

A vibrant, slightly blurred photograph of a busy street in Hong Kong. The scene is filled with various signs, including a large blue sign with white Chinese characters '華冰廠' at the top, a red sign for '明昇找換店' (Ming Shing Exchange Shop) in the middle, and a white sign with green characters '明昇找換店' below it. A red van with '非洲海底椰標 止咳露' (African Coconut Brand Cough Syrup) is visible. People are walking on the street, and a white car is partially visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a bustling urban environment.

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John 14:15-17

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.

The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.”

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Pray For SE Asia

1. Pray for the Chinese government to turn from communism and be filled with The Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for the families of those who have been taken into re-education camps that they will return home and be reunited.
3. Pray for the riots on the streets of Hong Kong. Pray that God would intercede and that the riots would end.
4. Pray that Christians will be able to openly share their faith in SE Asia and that they will no longer be persecuted.

A New China?



Recently Bridger and I took a trip to SE Asia. Our first stop was in Hong Kong where we worked to move Bibles from one storage unit to another smaller unit. (The owner had decided to turn our former storage area into office space.)

The people in Hong Kong are frustrated. A few years ago, Hong Kong students went to the streets to oppose Beijing's regulations saying that any political candidate running for office in Hong Kong needed to be approved by Beijing before they could announce their candidacy. Now China is saying that anyone breaking the law in Hong Kong must be extradited to China for prosecution. The corrupt Chinese judicial system is stacked in favor of prosecutors with a 99.9% conviction rate. The people in Hong Kong know what happens to people in China and they are fighting for their future.

The night we arrived in Hong Kong is when the demonstrations became violent as Triad (mafia) gang members directed by communist leaders attacked protestors. There were people fighting in the streets and on the subway. It was difficult to watch the video of the violence as Hong Kong is known to be a peaceful city.

The vast majority of the demonstrators are peaceful. They are protesting the encroachment of the Chinese government on Hong Kong. (Hong Kong is supposed to be independent of communist Chinese control until 2047). Ever since China came under the control of President Xi the country has become much more autocratic. The Chinese people have no say in what takes place within their country. We also see China on the move as they seek to bring surrounding countries under their power.

This is not the same China we had seen over the past 30 years. China has prospered economically and people had more freedoms. Borders were relatively open and it was possible to get Bibles into the country. With President Xi the situation has deteriorated dramatically. Some say that it is worse than the Cultural Revolution when Chairman Mao was in power.

One friend told us that the term Chairman was no longer used but then one of our Chinese contacts referred to President Xi as Chairman Xi. This is an attempt to elevate Xi to the stature of Mao, founder of the communist Chinese state.

The same man said that Samuel Lamb's church in Guangzhou, which had several thousand in weekly attendance a few years ago, has been closed down and two policemen guard the doors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No one is allowed to enter the building. He also reported that many other churches in Guangzhou, a city of 13 million people, have been closed.

Churches that are allowed to remain open must have pictures of Chairman Mao and Xi on their altars, much like Nazi Germany. President Xi said that what happens in China is no foreigner's business and all term limits have been removed so he is President for life. We have heard that he has no opposition in the country as anyone who opposes him fears for their life.

Hundreds of pastors and church members have been arrested or "disappeared" by the government, such as Pastor Wang Yi; in Beijing a large church was shut down after the pastor refused to let the government install surveillance cameras to track and monitor churchgoers. The Chinese government is reported to be publishing a corrupt "Bible" that will be altered to conform to Xi's ideology.

We hear reports of how China is moving into Vietnam, moving their factories across the border and tearing Vietnam in half;

13,000 Christians joined together in Hong Kong last month for worship! What a blessing it is to see all of the Christians around the world gathering in times of hardship and suffering!



the north favors a relationship with China while the south favors relations with the US. The country of Laos is seeing the Chinese government moving into their country, working with the corrupt government to build a high speed train, taking jobs away from the local people and damaging the environment and putting Laos deeply into debt. In Burma they are buying up houses and land and driving up the prices, and taking country girls back to China as young brides. The list goes on as they encroach into Pakistan, Cuba, South America and Africa.

President Xi is determined for China to be the world's super power by 2049. If this happens there is a good chance the whole world will be under Communist rule.

President Xi uses 270 million cameras to spy on the Chinese people and watch their every move. They have instituted a point system that scores each citizen's behavior. People who lose points are punished by the government. They cannot travel by air or train, they are limited where they can live and whether they can get loans from the banks.

Over 2 million Muslims, the Uyghur's in northwest China, are being sent to reeducation camps. There is no media outrage. We don't hear in the mainstream media about Chinese aggression around the world. We only hear from some political candidates that China is no threat to the United States.

Please continue praying for the Chinese Christians. Pray that they will stand strong in the midst of terrible opposition and that God Himself will protect His Church. Pray that Hong Kong would remain a beacon of freedom to the rest of China and that the Church in Hong Kong would be able to continue sharing the Gospel widely. Thirteen thousand Mainland Chinese Christians recently met for praise and worship in Hong Kong; pray that their fervor for Christ would not be quenched.

I'm thankful God sits on His throne and rules and reigns over the affairs of men. May He be glorified in China and in the nations.

God Bless you!

Patrick and Staff

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