Come over and help us

“The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: beseech therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2).

This we have done and will continue to do. We do so as we post this appeal.

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HONG KONG ECCLESIA

We are a multi-national ecclesia but small in number. Two British, seven Philippine nationals and one Taiwanese constitute the members. Two of these are brothers and the remaining members are sisters. We meet weekly in homes for the breaking of bread and fellowship. We have three Chinese and one Philippine national attending the weekly seminar held in a central location of Hong Kong. Two Chinese people attend a private bible study session on Sunday afternoons. We have five other young men (four British and one American) who participate in different circumstances in bible studies. We have rejoiced at the baptism of three Philippine sisters in the past two years. One of these sisters holds a mid-week bible study class for fellow-domestic helpers in her home district and she holds a Sunday afternoon class with other fellow-domestic helpers. Click here to see some photos of us over the last few years: http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=106611&id=701364975&l=55b1e0e312.

CHINA

Just across the border, in Guangzhou, we have one brother and one sister. Every time we visit that city for pastoral and preaching work there are between 10-15 regular participants in bible study sessions. At least one of them is very near to baptism. We really need to be visiting Guangzhou at least once every two weeks. Our current abilities and efforts fall woefully short of this ideal. Brothers and sisters in Kunming, Chengdu, Shanghai, Beijing, Qingdao and other places also benefit greatly from regular pastoral and preaching support.

There are amazing opportunities to be edified by those we encounter in this part of the world. For one of the most uplifting examples I have encountered, click here: http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=125407&id=701364975&l=56ccc6d417.

Following some difficulties encountered in running annual bible schools in China we really need to see what we can do to host bible schools in Hong Kong (see below). We need helping hands, and God’s blessing of course, if these are to happen.

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SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

In Hong Kong we have freedom under the law to meet and to preach. In China, meetings for the breaking of bread or for bible study and preaching are illegal – yet, with God’s blessings, problems encountered from the authorities have, to date, been minimal though we do now need to consider organising annual bible schools in Hong Kong for the mainland participants. My purpose in telling you this is only to ensure you are aware; the “danger” must not be overestimated!

Especially in venturing into China you would not be left alone and feeling, perhaps, inadequate. We would ensure you are accompanied, at least until you gained the assurance of mind to travel there on your own. BUT, and I emphasise this, BUT if this interests you please make sure you feel confident about your ability, quite quickly, to work independently, whilst enjoying the fellowship of co-workers with you.
Visitors to Hong Kong can typically get a 3 months visa without any trouble; this allows you to stay here but not to work. If you have an interest in staying longer than 3 months and working then:

- native English speakers are always in great demand and this pays well;
- if you have IT security experience we might be able to consider employing you (see www.thirdi.net);
- if you are a qualified midwife and/or lactation consultant and/or health visitor (British qualification) we might be able to consider employing you (see www.thefamilyzone.hk) or introducing you to employers (see www.matilda.org).

Knowledge of Chinese is not a requirement. God has blessed us with bi-lingual capabilities throughout China and these brothers, sisters and friends are always willing to help.

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