



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

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Challenge in China

"Does HSI ever go to China?" That's all the cryptic email said. One email, however, led to another and before long, a China project started taking shape. This was to be the most challenging and difficult project yet for Heart Sounds International.



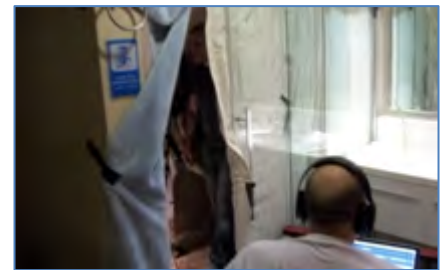
Challenges



Communication from the beginning was shrouded in protocol and code, a last minute cancellation of key team members was difficult, and an astonishing three and one-half days of flight delays detained the team's recording engineer. We wondered how we would manage with a severely limited in-country recording time. However, through the years, we have observed that disappointments and challenges can indicate the unique impact and purpose built into our HSI projects.

Preparations

Security measures were ever present throughout the entire project. A shower stall was converted into a low noise isolation room complete with foam, carpeting, quilts, exercise mats, towels, and lots of duct tape. Most of our makeshift studios focus on reducing outside noises, but this one served a greater purpose—to keep the recording sounds from being heard and to insulate ourselves from those who regularly watch the movement of the believers.



Project Assignment

Twenty-two new songs had been created out of the community's regular worship times or personal devotions. These spontaneous expressions inspired by the Spirit were then

fashioned into songs. The finished album will blend Western and Asian sounds focused on the urban youth.

Another assignment involved a prolific song-writing woman who has composed more than 2000 songs. To enable locals to begin recording the woman's songs, we offered training on the use of new technology field recorders that were donated to the local ministry. One of these field recorders was also used to capture a live recording of a university choir.

The Vision

In a nation that contains one-fourth of the world's population and where many Christians cannot worship freely, these worship songs will provide encouragement and strength. The songs are also a means for people to hear the truths of the Gospel and are helping to produce the spiritual harvest happening across the nation.

Thank you for prayerfully supporting our HSI team on this strategic project!

Warmly yours,

Ken Davidson

Co-founder and team leader, Heart Sounds International

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