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Thank you so much for your recent gift towards Rachele's trip and for your concern for the persecuted Christians in China and Vietnam. This is our latest newsletter and it will help you get a better idea of what Go Forth Ministry is doing in these two nations. If you would like to continue receiving future updates from Go Forth Ministry, please write or email us and request that your name to be added to our mailing list.

But as truly as I live, all the earth shall
be
filled with the glory of the Lord.

...like a Spiritual Tsunami!

A Vietnamese friend reported that in Vietnam they are calling it a "Spiritual Tsunami"! The suppressed Christians there are rising up and making their presence known at a time when persecution of Christians is still commonplace! And as they rise up, God's Presence is washing across the nation of Vietnam and those opposed are finding that there is little they can do to stop it!

Vietnamese officials permit a rare open-air event by unregistered Christian groups.

On April 22 an estimated 15,000 Christians from across Vietnam boldly gathered at Tao Dan Stadium in Saigon for an unprecedented evening of worshipping God, preaching the gospel, and seeing firsthand the body of Christ united as never before in Vietnam.

After years of holding back, the crowd pulled out all the stops and sang with all their might along with a 120 voice choir.

Christian leaders from all major unregistered and recently registered churches were there for this rare event reluctantly authorized by the government just 3 hours before it was to begin.

Pastors from several denominations shared the platform, preaching the gospel with a reported estimate of up to 3,000 coming to put their faith in Jesus Christ amidst miracles of healing, applause, shouts of praise and hands raised in worship!

Vietnamese Christians frequently report of miracles, outstanding healing, deliverance from demons resulting in a rush of people who are finding LIFE through Jesus Christ. People, both rich and poor, educated and uneducated, worn out by the effects of a hopeless life, are being rapidly transformed as God's truth is revealed through the Word, testimonies, and miracles. As they believe and live in God's promises, others are just naturally drawn in.

They are being raised up into powerful evangelists and leaders - by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Home churches are popping up and overflowing out the doors.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and
and today and forever"
and today and forever"

Hebrews 13:8



Overflowing out the doors at an 'underground' Church in Vietnam

Thank you so much for your generous support of around 100 'house church' Vietnamese pastors and evangelists over this past year of 2008. We recently received this brief report from Vietnam about the result of your investment.

Thank you so much!

...This week a minority leader with a 750 member group contacted me and called for help to train his leaders. I will go and check how we can help them.

By the way, I want to let you know the result of the whole year 2008 are:

Hearing number 83,238 people, responsive number 3,392 and 34 new churches established.

I am looking forward to seeing you. Love, Bro. * *



Christians flock to an 'underground' church in Vietnam!

Things are developing so fast in Vietnam. God is moving and we are doing our best to hear from Him and move when He says move and stand quietly when He says to 'stop' (though everything in me wants to just 'run with the herd').

I've been alluding to some things in the past few newsletters, holding back on details in order to protect those involved. But now, at the bold request of these Vietnamese leaders to bring glory to God publicly of what He has been doing in Vietnam, I've been invited to speak more openly to you about what is actually taking place.

On March 26 Daisy and I, our home church pastor and wife, and several leaders from the Free Methodist World Missions met with about 50 'underground church' leaders to establish the Free Methodist Church of Vietnam. Initiated by several Vietnamese leaders, this has been developing for nearly a year now and was officially established with the recent ordination of five highly qualified pastors.

With the recent warming of relations between the USA and Vietnam, Vietnam has indicated that they would befriend whoever the USA deems as friendly. This is understood to include recognized Christian denominations. Though no one knows for certain, so far everything indicates that this is

These Brothers have been faithfully serving the Lord for many years, pressing ahead in spite of great adversity and pioneering a trail for many others to follow. It's been such a joy to see them coming back together after many years of isolated struggling. A fresh partnership has been formed that draws on a deep friendship among them, rooted in the trials of years spent together in the refugee camps in Hong Kong as young men.



Please pray for these newly ordained Free Methodist pastors who are 'testing the waters' by registering their churches with the government

It was in the distress of the Hong Kong Refugee Camps that they found the Lord, studied the Word together, and experienced many miracles and powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then, though having nothing in hand, they returned to the nation they had fled to give away what they had in their hearts - LIFE.

