

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



Isaiah 52:7

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!

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Beautiful Feet Ministries

Hello to all. We are finally back in Hong Kong and back into the swing of things. Our trip back to the States was amazing. We got to see most all of you. There are so many people that we want to say THANK YOU to that we would have to send several books of newsletters just to mention you all by name. One thing is for sure, we could not be here if it were not for you all. Deborah and I want to thank all of you for sending us here, for taking care of us both here and there, when we were home. Only the Lord could accomplish what He did to get us back to see you all, make the VW run, and bring us back safely to HK. He chose to do it through all of you. THANK YOU for being faithful.

It was sad to say goodbye for another season, but being there we realized that Wyoming is a place that we get to visit once a year. It is where our friends / family in Christ are. But Hong Kong has become home, at least for now. One thing is for certain, Christians never have to say goodbye, just see ya later... There WILL come a time when we will get to be together forever, together with our Lord, and together with all of you. Ponder that for a moment. We look forward to that day.

While we were gone...

While we have been away, things at the border have gotten a little more difficult. The Border has gotten quite a bit tighter. The first week back I made 3 trips, and only one was successful. We had one day last week where 6 people got stopped in one morning. Please pray for us.

We found out from our brothers that were arrested in Beijing before we left that they are black listed. They can never return to the mainland, please pray for Brad and Matthew as they face the reality of this situation. We also found out that Pastor Peter was released from custody, the others that were arrested with him were not. Please continue to pray for our Chinese brothers and sisters suffering for there faith in Jesus Christ.

This next story comes from Open Doors, Compass News Direct, and Voice of the Martyrs ...

The shape of things to come ...

DUBLIN, July 12 (Compass Direct News) – Christians throughout China fear tough restrictions on their freedom to worship in the coming year following the launch of a government crackdown ahead of August 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Christians across China are reporting a shortage of Bibles, even in cities where Bibles previously were readily available. There are reports of ongoing house church raids and arrests, and an unprecedented number of foreign Christians have been expelled from China in recent months. The crackdown comes in the wake of several important developments in recent years. These include the publication of the book *Jesus in Beijing*, which alerted government authorities to the increasing influence of Christianity in academic and professional circles; the release of the DVD series *The Cross*, which stressed the growth and commitment of the house church movement in China; and the outcome of a religious survey that in February estimated the total number of religious adherents in China at more than 300 million, three times higher than the official figure of 100 million.

Mass Expulsions (China Aid Organization)

In February, even before plans for Olympic outreach were leaked in the Western media, Chinese officials met to address the growing influence of Christianity. An "anti-infiltration" campaign code-named "Typhoon No. 5" was launched that month with the goal of drastically reducing contact between foreign Christians and Chinese believers.

For years local authorities had turned a blind eye to foreign Christians working in universities, hospitals, orphanages and business ventures throughout China. Now, however, it seems the government is prepared to revoke visas for any foreign Christian suspected of sharing their faith with Chinese citizens.

A CAA report released on Tuesday (July 10) claimed at least 100 foreign Christians had been expelled or deported from China between April and June. Most were based in Xinjiang, Beijing, Tibet or Shandong provinces, although expulsions were also reported in other provinces such as Xian.

Crackdown in the Northwest Foreign

2 Thessalonians 1

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other...

Christians in the northwest province of Xinjiang have been particularly hard-hit – although it seems the Xinjiang crackdown is part of a separate joint project between the Chinese and Kazakh governments, aiming to restrict the activities of alleged Uyghur separatists living on both sides of the border. Uyghur Christians are doubly suspect as the government assumes – incorrectly – that they are both separatists and allies of “Western powers” who hope to change the political climate in Xinjiang. CAA’s report claims that China has evicted at least 60 foreign Christians from the province since June. Compass sources indicate the expulsion of foreigners began in late September 2006. Some who have worked in the province for as many as 18 years say this is the worst crackdown in the northwest since the Communist takeover in 1949.

Police have carried out multiple raids and arrests in several other provinces in recent months. As recently as June 29, two house church leaders were accused of “using an evil cult to obstruct the law” and sentenced to one year of re-education through labor in Jin- ing City, Shandong province, CAA reported.

CAA also recorded at least 600 arrests throughout China in 2006.

Here’s a good one:

Ironically, Anthony Liu Bainian, vice-chairman of the CPA, suggested in March that 20,000 English Bibles should be put in hotel rooms during the Beijing Olympics to “clear up foreigners’ misconceptions about religion in China.”

The shape of things to come Please pray for the laborers.

Praise Him ...

Praise God for Wives ...

Praise God for always meeting our every need.

That even though we are getting caught more with Bibles, we are still getting some in.

For His perfect timing.



For Volkswagens!

For WYOMING!

(We miss you ALL)

That we are in His family! We are blessed to know all of you!

Amen!



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Prayer Requests ...

Pray for God’s mercy over China, and over the current crackdown on foreigners working inside China.

Pray that God would hold the doors open to China for Bibles, until the last one is in.

Pray for more laborers for the harvest.

Pray that somehow God would grant Chinese visa’s to Matthew and Brad. (Our coworkers who were arrested.)

Pray that God gives us clear direction this year in regards to our work, and our HK visa situation.

Pray that the VW stays safe and starts next year the first time like it did this year (Thank you LORD).

Especially, pray for our Chinese brothers and sisters who are suffering for there faith in Jesus Christ. Who are willing to give up there lives in order for our bretheren to have God’s Word.