# Old Friends ...

Isaiah 52:7

那報佳音、傳平安、報 好信、傳救恩的、對錫 安說、你的 神作王了. 這人的腳登山何等佳美



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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

# Seautiful Feet Ministries

This Christmas was a special Christmas for Deborah and I. It was our 2nd as husband and wife. But if that wasn't enough, God gave us 2 more very special gifts. He sent us our dear sister Katie Hutchison from home (the USA) to visit us. Then He sent us all packing Bibles to our friend in Guangzhou China, Pastor Samuel Lamb. Katie is a special sister in Christ for both Deborah and I. She patiently endured Deborah and I during our engagement process in Jackson. Not a small endeavor!

It is good to have been reconnected with Katie. It is good to have a friend (our best) from home to share in person all we experience here. It is not always easy to share everything via this newsletter

with all of you. So thank you God for sending Katie as our Christmas present.

As Katie was only able to get a double entry visa into China, we prayerfully decided to visit Pastor Lamb in Guangzhou.
Pastor Lamb's church is a bit of a paradox for



Katie and Deborah with suitcases full of Bibles on our way to visit Pastor Lamb.

churches in China. It is above ground. You see Pastor lamb spent over 20 years in prison in two separate incidents. Please read "Bold as a Lamb", available through Zondervan House.

We are able to visit Pastor Lamb at his church and bring him Bibles in Guangzhou directly. There is not much more the Chinese Government can do to Pastor Lamb that they have not done already. That is why we believe they leave him alone. Plus he is 83 years old. We do not know what will happen when the Lord brings him home. We are praying that the Lord leaves Pastor Lamb here until He returns. Please join us in that prayer.

Deborah, Katie and I filled our suitcases with Chinese Bibles, and crossed the

border into China. We crossed with no incidents or excitement. (PRAISE GOD!) We then proceeded to buy 3 train tickets to Guangzhou, about 1 1/2 hours from the Shenzhen

### **Revelation 2:10**

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

border area. It was a fairly normal train ride for China. Complete with the little train ladies running up and down the aisle selling chicken feet and the like. I asked Katie if she wanted one but she said no. As we arrived in Guangzhou, we proceeded to the subway, and to Pastor Lamb's church. We were greeted by a friendly "nihao" and a "hallelujah". Pastor lamb's church is down a series of kind of dark streets, and a few allyways. But everywhere we were met with smiling Chinese people. Do you think they knew what we were doing? You Bet!



Pastor Lamb in 2005 (He hasn't changed a bit).

I will never forget the Christmas presents God gave us this year. Katie, and the visit to Pastor Lamb and his congregation. I will also never forget that 2 years ago, Pastor Lamb was telling me his story of imprisonment, and of the suffering of my brothers and sisters here in China. And when he looked me straight in the eye, and said persecution is good, I will not forget that either.

## Something to Ponder ...

Here are some things to think about. One of our board members was traveling in the North of China last week. He was invited to visit one of the local factory's (at night). This particular factory is run by a Chinese Christian, and all of the Children who work in the factory are Christians, as he walked into the factory, he was struck by the fact that all of the children were singing hymns in unison while they were working. He recognized the melodies and choruses, but not the words as they were in Chinese. He

asked about the children, and if they were able to attend any of the meetings, like Sunday school. The Pastor said of course they go for 8 hours on Saturday, and then 8 hours on Sunday!

Needless to say, it

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brought him to tears. He was also invited to a local house church meeting. (A very rare opportunity for a westerner, it is very dangerous for the Chinese believers). He was struck by the fact that all of our brothers there had Bibles, our Bibles, the Bibles we have been bringing in. They left the meeting very quickly, and the leader of the congregation said this;

Did you notice that each of those brothers and sisters had Bibles of their own?

Do you know the cost they had to pay for their own copy?

At first we told them they had to memorize 5 books of the Bible, then we would give them one of their own. There are so many people coming to Christ now that we have had to raise the price. They must now memorize 7 books before we can give them one of their own. Please print more! Please bring more!

This is one story, from one city, in one province in China. The presses in Japan (as of 01/01/2007) are now running 24 hours a day. Churning out precious Bibles in Chinese for our brothers and sisters on the mainland. We are only able to carry a suitcase at a time across the border, and then package and deliver them directly to the underground church network. We have an average of 20 people here all the time carrying suitcases across the borders several times a day. Pray for more. Please pray for us, for strength and resources to continue. For more to come and carry suitcases across the border, for more long term missionaries to come and lead teams. For God to double the amount that He allowed us to get in to China last year. We finished 2006 with 115 tons. Somewhere between 250,000 and 350,000 Bibles. Pray for this lady and her children, that they would meet Jesus, here in China. She has never heard of Jesus.

They need your prayers ....



### 2006 Praises ...

Praise Him ...

115 tons of Bibles delivered to The Chinese Church this year.

Praise to God for meeting our every need.

For all of you who are praying and making it possible for us to be here.

For fishtanks, softshell turtles, green spotted puffers, and snails!

That we have family and friends to come home to ...

Praise God for lessons learned, Even the hard ones.

For WYOMING! (We miss you)

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

he who is holy, let him be holy still."

12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and aMy reward is with Me, bto give to every one according to his work.

13 a"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

14 aBlessed are those who do His commandments, that they may

# **Prayer Requests...**

God's clear direction for the new year.

For God to grant Deborah and I Hong Kong citizenship. (LCI and New Life is working on it for us).

Resources for us to continue with LCI for another year.

Resources to come home to the US May, June, and July. (We came here with a one way ticket.)

God's favor here with the Hong Kong Government, and the banking facilities. (Has been great so far, but keep praying)!

That God would give us favour with the government of China that we are able to get visa's in the time that we are back in the States.

That we are able to connect to some Hong Kong Christians in a close and personal way. (Christians are rare here).

Someone to be our mail and US liaison. (Forward our mail and the like.)