

# Thank You 4 Praying!

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HILBURN'S REPORT ON MISSION TRIP

WE PRAISE HIM FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS



*Meeting with university students, teenage girls at a National Park and Olympic promoters*

## An Open Window

### Invited to participate in a special project.

Due to a public event in the city, there was an influx of visitors from across the country and the expectation of foreigners in the city. This gave us an excuse to be interacting with many people in parks, on the streets, in stores and shops, and in restaurants.

### Purposes and goals

We were asked to distribute as many gospel tracts as possible. Also we were to share Christ verbally with as many as were willing to listen.

Other goals were to encourage believers to share their faith and to build up workers in the faith.

### Praying over the city

Time was spent in concerted prayer for the city from the vantage point of steep, forested mountains. Without prayer, we could not expect to see any results of our efforts.



### Contacts at tea shop

Emily and Phyllis made friends with several who spoke English.

One young lady, a physician, had a friend studying under her. As Emily witnessed to them, she learned that the doctor was a believer! However, she was not sure her friend was a believer. So, with Emily's coaching, the doctor witnessed to her friend! What a blessing to lead a national to appropriately share her faith!



"Carriers" were given tracts designed specifically for them. "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden..."



A minority dish - sort of a water buffalo fajita skillet dinner!



## Praying for city

### Prayer Walking

We are firm believers in prayer walking. God's presence in us by His Holy Spirit was carried into this lost city. It was evident that we were sensed as being different. Just as you can perceive evil in someone, these citizens could sense love and acceptance through our team. We daily lifted these people to the Lord as we walked among them.

### Phyllis was attacked by a monkey

On our way down from a high scenic view point, several monkeys ran up to us. One jumped on Phyllis' back. We were terrified it might bite her, possibly giving her rabies! Thanks to the strategic tossing of peanut butter crackers, we were able to distract them as we scurried down the mountain.



### Olympics for minorities

The stadium was built essentially like the famous Bird Nest of the Beijing Olympics. The beautiful opening ceremonies lasted three hours. We watched them on TV as no passes were available. The logos for the games were this dragon and the colorful G. The entire city had billboards, posters, flower designs in honor of the event.



# Showing Compassion



*Ministering to the poor by giving them food and a gospel tract*

**“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..” Mat. 25:35**

The command of Jesus compelling us to minister to the lowly is not an option. It's a way of living that manifests the love of our Lord in this world. Each day as we went out, the Lord impressed us to take food and give it to those who had to dig through the trash to eat. After the food, we would offer each person a gospel tract in a manner that is culturally acceptable



and honoring, since theirs is a shame/honor based society. This action on our part often drew a lot of attention from others on the streets, multiplying the ministry. Some smiled in appreciation; others were curious. Toward the end of our trip, we heard the testimony of a woman who came to Christ because of similar actions of another American missionary. She was intrigued that “foreigners” would care about her countrymen, who don't as a people care about one another.