

Pre-Christian to Post-Christian?

It's a little bazaar. Here we are in one of the most unreached parts of the world—the second largest unreached people group in the world—Japan. So what in the world are we doing in going to Europe—a place often defined as “post-Christian”? That's right Europe, where churches are being converted into skate-board rec halls or dismantled to send pieces for building wedding chapels in Japan. How unlikely is it that we should be in countries like Poland, Czech Republic, or Albania—that's right, Albania—earlier this year I wouldn't have been able to tell you what continent it was on! But it turns out, the power of manga is global—it is the genre that is breaking into the world of kids in Asia, and Europe, and you name it ; kids cannot resist it. Urban or rural, educated or neglected, spoiled or destitute or endangered—kids are meeting Jesus through comics—God's word in cartoon bubbles—I can almost see Jesus smiling over that one!

Our hearts are a little broken though...but first let me tell you, a bit about Albania (say that five times fast!) Three interesting things: First, it is one of the poorest countries in Europe (30-50% unemployment). Next, it is dominantly Muslim (but nominal and amazingly convertible). Last, it is the homeland of arguably worlds most famous Christian—Mother Teresa! Albania; an intriguing country where the door of opportunity is blown open to us. In November the head of the national alliance of evangelical churches embraced June and I. First he translated the Treasure Hunt, then had us orient 300 youth with the pocket manga, and had us train 30 kid's ministers to train young lives. In January he wants to introduce the Treasure Hunt to all evangelical pastors of Albania, as well as get it into Moldova, Kosovo, and the whole Balkan region of Europe—WOW!



With the director of Albanian Evangelical Alliance

So why are our hearts broken?



Orienting 300 youth in Albania



Albanian kids ministers training

30,000 kids. That's how many will get Christmas shoe boxes this year in Albania. You know, the shoe boxes filled with goodies given to kids in poverty. 30,000 mostly Muslim kids—hearts ripe and ready for Jesus. And in Albania they want to include the Treasure Hunt Challenge with every shoe box going out. Can you imagine 30,000 kids devouring our pocket-manga? Conservatively one in ten would likely respond—thousands of kids meeting Jesus. But...we do not have funds to do that. In fact, **30,000 Mostly Muslim Kids** the Treasure Hunt is now translated into Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Cambodian, Polish, and of course Japanese, English, Albanian, with Portuguese, Thai, and Czech in process. But we do not have the funds to proceed. Currently we are borrowing funds to keep some things moving.

We did the math and it takes about \$10,000 to get the Treasure Hunt developed for a country and mobilize 1,000 local kids to share the Gospel with their friends. That is a mere \$10 to equip a child as an agent of the Gospel. A child with their whole life ahead of them, released for the Kingdom.

But big stuff is on the horizon for Treasure Hunt (the only kid-win-kid global initiative?). June and I are planning a nationwide release and training of Treasure Hunt in **Cambodia** in February, the introduction into the Latino World starting in **South America** in March, and the full on countrywide saturation in **Singapore** for the Spring. And there isn't even time to tell you what's happening in **Poland!** How is it all going to happen? We don't know, but God has called and so we send out word—join with us for Kids-



Smiling in Czech Republic

The Only Kid-Win-Kid Global Initiative?

Oh BTW, Treasure Hunt is only a piece of our series; GospelShare, custom designed for everyone-to-win-one here in Japan. It's happening—thanks for partnering with us faithfully and sacrificially—to the glory of God.

Abundant Blessings to you for the upcoming year!

Win-Kids through the Treasure Hunt—and ignite the future—in the most unreached parts of the world.



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More smiling. Training in Poland