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eNewsletter for Stephen & Karen Negus

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"A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps"

- Proverbs 16:9

Travels in South Africa

Wow! Our time in South Africa more than half over. We have been excited to see how our Father has been directing our steps. Here's just one example of how He is working to lead us to the places and people we need to share our vision with.

We were walking out the door to begin our journey up the east coast of South Africa from Cape Town to Pretoria, via Durban. Stephen felt impressed to check the email one last time before we left.

When he did, he found an email from a friend whom he has not seen, nor been in contact with since high school (over 20 years ago). Michael had found out, from a mutual friend, that we were in the country and invited us to stay with him and his family if our schedule allowed.

It turns out that they live in a town on the east coast which was on the way for us, but not a planned stop. Had we not checked the email before leaving, we would have missed a divine opportunity to re-establish a relationship with a brother in the Lord - Michael and his wife, Kim, just celebrated their first anniversary of giving their lives to Jesus. Not only did we have an awesome time of fellowship with them, but they were also able to arrange two meetings for us to share our vision. Praise the Lord.

This past weekend we were in Pretoria where we had the privilege of participating in the Mobilization Conference at **Hatfield Christian Church** from Thursday through Sunday. The goal of the conference is to mobilize people into missions and also to minister to the missionaries. It was a great time of refreshing for us, and a wonderful opportunity for us to share our vision.

We have been able to share our vision with many in Cape Town, Plettenberg Bay, Port Elizabeth, Thornhill, Margate, Pinetown, Hillcrest and Pretoria. In between, we have managed to find a few days to ourselves, to rest and enjoy each other while waiting on the Lord to renew our strength. Even though it has been a busy time of travel, it has also been rewarding and refreshing to visit with friends and family.

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What Happens Next?

We will stay a further two weeks in the Pretoria/Johannesburg area before heading back to Cape Town to close out our time in South Africa.

We leave South Africa on November 20th to return to Atlanta and pack our container. Then, on December 3rd we depart for Hong Kong. Once

Our Schedule:

- Sept 2nd to Nov 20th: Ministry in South Africa
- Nov 21st to Nov 26th: Atlanta - Thanksgiving
- Nov 25th: Pack & ship container
- Nov 27th to Dec 1st: Florida - ministry
- Dec 2nd: Board Meeting
- Dec 3rd: Depart for Hong Kong

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we arrive in Hong Kong, we will have about a week to find a home, and then we're into the Christmas Outreach - a two week program which Youth With A Mission runs every year to reach out to the people of Hong Kong with the Good News of Jesus.

Wow! We're getting excited now, looking forward to being back and getting settled in Hong Kong. There is nothing more exciting and fulfilling than walking in the purpose of God for your life.

Thank you to all of you who have been praying for our time in South Africa. We have felt your prayers. Thank you also to those of you who have been supporting us financially. Without your generosity we would not be able to do the things God has called us to do.

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Please Pray For Us

1. During the rest of the time in South Africa that we would be fruitful in support raising, both in prayer and finances, as we cast the vision God has placed in our hearts; That we would find favor with the various individuals and churches we talk to; That we would be protected as we travel on the roads in South Africa.

2. As we return to Atlanta to pack our container; for volunteers to help us pack the container; for good weather (cool and no rain); that we would be able to pack the container in the allotted time (2 hours); that everything we desire to take will fit.

Note: If you are available on Tuesday, November 25th and would like to help us pack the container, please contact us by email at negus@ovasia.org. We need all the hands we can get. We need to pull everything out of the storage units and get it sorted and ready to pack in the container (we plan to do this in the morning). Then, we need to actually pack the container in the afternoon. We only have 2 hours to do that. Even if you can't come for the whole time, any time you can spare will help.

3. For the funds to pay for the container -- \$3500.00.

If you would like to make a donation towards the container, please [click here](#) to go to our website for details on how to do that.

4. For our air tickets to Hong Kong. We have been given air miles to get on ticket but still need to purchase the other ticket. Pray that we will either be given air miles for the second ticket also, or that we would be able to find a good deal to purchase the second ticket. Prices are about \$700.00 at the moment.

If you would like to make a donation of air miles for the second ticket, please email us at negus@ovasia.org to let us know.

If you would like to make a cash donation towards the second ticket, please [click here](#) to go to our website for details on how to do that.

5. For our housing in Hong Kong; that we would be able to find a house or apartment suitable for our needs; must be large enough to be able to receive guests; would like a western style kitchen and oven, and a bath tub.

Pray for the Church in China

The following are reports which we recently received from [Voice of the Martyrs](#).

Prayers for October 7, 2003

CHINA

(VOM Source)

Mr. Xiao Bi-guang and Mr. Zhang Yi-nan were arrested on Friday morning, September 26 in Ping Ding Shan City in Henan Province. Their families were not notified of their arrest and do not know where they are being held. Mrs. Ding Guizhen, Zhang's wife, was arrested September 28 and is being held at a PSB Office in Ping Ding Shan. Officers also searched the home of Zhang and Ding, confiscating computers, books and other possessions. ([Click here for full story](#))

Pray the seed of faith planted in these believers will continue to grow under the harsh conditions of imprisonment. Pray the Chinese government will use the independence celebrations as a way to release these prisoners and still save face.

Prayers for October 21, 2003

CHINA

(VOM Source)

Another Beijing house-church Christian has been arrested as Chinese authorities continue a wide spread crack down against rapidly expanding congregations. Liu Feng Guang was arrested earlier this week by Public Security Bureau (PSB) authorities in Zhejiang Province. PSB authorities and Beijing police searched Liu's apartment and confiscated two computers, his address book, cameras, documents and other items. His wife, Bi Yu-xiang, was told that her husband was facing serious charges for "leaking national secrets" to those outside of China. Pray God will protect Bi and their four-year-old son. Pray the arrest of Liu and others before him will work to the glory of God. Pray authorities in China will see the futility of their crack down as the church continues to grow. If you'd like to send a polite fax protesting the arrest of this Christian brother, [click here](#).

Mrs. Ding Guizhen, a house church Christian in Henan Province, was released on October 11 after 15 days of so-called Administrative Detention. As she was taken from the Detention Center, she was given official notification of the arrest of her Husband, Zhang Yi-nan, who was arrested along with Mr. Xiao Bi-guang, September 26. The notification includes the fact that Zhang and Xiao are being held on suspicion of "conspiracy to subvert the national government and socialist system" ([Click here for full story](#))

Pray the imprisoned Christians will know the peace of God as they rejoice in faith and hope. Pray for the authorities who have no eternal hope.