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Greetings Prayer Warriors,

Wow! 2006 is off to a roar. It feels like it is already a few months into the year, and it is only the third week. Just a quick note to let you know what is happening and some prayer requests.

In the first week of January we hosted a two-day leadership conference in which we trained eight Chinese Christians in *The Laws of Leadership - A Biblical Perspective*. This conference was significant because each of these eight are involved in training for a living. The goal is to train and equip them to be able to train others. Two or three of them are involved with the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship (FGBMF). Already they have caught the vision to train leaders, and we are planning to co-host the course again in March (on three consecutive Saturdays), targeting business men from FGBMF.

We are currently running a 9-week course on Tuesday nights on *The 17 Laws of Teamwork - A Biblical Perspective*. We have 13 students, all Christians from the marketplace (11 Chinese and 2 Westerners).

Some exciting doors are opening up for Karen in regards to special education and helping students with learning difficulties. She has been approached to be a consultant for a non-profit group here in Hong Kong which is working with parents, teachers, and others to create a greater awareness of learning disabilities and how to help children overcome them. Karen is really excited about this. It is very near to her heart and something she never dreamed would be a possibility in Hong Kong. She has been asked to speak at a seminar on Saturday, January 21st.

Prayer Requests:

1. We are planning a **trip to the U.S.** in mid-March to mid-May. We just started looking into airfares and found a really good deal which allows us to stop in all the places we need to. There's just one catch. We have to confirm by Wednesday and pay for the tickets by Friday. Please pray that the **finances would be released** in time -- USD \$2500.00 total for both of us.
2. Please keep us in prayer as we go through the **9-week course on *The 17 Laws of Teamwork***. Pray that we would effectively communicate the principles. Pray that the students would learn the principles, not just as head knowledge, but also in such a way as to be able to apply them in their lives.
3. Pray for us as we network with Chinese believers and **plan for future leadership and teamwork seminars**. Especially pray for us as we plan for the 3-Saturday leadership seminar in March.
4. Pray for **Karen** as she explores the opportunity to be involved in the area of **special education**. Especially pray for her regarding the **seminar on January 21st** where she has been asked to be the key speaker. Pray that the Lord would give her exactly what she needs to say.
5. Pray for the **completion of the business registration process**. We signed the last of the paperwork today. Now the final copies need to be filed. Pray that the last minute details would be taken care of quickly as we are coming up on Chinese New Year (Jan 29-31). If things are not finished before then, they will be delayed for over a week. Everything shuts down for at least a week over Chinese New Year. Also pray for the remaining finances to come in -- we need about USD \$400.00 to finish the process.
6. Finally, please pray for our **visa situation** (especially Stephen's). Stephen is currently on a tourist visa and has to leave and re-enter Hong Kong every 30 days. Pray that his long-term visa application will go smoothly once the business registration process is completed. Pray that everything will go through the first time.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we continue to trust the Lord to provide for us and to lead us according to His will. This year is shaping up to be an exciting year. We are excited to see what God is going to do in us and through

us. Remember, you are a part of that too when you pray for us. We appreciate your prayers.

God bless,

Stephen & Karen