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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



Craig and Deborah in front of the China State Police building. (Another Story ...)

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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Answered Prayers!

As all of you know 2008 was a hard year for mission's work in China. What with the added security for the Olympics, difficulty getting visas, and the reality of a crack down on the underground church. But even with all that we watched God move. In 2008, 54 tons of Bibles were delivered to the church in China. PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you for praying for Craig and his work with New Life League Japan. God has answered our prayers with a big STOP NOW. New Life League Japan has decided that they would not use the software and that it would not help with their current needs. Praise the Lord they told us before we got too far along in the building of it. Now Craig can fully devote his time to taking Bibles to China and the other needs of the ministry.

We have also been praying about coming back to the States for the summer, We have been here for 2 years! God has provided for the tickets and we will be in the States, June through August. We have put a calendar up on the web so that you can see where we are going to be and hopefully we will get to see most of you. You can see the calendar at

<http://www.boxtracker.net/Grabers/TheTrip.htm>

Since we are going to be in the States for the summer and our rent went up sky high this year, we have been praying for either a place to store our things or an apartment that we could rent inexpensively. God has answered with a miracle. Here's how it happened.

We discovered that there was a "river" behind Sheung Shui, (Actually it's a really big drainage ditch.) but there is a service road beside



4A, 2/F Sheung Shui Wa Shan Tseun, OUR NEW RESIDENCE! We get the top floor which comes with the roof. We even can have a garden, and grow some veggies!

it that is nice for a walk, or bike ride. We got into the habit of walking there. That's when we

discovered that there was a house for rent. We actually have known about it for a while but have not been able to connect with the owners about it. We sat on the steps several times and prayed fervently that if God wanted us there, that HE would make it possible, and affordable. Its twice the square feet of our flat now (not even counting the roof), and it is \$100.00HK less. PRAISE THE LORD! God answered BOTH of our prayers by giving us a lease on this place, (2 Years) and we can rent it as a storage place for our stuff while we are in the States for less than normal storage fee's, And we only have to move ONCE. PRAISE THE LORD!



Our new Neighborhood!

More Miracles !

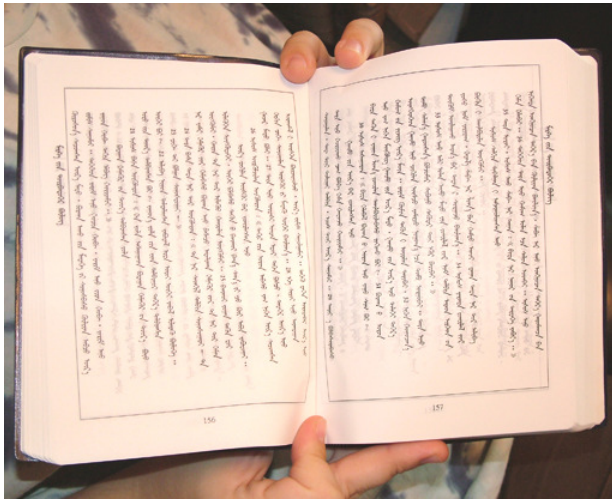
Some of you may or may not remember that I have a very bad left knee, I have had a couple of major surgeries on it and it has been particularly bad this last year. Another praise and answered prayer is that we get the chance to meet with an orthopedic surgeon, 2 days before we leave for the States. The original appointment was for sometime next year, but through much prayer, and God's Grace, we are able to see him before we come home. So I should have some idea of what my options are. Hong Kong has Public health care, and because we have work Visa's the cost will be minimal. PRAISE THE LORD! We really don't know what the doctor is going to suggest, but anything would be better than what I am going through now. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom for the Dr., and that he would have a good solution for my knee.

James 1:17

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

A Day at the Border ...

It never ceases to amaze me how God allows us to carry Bibles through the border into China, in spite of all



A Mongolian Bible ...

the security that has been tightened, in spite of the fact that Deborah and I have been doing this for 3 years, and they know our faces from 100 feet away. God always does something amazing to make it happen. It is only by God's Will that any of this works.

