

# Hearts of Love

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## Back to Hong Kong / China

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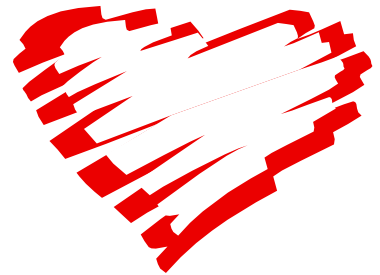
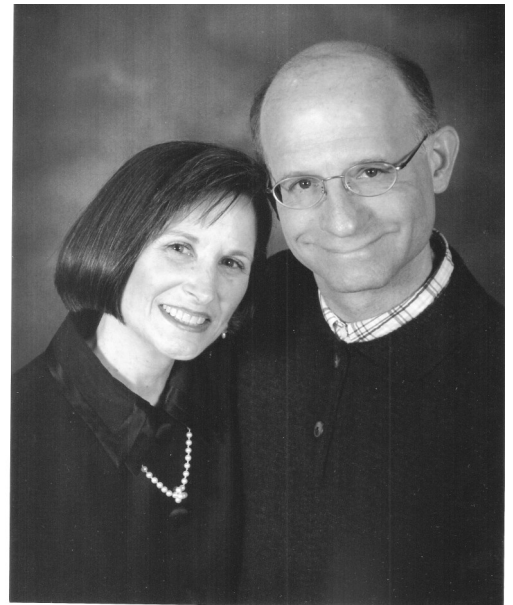
Tom & Debbie

Finally, in October, we will be able to return to Hong Kong and China, where we will, once again, surreptitiously cross the border into Communist China carrying Bibles destined for those of the *underground Church* who are so very hungry for God's Word.

We have been prevented from returning for the past two years because of continued persecution of Christians, Churches and Pastors. We were planning to go last year but the trip was called off because our presence would have been too dangerous for the Christians there. We had been slated to travel up into China to teach at a gathering of Christian leaders. Since we, as foreigners are carefully watched, we would have brought too much unwanted attention onto those we visited. Therefore, this trip, we will simply perform the duties of good mules, carrying God's Word across the border, depositing the Bibles in a safe place and returning back across the border into Hong Kong to turn around the next day and do it again.

In Hong Kong, we can move freely and easily obtain Bibles without surveillance but there are relatively few people coming to faith in Jesus Christ there. In Hong Kong, the primary god is Mammon... money, and there, people are free to pursue it wholeheartedly. Hong Kong is an extremely wealthy city with very little room for the truth of the Gospel. China, on the other hand, has great poverty, offers little freedom, much forced oversight, great persecution of Christians and people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ by the many thousands each day. That is why we consider China such an important area of ministry, such an important target for our prayer, hands-on involvement and financial commitment.

Those are the three aspects of our call, of Jesus Christ's command to us, to go into all the World and preach the Gospel... **pray, play and pay**... the



*He has committed to  
us the word of  
Reconciliation.*

*Therefore, we are  
Ambassadors for Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 5:19,20*

3 P's of evangelism. We **pray** for the work of evangelism, that which is ongoing and that in which we ourselves will do. We **play** by being involved... by actually going and taking the Gospel to the lost... and we **pay** by helping to support proven, effective evangelistic work through which people are really coming to faith in Jesus Christ and every one of us can help to finance our own 'going'... 'tent-making' like Paul... working to earn the money to finance our own work of evangelism.

We cannot change the culture of China... we would be foolish to even try... the same is true in our own country. China has sought for nearly 70 years to stamp out the truth of the Gospel but God has been at work calling those He has chosen to Himself and saving the Chinese by the millions. The kingdom of darkness in our country, through the 'Left,' the media and entertainment has sought to stamp out the truth of the Gospel for about 50 years but people haven't been coming to Christ in droves here because the persecution of Christians in this country has been, till now, far

less obvious... that is changing. It remains to be seen whether or not any kind of true revival will occur here before the Rapture... I have serious doubts... but, since the persecution of Chinese Christians is overt and increasingly vicious, many are coming to faith in Jesus Christ and that is, therefore, a place where Bibles and the Gospel are crucial.

Pray for us as we prepare to go in October... our great thanks to those who do and have been praying for us... you are a blessing to us and to God. Thank you to those who faithfully support financially what we do... you are a blessing. And especially, thank you, each one who go, yourself, into all the world to preach the Gospel, whether it's across the world, across the city or across the street... thank you!

