

Miraculous ...

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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、你的神作王

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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It has truly been a miraculous summer. So much so that we have hardly had time to write a newsletter. So much has gone on this summer that it is difficult to know where to start. I suppose I should start at the beginning, with God. Do you know that God is good ALL the time. In the hills, and the valleys, (and we have been in both this summer). God is always there, and God is always good. He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We have had record numbers of people here this summer, folks from Norway, Northern Ireland, America, and various other parts of the world. At one time this summer we were so full that we had to house some of our guests in China hotels, rather than in the flats we use here in Hong Kong. LCI has a policy of never turning anyone away, and it's a good policy, but sometimes we get more people than we have beds for, there's never a dull moment, when we are full.

It seems that some of our short term coworkers came with the notion of breaking records, and that's what this summer's been like. God has swung the doors open wide to China, and all of us at LCI have spent the time moving more Bibles than we have ever seen. We had a young man from Northern Ireland take in 2 "beast bags" at once, and a full body sack back-pack. One beast bag can hold around 95 kilo's of Bibles. (That's about 200 lbs for us Americans). He pushed one bag, and pulled another one, and carried about 40 kilo's (84 lbs) on his back. So that's about 484 lbs give or take. I personally have never seen anyone do this before, and I must be getting old because I couldn't pick up ONE of his "beasty bags"!

Well that got the ball rolling, and the big event was to see how much one person could strap on their back, fill their shoulder bags, and push one "beast" suitcase, and pull another one. It seems to me that the record kept swinging back between the Northern Irish, and the Norwegians. The record was even held by an American at around 490 lbs in one trip. But it was short lived as the Northern Irish; 23 hours later smashed the American record with a total haul of 499.8 lbs at once. I believe that record will stand for some time.

LCI has also passed a milestone in that the One Millionth Bible was taken in to China in June. It has taken us five years and lots of hard work to get to this goal! And at that rate it will

take only 500 years to get all the believers in China a Bible (If the church does not grow!).



LOL!!! We pray that God will continue to open doors and that more people will join us in this work.

On that note we are also seeing more

Bibles going in to China this year than ever before. 2006 and 2009 have been our best years so far with 115 tons and 130 tons, respectively. All the other years were in the 50 - 60 tone range but this year we are already at 80 tones and still have 4 months to go. Please join us in praying for a 200 ton year!

We have also seen God change the dynamics of LCI this year as most of our co-workers have gotten married in the last few months. It's nice to have other married couples around and to see God growing LCI up. We were even honored to host a wedding on our roof. Our coworkers Jesse Woodall, and Miss Mallori became Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woodall on a hot muggy Saturday afternoon. What a blessing it was to have all of our brothers and sisters come together for this joyous occasion.



Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Woodall

Jeremiah 33:1-33:3

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name;

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

More Miraculous ...

I am certain that all of you that are reading this understand what I wrote earlier about hills and valleys. If we lived our lives on the hilltops all the time, well sooner or later we would forget about our need for God. If my life was always "hilltop - happy", I would truly not ever recognize my need for a Savior.

On the other hand, if God left me in the deep dark depression of the valleys of life, I would never know the joy of being lifted out of the "Miry Clay", and set up on the Rock. (As David wrote in **Psalms 40:2** "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.")

Sometimes it feels that we are in the valleys far more than we are on top of the hills, and maybe we are, for it is the valleys where we learn the most. But only God knows how much we can handle, and Jesus has promised us in **Mathew 28:20** "...lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Valley #1

Some of you know of my knee situation. I had 3 major surgeries on my left knee 25 or so years ago. And for the most part, my knee has been as good as new. At least up until about 3 years ago. As it turns out, the Dr's left no cartilage in my knee, and it has been bone on bone all this time. Well arthritis has bloomed on my knee to the point of no return, the pain is completely debilitating. I need a new knee. Period. I still continue to work, but only as I am heavily medicated.

We are Hong Kong citizens (temporarily), and are blessed to be so because HK is socialized medicine, most of the cost of this operation is covered in a public hospital. And technically the public orthopedic surgeons, in the public hospital have diagnosed my knee, and the diagnosis is a total knee replacement. The difficulty lies in the fact that they made the date for surgery 4.4.2014!

