



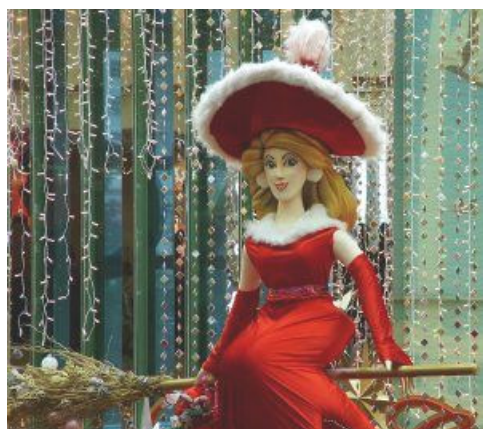
Beautiful Feet Ministries

Christmas in Hong Kong.

You wouldn't really know it's Christmas by looking outside, its 70's to 80's here most every day. However if you look around our neighborhood, you will see Christmas decorations going up all over the place.

The shopping malls are "decking the halls", and the building we live in has hung snowmen, bells, and signs that say "let it snow". (Not really a possibility in HK!) Everywhere people are wearing red hats, and the clerks in the shopping malls and grocery stores are wearing everything red.

Last week we saw a 2 story high purple Christmas tree with lights and ornaments made of camera's and computers, and all kind of things that you can purchase. But the strangest thing of all is right next door to our house.



We have a shopping mall in the building next to us, and as we were walking through we noticed hanging from the ceiling a lady dressed in a red suit, sitting on a broom. Apparently she is a Christmas witch. All over the mall there are references to Christmas and witches (brooms, hats, etc.) Needless to say we were very puzzled by this, and then just plain sad.

Hong Kong had been a British Overseas Possession for quite a while, and then reverted to China in 1997, so you would think that they would have had a taste of the real meaning of Christmas from the Brit's. We have not seen a sign of that at all.

We were so puzzled by the "Christmas witch" in the mall we decided to take a poll. We got rather bold, and stopped people in the mall and politely

asked them what was the meaning of Christmas. It wasn't really our intention to make an evangelical move out of it, we were simply curious. After all, we are in their country. So we took our trusty pen and pad, and proceeded to ask our Cantonese friends "What is Christmas?"

Here are the responses;

- I don't know.
- It's a holiday.
- It's for the decorations.
- To make people happy.
- It's for shopping.
- It's for romance.
- It's a western holiday.
- If you are a Christian then to celebrate Jesus' birthday.
- Its about Jesus Christ.

The last lady looked me square in the eye and smiled, and simply said;

JESUS.

I knew, she knew what Christmas is really about.

Everywhere you look in Hong Kong, you see Christmas lights, decorations, artificial snowmen, Christmas trees. But the one thing that is noticeably missing, is of course the main thing.

Jesus Christ Himself...

I wonder if we went to a shopping mall in a big city in America, what would we find?

Luke 2:10-11

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

A Day in China ...

Last week we had some brothers here from Arkansas. They worked very hard and helped us get across the border a ton or so of bibles and children's material. At the end of the week they decided to take a trip into south Guangdong province to a city called Nanning. There is a large Chinese university there and they thought they would try to give out Chinese New Testaments, and Chinese tracts. We don't recommend this but they were determined. So an hour or so into there endeavor the local Public Security Bureau (police) came and escorted them off campus directly to the PSB office. They were separated, and interrogated for several hours. The PSB officials were making arrangements to arrest them. You see it is against Chinese law to give foreign printed matter to Chinese nationals, and it is also against the law to tell Chinese nationals under the age of 21 about Jesus. The Chinese constitution says they have religious "freedom", but the Chinese law says something totally contradictory.

Well, after 4 hours of questioning and arrest preparations, the PSB just simply released them and told them never to return to Nanning. God is gracious indeed.

This should serve to remind us that every Bible we get in is by God's grace. We are fighting a battle. But we must remember that we are fighting from victory. Jesus has won our battle for us. The outcome has been determined, the battle was won at the Cross by our King. But the enemy rages still, fights still, and wages war still. Please pray for us that we would remember that we must fight from that place of victory that Jesus has given us.

The Battle belongs to the LORD.

The Work ...

Just for the record, in 2005 LCI shipped 52 metric tons of Bibles to our friends in China. As of December 1, 2006 we have already shipped 104 tons. Dou-



ble the amount of last year. We Are Stunned. That equates to 4680 boxes of Bibles to believers in China, and if you take an average of the weight of the different Bibles that we ship, then that would be somewhere between 225,000, and



350,000 Bibles.

We aren't even scratching the surface of the need.

COME HELP US!

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Our dear brother in Christ Tim Henze, (We MISS you Tim!) is picking up our mail and sending it to us in Hong Kong twice a month or more as needed.

Revelation 5:13 -14

And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Prayer Requests ...

Unity, and peace among the laborers in the harvest.

Warehouse / Office space in Hong Kong 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' 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 would continue growing His Church in China.

Safety and support for the LCI Teams.

That LCI would continue to grow as a family.