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Greetings Prayer Warriors,

Today is July 7th, 2007 - 07/07/07 - seems like the perfect number (777). It is a beautiful day here in Hong Kong. Bright, blue sky and lots of sunshine with a nice breeze and a few white clouds. It is very hot though (90°F / 32°C). We trust that it will be a great day where you are also.

We just wanted to send out a quick e-mail to let you know that we have finally updated our photo galleries on our website. There are now over 20 galleries with more that 450 photos. Go here <http://www.ovasia.org/galleries.htm> to check them out... Enjoy!

A lot has happened since we last sent out an update. We are writing a newsletter which will cover the details (we hope to send it out by the end of the week), but here's a quick run down on what we've been doing:

- Led a team from [The Vine Christian Fellowship](#) (The Vine) into China over the Easter weekend.
- Continued to train the asylum seekers at The Vine in the Million Leaders Mandate curriculum. Next Wednesday we complete Workbook 2.
- Trained a Nepalese couple, who are going to plant a church amongst Nepalese refugees in America, in *The 21 Laws of Leadership - A Biblical Perspective*.
- Went on holiday to Boracay Island in the Philippines for our 17th anniversary.
- Trained over 60 leaders at Wai Wa Assemblies of God church in *The 17 Laws of Teamwork - A Biblical Perspective*.
- Served on the hospitality team at the Million Leaders Mandate - Hong Kong Conference Workbook 3, and taught the recap sessions for Workbook 2.
- Leadership training for ministry leaders at The Vine.
- Attended the Global day of Prayer at Hong Kong stadium with about 30,000 other believers (in the pouring rain).
- Led a small group as part of the Cleansing Stream seminar and served at the retreat weekend praying for healing and deliverance of participants.
- Attended *Train the Trainer* sessions for the Franklin Graham crusade in November. We will be training the altar workers from The Vine who will help out at the crusade.
- Helped to lead an all-night prayer meeting at The Vine on June 15th.
- Continued networking with other churches and ministries in Hong Kong. The Lord is giving us favor in the Christian community in Hong Kong and we are getting more invitations to do leadership training.

Wow! As you can see we have been quite busy. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and our ministry. We really appreciate them. They are making a difference. We couldn't do what we are doing without the power of prayer under girding and supporting us.

Please continue to stand with us in prayer for the following:

1. Our Visas:

We had an interview with Immigration on Tuesday, June 26th. It was a really good meeting. The officer working on our case is, we believe, a man of peace. He took over an hour to explain to us what is going on with our visas. Basically, it is taking so long because they have never handled a case just like ours. But, the good news is, they are working hard to finish processing our visas. Thank you for your prayers. We still have some things to do in the process, so please continue to pray. The officer working on our case does not make the final decision. He must take the case to his superiors, so we still need favor at that level.

2. Stephen's Trip to the United States:

Stephen is leaving on July 18th to go to Atlanta for one week. He will be attending a meeting at EQUIP with the *Alliance for Training Leaders in China*. This is a group of ministries working together and pooling resources to train

leaders in China. At the meeting he will have an opportunity to present *One Voice for Asia* and see how we can be a part of the Alliance. We feel that this is a very important and strategic meeting for us moving forward. Please pray that God will do all that He plans to do in and through this meeting. Also, we have used money from savings to purchase Stephen's air ticket (about USD \$1250.00). Please pray that finances to cover this will come in to the ministry so that we can be reimbursed.

3. Trip to South Africa:

One of the men on the team from Solid Community Church, that visited us earlier this year, paid for us to fly to South Africa so that we could speak during the missions month at Solid Community. Please pray for Karen as she leaves for South Africa on July 20th to finalize our schedule and get things set up for the missions conference. Stephen will join her on July 28th (after his trip to the U.S.). We will be taking the opportunity to travel around the country to intinerate and raise support. It has been two years since we last visited with churches, friends and family who have been praying for us and supporting us financially. We are trusting the Lord to help us increase our monthly support during this time. Please pray for wisdom to accomplish all the things the Lord has for us. Pray that our time would be fruitful. And, please pray for us both as we travel extensively in July and August.

4. Ministry Finances:

We need to see about USD \$5000.00 come in to cover ministry expenses between now and September. Please stand with us in prayer as we trust the Lord to provide for these expenses. Thank you for praying for the Bertrand Family, the family who is working with us whom we mentioned in our last update. Their financial situation has improved substantially. Thanks for standing with us in prayer for them.

5. Oral Learners Project:

We have been asked to write a leadership curriculum which will be part of a Bible School program developed especially for oral learners. That is, people who learn more by listening than by reading. Please pray that the Lord will help us to be creative and thorough. Also pray that we can "flow" together as we are both writing lessons and there needs to be a continuity in the course overall.

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