My surgeon the last time I saw him, admitted he made it so far out because there are complications with my knee. Apparently, there is not a public surgeon in HK that is willing (or able) to work on my knee because they are afraid of the screws in my knee from the first surgery. Because it was done in the US, and so long ago, they are uncertain if they can remove one of the screws in my knee that is in the way of what they have to replace. The only practical option is to have it done privately with a Dr. that has more experience. We have been praying for God to open a door for something to happen soon, as it will not be long before I will no longer be able to walk, meds or not. Still God is GOOD, All the time. I look forward to that day that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 15:51. I look forward to that twinkling of an eye!

Valley #2

In our prayer requests of late, there has always been a request for our health. For the last year or so I have been experiencing "odd" symptoms. I have been to the Doc's office several times and my cholesterol, blood pressure, and sugar has been fairly normal for a guy my age. Well about a month ago, I was on a trip into China, as most any other day. When I got to our office in China, I was completely zonked. I was dying of thirst, I could not get enough to drink, I was sweating (it was 99 degrees that day) a cold sweat, and kind of clammy. Also all I wanted to do was go to sleep. Well our associates all have an agreement with each other, if anyone of us is to get sick in China, under no circumstances are we to go to a Chinese hospital. We must make every attempt to bring the sick party back to HK and then to the emergency room. For reasons I won't go into now, Chinese hospitals are OFF LIMITS.

So that day my dear brother in Christ came to get me, and walked me back to Hong Kong. What should have been a 20 minute trip turned into 90 minutes, as I could not walk very far without having to get something to drink, or to sit down. Things were pretty fuzzy for me, and according to my friends I had some odd things to say. (I don't remember).

Well we finally got back to HK, Deborah took me home and put me to bed. We did not go to the emergency room until the next day as I was feeling no better after rest. I remember getting to the ER and the sign saying there would be a 3 to 4 hour wait. But the nurses did some preliminary tests, and then immediately took me into the examination room with the Doctor. I

thought that's weird, only 5 minutes wait? And why do I have this big red ID bracelet when everybody else has a white one. The Dr. asked me some questions, and said do you know what's wrong with you? I said no, If I did, I would not be here. He said you are a diabetic, your blood glucose level is 29. (On an American scale, that would be 552.)

Well, I am my father's son, I have inherited his diabetes. They immediately admitted me, and for the next

3 days, I went through many tests and different kinds of medicine. Turns out I am a type 2 diabetic. Controlled with diet, exercise, and a pill for breakfast, and dinner. I am now in the stage of learning what I can eat and what I cannot eat. I am also learning how important exercise is. I think God did this on purpose just so I would make more trips to China! I am in the perfect ministry for a diabetic, constant medium paced exercise. All day long. If I sit too long My sugar goes up, and I am only on a very light dose of medication, so diet and exercise are critical.

Well, as you can imagine, I have had my hands full this summer with all these goings on. It seems that I have been a salmon swimming upstream, problems with my knee, now I am a diabetic, and I have to learn how to eat all over again.

Phillipians 4:12

I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Phillipians 4:19

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

1Corinthians 15:51-15:53

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

Even More Miraculous ...

Then I remembered something somebody told me once. Somebody Special... That because I am a Christian, and I live in a world that is run by my enemy, "The prince of the power of the air", (See Ephesians 2.2), I am going to have trouble in this world. We live in a broken world, where things are not as God intended them to be, "In the beginning...". There is disease, famine, sin. Why should I expect that I should not be affected by these. In fact, I have learned in the 10 years that I have been a Christian, that if things are going really well, I am probably going the wrong way. With the work that we do here in China, our enemy is in our face every day. I don't know why I forget that so much.

Well, it is true, beyond a shadow of a doubt: ***If God be for us, who can be against us?***

So what that I am a diabetic, I have brothers and sisters all around the world that are in prison, just because they are Christians. Do I have the right to complain that I live in a diseased world, and now have a disease? NO! I will praise God that He is finally teaching me to eat right! AMEN.

As far as my knee goes, there are so many people praying for it, that I have been connected with a Christian Missionary orthopedic surgeon, who may do the surgery as soon as November. And although we have absolutely no funds for this kind of operation (he is a private Doctor, not a public one) some folks have stepped up and offered us nearly all the funds (possibly all) that it will take to replace my knee. WOWEE! ***If God be for us, who can be against us?*** So do you believe this now? I do. No doubts here...

What's Ahead?