As people experience the reality of the power of LIFE they just can't hold it inside. So they pass it on - and on - and on.

Hundreds of new 'house Churches' have popped up across Vietnam in the past few years. Young Christians are stepping into leadership, by faith, out of necessity. They need encouragement from time to time.

Go Forth Ministry is doing what we can to provide encouragement to the Vietnamese Christians by helping to:

- ✂ Encourage awareness in 'open' countries of the Christians' real situation in Vietnam (and China).
- ✂ Create a spiritual environment that encourages unity among the 'house church' leaders.
- ✂ Develop a government-recognized denominational

identity with the Free Methodist Church so that, as God leads, 'house church' pastors can be ordained, register their churches with the government and then (hopefully) find relief from the severe oppression towards Christians that they have been living under for so many years and experience new opportunities to minister, worship and live out their faith freely.

- ✂ Provide financial assistance for special Bible and Leadership Training programs.
- ✂ Provide financial assistance for the families of about 100 'house church' pastors / evangelists serving by faith.
- ✂ Provide financial assistance to the 'house churches' for material ministry for disaster relief and help to the poor.
- ✂ Encourage leaders through friendship, listening to their concerns, rejoicing in successes, and praying together.
- ✂ Leading short-term teams to "come and see" and perhaps contribute to what God is doing as the Holy Spirit leads.



A typical rural 'House Church' gathering

NEWS Just in from Vietnam...

flash! I'm including the following letter I just received so that you can see what the 'house church' Christians so frequently must deal with and so that you will be encouraged to pray for them.

Pastor C writes... **We need your Earnest and Urgent Prayer for the Church regarding the following recent happenings.**

At 11:45 PM last night (July 24th, 2009) while we were sleeping in our house, then we were knocked and demanded to unlock the gate and the main door to our house.

When seeing 5 local policemen (4 men and 1 lady), we answered the doors and let them in. They walked through our house and counted number of people residing in our house. They did not find anything wrong or any unexpected guests staying in the house. They kept minutes which were signed by both sides (by the policemen and us), stating there are no other people staying in the house except for those registered under our temporary residence household permit. After checking on the number and our house they left. According to them, this is a security check on number of people of a family as they stated, and this can happen any time and anywhere they want. Please pray for God's protection on us and His body. If they did this often, our new Christians would be badly affected and their faith shaken.

The following morning on July 25th, 2009, we were called in to the local police station because of our having met regularly, but illegally in our House Church, as they declared and determined.

As we told you before we had already submitted an application for Registration of Christian House Church in our

house in January this year. So far we have not gotten any replies from the local authority until today (July 25th, 2009). They asked us to re-submit the application and we did but they publicly refused to accept the application since the house where we have gatherings has not been registered. We have to do the registration for the house first before we can submit the application for a House Church. And we are never able to do this registering because our house is of a zoning area as planned by the city, that is, the house can not be regularized and will be razed to the ground sooner or later for the zoning project in the near future. We are indeed put into a dilemma. We do not know what to do with this. **Please pray for the Church and ask for God's wisdom and guidance on this.**

Since we do not have permission to meet due to our house not yet regularized, we are forced to stop meetings until we have an approval for the house church. They warned us not to meet on Sundays or we would be in harassment and trouble. We said we could not do this since worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ is a Must for every Christian Life. They said, "we do not care for your religion. We only want you to cease meetings right from today."

The Church will meet again on Sundays as we do as usual from Tuesday to Friday and Sunday morning. **Please pray and ask God to show us His will and protection on His sheep especially the very newly-born young ones.**

Thank God for His real protection on His people even though our Service was interrupted this morning (Sunday, July 26th, 2009). Two local policemen came and tried to stop us while I was teaching the new converts the meaning of baptism. We could not stop the Service since it was important to the new Christians, especially for those receiving the Baptism today (July 26th, 2009). I said I would come to the local police station to meet them, but they endeavored to stop the Service. After the teaching of Baptism of water, the church dispersed and went to another house church where we borrowed a baptism tank to water-baptise 4 new Christians. They made an attempt to keep us from going to the water baptism ceremony, but I said I would meet them later after our finishing the baptism ceremony.

