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eNewsletter for Stephen & Karen Negus

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Prayer Points:

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- Safe arrival of container
- Setting up home in Hong Kong
- Health

Our Schedule:

"I know what I'm doing [says the Lord]. I have it all planned out -- plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."

- Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)

Where in the World are Stephen & Karen?

In the past four weeks we have been on three continents -- Africa, North America and Asia. Our time in South Africa ended with a long drive from Pretoria to Cape Town (aprox. 950 miles / 1500 km). In two and a half months we had driven over 4000 miles (6500 km) and visited family members and friends, all the way having many opportunities to share the vision God has given us for Asia.

We had a great time renewing relationships and "catching-up" with everyone, as well as meeting and getting to know many new friends. The Lord blessed us through a number of people who have committed to supporting us on a monthly basis. Stephen's home church also has taken us on as their missionaries to Asia and will be supporting us logistically, prayerfully and financially.

Then, on November 20th, we departed from Cape Town. Twenty Four hours later we landed in Atlanta to start two weeks of "go, go, go". The main reason for returning to Atlanta was to pack and ship our household items to Hong Kong. On Tuesday, November 25th we spent the entire day unpacking our storage units, sorting our stuff and then repacking it into a 20 foot container. The good news is that we got everything in. We even had some room to spare, Praise the Lord!

The night before we were supposed to fly to Hong Kong we received a call from the airlines informing us that our flight had been cancelled due to a snow storm in the North Eastern United States. We were supposed to leave Atlanta at 6:45am, fly to Newark, New Jersey, then on to Tokyo, Japan before finally arriving in Hong Kong.

They told us that the flight from Atlanta to Newark was cancelled, but they were putting us on the 8:15am flight. That meant we would miss the flight to Japan, but they could get us on a direct flight from Newark to Hong Kong. Isn't that just like the Lord -- arrange for a little snow storm so that we could get an extra hour or two of sleep and then cut at least 6 hours of travel time by flying us directly to Hong Kong. We serve an awesome God who wants to bless us even in little details like that. Even the snow storm was a special "going away blessing" for Karen who loves snow (we won't be seeing much of it in Hong Kong).

We arrived in Hong Kong on Saturday, December 6th. Hallelujah!! We're finally here.

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[Intercession Leads to Provision](#)

- Dec 6th: Arrive in Hong Kong
- Dec 13th - 27th: Christmas Outreach in Hong Kong
- January 1st: Container Arrives
- January 11th: Regional Conference in Thailand
- January 20th: School of Frontier Missions (SOFM)

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While in Atlanta we met with our intercessory team to pray over our final preparations before departing for Hong Kong. We started out by sharing about our trip to South Africa. We also shared our vision for the benefit of the new intercessors on the team.

Before we prayed one of the intercessors asked what our specific needs were. We told them that our two greatest needs were for our air tickets and the remainder of the finances to ship our container.

We were just about to start praying when one of the ladies said that she needed to leave to take care of a family emergency. She had been sitting there wondering why the Lord had told her to come because she knew she would not be able to stay the whole time. Then she said she now knew and proceeded to take out her check book and write a check for \$1500.00 to cover the balance of the amount for the container.

We were astounded. Karen began to cry and Stephen's jaw about hit the floor. We didn't know what to say except, "Thank you!" Needless to say the prayer time that followed was pretty fired-up.

The next hurdle was our air tickets. A couple in our church had generously donated air miles for one ticket. Originally we were told that it required 70,000 miles to fly from Atlanta to Hong Kong. We made numerous phone calls trying to find someone who might be able to help us with miles for the second ticket. Many were willing but nobody had enough miles, and the airline will not allow you to combine mile from two accounts.

We decided to call the airlines back and see if there was any way to get a ticket for less miles. They informed us that one of their partners only required 60,000 miles. That was perfect because, due to our trip to South Africa, Karen had 62,000 in her account. It gets even better. Because we used air miles, our tickets are valid for one year, which means we have the option of returning to the States for a visit, or in case of an emergency, if we need to.

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Christmas Outreach in Hong Kong

Saturday December 13th was the first day of Christmas Outreach 2003 in Hong Kong. The base was a hive of activity as participants were arriving and preparations began for the outreach this year. We have just over 60 people from 15 different nations who have come to be a blessing to the people of Hong Kong.

The Youth With A Mission (YWAM) staff have been praying for this outreach since August. There is a great sense of excitement as we have been preparing for the last couple of days learning dramas, dances and clown skits. We will use these to communicate God's love to the people of Hong Kong. By the way, Karen is a clown. No really, she will be a clown in the clown skits.

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Please Pray For Us

Below we have listed our current prayer needs with a description of each one to help you pray more effectively. Thank you for praying with us as we believe God to meet all of our needs according to His riches in Glory

(Phil 4:19)

Click here to view previous prayer needs that have been answered -- see how your prayers are making a difference.

1. Housing in Hong Kong

14-Dec-2003

We are currently looking for a house or apartment. Housing is very small here -- buildings are not allowed to be larger than 700 square foot per floor. Apartments usually are one floor (i.e. 700 sq ft) but houses can be more than one floor (usually 3 floors and a roof which acts as the garden/yard).

Please stand with us in prayer that we would be able to find a house or apartment suitable for our needs. Since the size is basically the same from place to place, the layout is what makes the difference. We believe that God has a place picked out for us already. Pray that we would hear His voice as He leads us to it.

Here are some specific things on our "wish list" to pray for:

- Large enough to be able to receive guests
- A kitchen big enough to have an oven
- A bath tub (Karen's prayer closet)
- A good rental price (less than US\$600.00)

2. Monthly Support

14-Dec-2003

We are believing God for faithful partners who can support us financially on a monthly basis. We need to raise about US\$3500 in monthly support. Currently we have raised about US\$1500, so we still have US\$2000 to go.

That may sound like a lot, but if just 20 people committed to US\$100.00 per month, or 100 people gave \$20.00 a month, the need would be met.

We know that ultimately God is our provider. That is why we have moved to Hong Kong even though we have not fully raised the monthly support we need. We also know that He works through His people and that is why we are making this need known.

Please pray with us that God would move on the hearts of His people to partner with the ministry of *One Voice for Asia*. Pray that He would bless those who partner with us financially and in prayer.

If you would like to partner with us on a monthly basis, please **click here** to complete a form which will be e-mailed to our office notifying us of your desire.

3. Safe arrival of Container

14-Dec-2003

Pray that our container will arrive safely and on time. It departed from Savannah, GA in the U.S. on December 3rd. It will pass through the Panama Canal, and then across the Pacific Ocean before arriving in Hong Kong on January 1st.

Pray that the Lord would give us favor as we deal with the shipping company on this side, that we would be able to arrange for the container to get from the port to our location.

Also pray that we would not have any problems getting the container released through customs.

4. Language Learning

14-Dec-2003

Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and direction on how to go about starting to learn the language.

Also pray that we would know which language to learn first. In Hong Kong, where we are living and ministering (for at least two years), they speak mostly Cantonese. In the rest of Asia, where our ministry will be focussed in the future, they speak Mandarin. We will probably learn both eventually, but we need wisdom to know where to start.

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