of SEAN and the leader of SEAN in Spain, the Rev. Dr. Pablo Rois is having chemotherapy for a serious condition. Please pray for him and Pili, his wife, and spread the news to SEAN friends.
- For Stuart and Jeanne Beaumont in France, persevering in translating SEAN materials into French - and needing encouragement. There are still no French Christians outside Stuart's team who are convinced of the value and

usefulness of SEAN. The only interest comes from francophone Africa. Stuart is in his sixties, and in poor health. He is concerned that as yet nobody has been identified who might carry on this work when he is no longer able to do it.

- For someone to take up the role of producing SPREAD in future and the occasional Newsletter. Note from editor: *As I have scanned and edited the numerous e-mailed reports received from around the world, I marvel at how God is using SEAN to touch and change so many lives, many of them in cultures so totally different from my own. It is the same Lord, praise Him!*

SEAN Revived in Indonesia

SEAN materials were first translated into the Bahasa language by Baptist Missionaries and introduced into Indonesia in the late 1970's. After several years, when the missionaries moved on, the courses were abandoned and became part of a Seminary Library. Now, thanks to the dynamic outreach of Korean churches who are using SEAN under the auspices of TEE Korea, the courses are being resurrected for their real purpose in Indonesia.

The photo is of the first training workshop with forty Indonesian pastors on the Island of Sumatra. TEE Korea will be sending trainers every month to Indonesia until the programme is fully established. Thank God for this initiative.



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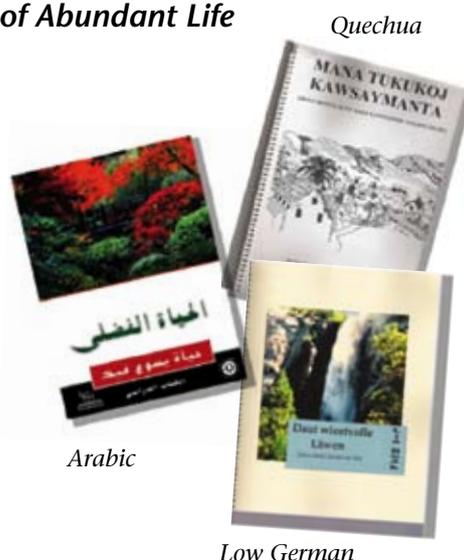
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(SEAN USA)

We have just heard that John, a Founder Trustee of SEAN International, has decided, due to work commitments, to retire from our Board of Trustees. He has been involved with SEAN since the very early days. He has made an outstanding contribution to the ministry in general and has been a major source of support and encouragement to our Director's world-wide ministry in particular. Thank you, John, for all that you have done over many years!

Three New Versions of Abundant Life



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International News for Friends of SEAN

From the Chairman

Warm Christian greetings to all in the SEAN world-wide family and welcome to this edition of SPREAD.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you who are 'Friends of SEAN' for your continuing support of this vital ministry through prayer, interest and giving. I hope that you will find in these pages news and stories to warm your heart, strengthen your faith and stimulate your ongoing support – without which SEAN would not be able to serve the world-wide church.

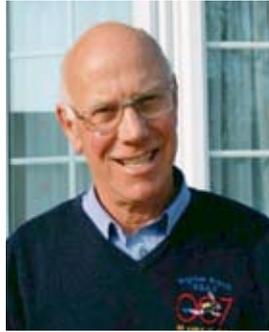
Secondly, I would like to assure all of you who lead or participate in SEAN programmes, wherever you are, that we give thanks to God for all that you are doing in His Name. We also pray with you and for you in your struggles and hardships. I hope that you will find here in SPREAD encouragement in your ministry.

Thirdly, I pay tribute to Jimmy Girling, editor of our Newsletter and SPREAD, as he retires from our Executive Committee. "Thank you Jimmy, for all you've done to spread the word over many years." We are now urgently seeking someone to take on this key role.

Finally, although our finances are in a healthy state, you will see from our Treasurer's report that over the last few months we have contributed significantly to SEAN's vital ministry around the world. If you feel able to give a donation towards this we would be extremely grateful. Please use the form at the foot of page three. Thank you!

