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OPENING PLENARY SESSION 10 A.M.

Welcome

Philip W. Eaton, *President*

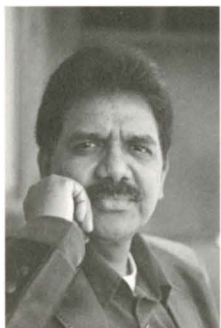
Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Les Steele, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Transformation Through Creative Mission (Acts 26:17–18)

Joab Lohara, D.Min., Ph.D., Director of AIM Asia



The Rev. Dr. Joab Lohara is one of three Free Methodist bishops in India, a country with a population of 1.3 billion. He serves as bishop of the Immanuel Conference Church, which ministers to 14 states in northern India. For the past 30 years, Lohara has served in missions, social service, and church planting, founding three missions agencies — Calvary Commission India; AIM Asia; and Immanuel Fellowship Churches (now part of the India Free Methodist Church), which comprises 900 churches and more than 87,000 members. Lohara is the author of 18 books on Christian apologetics

and missions, including 14 in the Indian vernacular. He holds a master of arts in English literature, a postgraduate diploma in journalism, a master of arts in theology, a doctor of ministry (missions), and a doctor of philosophy (comparative religions). Joab and his wife of 25 years, Suchitra, have two sons and live in Hyderabad, India.

Closing Announcements

Margaret Diddams, *Director, Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development*

Because of the day's events, all seminars, classes, and labs held before 3 p.m. have been canceled. All classes and labs after 3 p.m. will be held as usual.

As a further way of promoting and celebrating learning, ASSP, Student Life, and the Office of Academic Affairs are co-sponsoring a raffle that will pay for one student's winter textbooks, up to a \$300 maximum. The raffle is open to undergraduate students who are not full-time SPU employees. Any student in attendance at an afternoon seminar can pick up and turn in (at each seminar) a raffle ticket.

AFTERNOON SEMINARS 1–1:50 P.M. AND 2–2:50 P.M.

A Child Redeemed: ZOE Children's Home, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Joyce Bhang, *CPE Distance Learning Development Coordinator*

Otto Miller 127

This session will portray God's redemptive work in Thailand through the life of a child rescued from the threat of human trafficking. SPU staff member Joyce Bhang will share video clips and experiences of her last two years in Thailand that are sure to encourage all that Jesus loves His little children.

Art, Christianity, Global: Charis Boundary Crossings

Roger Feldman, *Professor of Art*

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What do you get when seven visual artists from North America meet and work together with seven visual artists from Asia? An expansive understanding of the realities that brothers and sisters face on a daily basis, the reality of God's presence, and an exhibition that is traveling in North America and on to Asia. This artistic cultural exchange, hosted by the Nagel Institute and CCCU, converged in Yogyakarta and Bali on Java, Indonesia, in June of 2008. Come see and hear the far-reaching implications of this exchange and its significance for the arts and Christianity into the future.

Changing China

Douglas Downing, *Associate Professor of Economics*

Gerri Mason, *Assistant Professor of Economics*

McKenna 117

China has been a rich country and it's been a poor country, and now it's a rapidly changing mixture of rich and poor. This session will briefly explore the story of how China has recently changed, and the role of microcredit in providing opportunities for the poor. We will also discuss the question: How do you say "God" in Chinese?

Embassy Doorways for Orphan Nation

Richard Scheuerman, *Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction*

Richard Moore, *Class of 2004*

McKenna 111

If the world's 163 million orphans were gathered together they would constitute the seventh largest nation on earth. Yet these children are substantially shielded from public awareness in many parts of the world. Participation in SPU's 2006 Acting on AIDS Day led a small group of faculty and students to form the indigenous Christian adoption and foster care "Doorways to Hope" ministry. This session will share information on challenges and opportunities to place over a thousand orphans in Christian homes in their native country across Eastern Europe.

