

Happy New Year!

January 6, 2006

We have just returned once again from a week of playing in the worship band for Campus Crusade's Christmas conference. It was a wonderful time worshipping our God and seeing old friends, too! I'll put some pictures on our web site. Those of you with ties to Oak Pointe Church or Genesis will see some familiar faces!



This year's conference brought full circle what started a year ago. It was during last year's conference that the tsunami hit, and that week the students there gave \$45,000 on the spot with an additional \$85,000 pledged. We learned last week what happened with that funding. It was given to Campus Crusade Thailand who set about providing immediate relief in the form of food, clothes and tents. After the initial relief effort, they sent crews of about 200 people for a week each month to the Moken people to rebuild their island village of Khaolak. The Moken people, a minority Thai group, had seen their entire island village washed away. But over the past year, Campus Crusade crews have helped to rebuild all 78

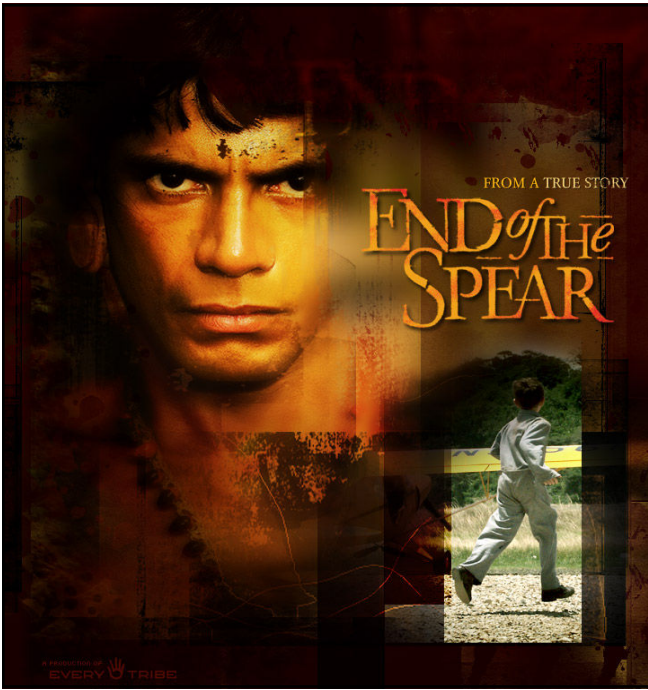
homes on a new site purchased by Campus Crusade. After nearly an entire year working with the Moken people, the crews showed the "JESUS" film. The entire village watched and *all* of them gave their lives to Christ. A church has been planted and Campus Crusade Thailand is training and discipling the new believers. This group is one of the least reached groups in the world with only .04% of the population who were Christian before the tsunami. Out of great tragedy Christ can work.

I have added a link on our web site to more information on the Moken people of Thailand.

Heading for the Sunshine State

I'll be down in Florida starting on the 20th for three days of tech training. It will be my first opportunity to use the software that the studio uses for the JESUS film editing and mixing. Although I have quite a bit of experience with this sort of thing I have never used this specific software/hardware package. I am really looking forward to working alongside my new coworkers and getting my hands on the gear. Please pray that I can quickly learn enough to hit the ground running once we move. I can't wait to find out what my first language will be! Pray for Lisa and the kids too as they have to stay behind here.





Coming soon to a theater near you!

In case you haven't heard, I wanted to let you know about a movie coming out on January 20. It's called "The End of the Spear" and it is about Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and the mission to the Waodani in Ecuador. The Waodani were the most violent society ever documented by anthropologists. If you have read or heard about the book "Through Gates of Splendor" it is this same story. It's not often that you get a film about missionaries or mission work to unreached people. From the trailers and web site it looks like an amazingly powerful movie about the transforming power of God and about the critical need for missionaries who will stake their lives on the need for all tribes and tongues to hear the Gospel. I'll give you my review of it next month. www.endofthespear.com

Lisa's notes

Yes, I'm still here too, even though you might not hear much from me. I've been doing a little work on our web "presence" lately. I haven't done much to our site itself, but I've started a new blog and added a bunch of pictures to our photo gallery. We had a blog ages ago, but we hadn't been using it, and it was completely hijacked by spambots. I finally decided to give up the fight and go with a blog hosting service with better security against the bots. You can find it at cockingfamily.blogspot.com (no "www"). We've been posting every few days, and Tim says that he'll blog when he's in Florida, so check back often.

Our photo gallery can be found at www.cockingfamily.com/gallery. You'll need to login to view anything; the username is "friend" and the password is "mellon" (no quotes, of course). Feel free to use and pass along the login to those who you think might be interested. We're just trying to keep our kids' pictures off search engines and the like.

I'm going to be revamping our web site (again) over the coming weeks. Thanks for your patience over the past year as I've been learning how to do all this web stuff. I'd welcome any comments or suggestions about the appearance and/or functionality of the site.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support. We'll write again next month, and hopefully by then we'll be able to give an update about when we might be able to make the big move.

In Christ,

Tim & Lisa