

# Hong Kong



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## Beautiful Feet Ministries

Hello to all. We thought we would share a bit this month about Hong Kong, where we live. Hong Kong is a Special Administrative Region of China. It was until 1997 a British Overseas Possession, when it transferred to the Peoples Republic of China. It has a population of about 7 million. The SAR of Hong Kong is made up of the Kowloon peninsula that extends from the mainland, and very many islands from a few square kilometers to several hundred. Lantau island is the largest, with Hong Kong Island being the second. Deborah and I live in an area of the New Territories called Sheung Shui. On the map be-



low it is in the green area called Lo Wu.

The main language in Hong Kong is Cantonese ( A dialect of Mandarin ), and a lot of the people speak a little English. Some of the people speak Mandarin, or Putonghua (The Chinese Common Language ). It makes it difficult for us as we are learning Mandarin as spoken in China, but when we get back to Hong Kong, we have to switch gears and speak in Cantonese. It can be very confusing. Mandarin and Cantonese are the same in writing, but the folks in Canton province decided thousands of years ago that they were going to say it differently.

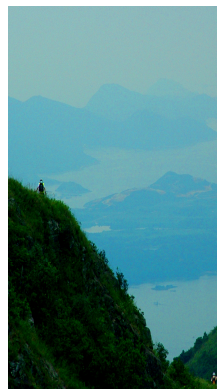
The weather here is just plain HOT. We arrived in June, and of course that is the hottest time of the year. June, July, and August are in the high 90's to low 100's, with a average relative humidity of 85 to 95

percent. To make matters worse the evenings in the summer rarely dip below a steamy 85 degrees. We very much miss the cool nights of Wyoming.

In fact we have started to watch the Teton Pass web cam so we can see snow! We are able to watch what's happening in Jackson from the town square web cam also. We are hoping to see some of you Christmas Caroling there this year! Please let us know what nights and times you are going to go Caroling, and we will see if we can see you. The web site is:

<http://www.allmountaincams.com/jackson-hole-webcams/jackson-hole-webcam.htm>

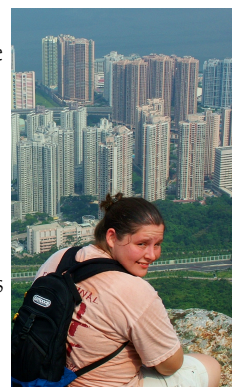
It has just now started to cool off to about 85 degrees during the day, and maybe 75 at night. They tell us that it gets as low as the 60's here in the winter. It is funny to see that the Asian folks start wearing winter coats and sweaters when the temperature dips into the 70's! You cannot even buy a pair of shorts after Halloween, and it is still 85 degrees.



One of the more pleasant things of Hong is that Hong Kong'ers love their green space. There are a lot of country trails in between the sky scrapers. We have found several very good hiking area's, and even in the heat of summer had some good hikes on the week-ends. The photo below is of an area called Ma On Shan. It is the second highest peak in the new territories, and was quite a challenge for Deborah and I.

Although no matter where you go in Hong Kong, the city is never very far away as you can see in this photo. There really is no place you can

go in Hong Kong to get "away". There is always car



### Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

## On the lighter side ...

You all know by now that every day Deborah and I are involved in carrying Bibles into China. You would think that after doing the same thing every day it might get a little ordinary, or that we might get a little complacent. Well, our Father in Heaven sees to it every day that every book gets through. There is always a distraction or something that gets the customs agents to look away from the screen just as our bags are going through the scanner. Last week was no exception. One of our group was passing through the customs area about 3:00 in the afternoon, the same time when the school children return from HK to China. The Guards were particularly thorough this week, and we were not getting much through. As the guard motioned for my friend to put his suitcase on the X-Ray scanner, the kid in front of him put his school bag on the scanner, and proceeded to jump on the scanner! Well before you could do anything the kid had squatted down and ridden through the X-Ray machine. All the while the customs agents were part terrified, and part stunned. The child emerged on the other side of the scanner, rather triumphantly, and of course the guards did not even get a chance to look at what was in my partners bag.

PRAISE HIM!

Also, we had a brother here from Colorado that could not get into China without getting stopped. He was stopped 7 times in a week. The immigrations officials would see him coming, and shake their heads, and say to him, hello Tim! Needless to say he was discouraged. He even shaved his mustache in order to look different. We reminded him there is nothing we can do to get Bibles into China. God has to do it. On his last day here, he got stopped, and got to witness to the customs official, and after a persistent week of trying, the customs official finally accepted a Bible. His next trip was successful!

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noise, train noise, people noise, always some kind of background noise. We miss the peace and quiet of Wyoming! Even hiking, you are likely to see very many hundreds of hikers on the trail with you. We are looking forward to sitting under a pine tree in Wyoming and hearing ... (nothing).

Which brings me to our next subject. Deborah and I believe that the Lord has called us here to stay (1 year at a time). We have committed to another year at LCI. Our Chinese visas expire in April, so we will be coming home to renew them and visit our families. Our tentative schedule is something like this:

3rd week in April in Arkansas

4th week in April in Michigan

May and June in Jackson Area to visit all of our Churches. We hope to come visit each of our Churches on a special Sunday in May, and June. We also will be available to speak to Bible study groups and the like in the area as well. Please pray about this for us and we will keep you informed as the dates get closer. We don't have our tickets yet but we may need to book them soon. It would be good if the Churches that we spoke in last year could contact us about dates for speaking this year. Please email me at:

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If you have any special requests for us at that time please let us know that as well.

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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.



Craig and Deborah on their way to Yunnan Province ...

## Prayer Requests ...

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

Warehouse / Office space for a growing LCI.

Resources for us to continue in the ministry that God has called Deborah and I.

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

MORE LABORERS!

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

That God will double the amount of Bibles that we are able to bring in to China next year.

Safety and support for the LCI Teams.

That LCI would continue to grow as a team.