Energy Poverty: Does 'Feed My Sheep' Mean a Light to Read by and a Cell Phone Charger?

Lane Seeley, *Associate Professor of Physics*
John Lindberg, *Associate Professor of Physics*

Otto Miller 109

Affordable, accessible, and reliable energy is critical for the empowerment of people in the developing world. In this session we will discuss the ways in which availability of energy resources influences a community's ability to meet basic human needs and provide opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth. We will explore some appropriate and sustainable strategies for alleviating energy poverty.

India: Culture, Politics, and Religion

Nijay Gupta, *Instructor of Biblical Studies*

Demaray 261

The current tourism tagline for India is "Incredible India," and it is! Come and learn about the history and present state of India as a culturally rich nation. We will also discuss the religious environment and the current role of the Christian Church in India.

Kingdom Without Borders: Global Christianity in the 21st Century

Miriam Adeney, *Associate Professor of Global Ministries*

Weter 202

Over 60 percent of the world's Christians live in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. What challenges do they struggle with? What strengths do they nurture? How can Americans connect with their issues? In this session, Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist countries may be explored, as well as Latin American and African. Through cases and thought-provoking exercises, Professor Adeney will give a glimpse of the back story of her new book, *Kingdom Without Borders*.

Missional Theology and "Glocal" Christianity

David Leong, *Assistant Professor of Missional Theology*

Mike Langford, *Assistant Professor of Theology*

McKenna 118

As Western Christendom has given way to a truly global Christianity, assumptions about the nature of Christian mission in the world are changing. How can a missional theology of both local and global realities shape our understanding of the gospel? In this session, we will explore the shape and character of being "co-missioned" with a Trinitarian God to proclaim and embody the good news of the kingdom of God.

Missionary Kids: Examining Their Place in Global Christianity

Anne McKenzie, *SPU Industrial/Organizational Doctoral Student*

Mari Yamamoto, *SPU Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student*

Megan Zurawski, *SPU Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student*

Paul Kim, *Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Lynette H. Bikos, *Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology*

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Children of international missionaries (a.k.a. missionary kids, or MKs) often spend many years outside of their passport country. When the MKs return to attend college/university they have adjustment experiences that differ from their classmates. In this session, graduate students in the School of Psychology, Family, and Community will present the results of research that examined MK repatriation experiences. We will also consider how cross-cultural experiences impact racial, ethnic, and Christian identity by hearing Professor Kim's personal reflection on growing up in the Philippines as a MK and how his multiple cultural experiences continue to shape his personal and professional identities.

Our Top Ten List of Amazing Good News From India

Kathleen Braden, *Professor of Geography*

Al Erisman, *Executive in Residence, School of Business and Economics*

Otto Miller 128

A geographer and business specialist discuss ten economic and social phenomena from India that create encouragement and hope regarding India's future. Come to hear and see evidence of the good news and learn about how India is helping shape the 21st-century global economy.

Preliminary Results From the SPU Globetrekking Study

Julia Kocheleva, *SPU Industrial/Organizational Psychology Doctoral Student*

Rebekah L. Forman, *SPU Clinical Psychology Doctoral Student*

Nicole Myr, *Class of 2010*

Lynette H. Bikos, *Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology*

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For the past year, more than 35 SPU students who have travelled internationally as part of their educational experience have been participating in a longitudinal study evaluating effects of the travel upon a broad range of psycho-social-spiritual (psychological distress, vocational identity, strength of faith) and global learning outcomes (introspection, social justice attitudes and behaviors, international interests). Even though the study will continue during the 2010-11 academic year, this presentation will present a summary of the preliminary results.

Signs and Wonders: Eyewitness Accounts From Bangalore, India

Julia Siemens, *Editor, etc Magazine*

Emily Morehouse, *Class of 2010*

Rachel Smith, *Class of 2011*

Peterson 303

Have you ever been puzzled by Jesus' words in John 14:12, where he tells us that we will do greater things than he did? Jesus opened blind eyes, raised the dead, and walked on water. These are not things that we expect to see in our lifetime. But God is making himself known through miracles here and around the globe — including Bangalore, India. In this session, SPU alumni and staff members will tell true stories of miraculous things they witnessed in Bangalore.

