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The 5th Overseas Chinese School of Servanthood

December 25 - 31, 2001

Since 1996, Great Commission Center International has organized training seminars for overseas Chinese scholars during the Christmas season every year in cooperation with several other mission organizations. After our move to northern California, our original thought was to postpone the seminar operation for another year. However, several churches and organizations urged us to continue this ministry and promised their assistance.

Thus encouraged, we decided to have the seminar at a smaller scale this year. We were able to rent space at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel near the San Francisco International Airport at a very reasonable cost. In addition, the hotel agreed to let us catering meals from the outside, thus cutting down expenses.

Special characteristic of this seminar was the emphasis on counseling and follow-up ministry. On average, we had one full-time counselor for every five

students, engaging in small group and personal counseling. We were not able to hold to our initial limit of fifty participants. Including counselors and staff, the final count exceeded eighty.

Praise the Lord! At the end of the seminar, eighteen of the fifty-five participants responded to God's clear calling and dedicated themselves for full-time ministries. Another seven, though not quite sure about God's calling, will be willing to serve full-time if called. The rest will serve in lay ministries. All the speakers and counselors were inspired and promised to continue the counseling process with the students through telephone and e-mail. It is also decided that a daylong reunion will be held this summer in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Students further expressed desire to meet again in the next OCSS this coming December.

We express our sincere gratitude to all the cooperative churches, and organizations, for their efforts in recommending students and sending counselors.



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Forget Not China



Intercessors for China Prayer Calendar

God is doing a mighty work in China. Today the revivals occur mostly in rural areas more than urban cities.

This calendar is aimed to help Christians everywhere to pray strategically and consistently for the evangelization of China. Each month the calendar will focus on one region in China presenting facts, statistics, history, current situation, and major prayer needs. In addition, a city will be singled out each week and a special need will be highlighted each day.

We pray that by 2007, the 200th anniversary of Robert Morrison's arrival in China, God will raise up one million worldwide prayer warriors for China.

Many Christian leaders in China have the vision not only to spread the gospel to the entire country, but to take the Good News "back to Jerusalem" through the Hindu and Muslim worlds in central and southern Asia.

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▲ Class in session



▲ Dozens responded to the call for full-time service.

▼ Speakers at lunch



Each day begins with devotion and prayer. ▶



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▲ Group Counseling



Urgent Prayer Request

Refugees of Starving North Korean Also Receive Gospel

In early 20th century, North Korea used to be very much a Christian country. Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea today, was once called the "Jerusalem of Asia."

After the split of Korea into two countries, churches in North Korea began to suffer extreme persecution and hardship. The country has experienced severe drought and shortage of food in recent years. It is estimated that between two and five million people died of starvation since 1995.

Thus, the starving North Korean risks their lives to leave the country. But since the borders between North and South Korea are heavily guarded, they take their chances by crossing the Yalu River into China (some 1,000 per day are doing so). If caught by Chinese officials, they will be sent back to face cruel punishment including imprisonment and death.

If they escape undetected, they commence on a grueling journey of traversing mainland China to the southern borders and enter Vietnam and Laos, or going north through Mongolia, Siberia, Eastern and Western Europe, all hoping



northeast China. They feed them and give them some money to continue their journey. They also share with them the gospel.

For the past few years, Dr C Daniel Kim, a professor of Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, has established a Love Foundation for North Korea. They are helping the potential refugees by providing them with 'Survival Kits'. Each kit contains food, medicine and a Korean Bible, costing US\$7. They have already sent in 200 tons of these kits.

If you are moved to help in sending 'Survival Kits' (or food into North Korea at US\$3,000 per truckload), please contact:

Dr C Daniel Kim

Love Foundation for North Korea

597 Kakoma Street

Lynchburg, VA 24502, USA

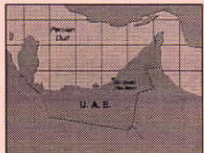
Tel: 434-239-9562 (Home)

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to end up in South Korea.

Many missionaries and mission agencies are inspired by God to assist the North Korean refugees in



Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference

The first Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference will be held February 5-11, 2002 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Among the Arab nations, UAE is the one most open to religions other than Islam. Last April, Rev Thomas Wang was invited to UAE for a series of meetings. He was surprised to discover that there are around 8,000 Chinese in that tiny Muslim country and that there are more in the surround nations also. There is no Chinese church in any of these countries except 1 or 2 small fellowships.

With encouragement and promise of assistance from the local American church, Rev Wang decided to call and plan for this mission conference. Sessions of

this conference will be held during the first three days. It will start with presentations on the current status of mission work and a brief survey of Chinese and their gospel needs in the area. There will be much discussion also on mission strategy.

On Friday, February 8th, the conferees will join local Christian gatherings and fellowship with them. From the 9th to 11th, tours will be organized to visit the neighboring countries. Gospel meetings for the Chinese people there will be conducted in the evenings of the 6th, 7th and 8th.

We pray that God will inspire the conferees to make concrete commitment to explore this new mission field to bear witness for the gospel in that area.

The Third Pacific Islands Chinese Mission Conference

Will be held in Auckland, New Zealand

By the invitation of churches and para-church organizations in New Zealand, the Great Commission Center International will be co-sponsoring the third Pacific Islands Chinese Mission Conference (PICMC) with the United Mission Centre of EFC in New Zealand, New Zealand Branch of the Chinese Christian Mission – Australia, and the Eschotas Vision Media Inc.

Since 1998, GCCI has the burden for ushering in the Chinese churches to the south Pacific Islands, first to the Northern Mariana Islands, such as Guam, Saipan and Palau, then to the Melanesia Islands, such as Fiji, Vanuatu. It is our hope that Chinese churches can be established in each one of these island countries. During the 2nd PICMC which was held in Fiji in 2000, New Zealand was chosen the venue for the 3rd PICMC.

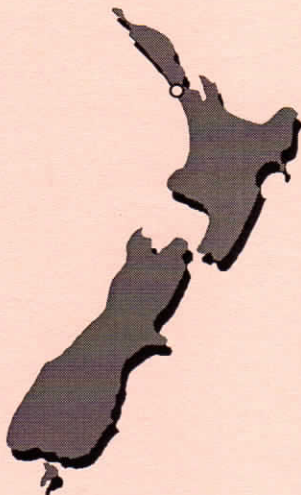
Through the conjoint effort of churches and para-church organizations in New Zealand, the date and venue of the conference have been confirmed as

follows:

Date: November 5—8, 2002

Venue: Willow Park

1 Hostel Access Road
Eastern Beach, Auckland
New Zealand



Official language for the Conference will be Mandarin. Church pastors, missionaries and members of Mission Committees are welcome to attend this conference. Conference fees will be:

Registration Fee: US\$40

Room and Board: US\$100.0

Local Transportation: US\$25

Please contact the Great Commission Center International Headquarters for details. For applicants in New Zealand please contact Mr. Wu Wen-Rui (64-9-576-3470) or Mr. Kao Chang-Fa (64-9-535-2258) of Auckland, New Zealand.



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