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

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Trip to Siberia

Robin Harris, HSI Ethnomusicology Consultant, reports that her recent trip to Siberia was tremendously blessed by the Lord. Here are some highlights of the trip:

- There was enthusiastic reception for the Sakha New Song Festival DVD, recorded last March and recently edited and mastered by Bill Harris and other OM staff.
- The duplicator and supporting computer gear that had been donated by the Harrises' local church arrived safely and was used right away to duplicate the first batch of Festival DVDs.
- Meetings with Algys, the indigenous arts fellowship in Yakutsk revealed tremendous growth and maturity among them in their first year of ministry. They have successfully transitioned into a stable, well-organized group and are planning projects well into the future.
- The Harrises have received an invitation by Algys to bring a team back to Yakutsk next summer to witness a Christian version of the ethnic Sakha summer festival, Ysyakh.
- Robin participated as a speaker in the Consultation/Partnership meetings for reaching shamanistic people groups of Siberia. Coming away from that time, she commented that this conference is "the most significant yearly event for church planters happening in Siberia." There was a great response to Robin's presentation on contextualization and she was pleased to see strong participation in the discussion times as well. She also helped to coordinate a cultural evening where the delegates shared songs, skits, and round dances, reflecting the wide variety of cultures represented at the consultation. [Click here to view pictures.](#)



PRAY that the distribution of the New Song Festival DVD will go smoothly and be an effective testimony in the farthest corners of Siberia.

PRAY for effective planning for the next Consultation/Partnership meetings (September 2008) and the HSI summer team going to Siberia (June 2008).

HSI Leaders in Strategic Planning Retreat

From September 24-29, the leaders of HSI will hold a second series of strategic planning sessions that began last April. Nearly every aspect of the HSI ministry will come under scrutiny and review, including our three year plan, purpose statement, our new leadership structures, and lessons learned this year from six projects in seven nations. We will review the fourteen trips proposed for 2008 that

involve HSI personnel, and will also review the HSI web site, new forms and documents, policies, and procedures. We plan to hold our first open house for area musicians where we will simulate an actual HSI trip, demonstrate both audio and field recording equipment and techniques, and enlist people to join our 2008 trips.

PRAY for great wisdom as we hold up HSI to the scrutiny of the Lord and each other.

PRAY for unity of purpose as we “audit” this ministry together.

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..... (Mark 12:41-43)
[Click here to support a staff member.](#) (Please provide details)
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Resources - Find global worship resources at our online store. [Click here](#)

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.

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