These are some of the things happening to Christians in China: Christian church destroyed as Chinese police drag worshippers into street and beat them.

*CHINESE police destroyed a church after dragging worshippers out of the building and beating them in the*

*street. Violence broke out in Shanggiu in Henan province after 300 police officers and officials demolished the Shuangmiao Christian Church—which was under construction. Officers dragged out around 40 Christians with one worshipper comparing the brutal scenes to the Japanese invasion of China during the Second World War, according to charity China Aid. Eight Christians remain in custody following the incident amid a crackdown on churches by the communist regime.*

China Bans Christian children from attending church and threaten parents with legal action.

*CHRISTIANS have been threatened with legal action if they do not stop sending their children to a church in China. Parents at a church in the Guizhou province have been banned from allowing teenagers and young children to worship. Local government officials have said youngsters will be forbidden from going to college or joining the military if they continue to attend church. An official from a church in Huaqiu, named only as Mou, said: "This notice was sent to all of the schools in Huaqiu. Under Chinese law it is illegal for minors to receive religious education But in a bizarre ruling officials also stopped an elderly man from attending church in the town. Officials threatened to withdraw his grandson's acceptance into a military academy if the man did not stop visiting the church. There are some 97million Christians in China but believers are increasingly under threat.*

Christians' horror as churchgoers beaten and jailed for putting crucifix by home in China.

*TWENTY Christians have been beaten and jailed for hanging a cross outside their home in China. Public security officials stormed the property in central Hanan province after a crucifix was seen outside. An eyewitness, described the scene in*

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Nanle as "miserable" as officials beat the Christian homeowner before turning on other Christians coming out of the property. China Aid, who identified the couple as Dai and Li, say the couple and woman were taken away by police. Dani has since been released but his wife and their guest remain in jail. Officials reportedly confiscated other religious items from the couple's home in north western China. It comes as China's latest regulations on religion come into force. The Chinese Communist Party has been accused of cracking down on religious freedom with the laws which restrict worship. Xi Jinping's despotic regime has banned Christians from praying, singing hymns, removed crosses from buildings and arrested people for attending worship. Christian charities have reported scenes of violence, Christians being arrested, sent to labor camps and tortured. The crackdown has forced Christians underground.

CHRISTIAN CRACKDOWN: China's horrifying religious oppression 'most tyrannical' in 40 years CHINA is repeatedly breaking its own laws as it continues to persecute Christians in one of the most tyrannical years for the regime, according to a new report.

Xi Jinping's Chinese Communist Party have launched a major crackdown on religion in recent weeks in an attempt to oppress religious freedom and exercise control. The despotic regime has banned Christians from praying, singing hymns, removed crosses from buildings and arrested people for attending worship. In a scathing report, charity China Aid noted there has been an increase in persecution. The charity said: "Persecution campaigns made 2016 one of the most tyrannical years since the Cultural Revolution." "Although official rhetoric claims the operation intends to address 'illegal structures,' it specifically discriminated against Christian churches and imposed strictures on the crosses that adorned the exterior of their buildings. In 2016, the number of crosses demolished surpassed 1,800. "According to the official document, the authorities plan to manage church meetings and force the congregations to eradicate all religious symbols and become more socialist. "The revision introduces tighter control on peaceful religious activities, such as punishing house church meetings by imprisoning Christians or heavily fining the church leaders, forbidding religious

adherents from attending conferences or trainings abroad, and barring minors from receiving religious education. Christians have also been placed under surveillance, house churches disbanded and there have been reports of torture taking place in prison. As previously reported by Express.co.uk pastor Yang Hua's lawyers say he has been repeatedly tortured in prison with prosecution lawyers threatening to kill him.

All these reports are just a small sampling of what is happening in China and around the world. We are in the last days and Jesus' return for us is very near. We all want to finish well, to stand before Him and hear, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a few small things, I will put you over many great things... enter into the joy of your master.'

**Pray** while there still is time...

**Play** while you're in your prime...

**Pay** while you have a dime.

**Behold**, Now is the Time appointed...  
Now is the hour of salvation! 2 Cor 6:2

**You can touch the World for Jesus Christ... Please partner with us in these last days.**  
**The Harvest is Great, but the laborers are few.** Matt 9:38

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