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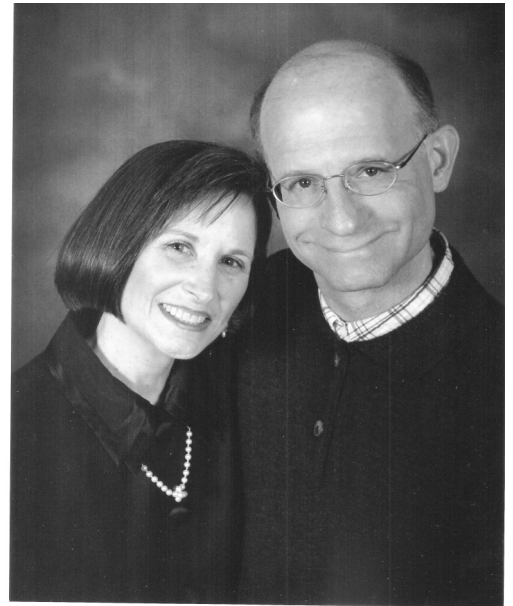
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## Back to Hong Kong, Into China... Part 2

*A*s you read this, we are either still in the air, on our way to Hong Kong or we are just a day or two having just arrived and just getting settled into our hotel in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The first part of any long trip, after the three P's of **planning**, **preparing** and **packing** is the long, uncomfortable flight, about 14 hours packed into a cramped airliner. Oh, how persecuted we are, what trials we have!

Christians in China understand very well what God meant when He promised that in this world we would have tribulation, trials and be hated by all because we identify with the Lord Jesus. We Americans, on the other hand, having been born into a society where there is still a certain amount of freedom where we can worship God without fear of arrest or death, must understand that it is not our 'fault' that we were born here; it was God's plan and He has His own plans and purposes for each of our lives. Living in the West is not something we should be ashamed of or feel the need to apologize for, but just like the Christians in China, God has planned for each of us our own particular set of circumstances with their own particular trials, tribulations and temptations, and it is just as important to God that we respond correctly and are victorious in all the things which He brings into our lives, no matter how seemingly small or large, as it is in the lives of Chinese Christians who face persecution and death every day. In fact, oftentimes the trials God brings into our lives can seem so 'small' in



**For He Himself is our  
peace ... and broke  
down the barrier of  
the dividing wall**

**Eph 2:14**

*He has committed to  
us the word of  
Reconciliation.  
Therefore, we are  
Ambassadors for Christ.  
2 Corinthians 5:19,20*

comparison to what other Christians around the World must endure, that we fail to even recognize that they are, in fact, genuine trials from the hand of God Himself. We may tend to just think of them as annoyances that don't really merit our faithfulness in responding with patience and joy in the Lord and so, we, rather, choose to respond with anger, disappointment or discouragement.

The plane ride over to Hong Kong is a perfect example, at least for me. I used to really hate it; I felt cramped, confined and miserable the whole way but about 4 trips ago God was gracious enough to simply ask me... *'What are you willing to do, what are you willing to endure, what are you willing to 'put up with' in order to take My Word into China so that it can take root and produce a crop of thousands of new believers, every time you travel to Hong Kong? What are you willing to endure to gain unimaginable, unbelievable eternal rewards when you stand before Me? Every time you respond to trials with patience, you will have gained unimaginable eternal rewards from Me.'* Suddenly, I understood; suddenly it all made sense... my whole life, in fact! All these trials, whether large or small, they are what God is using in my life to more and

more, form me into the image and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ; He is using these things to instill in me first and foremost, **patience**. I now understand that if I would allow God to form patience in me, it would ultimately result in my becoming more and more complete in Christ, having more and more grown into the man of God that He created me to be and is constantly forming me into. So... from that time on I have been miraculously more able to endure with patience and even joy, all the disparate facets of airplane life, standing in mile-long border crossing lines and of all my travels as an Occidental in the Orient. To be sure, I'm not perfect, but I do remember and I do respond with *more* patience than ever before, and I trust that it will also have been true of our trip over here this time.

Assuming we made it safely to Hong Kong, we are now busy taking a load of Bibles together into China every day. We never have contact with the Christians of the 'under-ground' churches in China because it would be far too dangerous for them to be seen with us as we are probably watched to a certain degree, since we

are foreigners, and we have so many stamps in our passports of comings and goings into and out of China.

