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Excited and encouraged would be two good words to describe how we felt coming away from our MUP worldwide conference last month. Our outgoing International Director did a great job and left MUP in a good place for more growth. The Lord has brought two quality couples to join the leadership of the organization. Kent Parks is our new ID. He and his wife, Erika, have been in missions for many years serving in Southeast Asia. They come with a wealth of experience and dynamic leadership. Tim Swauger is our new US Field director. He and Aruna have served in South Asia for many years. The conference gave us a chance to get to know these new leaders in addition to interacting with other MUP people from all over the world and receiving personal and ministry input. We are particularly encouraged by Kent's understanding of the remaining task for missions and his vision for MUP's part in it. It is a big vision, impossible apart from the power of our awesome God. He is very focused on the task of planting the church in the Unreached People Groups comprising about one fourth of all the people groups. To learn more check out Kent's articles in Momentum Magazine, "The Biblical Basis for Reaching the Least-Reached" <a href="http://www.momentum-mag.org/200603/200603-26-article1.pdf">http://www.momentum-mag.org/200603/200603-26-article1.pdf</a>, and "A body of Christ Missiology" <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2s2e36">http://tinyurl.com/2s2e36</a>. Pray for leadership to have wisdom in leading MUP forward.

We got to know one young MUP missionary as he came to visit us to see what is happening in Cambodia after the conference. As a result of the conference his vision was expanded with the need to focus on the unreached peoples. He will be looking for a way to get involved with unreached peoples in the Caucasus mountains of Russia. Pray for this young man and others like him to find the place the Lord has for them to serve, especially among the unreached.

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