With every good wish in Christ,

Tony Thompson (Chairman)



Countries Where SEAN Courses Are Used

(some countries are not named for security reasons)

AFRICA

Angola
Botswana
Dem Rep of Congo
Equatorial Guinea - by radio
Ethiopia
Ghana
Malawi
Mali
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
South Africa
Sudan
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia - by radio

ASIA

Afghanistan - by radio
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
India
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan

(Some of the other 'Stans')

Mongolia
Nepal
Pakistan
Russia
Sri Lanka

AUSTRALASIA

Australia
New Zealand
Papua New Guinea
Tonga

CENTRAL AMERICA / CARIBBEAN

Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Mexico
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Panama

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Note from Editor: As Chairman of both the Executive Committee and of the Trustees of SEAN International, Tony was invited by our partners in TEE Korea to attend their Conference in October to speak about how SEAN began and then spread around the world. Tony said "The Koreans are really switched on to mission and think big". Another Trustee, Tim Green, was also invited to visit Korea in September to chair a major consultation involving our Korean partners and other key workers on SEAN's use in Central Asia (the so-called 'Stans').



Korean Ladies SEAN Group

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EUROPE

Albania
Bulgaria
France
Germany
Hungary
Italy
Latvia - by radio
Netherlands - by radio
Portugal
Romania
Spain
Sweden
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom

FAR EAST

Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
Indonesia
Japan
Korea
Laos
Macau
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines
Singapore
South Korea
Taiwan
Thailand
Vietnam

MIDDLE EAST

Several countries

NORTH AMERICA

Canada
USA (incl. videos for the deaf)

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Surinam
Venezuela

SEAN International Web Site

This bi-lingual site, in English and Spanish, is receiving 15 to 17,000 hits per month. It's number one in the 27 million results you get when inputting 'SEAN international' on Google! Try it - it's an excellent site: www.seaninternational.com



Amazing Growth of the Church in Colombia

In mid July 2007, over a thousand pastors and leaders from all over Colombia gathered in Sincelejo to celebrate the 25th anniversary of CIPEP (Corporación Instituto para la Educación Pastoral). See picture above. In the early 1980's, SEAN's International Director Terry Barratt saw that many of the pastors and students were not yet capable of doing other higher level courses being offered to them. He suggested they use SEAN basic level courses. The result has been quite amazing!

Using mainly their own resources, CIPEP have structured a brilliant TEE programme (Theological Education by Extension) that has lasted 25 years and is still growing. It goes from the very basic level, right up to a Seminary degree. Every year over 3500 students from 160 denominations train

for ministry with them. SEAN courses are the basis for the first five of the nine levels of training up to degree-level.

In spite of the political turmoil and terrorism that has blighted Colombia over the past years, CIPEP has spread out over the whole country with over 60 centres and more than 300 study groups - all co-ordinated from a central office manned by a team of only six full time workers. Their programme has been so successful that now all their certificates and degrees are officially recognized by the Ministry of Education of Colombia.

Terry Barratt adds: "For me, the greatest blessing of all - and what Theological Education should be all about - is that the AIEC (the Association of Evangelical Churches of the Caribbean), CIPEP's mother denomination, has grown over the past 25 years from 280 churches to 754. Church membership has grown from 10,000 to 55,000 and church attendance for the Sunday morning services has grown from 28,000 to 110,000. When asked, the Director said that without doubt the most significant factor in this growth has been the TEE programme and many of the new churches are a direct result of the last lessons of a SEAN publication, Book 3 of the Life of Christ." So, to God be the glory, and congratulations CIPEP!

The Spirit World in China

Part of the work in revising the Chinese translation of SEAN's Spirit World requires checking that the examples in the book are relevant to the potential readers. Tests with different groups of Chinese Christians both in the UK and in China have shown they have had many similar experiences. Cults currently active in China such as *Lightning from the East* and *Falun Gong* need to be included so that students can understand the dangers. On a recent visit to China, a woman who had just committed her life to the Lord, renounced the power of Satan in her life and was freed from the fear of a fortune-teller's words years ago. Pray for the continuing work of revision, and for similar impact on people's lives as the material is brought into wider use

Affordable Courses in Bolivia

SEAN in Bolivia is administered by SETA (Seminario por Extensión a las Américas) in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, and has recently been visited by Terry Barratt (SEAN International Director). They have now organised an impressive programme that is formally accredited by a large Christian University in Santa Cruz.

