

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!

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Beautiful Feet Ministries

I know it's been a long time since our last newsletter but God has not been still in our lives. This month we have come to realize what all of your love and support mean in the body of Christ.

I would like to start by saying thank you to Becky Murphy as she has been the faithful channel of God's support. Becky we are blessed by your faithfulness to send our mail and the way that God uses you in our lives. We are glad for your good trip to see Shannon's graduation and the following story is how God used it in our life to bring us joy and thankfulness. May God continue to use you to bless others in His Kingdom!

As children of God serving Him on the field we have gotten used to having all of our needs provided and to be honest had started to be much like the children of Israel in the wilderness, complainers, not thankful for the provision that God was giving us. We expected God to provide but almost like the Tooth Fairy! Shame On us!

So we were surprised in the middle of May when our mail did not come since Becky has been very faithful to send it every other week. That is when we remembered that she was going out of town and would not be back for two weeks. (She had told us this but we had forgotten in our comfortableness of getting the mail every two weeks.)

Well things were getting tight. In the end of April our bathroom had exploded. The drain had developed a leak and the water that was supposed to go out side had instead come out our floor like a geyser and flooded our living room and bathroom. We had had to pay half of the repairs and now had a nice shower but no extra in the bank. Being the good missionaries we are ;) we started saying things like "well God now what are we going to do?" and started thinking of ways to "help" God. Not thinking that it is God who provides for our needs and not Becky and that people are tools in His hands. He is in Hong Kong just as much as he is in Jackson and that He had a purpose for this in our lives.

Well every time we were down to our last Hong Kong Dollar (about 12 US Pennies) God would send some one or leave something to provide for our needs. A team would leave food

in the flats, a team member brought some things from the States for the long termers (Thanks Rod!), or someone would give us a gift and say that God had said that we needed it (We did!). There are many things that God did to prove His faithful provision, and you know what? We started to be thankful for the people that He had blessed us with they that are faithful to pray for us. Our friends and brothers and sisters in Christ that see the need for Bibles to China. We came to see that we have the privilege to be able to take Bibles in to China that others don't and that we are stewards of the gifts that God has given us.

We are thankful to God that we had this time to get our thinking back on track and to draw us closer to Him. We have learned to sing again and to see the good gifts that He gives us, that we can trust him not to leave us or forsake us in our times of need. (This is not just for missionaries God provides even for those that work a "real job" in the "real world".) He is our strong tower.

I'm sure you know how this story ends, Becky sent the mail just like she always does, and it got here right on time. God had provided to pay all our bills, and supply all our needs. God uses every single one of you as a part of His body and we are thankful for your faithful support of us. Your humble servant's, Craig and Deborah <<

What's New?

We would like to take this time to Give God the Glory, and thank our brothers and sisters in Christ at First Christian Church of Leisure World, and our brother Rolf Suik, who so graciously did the footwork, and covered the cost of our Chinese visa's. THANKS Guys! We were told that we would not be able to renew our Chinese visa's until after the Olympics in Beijing, (October 2008). But we prayed, and asked the Lord what to do. We believe He said to submit them anyway. We did (Through our brother Rolf), and after much prayer, we were issued 2 multiple entry visa's for China. PRAISE HIM, and thanks again guys!

Philippians 4:19-20

19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

One Long day at the Border ...

For the past 12 months we have been feeling the effects of changes being put in place as Beijing prepares for the Olympics. These changes have become particularly acute more recently. There has been increased security throughout China and it is not a surprise that the work being done by LCI is being affected on many levels.

One of our co-workers was detained at a local border for several hours on Friday May 30th, 2008. Below is a detailed account of the situation. Please do continue to pray for us and our co-workers at LCI, and the work being done in China.

While our co-worker was making a routine evening border crossing he was stopped at China customs. Whilst inspecting the co-worker's luggage, large amounts of Christian literature for children and a few Bibles were discovered. The customs officials informed him that it is illegal to bring such material into China. Whilst being held Customs officials drafted a letter in Chinese, which he was then asked to sign. Since the letter was only in Chinese the co-worker declined explaining that he had no knowledge of what the document said. At this point the custom officials decided to hand the case to the police. He was again informed that it is illegal to bring such material into China. They insisted that the statement be signed and again the co-worker declined. After some time had passed it was agreed that the letter could be translated

into English. After reading the translation the co-worker discovered the document was a "self confession" stating his name, date, passport number, and that he admitted the crime of attempting to bring in illegal Christian children's material, (it is illegal to evangelize, which includes pray with, and read the bible, to anyone under the age of 18, including members of one's own family). The officials assured the co-worker that if he signed the letter his visa would not be cancelled and that he would be able to continue to visit China. After a police officer had put one of the co-workers fingerprints on the document he reluctantly signed the letter agreeing only to what had been translated into English. He was then released.

As of Monday June 2nd, 2008 the co-worker is still able to enter China and has had no further difficulties to date. He was actually stopped by Customs at a border more frequently used on his first trip back into the Mainland without problem.



Friendly Neighborhood Police (China's Public Security Bureau)

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Praise Him ...

For our Chinese visas !!!!

For God's faithfulness in provision.

For we know that God hears our prayers.

(1 John 4:6)

For STRETCH Marks!!!

(This Month ...)

Prayer Requests ...

At the time of printing, there is a chance that Deborah and I may have to give up our 385 square foot apartment. Our lease is up in August, and the housing market here is fierce. Our rent is going up substantially (A 25% increase). Our landlord indicated that it was only going to go up a little! We have been frantically looking for a flat or village house, anywhere nearby. Unfortunately July, and August are the worst months to look for a rental because all the renters with kids (most of the renters) move during this time because their kids are out of school. We made our landlord an offer (What we could afford), but he's pondering it, and we are looking everywhere for another flat nearby. Because its prime rental season, all of the prices are sky high. PLEASE pray that we would see what God wants, and is doing in this situation, and that we would see His will, and follow it accordingly.

For Wisdom for me as I proceed with the software project for New Life League Japan.

That we would know when the right time to come home is.

For the church in China, it is going farther underground as we near the Olympics.

For God's direction for us to see if there is an opportunity for us to serve the earthquake victims in Sichuan. We may have the opportunity to go up for a month or so.