

Yees' Tychicus

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Missionaries to the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, training leaders for the Asia Pacific Church

REALIZING THE CHINESE POTENTIAL

We talked about the "Chinese Potential" in the last Tychicus. (We described then a 100-million strong mainland Chinese church but yesterday, at the APTS chapel, we heard from a missionary to China that it may be 200-million strong!!) I have been kind of harping on this even among the APTS folks, saying many times to my colleagues that we really cannot describe our seminary as "Asia Pacific" if we do not have students from China. After all, more than half of the the population of the so-called Asia-Pacific area, live in China. Right now, I am ashamed to say that we

do not have any Chinese students in APTS. But, this may change soon . . . IF we can find the scholarships to help 3 Chinese students who are planning on coming this April. **Will you partner with us to realize this CHINESE POTENTIAL?**

While Tham Wan is working on getting support for these 3 Chinese students, Moon Tee is helping with other Chinese students who are attending our new congregation in Baguio. A non-Christian Chinese from the mainland who had been attending this church regularly recently received Jesus into her heart publicly. Hallelujah!



Moon Tee with some members of our Chinese church after tracting session on the main road of Baguio. We distributed 5,000 copies of a special bilingual tract that is designed like a Chinese New Year ang-pao.



Tham Wan handing out the Chinese New Year evangelistic tracts on the streets of Baguio

OUR '08 FURLOUGH: APR-AUG

Our furlough is tentatively scheduled for April to August 2008. We have a budgetted target to raise but we are hoping to raise more than the budget approved by the WMD so that we can do more for the Lord in our new term.

Part of the reason for the increased budget for the new term is due to the rise in the value of the Philippine Peso. It used to be RM1 to P14, but now it is RM1 to only P12. There is also the new 12% Value Added Tax (VAT). This means

a total increase of almost 25% in our expense budget that is beyond our control! We are cutting down on our personal expenses while still maintaining our efficiency on the field. It sounds cliché, but we really believe that **God will provide.**

We would like to visit you and personally report the many things the Lord has done. Visit our website, www.thamwan.org, and check out our latest Ministry Schedule. Let us know if you can slot us in to minister in your church.



Students in our apartment at APTS, celebrating Chinese New Year with us. We could not be at home with our family during Chinese New Year.

CREATIVE "HOW ABOUT'S"

Let's be creative in our missions partnerships in the Philippines:

1 Most people are in the city. **How about strengthening existing city churches** and letting them plant their own rural outreaches?

2 Malaysian AG has been very successful at home with social & "transformational" ministries. **How about starting a Dialysis center** here?

3 **How about** Malaysian pastors with MA's **teaching block courses for the local Bible Schools** here? This will expand the "repertoire" of the schools here and increase networking for future missions partnerships.

4 Where Malaysians cannot (or will not) go, Filipino workers are going. **How about** partnering with the Philippines AG to help them release more

of their **people into restricted access nations (RAN's)?**

5 Get involved in **mass-media ministry here**. The airwaves are open for the ministry here. **How about** talented people in Malaysia putting their productions on the airwaves here?

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