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

Eph 2:14

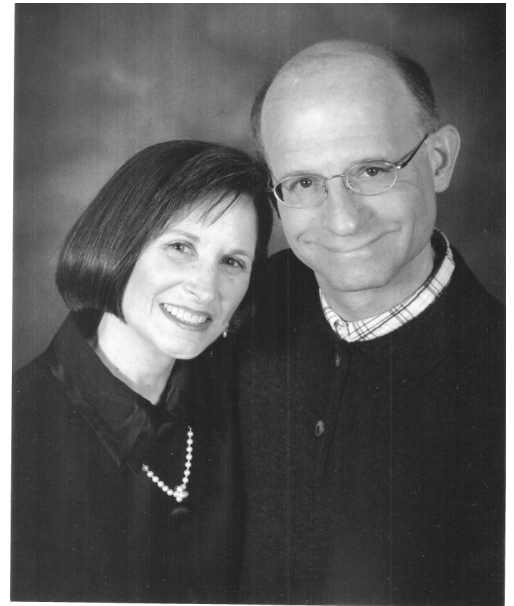
Back to Hong Kong, Into China... Part 1

We will be privileged to return to Hong Kong and China this month; we will fly out on the 28th and return on April 11. Our first prayer request is that you continue to pray for us, especially for our ongoing protection and safety; China continues to clamp down on Churches and Christians and although we have not heard that we will be in any real danger, with the increasingly evil, Godless and capricious government that rules China with an iron fist, one can never really be sure.

The Chinese government has stepped up its persecution of Christians at an alarming rate. Churches are being closed or destroyed, congregations are being forcibly scattered and pastors are being arrested and imprisoned and even executed.

The first thing to never forget, as we remember and pray for the persecuted Christians in China and around the World, is that God is in control, He is always in complete control; nothing happens to any of His children that has not first passed through His hedge of protection. Remember Job; God allowed everything that happened to Job to accomplish His will in Job's life and to bring glory to Himself.

Watchman Nee, a famous Chinese Pastor, was once asked to speak to a



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

*Therefore, we are
Ambassadors for Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:19,20

congregation. Knowing that government spies were in attendance, without saying a word, he dropped a glass on the floor, crushed the pieces under his feet and began to walk around the room, scattering bits and pieces of the glass all throughout the room. The spies did not understand but every believer knew just what he was 'saying.' When God allows persecution, when an evil government destroys and scatters a Church, the 'sheep' scatter, going in every direction, taking the Gospel with them, not only surviving, but actually building and growing the true Church, the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Imagine if you lived under a government like the Chinese Christians do. Imagine if the evil-half of our country was in complete control of the government, that their hatred for God and for us was allowed to freely have its way, that every harebrained idea from every brain dead politician was not only implemented but even enforced

under penalty of death and that executions were encouraged because organs and body parts were a real source of government income as well as the sale and use of aborted baby parts. Imagine that for generations, couples were not allowed to give birth to more than one child and abortions were forced in the 100's of millions and that since in most families, boys were far more valued than girls, the abandonment and murder of baby girls was rampant. Imagine you were under complete surveillance at all times.

If you can imagine all of that, then you can begin to imagine what life is like for Chinese Christians. Now, imagine that you are a Christian and you live under that kind of government here. Would you abandon your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ or would you draw near to His Holy Spirit inside you and trust in Him completely? If you are not a real Christian, if God's Holy Spirit does not really live within you, then you will be honest with yourself and

admit that you would probably run from Christianity and want to have nothing to do with the faith or its people. However, if you are a genuine believer, if God's Holy Spirit does, in fact, dwell within you, if you have been born again unto eternal life, then you know that no matter how evil the government or how harsh the persecution, you would draw near to God, you would seek Him and you would treasure His Word above anything else in all the World; you would pray without ceasing and you would trust Him with your life and safety as well as that of your family... wouldn't you! You know you would because if you lived in that kind of society... He would be all you'd have and you'd cling to Him with all your might.

In China, they don't have Churches filled with fake Christians like we do here. Persecution really does separate the sheep from the goats and the wheat from the tares. When the Rapture happens, one day very soon, China won't have near the number of churches and congregations left on the Earth like this country will and like Western Europe will. They will be gone and the thing that keeps us going, that keeps us being willing and ready to always return to Hong Kong and China in order to smuggle as many Bibles as possible into China before we are taken out in the Rapture, is that we know that for every Bible that makes it into China, it will be responsible for the salvation of up to fifty new believers. Every Bible, in the hands of another believer, is like the tiny pieces glass being scattered around the room in the soles of Watchman Nee's shoes.

As we said, our first and most important prayer request, something we pray for, is that you would be faithful to pray for us; we pray that

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God will remind you to pray for us now, throughout our trip to Hong Kong and China and always thereafter until He returns for us all.

From the very beginning of Hearts of Love Ministries, 27 years ago, birthed out of the circumstances of our life together, of our marriage and family and of God's healing and transformation of us because people were praying for us, we have learned to be people of prayer. The first thing we did, when we realized that God was leading us to begin Hearts of Love, was to ask everyone we know to pray for us, for God's leading and direction. We didn't ask for money and we didn't look to people to 'raise us up.' Shortly thereafter, God lead us into our Radio Ministry which has as its foundation, not only ministering and teaching but also, especially prayer, praying for the needs of others and for ourselves.

We pray for others, that God would heal, strengthen and encourage them and we know that when you are praying for us, we are being strengthened and encouraged by God to continue on, to keep moving forward, setting our hearts and minds on the things above and not on the things of the Earth. We are not attempting to store up for ourselves treasures on Earth, where moths, rust,

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taxes and inflation destroy everything; our hearts are to store up for ourselves and for you, treasures in Heaven, the unimaginable rewards that God has in store for all those who love Him. He is faithful to remind us that our light afflictions and trials in this life are nothing compared to all that He has for us in Eternity and for you, also.

Please do pray for us all this month as we prepare to go and then while we are there, for God's constant leading and protection and for both flights, to and from Hong Kong. If we were rich, we'd fly first class or at least business class; imagine... those people are able to even lay down and sleep while flying across the ocean but then again, there is no way we would waste \$5000 each just to be able to lay down for 14 hours in an airplane; we will be content in economy class and, rather, spend God's resources on things that matter, things that will last, things of eternal value.

Every time we go to Hong Kong to carry Bibles into China, we leave an

offering with the ministry we work with to help with their expenses and we also visit with the missionaries we know in Hong Kong and try to help them with their expenses. Once again, as we always have, we will go up into China to visit with the couple who rescued Joy and Pebbles, the two little baby girls who had been abandoned to die- Pebbles in a dumpster and Joy at the hands of a 'doctor.' They are now lovely young women who are being trained to be covert missionaries to the Chinese around them, those who are lost and dying, headed for eternity in Hell.

Next issue I will tell you more of what is happening to Christians and Churches in China today and I will explain a little more of what we do and how our ministry adventures usually transpire.

Pray for us and if God leads you to help financially that is good, too, but more than anything, please pray for us and continue to do so, **beginning now.**

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