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Greetings Prayer Warriors,

Wow! The past five months are quite a blur. We arrived home last night after being away from home for that whole time (except for a few weeks), first in the United States and then in Hong Kong helping out at another ministry.

We were in the United States from mid March to the end of May visiting with our friends and supporters and sharing what God has been doing in and through us in Hong Kong. It was a very busy time - we had over 10 flights in 8 weeks - but rewarding as well..

Stephen returned to Hong Kong at the end of May to participate in the launching of the Million Leader Mandate initiative hosted by EQUIP. This was a tremendous time. Dr. John Maxwell was in town for the launch which was attended by almost 4000 leaders or prospective leaders. About 85 to 90% of those also committed to training at least 10 other leaders in the next six months, using the same materials they just received. That's over 30,000 leaders in training in Hong Kong.



Part of the crowd attending the Hong Kong launch of the Million Leaders Mandate



Dr. Ron McManus, one of EQUIP's Associate Trainers, greets the crowd...



Dr. John C. Maxwell greeting the crowd and casting vision for the Million Leaders Mandate...

Karen stayed in the U.S. for about a month longer to spend some time with her father. She had a good time with him and was also able to speak at a few churches and share what God is doing in Hong Kong. We were both glad when she got back Hong Kong - it was our 16th anniversary on May 26th. It was the first time we were not together for our anniversary. We were able to get away for a week and just enjoy being back together while we recovered from our travels and looked forward to the rest of the year..

For the past 6 weeks we have been in Hong Kong, but away from home. We have been helping [Bethany Ministries](#) while some of their staff has been away on holiday. Bethany is a retreat guest house for Christian workers in Asia. Located in a quiet location on Cheung Chau, one the outlying islands in Hong Kong, it plays a vital role in the well-being of those who are working for the kingdom throughout Asia. Many have come to Bethany over the years (including us) to wait on the Lord and to be refreshed and renewed before going out to the frontlines once again.

We have experience first-hand how the Lord works in and through this wonderful ministry. During our first year back in Hong Kong we were able to spend quite a bit of time at Bethany as we were adjusting and settling back into the mission field. It has been a privilege for us to be able to give back to the ministry we have received so much from.

Prayer Requests:

1. **Hong Kong Employment Visas** - The business registration of One Voice for Asia in Hong Kong was completed just before we left for the United States. Since being back, we have submitted our applications for employment visas through One Voice for Asia. We should hear in the next few weeks if we have been approved. Please pray with us that everything will go through without a problem. We cannot really do

anything officially in Hong Kong until our visas are approved.

2. **Trip to South Africa** - we will be traveling to South Africa in October, as we do each year, for the annual missions conference. Please pray for traveling mercies - it's been a year with lots of traveling and being away from home and our normal routines. We're quite tired and need God's grace to see us through to the beginning of November when we can finally get back to "normal life".
3. **Schedule for rest of year** - pray that the Lord would give us wisdom as we consider our schedule for November and December. We have some teams that may come visit us in Hong Kong and we're planning more leadership seminars. Pray that we would hear clearly from the Lord so that we do everything that He has planned - nothing more, nothing less.
4. **Leadership curricula** - Stephen is still in the process of developing and revising leadership curricula that we have. Pray for wisdom and insight so that he can produce materials that will be useful and effective for training leaders in Hong Kong and China.

Thank you all for standing with us in prayer. We appreciate you participating with us in ministry to the people of Hong Kong. Your prayers and support are playing a vital role as we carry out the work that the Lord has placed in our hearts. Thank you!

God bless,

Stephen & Karen