

## *Aloha and greetings from Macau, China!*

Monday, April 21, 2008

This will be my last update from Macau, as we have finished our ministry opportunities and tomorrow we will tour Macau and hopefully walk into mainland China for some shopping. Anywhere we go we are asking God for opportunities to share His love, so I'm sure we'll have more Divine appointments before we reach our Kauai shores.

Yesterday after the church service went well. We had left the music equipment at the Baptist College auditorium for the Saturday night event, which we were locked out of, so we had to piece things together



to have a sound system for the church, but it all worked out. The local worship leader lead a few songs in Chinese and then Luke lead a few songs in English. I gave a message from 1 Thess. 5:12- and my cousin Rusty translated. That was a great blessing to do that with him. After church we did a children's ministry outreach at 3 different locations. We'll had face painting, singing, clowns, balloons, etc. and the locals from the church presented the gospel message

and have gifts for all the kids. In all, there must have been 300 kids ministered to.



Today is Monday and our team split into two groups. One went to work with the Southern Cross Bible distribution ministry and handed out about 640 Bibles. That's a total of 2140 Bibles that we handed to people heading back into mainland China. That's amazing!!! The other group went to the Baptist College in the morning to do evangelism for two class assemblies that each had close to 800 students. The first was a High School aged, and the second were Middle School aged.

We began by having the band play a few contemporary Christian praise songs, then Pastor Rusty explained where our group was from and why we were here and we did the King of Hearts drama and I gave the gospel message. As I was closing the message at the first session, Rusty thought we were overtime and didn't translate my request to have the students raise their hands who wanted salvation cause he thought he was getting the signal that we were running over. So I prayed a salvation prayer and we closed. Turns out we had time to ask for a response, but that's OK, God knows who was

reached by the message. On the second session we made sure we gave the invitation, and saw a bunch of the students raise their hands. It was awesome.



We had to break down all of the equipment and move it back to the church and a

band room storage facility, and then we met up with the rest of the group and headed to our last school, one that we hadn't been to before, to do ministry for two groups of kids. The first group was mostly elementary aged. We did some fun kids songs with hand motions, and a group of gals presented the gospel using different color balloons to represent the gospel message. Pastor Tom closed the message



by asking how many kids had given their lives to Jesus and everyone did. We don't know if they had already done it or if they were just now asking Him to forgive them, but either way, it was a blessing to see them say "Yes" to Jesus. The second group was older, so we did a song then did the drama, and I gave the gospel and an invitation and about 300 kids and about 30 or so raised their hands to accept Jesus. It was a good way to close out our "planned" ministry time. God may just open some more doors before we leave. Just today, we have shared Jesus Christ with more children and youth today than perhaps all week.

Tonight we went to a very nice buffet dinner at a Casino paid for by Baptist College as a thank you for our ministry there. They are inviting us back. The pastor and head school officials were blessed by the way God was glorified. After dinner some of us went to a brand new area of Macau built to support the casino industry. It's an outdoor shopping mall called Fisherman's Wharf, and it looks more like a upscale part of a large city in the US than part of the third world country of Macau. They have an outdoor amphitheater that is modeled after something built by the Roman empire. It had seating for about 2500. It gave us ideas of a future outreach!!! So as we go to bed tonight, we are exhausted, our feet ache and our backs are sore, but there is a satisfaction of being poured out serving God and reaching out to the people of Macau. Thank you for your prayers and encouragements while we've been away.

