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**Prayer Points:**

- Upcoming Leadership Seminars on Nov. 20th and 27th
- Approval of long-term visas for Hong Kong
- Travel and itinerary while in South Africa (October)
- Staff members joining us in December
- Continued good health
- Increase in monthly financial support
- Development & translation of leadership training materials
- Adjustments as we become foster care parents

**Praise Reports:**

- Million Leader Mandate launched in Hong Kong
- God's provision for ministry expenses
- Approval for foster care
- HK Chinese church paid for our air tickets to the U.S.

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"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings."

- 1 Peter 5:8-9

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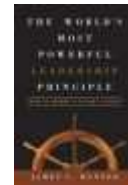
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*We're looking forward to some exciting things for the rest of the year...*

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**Trip to United States and MLM Launch in Hong Kong**

In March we flew to the U.S. to visit with friends and supporters and to report back on all that God is doing in and through us in Hong Kong. It was a busy time—we had about 10 flights in 8 weeks—but rewarding as well.

Karen stayed in the U.S. for a few weeks longer than Stephen, to spend some more time with her father.

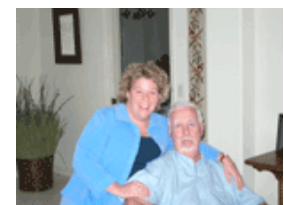
Stephen returned to Hong Kong in time for the Million Leader Mandate launch on May 27th. There were about 3500 to 4000 people in attendance. It was really exciting to see so many wanting to become better leaders and to train others in the same way.



Karen sharing with a school class



Preaching in Mexico



Karen and her Dad...

## Serving at Bethany Ministries

For most of July and August we were in Hong Kong but away from home helping out Bethany Ministries. Bethany is a retreat guest house for Christian Workers in Asia. It is located in a remote part of Hong Kong on Cheung Chau island and offers a very quiet environment for Christians to get away for refreshing, restoring, relaxation and recreation. Many come to Bethany and find new energy and strength in the Lord to continue the work He has called them to do.

For about six weeks we managed the facility and provided pastoral support to the staff and guests. It was a great blessing to support those who are on the "front lines" in Asia.



Nezzar (Philippines) in the garden he created...



Sandy (Hong Kong), Nora (Philippines) and Cherry (Hong Kong) in the kitchen...



A view from one of the hills looking over the beach towards Hong Kong Island...

## Two Object Lessons

While we were at Bethany the Lord reminded us of some spiritual truths through natural "object lessons".

### Build Your House on the Rock

Firstly, a typhoon (hurricane/cyclone) passed by very close to Hong Kong. We experienced very high winds, rain and thunder storms. But, the island is basically a rock in the ocean, and the buildings are solid concrete. Many trees were blown over and branches and debris were everywhere, but we were safe and sound indoors. The Lord reminded us of Matthew 7:24-27 about the wise and foolish builders.

### Be Alert

Much of Cheung Chau is covered with lush sub-tropical vegetation. There are no vehicles on the island, except for a few emergency vehicles, so there are no roads but only paths, most of them not more than 1 m (about 3 ft) wide.

When we first arrived we enjoyed strolling along the paths without really watching where we were going. But, towards the end of our stay our approach changed dramatically. In ten days we either observed, caught or killed at least 8 snakes of different shapes and sizes – ranging from a 3 m (9 ft) Burmese Python (with 22 eggs) to a 40 cm (18 inch) Bamboo snake. Just the knowledge that these critters were out and about caused us to be much more alert as we walk around. The Lord reminded us of 1 Peter 5:8-9 which tells us to "be...alert...your enemy the devil prowls around...looking for someone to devour."



**The Burmese Python we caught...**



**Branches everywhere after the typhoon goes by...**



**Another tree bites the dust...**

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## What's Coming Up

We're doing two leadership seminars later this year - a 1 day seminar on Saturday, September 23rd (6 hours) and a 2 day seminar on Monday, November 20th and 27th (3 hours each)

We will be in South Africa for the annual missions conference from October 9th to November 9th. Please pray for us that we would be able to meet everyone we need to. We are trusting the Lord to increase our prayer and financial support base in South Africa. If you're in Pretoria on October 20th-22nd and can stop by our booth at the conference, we would love to see you.

We have accepted a family to join us on staff with One Voice for Asia in Hong Kong. This is a very exciting "next step" in seeing the Lord fulfill the vision that He has placed in our hearts. Please pray with us for all the details surrounding this - they will be our first staff members and we want to make sure they are well taken care of. Please pray...

- That they will be able to raise the support that the need to move their family over to Hong Kong - specifically pray for the USD \$6,200.00 that they need for air tickets.
- That they will be able to raise the monthly support that they need to live in Hong Kong - a minimum of about USD \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00.
- That their visa application will go through without any hassles.
- That the stress related to the move will be at a minimum, especially on the children.
- That the Lord would help them and us as we work out all the details related to getting them moved to Hong Kong and settled into working with us - especially pray that we would be able to find the right place for them to stay, and at a reasonable price (housing can be very expensive in Hong Kong.)

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