Last month, we were passing through at a particularly difficult time. Not many Bibles were getting in, and we prayed extra hard and asked God to do a miracle, and let us please get through. Well as we got to the scanner we noticed that the particularly hard core customs agents were there. God had to do something. I could see the customs agents looking our way. Well, a Chinese man in front of us put this huge box on the scanner, and it hardly fit. In the old days we would have just walked around the scanner, but they do not let us get away with that any more. So as his huge box (and our bags) went on the scanner, I thought to myself, we're busted, I can feel them staring at my back. As the Huge box rolled off the scanner, it happened to get caught, and flipped off the scanner in such an way that it fell on the floor hard, and split open. To everyone's surprise (ours too...), the box broke, and thousands of packages of cigarettes fell out onto the floor. Well, as you can imagine, cigarettes are real contraband, and truly illegal, as their taxes are not getting paid, and this makes the customs agents particularly angry. Well, as the customs agents were busy sweeping up the cigarettes, no one paid any attention to us. Miracle of Miracles, we all got our precious cargo in. Isn't God AMAZING? How He cares for the Chinese brethren so much that He orchestrates such events ...

A similar occurrence happened to me last week. I had been having a particular bad week, not many Bibles getting in. In fact most of my Mandarin practice now comes from talking to the customs agents. Not a good thing ... Anyway as I was walking through immigration to China, I noticed my favorite customs agents. The ones that never let me through. I pulled a Nehemiah. Nehemiah always whispered prayers under his breath at the last minute. Well I did the same thing. I whispered God, You are Almighty, You are all powerful, please let this precious cargo of Bibles get through to my brothers and sisters in China. So here I am 100 feet from putting my suitcase of Bibles on the X-Ray scanner, and this very old Cantonese man started yelling at the customs agents. His box was too big to fit the scanner, and he was yelling at them, and they were yelling back, I heard a couple of bad words (surprise!, yes I know a couple of bad Cantonese words). There was one guard on each of his arms trying to hold him back. He must have been 80 something, but he was putting up so much of a fight it took 2 young strong customs agents to keep him from going forward. In fact he was gaining ground. Finally one of the other customs agents came over, and started to rip his box open. I did not wait to see what was inside, I passed by with my suitcase full of Bibles, not even bothering to put them on the scanner. God is ALMIGHTY!

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

5 Bibles ...

Last week we had a young woman here from Australia working with us. She has been an awesome help. Anyway, last week she was travelling into China, and she got stopped at China customs. Of course we thought she was busted (So did she ...) However the guard that stopped her asked her to open her suitcase. As he looked in, he saw a few Bibles, and Sunday School material. Sunday school material is actually illegal according to Chinese law, as you are not allowed to evangelize anyone under the age of 21. Not even the parents. So she was surprised when the Customs agent asked her if he could have 5 Bibles. She said you want 5 Bibles, only 5 Bibles? Why? He said I have 5 friends! He was a Christian, The other Customs agents were busy with other "smugglers" so they did not see a thing. She dug inside her suitcase, and handed the Customs agent 5 Bibles. He said thank you, smiled, and said you can go now. Of course, she zipped up her suitcase, and left very quickly... Isn't God AMAZING? Please continue to pray for the salvation and forgiveness of the Chinese Customs agents. Its Working ...

A Divine Appointment

As November rolled around this year, Deborah and I had the pleasure of leading some friends from the Bible League to an area of China that we have had the pleasure to have visited before. We are going to leave the city nameless, except to say it is in the Southwest of China. The Bible league usually goes on trips like this to see if they are fit to take short term missionaries on when they come to work with us. We were blessed to be invited to go.

Of course we always take a few Bibles along in case we come across some "family" along the way. Well this year God did not let us down. (HE Never does). Without knowing who to give our Bibles to, we just simply asked our Father in Heaven to guide our steps, and find us some "family" that could use our precious cargo. We only brought 18 Bibles with us. But 18 is more than none. As we were exploring our favorite part of the city, we were in an eatery (which shall remain nameless), and on the wall I saw a picture of the "Lords Supper" (By Leonardo Da Vinci).

I thought that is an odd thing to have on the wall of a building in China, so being the curious creature that I am, I went over to the counter, and asked the cashier if she knew what it meant. She got the most precious smile on her face, and I knew immediately that she knew exactly what the picture represented.

