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# Beautiful Feet Ministries

In the beginning of August I had the opportunity to be involved inside China with the delivery of the Bible's to the underground churches. For the first time since Deborah and I have been here, I got a glimpse of the volume of brothers and sisters that are asking us for Bibles. We have standing orders from all over China, and deliver them as the materials cross into China. This week alone Deborah and I boxed and shipped 70 boxes of Bibles to destinations in China. The boxes weigh in at about 25 kilo's or about 50 pounds each. That is about 3500 pounds. Needless to say, I am a little stiff, and sore. As I was learning the ropes of the delivery end of what we do here, the director of our mission shared a story with me. We know of a pastor in a certain city, in the province of Anhui. In his church alone, he is seeing about 2000 new believers every month. He has a standing order with us for 2000 Bibles a month. We ship to him as many as we can... That is ONE city, in ONE province, in China. And that is happening all over China. We have one contact, in the 3 self church, that is allowed to have Bibles in China, and he simply cannot get enough through official channels. He has come to us for help. We have literally hundred's of contacts in China, asking for Bibles by the ton. We have two pastors in particular that have asked for more Bibles than we shipped in total last year.

## The Situation ...

NANJING, July 28 (Compass Direct News) – China Aid Association (CAA) reported that government raids of two house churches last week resulted in the arrest of about 80 Christians.

Six policemen, including two plainclothes officers, interrupted a fellowship meeting of 43 people in Hubei province, south of Beijing, and detained 20 of them on July 21, according to CAA. Eight of the congregants were sentenced to 10 to 15 days of jail, while the rest were released by 5:30 p.m. that day. Police also confiscated Christian books from the

### Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

home.

In Henan province, authorities on July 19 detained and interrogated more than 60 house church members, CAA said. They were released later the same day.

### CAA Documented Cases of Persecution by Province

Province	Incidents	Arrests
Henan	11	823
Xinjiang	5	254
Jilin	2	640
Hebei	2	150
Hubei	2	44
Jiangsu	2	13
Hunan	1	10
Yunnan	1	7
Jiangxi	1	6
Beijing	4	3
Anhui	2	2
Mongolia	1	2
Shanxi	1	2
Shanghai	1	1
Shandong	1	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,958</b>

More Christians were arrested in Henan from May 2005 to May 2006 than any other province, with 11 incidents of persecution resulting in 823 arrests, according to a CAA recent report. Henan accounted for 42 percent of the total number of confirmed arrests of Protestant believers in the entire country.

These incidents are taken from Open Doors USA newsletter, and the source is Compass Direct News. They are real incidents, and I must point out that they are the ones we know about. There are many, many more incidents that go on that are not as clearly documented. The battle is real here in China. We are in it every day. There is a tremendous battle going on here right now. At the center of it is God's Word. We hear from folks that come to us from other

countries that mainstream media is saying that China has enough Bibles. We had two ladies join us last week from Australia, and they hear it all the time that China has enough Bibles.

## Deborah's Corner.

As I was going in to China one day. I was praying that I would know how God wanted me to go through the border. If he wanted me to put my bag on the scanner or if I should walk through as though I didn't see the sign telling me to put my bag on the scanner. As I was praying I had peace that I was to put my bag on the scanner. So I did, and the Chinese customs officials confiscated my bag. I still had peace, so I gathered my receipt, and entered China to meet up with the others, and told them to go on without me because I had things to pick up on my way out of the border area. So they did, and I went back to customs to pay my fine and pick up my stuff.

When things get confiscated from you as you are traveling into China, you must return to the China Immigration Warehouse, and retrieve the items by presenting your passport, and paying a fine. When I finally got through the line and picked up my Bibles, as I was putting them in my bag, a man walked up to me and asked if what I had was Bibles. I said that they were and showed him one... He held it for a moment, looking over his shoulder as if he didn't want any one to see him looking at a Bible. Then I asked him if he would like to have one. He hesitated, and then said no, and turned to stand in line. I finished re-packing and discovered that I had one bible that wouldn't fit back into the suitcase. The man that I had talked to was still there and he kept looking over his shoulder as if he was thinking twice about if he wanted that Bible. So I took the one I had left and when he wasn't looking I put it by his backpack and walked off. I looked back at him and he had a look of surprise and joy on his face I nodded and walked back to Hong Kong with joy in my heart and a knowledge that God is at work even when Chinese Customs Officials stop from carrying His precious Word into China.

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It simply isn't true. We are seeing increasing demands, and our teams this summer are the biggest ever. There are 3 (that we know of) distinctly different missions that are doing the same work that we are, and are carrying almost as many Bibles into China as we are. And still the demand is rising. We see God faithful every day to deliver His word to His children in China. We also see that God is Sovereign, every day He makes it possible for us to carry His word into China, into the heat of the battle, and into a country governed by atheists. Its good to know that we have a loving, caring Father in heaven who is in control.

## Praise HIM!

### Coming Up ...

We have an opportunity to travel into Yunnan province next month. By train, and then backpack around in Sichuan province. Sichuan and Yunnan province consists mostly of unreached ethnic minorities, that have never heard the name of Jesus. The church is working feverishly in these areas, and we are hoping to meet some new contacts. We cannot travel officially as missionaries, but we can follow our Lord, and fill our backpacks with Chinese Bibles. Pray that we are able to have the resources to go, and pray that the Lord would open an effectual door for us as well.

Blessings in Christ ...

## Contact Info.

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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.



*A Lady in the Daocheng area of Sichuan / Yunnan, where Deborah and I hope to go next month....*

## Prayer Requests ...

Unity, and peace among the among the laborers in the harvest.

Office space for a growing LCI.

Resources for Deborah and I to travel to Yunnan next month.

Blessings upon the short term missionaries who come and work.

More short term missionaries to come and work along side us.

Continued growth of the Chinese church.

Safety and strength for those who are suffering in China for Jesus's sake.

Please pray for the continued safety of our co-workers (and their families) in China. Remember, if they are caught, they will go to prison.