

\* McCRACKEN MEMO \*

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From the Mail Bag

We thought you might be encouraged to hear how some of those that God has touched through our ministry are doing. The following are excerpts from letters we have received in the past year...

*"...A Hong Kong based Christian organization approached Jack in the past month and offered him a job. he has joined...Christian Communications Ltd. (CCL) here in Hong Kong...CCL's main ministries are Christian literature publishing, leadership training, and China ministry. It has one hundred people in Hong Kong and has branch offices in Canada, the US, and other countries. (Jack's) job is doing the general administrative things as special assistant to the general manager. It is quite new for him to serve the Lord full time, but he really likes it, especially the fellowship among his colleagues.*

*Hao-Hao goes to a Christian school here...she likes her new school, her new teachers, and classmates as well. She said her favorite school is this Christian school in Hong Kong, comparing with the schools she went in Austria and China. She is very happy now.*

*Candy...goes to a woman's Mandarin Bible study once a week and meets sisters there. We have found a Mandarin speaking church and started to go there...it is quite good opportunity to witness how God works through His body and to learn how to serve Him well..."*

(Jack and Candy and Hao-Hao Xing--Chinese refugees who came to the Lord through our ministry in Austria)

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*"...The Holy Spirit has been doing a deep work in (the young people) and they are experiencing a heart relationship with the Lord that we can witness with joy! The change in these lives is a pure miracle of the Lord!..."*

*...Many times God has used physical healings to open hearts wide for receiving the Gospel!...He has also made our hearts more affectionate toward Him...*

*...There are two meetings a week in the Old People's Home...God is doing wonderful things in the lives of those forgotten people. Their characters are changing--the joy of the Lord shines through them, in drastic contrast to their miserable surroundings..."*

(Gregor, an Albanian who found Jesus here and went back to plant a church in his home town of Shkoder, Albania)

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*"...This should be a report on your harvest. You are my mommy and daddy in a sense, what you sowed in Austria is starting to bring forth the fruit...These days we are experiencing a wonderful presence of the Lord and I'm sure it's just the beginning. The women's Bible study I am leading is taking off very well...It was wonderful (to teach) and it also felt good, even though I had to listen to myself because that wasn't really "me", I prayed for the Holy Spirit to take over and He did...I'm also teaching Jr. 1 & 2 Sunday School...we helped four people receive the Lord...I'm not writing this to brag or show off...I know that reading about us will encourage you...We have discovered a whole new world (or heaven) of Christianity. Now we are starting to understand what the Bible is all about...Jesus is becoming more real to me and I love to talk about Him and read about Him and just talk to Him...Martin has a pastoral calling, now we are getting ready and waiting for the "go" signal...There is so much more to write..."*

(Helena, a Czech refugee who came to the Lord in Austria, now living in Canada)

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The following letter was actually written prior to our last furlough by (and at the initiative of) the Eritrean Fellowship we work with here, and we were "forced" to promise to read it to all the churches and Christians we would talk with during furlough. Unfortunately, we completely forgot about it, so we share it with you now in its entirety...

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb.6:10)

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Leaders of the Church of Scott and Vicki McCracken,

*We are writing this simple letter only to show how we love you in Christ and what you have done for the sake of Christ. We are especially glad to encourage you in your support of our Brother Scott McCracken, whom you have sent to us according to God's will. We also want you to know that God is working through him and by him, especially in our church, the Eritrean Evangelical Christian Fellowship.*

*Since his arrival in 1990, he has been working with us by teaching Bible study, baptizing, preaching, and encouraging us in many ways. We are very blessed by the anointing he has upon his life. He has shared his love, his time, and his energy, and all that he has.*

*Praise the Lord for Brother Scott and his ministry! We give thanks to our Heavenly Father whom we love for sending him here and we thank you for your supporting ministry. We also encourage you in your ministry, because it is of value with much fruit in evidence.*

*God be with you as you continue your ministry. We are still in need of Brother Scott, and we hope he will remain with us. The church elders agreed to write this letter to you so you would know our deep appreciation and love because of the gift you are giving through this dear brother.*

*In the Name of Jesus, may the power of the Holy Spirit be with you,*

(Daniel Hedey on behalf of the Eritrean Evangelical Christian Fellowship, Athens)

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#### Praises and Prayer Requests

- \* Praise the Lord that the **evangelistic soup kitchen** was greatly used by God to bring physical and spiritual food to many people the last 5 months! Unfortunately, we must discontinue for the summer and, Lord willing, begin again in September.
- \* Praise the Lord that **Debbie Clark** is getting ready to join us this summer!
- \* Although we were not able to hold our planned fund-raisers for **HELPING HANDS**, God has generously and miraculously provided in unexpected ways!
- \* We are sure grateful that **Vicki's parents** were able to spend two weeks with us recently! We had a great time and thank God so much for the wonderful parents and families He has blessed us with.
- \* Please pray for the summer **Greek and English classes** we will offer the refugees. Pray that relationships will be built and opportunities will open up to share the Gospel as we help meet these relevant needs.
- \* Please pray for **Scott** as he takes **intensive Greek courses** every day in June and July, and for **Vicki and Kendra** as they are privately **tutored**.
- \* Please pray for the **spiritual needs** of all the workers here (unity, strength, wisdom, intimacy with God, etc.).
- \* Please pray for the **physical/material needs** of this ministry (a ministry building, a computer and printer for **HELPING HANDS** to do desk-top publishing, a photocopier, etc.).
- \* Please pray as we share this ministry at the **Greek Missions Conference** this summer.
- \* Please pray for the **3 couples** who will go into training this August with the plan of joining us early in 1997.
- \* Please pray about **our car situation** as much time and expense is being invested in continual repairs.

**We are so grateful for each and every one of you.** Your investment in our lives and ministry means more than we can say. God bless you as you continue to live for the advancement of His kingdom!

In the Vine and  
In the Vineyard,



Scott and Vicki McCracken  
Kendra, Cody, and Kyle

\*Last-minute additional prayer request: a Filipino friend has terminal stomach cancer. Please pray God's healing power for Idah.