For the Christians in China, we have learned that by next year, the Communist Party will further monitor all its citizens through a massive surveillance system called *China Skynet* which combines mobile phone GPS tracking, text message collection and over 600 million security cameras, nearly 1 for every 2 Chinese citizens, *'to make sure everyone is harmonious and no one does anything illegal.'* According to a report in Christianity Today, 'The Communist government has implemented a 3-phase, 14-year plan: during the first 2-year phase, 2012-2014, it eased persecution of the Underground Church, enticing more of them to surface and be identified. During the second, 2-year phase, 2014-2016, it invited and then pressured the identified underground churches to register and become *'Three-Self' Government Churches.*' In the current third, 10-year phase, the gloves have come off as both the remaining underground churches and even the liberal Three Self churches are being persecuted using Mao-era brute-force, as well as mass surveillance, artificial intelligence, and big data.'

Cameras are being forcibly installed in every church and outside every home to monitor everyone and everything they do. A new 'Social Credit System' has been installed to assign social credit scores and rewarding citizens who do not disobey the many laws where they live, which will eventually include disobedience in attending any illegal church services as well as laws requiring anyone to report someone they suspect of being a Christian. The government is now producing a Communism-friendly version of the Bible which will become the only Bible allowed in the country, which makes what we do so much more important than ever. Think of it... every Bible that makes it across into China will produce up to 50 new believers or more. Pastors and their families are being arrested, beaten and imprisoned. Many are being killed. A pastor can't just start

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a church in a home; they can't just buy a piece of property and build a church; they can't just go out and rent a building for their church to meet in. All of that is illegal. Homes are monitored, families are watched. Those making buildings available for rent to churches can be fined in the 10's of thousands of dollars and those renting a building for a church can be fined in the 10's of thousands of dollars also.

The Communist Chinese Government is absolutely serious about their plans to stamp out Biblical Christianity. Because of China's one child policy with forced abortions and countless baby girls having been aborted in the hopes of having a boy, there are now some 100 million Chinese men who are unable to find a wife. According to the Washington Examiner, Chinese men are being told that if they join the Communist Party, they can go to internment camps, where many arrested Christians are being held, and pick out a Christian woman to be their wife. As horrible as that is, it may be just one more way that God is spreading the Gospel. Soon, China will have the largest Christian population of any country on Earth.

Pastor Wang Yi, and his wife Jiang Rong, were charged with inciting to subvert state power; they may serve as much as 15 years in prison. Knowing he would probably be arrested soon, Pastor Wang wrote a letter to his congregation

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encouraging them to be strong and keep the faith. In his letter, he asked his congregation, 'If their Church suddenly disappeared from the City of Chengdu, would it make any difference, would they be missed?' He probably didn't realize his question pertained not only to his Church but to every Church in the World as we near the Rapture.

Will it make any difference in the World when I am removed in the Rapture? What about you?

Chinese Christians are facing terrible persecution and trials while we, in the West, face our own set of trials. When we believe and trust God, we are glorifying Him because we are declaring, 'God is righteous and holy, He will not lie, He can be trusted!' We are declaring, 'I believe and trust God, that He will carry me through this trial or temptation.' When we trust God, we are declaring what we believe and we are glorifying Him. When we doubt, we are also declaring what we believe, that God is untrustworthy, that He is a liar, that, 'I don't trust Him to carry me through this.' When we trust Him, we give Him

glory. When we doubt Him, we steal that glory for ourselves because we are saying, 'I know better than God.' We are saying the same thing that Lucifer said, 'I will be like the Most High!' God said, 'I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another' Isa. 42:8

Time is short; we have so little time left to make any difference in the World. Soon we will stand before the Lord Jesus Christ and we will each give an account of what we have done in these bodies and what we have done with the abilities, talents and resources He has given to each of us to use for His glory and we will answer for how we responded to every trial. Are you ready to meet Him? We trust that we are.

Pray for us and pray for the persecuted Christians in China and around the World. Maranatha! He is coming soon. Keep on fearlessly telling others before it too late. **Set your heart on the things above.** And: We should all own a Bible that is as small as possible, but with print we can read, because the time is coming when Bibles will be outlawed here as well. It will then be left behind for others to find. and... **Memorize Scripture when you can.**

***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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