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

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Welcome to the July 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.

HSI in the Middle East

In June, HSI Ethnomusicology Coordinator Paul Neeley led a diverse team of music students, a music teacher and others on an "ethno-worship" exposure trip to the Middle East. The first part of the trip involved researching the music styles of a Middle Eastern people group still unreached with the gospel. The researchers used questionnaires for the purpose of better understanding the role music could play in both reaching this people group with the gospel and helping an emerging worshiping church among them.



The second part of the trip took the team to a different Middle Eastern nation to visit a small group of believers formerly part of an offshoot of the majority religion there. These Christians were using only translated western songs or Egyptian Arabic worship songs. The HSI team facilitated a workshop to encourage them to write their own lyrics and put their own melodies to these texts. With these new songs birthed, the team saw the beginnings of an indigenous hymnody that the local people could fully identify with and claim as their own. Many commented that for the first time they felt that they did not have to become "Arabic urban" to sing to the Lord.

HSI coordinator goes to India

Frank Fortunato heads to India mid-July for three important events. He will participate in a gathering of musicians and Christians working in India's gigantic "Bollywood" film industry. This gathering will help initiate plans for a Bollywood Prayer Network. Second, Frank will give the dedicatory address and speak about HSI at the launching of a new Christian recording studio at YWAM's School of the Arts, located near Pune. He has been asked to debut the use of the new equipment there by making a recording of one of his hymn tunes. Finally, he will meet with various musicians and recording engineers to make plans for a series of recordings for the thousands of "untouchable" (Dalit) caste youth who are attending 55 Dalit Educational Centers started by Operation Mobilization India.



Mongolia video released

HSI co-founder Ken Davidson has produced a comprehensive DVD that demonstrates the ministry of HSI as seen through several visits to



Mongolia over the years. A new generation of Christians is learning to offer their own heart of worship to the Lord through Mongolia's diverse, yet unique musical forms. In this DVD you hear their story as they express the joy and the difficulty of their journey. You can hear the sounds, both new and historic, that are coming from the Mongolian heart. These sounds of worship are fresh yet remain true to their own identity. The DVD includes both a six-minute introductory version as well as a full-length (31 minute) documentary. This DVD is now available for order at www.heart-sounds.org/media.



CONNECTING WITH HSI

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

Go - There are always opportunities to serve. [Contact us](#) for available options. (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

Administrative Assistant

HSI is looking for an Administrative 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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