SPRINT India: Transformative Mission Through Empowering Education

Owen Sallee, *John Perkins Center Coordinator for Global and Urban Involvement*

Michael Richards, *SPRINT Student Coordinator Summer 2009 and 2010*

India SPRINT Team Members

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Members of Summer 2009 and 2010 India SPRINT teams will share stories from their work with Operation Mobilization and the Dalit Freedom Network, empowering members of India's lowest caste through schools and education. Presentation will include an overview of the caste system and the role of education and Americans in empowerment and development.

The Global Food System and India: Food Security vs. Food Sovereignty

Kevin Neuhouser, *Professor of Sociology*

Demaray 258

Since 1945, there has been a global drive to end world hunger by maximizing total food production (food security) through technological innovation such as the Green Revolution and GMOs (genetically modified organisms). Because of India's history of periodic famines under British colonial rule, its government has been a world leader in promoting these technologies. Food production has grown significantly, but Indian farmers have begun advocating for a new strategy (food sovereignty) that focuses on local, organic, and native foods. In this session we will discuss the possibilities of either strategy ending global hunger.

The Global Impact of Infectious Disease: What Can You Do?

Derek Wood, *Associate Professor of Biology*

Cindy Bishop, *Assistant Professor of Biology*

Otto Miller 119

In this session we will discuss the global impact of parasites and infectious diseases with a focus on the "Microbial Impact Project" assembled each year by students in the SPU BIO 3351 Microbiology course. The project describes non-governmental agency responses to infectious disease and how individuals can make an impact.

The Middle East: Conflict and Cooperation

Don Holsinger, *Professor of History*

Kerry Dearborn, *Professor of Theology*

Library Seminar Room

The numbers of global believers in Christianity and Islam continue to grow, especially in the Majority World. India, for example, is the world's third largest Muslim country. Some pundits predict a 21st-century clash between these universal faiths. For many Christians, Muslims, and Jews, Israel/Palestine is *the* touchstone of deep emotion. What if members of the three Abrahamic faiths chose cooperation over conflict? Are there models of such cooperation in Israel/Palestine itself? Professors Dearborn and Holsinger will provide some hopeful perspectives through stories, followed by discussion.

The World Comes to Seattle: Implementing Multicultural Education to Impact Student Learning

Jorge Preciado, *Assistant Professor of Teacher Education*

Tracy Williams, *Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction*

Otto Miller 118

There are more than 100 different language groups in the Seattle Public School System. This session will discuss big ideas on improving social and academic performance in multicultural education. The focus will be on providing strategies to support future and present teachers, and will specifically address how higher education is preparing future teachers to teach culturally diverse learners.

Today's Persecuted Church

Don Peter, *Associate Professor of Engineering*

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In this session we will discuss the cultural, political, and religious motivations of global Christian persecution after viewing a short video and presentation on current events. Time will also be devoted to intercessory prayer on behalf of our suffering brothers and sisters across the globe.

Who Is My Neighbor?: Seeking a Christian Response to the Roma Question in France

Michelle Beauclair, *Associate Professor of French*

Andrea Taylor-Brochet, *Adjunct Instructor of French*

Peterson 201

The fluid borders of the European Union are meant to encourage the flow of goods, services, art, and ideas, as well as easing the passage of people among its member nations. But are some members of the European Union perceived to be more equal than others? This summer, the president of France, Nicolas Sarkozy, ordered the voluntary expulsion of members of the Roma community (otherwise known as "gypsies") from French territory. In this session, we will discuss the stance of Christian Roma community members, how Christian groups have responded to the Roma expulsion, and what we can learn from this about our interactions with people who are culturally different from us.



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