Several hundred students are enrolled in a novel three-speed system. Speed 1 (the traditional SEAN speed, mainly used in rural areas): each SEAN course completed in three months - with a weekly group study. Speed 2 (mainly used in cities by full-time workers and university students): each course done in two months - with two weekly group studies. Speed 3 (as an alternative to 2): each course completed in one month - with three weekly group studies. Each student is under the supervision of his/her local pastor who has to sign for and approve

their student's practical ministries performed within the local church. A study module in the local University costs students 80 US dollars - however, to do the study module in SETA (using SEAN) costs them just 8 US dollars. See web site: www.seta.edu.bo



Left to right: Neptali Cuellar, SETA Director; Terry Barratt, SEAN; Silvia Arancibia, Secretary; Milton Arancibia, Dean of Studies

Revival in Prisons in Argentina

SEAN has been a major blessing in Argentina in the ministry developed by FIET in prisons where there is a phenomenal revival taking place. Currently some 5000 prisoners are doing the *Abundant Life* course and 500 *The Life of Christ*. One of the most successful means of access to the Prison system is to become a Prison Chaplain. The statistics of recovery to normal life from the so-called "Cárceles Evangélicas" (evangelical prisons) is so great that the Argentinian authorities are giving way to allow Evangelical Chaplains. Up till now, only Roman Catholic Chaplains have been recognised in the country.

. . & in Prisons in Russia

The Open Russian Theological Academy (ORTA) founded in Vladivostok in 2004, is developing a TEE (Theological Education by Extension) ministry in the 25 prisons and penal colonies in the Primorskii region of the Far East of Russia. Working with existing Prison Ministries, they aim to reach the prison population of over 20,000, through the use of CDs, tapes, audio and written books. There is a need for Christian education and discipleship within the prisons. Some of the Primorskii churches are collaborating in evangelism and care for the needs of the families of prisoners, especially the mothers, wives and children; and in the follow-up of prisoners after their release. Focus Radio have adapted four of the SEAN courses for radio/cassette/CD ministries into 125 fifteen minute programmes in Russian for ORTA.

The 'Train and Multiply' Studies

This is a dynamic SEAN programme of 62 simple pastoral studies and three training manuals, to help those who want to plant and consolidate new churches. Some of SEAN's partners in T&M report: "Zabitani Kalitud will soon (if it hasn't already done so) reach a thousand congregations. Train and Multiply continues to play a prominent role in this movement." For the Philippines, Tagalog has been finalized and published. The partner there commented "We are grateful to everyone involved in this translation. In spite of many problems, perseverance endured in God's grace and mercy".

A variety of versions of the same language need to be prepared for use in different countries or for translation for particular countries, and using artwork which will be understood by the readers. So the English-G version is now available for use in T&M translations for Central and South America. Spanish-G was recently finalised and published, as were English-F and Russian-F Beta versions. Hindi level 1 is being prepared for publication. All these new versions add to the existing series in French, Portuguese, Nepali, Khmer, Chinese, Ewe, Kannada - to name just a few!

Some Testimonies from Cambodia

After completing their first SEAN course Abundant Life, students wrote as below. The photos are not necessarily of the quoted writer: "I studied this course because I wanted to understand the Bible more clearly. I am very happy because God has changed my life. I never knew God, but now I know Him and can share what I know with my friends and family. I hope that in the future they also become children of God." Delis

"I have noticed that I have become very hungry for the Word of God. I have learned to share the gospel with others. Also, in order to do God's will, I have been reminded to read the Bible continually." Dory

"This course has changed my life a lot such as learning how to be led by God and how to flee from the devil. Before, I never knew how God can lead me, but now I know that God wants to lead me. Also, I have learned that attending church and tithing are not enough, but I must also serve in the Lord's work and help the church by giving of my time and my abilities to serve God, because everything belongs to God, not me!" Vina

" . . . one specific fruit of the Spirit the Lord has been revealing to me is patience." Kongkea

From the Treasurer

We praise God that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 5 April 2007 (copies available on request) record a strengthening of the Charity's financial position. This has enabled us to provide increasing support for overseas SEAN projects as well as significant help to the SEAN office in Chile. May I repeat our Chairman's appreciation for all those who have supported the ministry of SEAN International, without whom we would not be able to continue.

More particularly we have provided timely help (in the form of a large long-term loan) to a development project with the Pehuenche families in Southern Chile. This assistance for the self-build housing project in the Alto Bio Bio

region, was described as a "real lifesaver"! We have also part-funded Terry Barratt's visits to SEAN programmes in South and Central America.

In September we were able to meet the travel and other costs of a major consultation in Korea in connection with SEAN Programmes in Central Asia. Tim Green, one of our Trustees, chaired this vitally important and strategic event which we believe will enable SEAN's work in Central Asia to take a big leap forward. To God be the glory.



Phil Tadman (Treasurer)



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