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LEADING FROM YOUR “SECOND MOUNTAIN”

Philosophers and psychologists have for long viewed peoples' lives as a series of stages or seasons. Oscar Safford in 1889 coined the now famous idiom, “Once a man, twice a child,” implying three seasons: childhood, adulthood, and regression into childlikeness and gameplaying during elderhood, so aptly portrayed by the Freedom 55 ads.

David Brooks, New York Times columnist and bestselling author, in his recent book *The Second Mountain*, uses a two-season metaphor, pictured as two mountain peaks with a valley in between. Bob Buford in *Half Time* uses a sports metaphor such as football with a first half, a half-time, and a second half.

In Brooks' view, first mountain people are establishing their identity, career, raising a family, becoming financially secure, and working hard to leave their mark. Buford in *Half Time* has a similar view of the first half game plan, to be successful.

Then both authors say something happens: some reach the pinnacle and wonder, “Is this all there is?” Others retire and follow the Freedom 55 ads, but golf, travel and beaches eventually doesn't satisfy a yearning. For others it may be a tragedy like a divorce, a death, or a brush with cancer. Regardless of why, they enter a valley and grieve their losses; ancients used to call it the “dark night of the soul.”

But then these writers say, men and women often are spiritually renewed, or find faith, and find inner healing.

Then, out of the valley grows a new yearning, followed by a call to fight a just cause, or to care for and serve the hurting, or the broken, or the untouchables. This becomes the second mountain to scale or a winning second half game plan. In comparing first and second mountains, Brooks writes, “We conquer our first mountain, but our second mountain conquers us.”

EMAS needs second mountain people to be board members, to lead teams, to passionately serve the underserved and underprivileged, and to share their faith. In 1994, the late Peter Drucker, considered by many the grandfather of modern management and leadership wrote:

“We increasingly realize that modern government is not capable of taking care of community and social problems. Nor is the free market.”

Many years later, his words ring true, echoed now by many contemporaries, and clearly evidenced by the political chaos around the world. Just as in the apostolic age, as much now as then, the Church and parachurch ministries like EMAS, must rise to the occasion with values-based, Christ-centred, servant leadership. And both first and second mountain people to pray for a harvest, for labourers, and to generously give financially.

Let's put the idea of Safford's second childhood to rest and serve with gladness as long as the Lord gives us breath.

Dr. Henk Visser
Past Chair and Board Member



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EMAS TEAMS TRAVEL

To Heal, Teach and Serve Those in Need in A Christ-Like Manner

Matthew wrote about Jesus, saying, “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”¹

Inspired by “all that Jesus begun to do and teach”² an indomitable worldwide movement sprang up as His followers took His message to everyone all over the world.

EMAS Canada teams are part of this movement. We use healing and teaching as tools for demonstrating God’s love to all the world, we are living vehicles of God’s grace.

PERSERVERING LOVE WIDENS OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHING

EMAS CHINA WEST team is a dental and medical team that focuses on serving in rural China and among children with special needs. The team’s perseverance and constructive partnerships have broken barriers and opened doors for the gospel. For more than ten years, the team patiently worked at a care centre and orphanages teaching oral hygiene, treating children, and promoting dental healthy practices, but the director of the home has been aloof and at times cold towards them.

In a recent mission, the team worked with two young women who joyfully assisted the team because they share the same faith. These two volunteers had once lived in destitution at the same care center. They were adopted at a young age and raised abroad. They returned back as volunteers motivated by their own experience of the generosity and love of other Christians. It was by these two re-entering the lives of the less fortunate that softened the heart of



Photo:China West Teaching Team in action.

the director towards the EMAS team. Patience paid off. The director finally accepted dental care from the team, thus creating a greater openness in the community towards the EMAS team.

One team member wrote, “Because of God’s unfailing love reflected in the love and care given by the two women, the director has allowed us to have educational talk in the facility. The educational talks which we are still providing will help raise public awareness and increase the staff’s exposure to higher standards for common healthcare issues.”



Photo: The love of two volunteers

Many team members have ancestral roots in China just like the two young women. It is part of God’s strategy to put together people from around the world to return back to their native land to teach and serve among their own.

Many years ago the kingdom of Jesus spread to, and became rooted in, parts of Turkey. It was the result of natives willing to teach and serve their own.³

HEALING OTHERS DESPITE THEIR OWN WEAKNESS

Of Indonesia’s 270 millions living on over 17,000 islands, Catholic and Protestants are a paltry 10%. Muslims are an estimated 87%. Local Christians are grateful for any assistance that raises the profile of the Church and demonstrates the goodness of our God for the sake of those that observe their lives. Many of these Christians are needy.

To be helpful, EMAS Canada and EMAS Hong Kong come alongside a growing church in Bali by offering free dental and medical services.

Timothy and Remi Tam led the Canadian part of the team. They provided curative and preventative dental care to about eight hundred patients this year. The physicians from Hong Kong and Canada met primary healthcare needs.

The last mission was based at a fast-growing church in Bali that has six thousand members. The team found that the pastors couldn’t afford dental care. An elderly pastor



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- Dr. Tam



needing multiple extractions had been praying for relief from his suffering and he said that God answered his prayers by sending the EMAS team.

Dr So MD, reflecting on the mission wrote, *“Traveling to Indonesia takes two physically tiring flights: 15 hours to Hong Kong, plus 5 hours to Bali, added to that was a daily drive on rugged, tortuous, steep roads. Yet it was deeply satisfying to experience the friendliness and receptivity of Muslim and Hindu patients. My ideas about interfaith conflict is changing: there is room to serve each other, and our common temporal needs are a platform for mutual support. The church that hosted us is building interfaith bridges by providing healthcare to everyone in need. Whereas I once feared faiths that had been antagonistic towards*

Christianity, I came away from Bali challenged to reconsider my definition of the danger unknown.”

Aware of their own fragility, Dr. Tam wrote, *“To me, this mission was successful because of the prayers offered for, and on this trip. We recognized that even through*

our weaknesses, as a team, which included survivors of physical challenges such as cardiac events, knee replacements and cancer in remission, God answered our prayer to serve those in need in a Christ-like manner.”

¹Matthew 9:35-26, ²Acts 1:1, ³Colossians 1:7; 4:9 & 12

EXPLORATORY TEAMS

EMAS Canada is planning to send new teams to Thailand, Mexico, Malawi.

To support these new initiatives and help further our vision to serve those in need in a Christ-like manner, please donate to the **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

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WITH A LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM
EMAS CANADA**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Photo: Myanmar Team Ride for Refuge

OUR FISCAL YEAR END HAS CHANGED

Please note, our fiscal year end is now Dec 31st.

Because of this deadline to complete all financial transactions in a timely manner, please mail your year-end donation early so that it is postmarked **DECEMBER 31st** at the latest. If you **DONATE ONLINE**, kindly do so before **MIDNIGHT** or if by **PHONE** before **4:30 pm** on **DECEMBER 31st**.



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After many years of faithful service as past chair and board member, we say thank you and goodbye to Henk Visser who has retired from the EMAS Board.

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2019 RIDE FOR REFUGE

The Myanmar Team rode in Toronto and the Gambade Team rode in Hamilton. Together they raised money for their respective teams. Gambade raised \$5395 and Myanmar raised \$1765.

UPCOMING MISSIONS

For more information go to:
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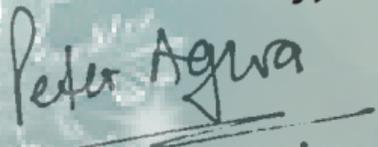
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Yours sincerely,



Peter Agwa, Executive Director



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