She did not speak, (I found out later that she could not), but she reached into her back pocket and pulled out a Chinese Bible!. Well She had the biggest grin on her face I have ever seen, and I proceeded to pull a Chinese Bible out of my back pocket, and set it next to hers on the counter. I could not tell if she was going to cry or laugh. Maybe both. She grabbed my arm and pulled me over to a computer that had a chat translator on it. She could type in Chinese a short sentence, and I could read it in English. We conversed this way cautiously as people entered the eatery and left for probably a half hour or so. I told her that if she needed more I could supply her, and she was completely taken aback. I told her I only had 18 with me but could bring her more next time. You should have

seen the look on her face, again somewhere between tears and laughter.

As we conversed through the computer I learned that she really could not speak, but could only communicate with me through the computer. She could read my lips if I tried to speak Mandarin, but she got frustrated after a while as my Mandarin is pretty poor. God had directed our path's across the path's of part of an underground church network. Isn't GOD AWESOME? We cautiously went back to where we were staying, and gathered up the rest of the Bibles, and put them in a Gym bag, and brought them back to the eatery. We waited for just the right moment, and presented her with the rest of the Bibles. We have since learned that they have a need for 50 more but it is to dangerous to ship, so we will bring them by hand when we return to this very special city this Spring. You know I have learned so many things since I have been here in China. How

God cares for even the least in His kingdom, and how far He will go to make sure His kids have all that they need. God can truly do ANYTHING. All we have to do is ask. The photograph I have included below has nothing to do with the precious Sister I met in the Southwest of China, but I included it for your benefit, so you can imagine her reading her Bible.

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Ephesians 4:6

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.



Important New Business ...

We found out how long we've been gone from the USA this year when we had to open a bank account for Beautiful Feet Ministries in the States. This is our third year of ministry and our base of supporters has grown, so we've had to do some updating of our accounting system for the IRS. As of the 15th of January, 2009 we opened a bank account with Wells Fargo under the name of Beautiful Feet Ministries. All over the phone and in the wrong time zone. We discovered that we have no clue how banks work in the US as all of our banking has been in Hong Kong. (The USA is a little behind, and we are spoiled here).

It has taken a month but I think we now know what you would need to do if you would like to continue to support us. If you are a Wells Fargo customer you simply can transfer funds directly to our account from your online banking account, using the information below.

If you are not a Wells Fargo customer you can use your online banking to send a check "Bank by Mail" to Wells Fargo for **Beautiful Feet Ministries**. Since these checks are bank to bank there is no need for us to endorse them. These transactions can be re-occurring or a one time donation. You may also make checks out to **Beautiful Feet Ministries**, and send them directly to our Wyoming or Hong Kong address. Checks sent this way will have to be endorsed by us, and then sent back to Wells Fargo in the USA. So it will take some time for them to clear.

Here is the account information you will need:

Beautiful Feet Ministries

Expanded Business Checking Package Account # 1533032510 (FREE to Transfer)
(Domestic Wire Transfer) ABA Routing # 121000248 (There is a FEE to Transfer)

Wells Fargo "Bank by Mail" (Free)

Beautiful Feet Ministries
c/o Wells Fargo Bank
Bank by Mail
P.O. Box 3488
Portland, OR 97208-3488

We hope that this will be a cleaner method of accounting for your donations for the IRS. We still hope to get your cards and letters as they are precious to us. Please don't hesitate to write if you have questions, we will gladly find a solution that fits your needs.

Blessings,

Thank you for being such a blessing to the persecuted church in China.

Craig and Deborah Graber <><

PS Checks that come to HK made out to Craig and Deborah Graber, we can still cash. No Problem, however we would like everyone to switch to Wells Fargo at your convenience. Please let us know what your preference is.

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Our dear sister in Christ, Becky Murphy, (Hi Becky!) is picking up our mail and sending it to us in Hong Kong twice a month or more as needed.

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Praise Him ...

God is continuing to provide all that we need on a day to day basis!

WE HAVE A NEW HOUSE! WITH A ROOFTOP, AND CAN HAVE A GARDEN!

Our new house comes with its own exercise package, as it is 1.25 miles from work.

Prayer Requests ...

For our Chinese brothers and sisters who are suffering for the name of Jesus ...

Health things for both Deborah and I ...

That we would grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ!

That the Volkswagen will start when we return, and that the tires have not been affected by 2 years of sitting.

The Chinese borders would start to thaw from the Olympic madness that has gone on.

That We would have the funds we need to put the VW into safe running condition.

That we would have the rest of our new house deposit by May 1st.

That we would have the resources we need for our US trip this summer.