

Worship From Austin to Roatan to Kazakhstan!

Revelation 7:9-10. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

I will never forget my first trip to Kazakhstan in October 2001. 9/11 was fresh on everyone's mind and I was scheduled to go lead a student retreat for missionary kids in Kazakhstan. As amazing as the whole trip was, what really stood out to me was meeting the native Kazkh wife of an American missionary. As she was introduced to me, my missionary friend told me that she was perhaps the first Born Again convert to Christianity in the country! Later that morning I stood in a church filled with over 600 people worshipping the Lord in English and Kazkh. Just over 10 years earlier the country was part of the old Soviet Union.

This past week our mission team from Hope Rock Church was able to worship with beautiful people in Roatan, Honduras. They packed their unairconditioned room and sang with passion, conviction, and joy. As they worshipped, the Lord inhabited their praises as the sound travelled out the open windows on the sea breeze to the ears of their surrounding neighbors in one of the poorest communities of one of the poorest nations on earth.

God is at work all over the globe! Jesus died and rose again to create for himself a multitude of worshippers from every nation, tribe, people and language and your neighborhood. This Sunday when you gather to worship come prepared to practice what you will be doing for eternity with people from places you will never visit. Invite your neighbors to join you for that eternal global experience we call worship!

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (Jn 4:24)

Lord, open our eyes to your glory and fill us with your Spirit this Sunday in the Black Box theater!