Thank God we have four more believers baptized and two more people confessing their sins and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ today in the midst of harassment and interruption.

Then I went to the local police station as promised to meet with the authority. They said we may not meet in the house church and made a minutes stating we have violated the law of social order and security by gathering other Christians to worship the Lord Jesus and to teach the Bible. They released me after 2 hours being questioned and warned not to meet with other Christians again on Sundays. (I still have a copy of the minutes officially made by the authority)

☞ **Please pray for us and God's wisdom and guidance on us since we are required to meet them again next week.**

☞ **Pray that we would have our house officially regularized so they would give us a permission to meet again.**

☞ **Pray for our young Christians in the Lord.**

☞ **Pray for the Church's gatherings on next Sundays since they said they would come back to stop us and if we do not quit meeting, they will take stronger measures.**

HCM, date: July 26th, 2009

May God Bless You and His Church

(Name withheld) Superintendent of FMC, VN

Some Vietnamese Brothers shared these testimonies of God's miraculous power in recent ministry...

There was a backsliden Christian lady who was harassed by a demon. One night the demon told her to go out of her house, so she packed some clothes and left. Her son-in-law came to Pastor E in the middle of the night begging him to come and pray. Within 30 minutes the demon left, saying as it left, "I'm leaving you. Now you are going to be all alone". The woman claimed that when Pastor E prayed for her, it felt like electricity came out of his hand and electrocuted her, driving out the demon.

Recently there was an entire village sick and with high fevers. After Pastor E prayed, the entire village was healed!

There was another man who was sick for 2 weeks. He was sure that he would die. Pastor E saw that this was not God's plan for him though and that God had much work ahead for him to do. Satan was intending to prevent him from doing it though. Determined not to lose this battle, Pastor E prayed for him the entire night and when morning came, the man was healed.

Brother C told how a man who suffered with cerebral palsy was hospitalized and without any hope of recovery. He could not walk or talk, but when Brother C shared the gospel with him he believed, was saved, and totally healed! The man's wife then asked Brother C how much he would pay her to become a Christian. He refused her and she went away very angry. But two months later she did come to find salvation and repented by destroying the many idols that had been set up throughout her home. Her salvation was followed by her two daughters and another one is just ready to get saved. Today this couple is now the most faithful in Brother C's church.

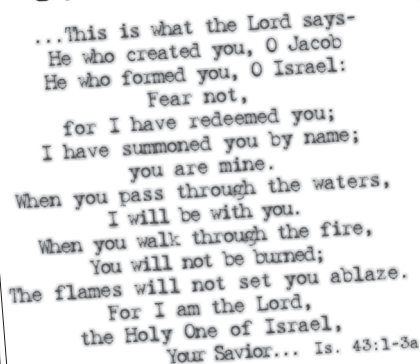
Over the past year pastor N has received repeated threats from the local police for conducting church services in his home. Several times a month he is call into the police station. Recently he was told that if he didn't stop his meetings, the electricity would be shut off to the neighborhood. Police went to all the houses in the neighborhood forbidding anyone to believe in Jesus. In response Pastor N has placed loud speakers in his windows to broadcast each meeting!

A few weeks ago Pastor N called the local police station and challenged them, "My job is to worship the Living God. Your job is to arrest me. I'm doing my job, now you do yours!" Since then he has not heard anything from the police!

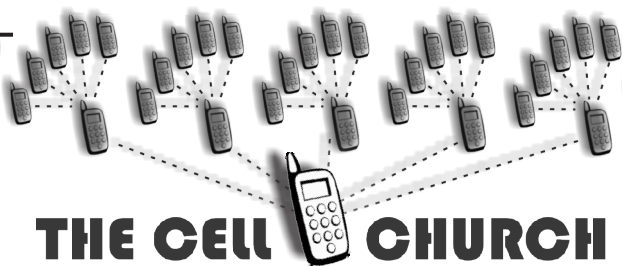
I asked Pastor E what God is speaking to him for the 56 churches he oversees. He replied that the recent theme has been:

WATCH!

