



Beautiful Feet Ministries

A Day in The Life ...



The smiling faces you see above are brothers and sisters from Canada. They have joined us for two weeks, and have been a joy to serve along side of.

They have come to us from a church in Chilliwack, British Columbia. They are from all walks of life, dairy farmers, medical professionals, and oil field workers. But, they all have one more thing in common. They have let God move them outside of their comfort zone for two weeks. This group of short term missionaries, are just ordinary people, people like you and me, who God has called to China to serve for a season. These folks are crossing the border up to 3 times a day, carrying the precious cargo of God's word into a hostile land.

It has been a difficult two weeks as we have been stopped at the border more this week than we have ever been. But our Canadian friends just keep going. One man named David, last week got stopped, and his Bible's confiscated 3 times in one day. Instead of getting depressed, or down about it, he said to me, "Craig, God is sovereign, He knows what He is doing, I am ready to go again ...".

God is sovereign, and He is in control. While I was waiting in the customs line to pick up my bibles that had been confiscated also, I got to give one of the Chinese Study Bibles I had in my backpack to a Chinese man from Hong Kong! Praise the LORD! We may never know (this side of eternity anyway), exactly what the Lord is doing when our Bibles get confiscated, or when we get stopped. But we can be assured that God is in Control.

As I stood in the customs line, to recover the bibles that were confiscated by the customs officials. I had the chance to watch what kind of items were being confiscated, and the people involved.

The immigration warehouse where you must pick anything up that is confiscated is in an area that is relatively small, and it is easy to see the material that is being returned to your neighbor as you stand in line with him. As I stood at the end of the line, I counted about 30 people with their receipts, and passports waiting to pick up what China said they could not bring in. Since I knew 7 people in that line that morning (They were on my team), I knew what they had in their suitcases. However, I was surprised to see that over half the people in the line, when they picked up their stuff, had Bibles as well! Over 15 people stopped at the border that morning had bibles going into China, and I only know 7 of them.



I am amazed to see what God is doing with His Word, here in China. But I am even more amazed to see the great lengths He is going to, to deliver His Word to His children in China. Deborah and I see every day how every Bible that gets through, is important to our Father in Heaven. We are thankful to be part of God's plan here in China, and we

are grateful for all of you to have a part in sending us here.

Thank You

Craig & Deborah Graber

II Timothy 2:11-13

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Chinese Food!

Deborah and I have had some very interesting food since we have been here. What you see below is Octopus. Deborah said they are good (kind of like eating boiled tennis shoe!).



One of the things we do when we eat out, is eat at restaurants that have pictures of the food in their menu. That way we can order food without having to actually speak the language. However, the pictures don't always tell the whole story, as last Sunday we ate at a restaurant after church, and we ordered fried noodles with mixed meat. The picture looked very appetizing, and safe. When it came, it tasted excellent. However, there were these little orange suction cup things in them.

Then there was the time that we wanted chicken, and we used our trusty Chinese dictionary to order chicken in a seafood restaurant. The waitress responded in a favorable way and took our order. What she brought came off of a chicken for sure, it was a plate of chicken knee's. No meat on them, just the cartilage. We chewed on a few but neither Deborah or I had the guts to actually swallow them!

Something to Ponder.

As Deborah sits amongst the current stack of Bibles, we sit, pondering the scope of this work. The stack you see here



in the boxes and suitcases, is about 3 days worth of crossings into China (For the Canadians anyway). Once it is there, it is grouped according to type of Bible, and then matched to an order, and then delivered *indirectly* to the Church. It is much more secure for us (and the Chinese Church), to deliver the Bibles using normal modes of delivery inside China. The Chinese can receive shipments of things, as long as there are no foreigners around to arouse suspicion, and of course it is shipped from within Chinese borders.

LCI has shipped already 70 tons of Bibles this year. That is double the shipments of last year, and the talk is that next year it may double again. We are praying for more long term missionaries to join us, and for more teams to come and serve along side of us. Maybe even YOU! As I understand it the demand is great, even with 70 tons shipped this year, we have not been able to keep up with the demand.

Contact Info.

Just to recap our contact information, all letters and small items such as checks and cards should be sent to:

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Our dear brother in Christ Tim Henze, is picking up our mail and sending it to us in Hong Kong twice a month or more as needed. All large items, packages and such should be mailed to:

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Sheng Shui, NT Hong Kong

Our Cell Phones in HK are:

Craig's 9207 4134

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Prayer Requests ...

Pray for the safety of the Chinese believers that are receiving and distributing the Bibles inside China. Remember if they are caught, they will go to prison.

Pray that LCI finds the Office Space it needs in Hong Kong. (We are quickly outgrowing what we have now)

LCI Needs me to get a Chinese drivers license, please pray that I am able to pass all the tests and get it soon.

Pray that Deborah & I Find the classes that we need to start learning the language (Mandarin.)

Pray for the persecuted church ...