Good question. Our headquarters in Japan, (the printing press where all the Bibles are printed), has asked me to become involved in developing some software for them. So Deborah and I are off to Japan around September, for a design session to see if we are able to build the software they need. It needs to be in Japanese, so it may turn out to be a very interesting project. And if all goes well with my knee surgery in November(?), then I will have lots of down time to actually write the software, while I am recovering from having my knee replaced. Isn't it amazing how God's timing is always perfect. Please pray for us in all of these things, especially my knee surgery, as nothing is set in stone yet.

Also Deborah and I have been praying for quite some time for an opportunity to open up for some kind of local ministry for us to become involved in. The church we attend on Sundays is 1 hour and 15 minutes by train, to far to be involved in church home groups, and things in that fellowship. So we have been on our knee's waiting for God to show us what we can do, and where He

can use us. We still have our Wednesday worship time with our Cantonese neighbors, and it is such a blessing. But I felt that God had something more for us in Sheung Shui. Well as it turns out, our neighbors asked around at some local churches in our neck of the woods, if there was somewhere we could serve. Lo and behold there is a church in our neighborhood that is looking for someone to help with troubled youth. Our neighborhood is definitely the low end of the scale in Hong Kong. Lots of drugs, divorce, and alcohol, so naturally the kids here are troubled. But because they are high school age, they are anxious to practice their English, and it seems that they like music. So there we go. God has opened up a door for us to partner with a local church, and start a worship and praise night, on Saturday nights for the local kids. We are so blessed. We knew when we moved to this neighborhood that there was something special for us here. Although we haven't started

yet, we thought it best to wait until we are back from Japan. God is Good, ALL the time ...

Romans 8:28-8:31

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Around China ...

GUANGDONG--Following two years of repeated evictions and harassment, Liangren House Church faced more uncertainty this week, when the church was evicted from the Zhuying Hotel on August 11th, and head Pastor Wang Dao was harassed, detained, and interrogated.

ChinaAid received the following message from a Liangren Church member on Thursday, August 12:

"Liangren House Church is again being driven away and suppressed by the government authorities of Guangzhou! On August 11, Zhuying Hotel, under great pressures from the police and other government agencies, unilaterally terminated the one-year lease contract it signed with Pastor Wang Dao on July 16. (We have had to move several dozens of times in the past two years!)"



Liangren Church has been forced to meet outdoors repeatedly, after being evicted under pressure from Guangzhou authorities.

Around China ...

"On the morning of August 12th, Pastor Wang Dao was unreasonably harassed by five police officers from the Municipal Domestic Security Protection Squad and Nanpu Police Station at his residence in Chengzhong Village, which he had just rented. From May 8 to June 13, Pastor Wang Dao was placed on criminal detention for insisting on gathering in his house for worship. Now, the sentence has been changed to bail pending trial!



Pastor Wang Dao has been repeatedly arrested and detained for leading worship gatherings in his home—the most recent being his arrest on May 9 of this year, when he was threatened with exile and was denied meeting with his lawyers. He was released on June 13 on bail to await trial at home. With no news on this past arbitrary detention for allegedly "hindering credit card registration," authorities gave no explanation for his harassment on Thursday.

This morning, at about 10:30 AM August 13th, (Beijing Time), Pastor Wang Dao was taken from his home by Guangzhou public security officers to the Luopu PSB Station, while his wife Sun was away from the house.

At 10:45 AM, Sun received a call from the police, requesting she come to the PSB station too.

In response, ChinaAid released a press release in Mandarin to the media immediately, to help spread awareness of the incident. While on her way to the PSB station only minutes later, Sun received a call on her cell phone from the PSB, informing her she did not need to come to the station after all. At 11:20 AM, Pastor Wang Dao was released to his home.

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Praise Him ...

For HE is coming soon ...

That my knee may be replaced soon.

God continues to provide for our every need.

For all the precious cargo of His Word getting into China ...

For HE is Good, ALL the time !

Look UP, for your redemption draws near!

Prayer Requests ...

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

Health things for both Deborah and I ...

That the multi-lingual neighborhood worship time we started in our house will honor God, and bless all who attend.

For continued growth at LCI with new long term co-workers.

For the opportunity that has been extended to us to minister to the local youth, through praise and worship.

That things will go well with my knee surgery.

That the Lord would continue to increase the numbers of Bibles going into China.

For the Peace of Jerusalem!