

Spring 2013 ...



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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Changes ...

Spring of 2013 has brought about a lot of changes to Life Couriers International. If you remember from our last

newsletter we were struggling with our office rent doubling in price, with a lack of inventory, and a noticed

uptick in the spiritual battle we face every day. We managed to keep our packing room, and build an office partition in it, so we have learned to become more organized with less space. It really turned out for the best. We share the Administrative jobs over shared computers rather than having a computer per Job. It actually has caused us to look at some of the things we do in the office, and make them more efficient. Praise God we got to keep our Packing Room/Office. I Praise God also for all of you that took the initiative, and gave for Chinese Bibles to be printed. Inventory

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this resent time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

is starting to trickle through now. Both our hearts were touched when we saw many names on the list of givers, that we know personally. GOD BLESS YOU! Please keep the

printing situation lifted up in prayer, as inventory is still tight.

Another change that is coming (actually, it has already started) is that many of our

long term brothers and sisters are returning home, or pursuing God's Call in other area's. We are saying goodbye to 7 of our dear brothers and sisters this spring. That resizes our little group from 14 down to 7. We have worked along side this

2 Samuel 14:14

For we will surely die and *become* like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him

family that we call LCI, for 7 years now.

One of the hardest things about being a missionary is working along side a brother or sister, growing close in

the Lord, and then parting ways. But we know that we will be together again. If not on this side of eternity, then on the other. Please remember our LCI family in prayer as this will

be a big adjustment for us all.

Praise to God, Deborah and I received our HK Visa's for 3 more years, and it will be the last time we have to apply for temporary status. Next time we can apply for permanent HK resident status. Don't know if you remember, but when we came here 7 years ago, we asked God to show us that if He wanted us to be here for the long term, then He would give us HK Visa's (They are next to impossible to get). An opportunity was presented for us to receive HK ID's. We applied, and have had them ever since. I do believe we are here for the duration!

We have not reported to you for a while about all the goings on in China. This year (2013) sees a turnover in the controlling Communist Party in China. Its too early to judge what effect that will have on us. But here are some articles about recent events inside China.

Xinhua Bookstore

Xinhua Bookstore is the only bookstore chain in China. Owned by the Chinese Communist Party, which wants to 'manage' what the Chinese people read, Xinhua Bookstores occupy over 15,000 large, prime retail locations across China. In recent years, Xinhua Bookstore has begun to expand overseas. As of 2012, there

are three Xinhua Bookstores in America: two in New York City and one in San Diego, California.

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

The one book that cannot be found among Xinhua Bookstore's exhaustive list of titles in China is the Bible. The Chinese Communist Party officially recognizes Christianity and China now has more Christians - 150 million - than any other country in the world. China now also prints more Bibles than any other country in the world.

Yet, while it allows Chinese Bibles to be sold in its three Xinhua Bookstores in America, the Chinese Communist Party forbids them from being sold to its citizens at the Xinhua Bookstores in China.

The prohibition against selling Bibles at Xinhua Bookstores is another ploy used by the Chinese Communist Party to try to suppress Christianity. But the ploy is back-firing; instead of suppressing Christianity, it is giving rise to pseudo-Christian cults and sects that harm the Chinese society.

The antidote to the false teachings of such pseudo-Christian cults and sects is the true Word of God, which should be made as accessible as the books of Taoism and Buddhism, which like Christianity are officially recognized by the Chinese Communist Party but have their books line Xinhua Bookstore shelves across China.

One example of what happens when

there are not enough copies of God's Word to go around, is that people are easily led astray, and doctrine gets twisted, and distorted. Here is just one of the problems our Chinese brethren are facing.

Eastern Lightning

Eastern Lightning is a particularly virulent cult that parades as a Chinese house church network. Started in 1989 in central China, Eastern Lightning quickly spread across China and then overseas.

Eastern Lightning blasphemes that Jesus did not rise from the dead and will not come again. Instead, Eastern Lightning claims that God already has returned, this time as a Chinese woman whose teachings must be obeyed in order to be saved from Armageddon, supposedly soon to start in China.

What makes Eastern Lightning particularly virulent is that in China, it aims deceptive, well-organized attacks at only house churches and their leaders.

The attacks typically begin with infiltration of an underground church to identify its leaders and their respective financial, social or sexual weaknesses. Once the leaders have been trapped via gifts, favors, money or sex that target those weaknesses, they are exposed to the teachings of Eastern Lightning and pressured to join it.

Those who join are required to turn over all of their assets, leave their families, live in the cult's communes and obey all of its orders, including those to infiltrate other house churches.

Those who refuse to join are blackmailed,

kidnapped, beaten, poisoned and/or murdered with alarming frequency. The large number of underground churches that have fallen victim to Eastern Lightning attests to the brutality of the tactics commonly used by this cult, which is now also using websites and other media to recruit and to infiltrate.

Like many others cults, Eastern Lightning tries to hide by using different names, including, "The Church of the Almighty God", "The Congregation", "Oriental Lightning", "Seven Spirit Sect", "Second Savior Sect", "True Light Sect", "True Way Sect", and "New Power Lord's Church".

The key figures in Eastern Lightning include a Chinese woman named Deng, the supposed female messiah, and a Chinese man named Weishan Zhao, a former member of Shouters, another sect, who has moved to the United States to direct Eastern Lightning's activities from safety.

Christian Persecution in China.

Does the persecution of Christians persist in China? Christian persecution does persist in China, but the current persecution of the Christians in China is arguably less brutal than it was in the past.

When China's government discovered an underground church in the past, persecution included its members being beaten and fined while their leaders were tortured, sent to labor camps, killed or simply disappeared. Today, such discoveries more commonly lead to pressure for the underground church to join China's government-controlled Three Self church

network.

If the pressure is resisted, Christians in the underground churches in some regions of China are simply left alone, while the underground Christians in other regions of China are threatened with the loss of job or school enrollment, placed under house arrest or are fined.

Why do the Christians in only some regions still face persecution?

While Western democracies have democratically crafted laws that apply to everyone, Communist China has centrally imposed laws that are applied selectively based on the people and the relationships involved.

Underground churches in the regions governed by Chinese Communist Party officials favorably disposed to Christianity tend to operate relatively unhindered today, especially if their leaders have good relationships with those officials, while the underground churches in regions governed by less favorably disposed officials still suffer frequent raids, especially if those officials wish to line their pockets with the fines to be extracted.

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Praise Him ...

- † For HE is coming soon ...
- † For the new Bibles in China ...
- † That He loves us enough to let us suffer.
- † For HE is Good, ALL the time !
- † Because He knows my name!

Prayer Requests ...

- For a continued open border to China
- That God would provide the funds to print more Chinese Bibles,
- Health things for both Deborah and I ...
- Pray for our walk with the Lord that we would grow closer to Him every day and that our hearts would be soft towards Him...
- For continued growth at LCI with new long term co-workers.
- That God would give us hearts and minds to learn the Cantonese Language
- For our daily bread ...
- For the Peace of Jerusalem!