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Greetings Prayer Warriors,

In the past few weeks the Lord has been encouraging and challenging Karen & I in the area of faith. I have been reading a book called "Mountain Moving Faith" by Kenneth E. Hagin in which he focuses primarily on Mark 11:23 which says, ***"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him"*** (NIV). Wow! What an amazing promise from the Lord.

Karen and I spent quite a bit of time talking about this *"God kind of faith"* and how we can make it work practically in our lives. Today we found out why the Lord was encouraging us in this area. He was preparing us for the news that we received today.

This afternoon, on our way to the evening service at church, I stopped by our post office box to pick up our mail. In it was a letter from the Hong Kong Immigration Department informing us that our application for long-term visa's has been denied.

At first we were stunned. It was as if we had the wind knocked out of us. Immediately the enemy started with his lies trying to make us believe that God hasn't called us to Hong Kong, we're not in God's will, etc., etc., etc..

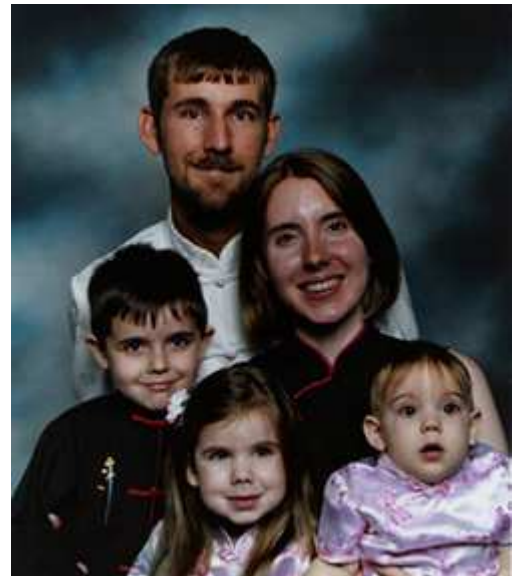
But, Jesus is faithful. He reminded us of Mark 11:23 and encouraged us to "speak to this mountain". And that's what we have been doing. We're speaking to this mountain and believing God for our visas. We're confident in the Lord that He has called us to be in Hong Kong for such a time as this, and if He is for us, who can be against us?

We really feel that this is a spiritual warfare issue. It's a test of our faith that we must pass to move to another level in our relationships with God. Tomorrow (Monday) morning we will go down to the immigration department and talk to someone who can help us to get our visas issued.

[Please stand with us in prayer as we work with immigration to sort this out. Your prayers are important to us. We're trusting God to do a miracle for us and we want you to be a part of it. Pray with us as we believe Him to do what only He can - nothing is impossible with God. Thank you.](#)

On a different note, we want to introduce to you Craig & Tammy Bertrand and their three children Caleb (5), Grace (3), and Faith (1 next Thursday, January 25th - on Stephen's birthday). Craig & Tammy worked with us when we were with YWAM. After their commitment to YWAM was over in December 2005, they went home to the United States and were there for 2006 waiting on the Lord for direction. Their vision is very similar to ours and they have a heart to reach the people of Hong Kong. They have now moved back to Hong Kong and plan to join One Voice for Asia to work with us (just as soon as we get our visa's - and their's - sorted out).

[Please pray for the Bertrand family that they would all make the adjustment to being back in Hong Kong quickly. Pray they they will be able to settle in to their apartment and feel at home in record time.](#)



Craig, Tammy, Caleb, Grace and Faith Bertrand

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