1. Watch over your 'first love'
2. Watch over the words you speak
3. Watch over for how you walk out your faith
4. Watch over your tithes and offerings
5. Watch over your heart



...This is what the Lord says-
He who created you, O Jacob
He who formed you, O Israel:
Fear not,
for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
When you walk through the fire,
You will not be burned;
The flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord,
the Holy One of Israel,
Your Savior... Is. 43:1-3a



THE CELL CHURCH IN TAIWAN!

Another 'Spiritual Tsunami' is rolling across Taiwan's Vietnamese community and the challenges of how to accommodate the many new believers who've been swept up in it has present numerous challenges to Pastor Barnabas.

Most of these new believers are Vietnamese migrant workers who've come to work in Taiwanese factories on a two year contract. They work 12 -16 hour days with only 2 days off a month, sleep in dormitories on the company grounds and are seldom permitted to leave the factory without an escort.

Others are hired into Taiwanese homes as domestic workers and again work long hours every day. As a result, it is nearly impossible to bring these new Christians into a typical church environment. Yet they keep getting saved! They just keep sharing with each other about their encounter with Jesus and are so excited about the profound changes in their lives that they are experiencing. But to survive spiritually and grow in a healthy way, they need encouragement, fellowship, and Bible teaching.

One of the main ways that the Gospel is spreading so quickly is because most of the Vietnamese in Taiwan have cell phones. They are calling each other all the time - as well as their family and friends back in Vietnam. Not only are they telling others in Taiwan about Jesus, but they are leading many to the Lord back in Vietnam. Amazing miracles of healing are regularly taking place as well ...over the phone!

Since the cell phone is the main line of communication, these new Christians have devised a way to connect up about 30 phones together at a time. There are now 5 of these "Cell Phone Churches" in Taiwan and occasionally all five groups are able to join together when Brother Barnabas preaches while holding 5 cell phones at once!



Almost every night the phones are busy. They gather as they are able, usually late in the night while laying in their beds, to tune in on the latest testimonies, pray together, discuss what they have learned in the Word, and worship God. There are also set times, usually late in the evening, when Barnabas preaches and they sing and worship together. Often unbelievers are invited to tune in and many come to the Lord that way.

I was invited to teach one night from our hotel room while visiting Brother Barnabas in Taiwan last April. It was the most unusual experience to hear so many voices responding as Barnabas translated. Then after they sang together, four people who had been listening in invited Jesus into their hearts.

Pray for Brother Barnabas as he is facing a huge challenge of caring for such a rapidly growing, yet mostly invisible, congregation. Pray especially that God will bring Spirit-filled Vietnamese speaking persons to help him.



Small, but powerful! The June 6 - 20 Bible Courier Team taking a break on the Great Wall. (Top right) 500lbs. of Bibles and

Next Bible Courier Trip to China (plus a visit to Vietnam) Nov. 14 - 28

Limited space! Sign up deadline: Sept. 30. Contact Go Forth Ministry for details

The "Spiritual Tsunami" continues to roll across China, this amazing nation of 1.3 billion souls. Multiple millions have been caught up in the wave of the revelation of God's love and grace ...and the wave keeps rolling!

While God is bringing millions into His Kingdom across China there is a focused effort to prevent these new believers from growing strong and becoming effective Christians. The strategy is simple: - spiritual starvation!

In recent years a conflict of information has been amazingly effective and many, if not most western Christians have embraced the idea that China now provides all the Bibles needed for the Christians there. But the truth is that the need and inaccessibility of Bibles among some rural house churches may be greater now than ever! And so Christians there continue to pray and wait for a chance to know more about the Living God.

All they ask of us in the West is, ① that we pray for them, and ②, if at all possible, help them get a Bible!

Listen to **"Reality Check! Does China have enough Bibles?"** at: www.go4thinjesus.name

Thanks you so much for the prayers and expressions of sympathy TO our family during the recent death of Daisy's mother during the June Bible Courier trip. After bringing the team back to the states, Jonnie and I returned to Hong Kong a week later (two free 'Milage Plus' tickets!) to be with Daisy for the funeral. We rejoice that just 3 years ago Daisy's mother gave her heart to the Lord Jesus and was baptized!

Again, thanks so much for all you are doing to bring hope in Jesus Christ to hopeless and lost people. God bless you!

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