

# Great Commission News

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## Gospel to the Islands

### A Team of 10 Visited 5 Pacific Islands Preached to About 1,000 Chinese

by Rolland Lau

At the Third Pacific Islands Missions Conference in November of 2002, all participants agreed that "if a conference does not lead to action is a waste of time." Therefore, as the North Pacific Coordinator, I spent half a year scouting different islands in the North Pacific and made contacts with the local people.

The mission team led by Dr. Bianca Yip and myself consisted of 10 members from five churches, including pastors and lay leaders. From July 10 to 21, 2003 we have traveled across the Pacific Ocean, visited Guam, Saipan, Pohnpei, Marshall Islands, and Hawaii. During this 10-day trip, nine evangelistic meetings were held, more than 100 persons accepted Christ and 70 committed to full-time service. Praise the Lord!



#### Guam

There are about 4,000 Chinese living on this island which is American territory. The early Chinese settlers were from Taiwan, then Hong Kong. Recently, some Mainland Chinese businessmen immigrated here while others are illegal immigrants. Currently there are three Chinese churches on this island with a total of 150 worshippers.

#### Saipan

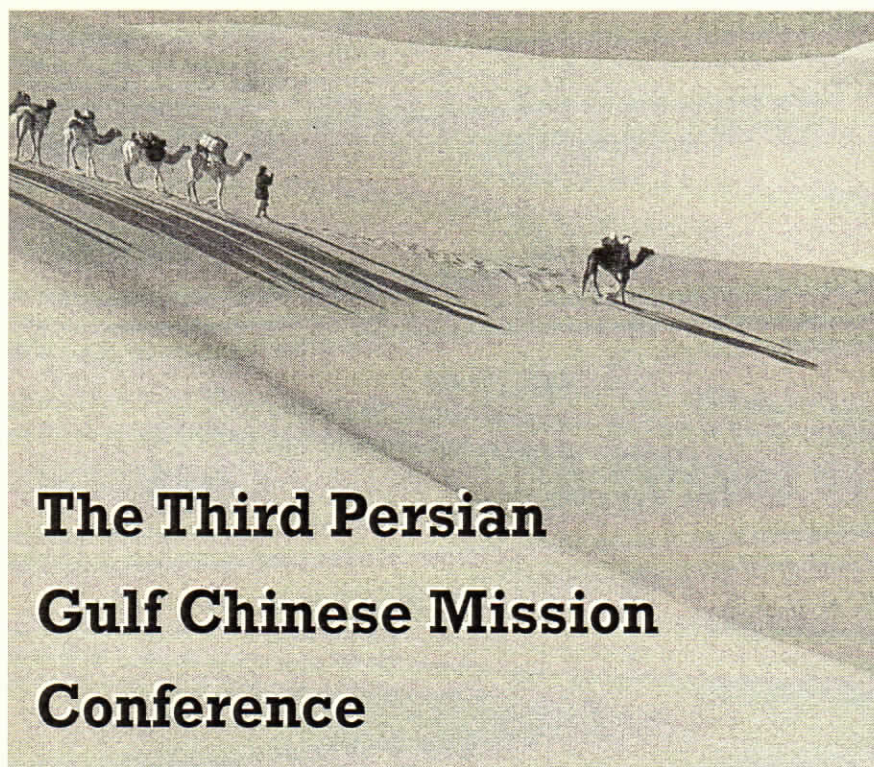
Saipan is the capital of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, with a population of about 80,000, of which 20,000 are Chinese. While most of them are female garment factory workers there are also a small number of construction and farm workers. We were deeply touched by the gospel zeal of the leader and members of the Saipan New Covenant Life Chinese Church. Pastor John Zhu is from Beijing. He started the first worship service in November of 1999 at a beach attended by 6 sisters. Today, the congregation has grown to 170 with two worship services. Each of the four evening evangelistic meetings held was packed with close to 200 people. As a result, about 100 received Christ and 70 committed to full-time ministry.

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Rev. John Zhu led the congregation in singing with guitar.





# The Third Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference

We have witnessed God's wonderful work in the Persian Gulf in the past three years. Through the conjoined effort of Chinese and non-Chinese churches from various countries, GCCI has established Chinese churches and fellowships in three of the seven countries in the region. It is our hope that churches and fellowship groups could be planted in each of the other four countries. We continue with our policy of reaching the Chinese first, then the expatriates and finally the local people.

After the Second Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference, which was held in February of 2003, the Chinese Alliance Church of Canada has the burden of sending missionaries to the Gulf area. The first couple has arrived Dubai in August of this year. They have already led over 40 people to the Lord and officiated two baptismal services. Malaysia Baptist Seminary also sent students and lecturers to help disciple the new believers in UAE and Oman last summer. A church in Hong Kong is interested to work among the Chinese in Kuwait.

In order to encourage more Chinese churches to get involved in this region, GCCI will be holding the Third Persian Gulf Chinese Mission Conference in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates on January 20~22, 2004. After the conference, participants will have the opportunity for ministries in different countries. The schedule is as follows:

## Conference

January 20~22, 2004

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

## Short-Term Trips

### *Option 1* United Arab Emirates and Oman

Jan 23	Dubai
Jan 24~26	Abu Dhabi
Jan 27~28	Dubai
Jan 29~31	Oman
Feb 1	Departure

### *Option 2* Kuwait

Jan 23 afternoon ~ Feb 1

### *Option 3* Qatar and Bahrain

Jan 23 afternoon ~ Jan 27,	Qatar
Jan 28 ~ 31	Bahrain
Feb 1	Departure

Mandarin speaking pastors and lay-leaders are welcome to join this event. It is our prayer that God will raise up at least one Chinese missionary couple to each of these countries to evangelize the hundreds and thousands of Chinese in the Persian Gulf.

For detailed information please contact GCCI or visit our Chinese website ([www.gcciusa.org](http://www.gcciusa.org)).





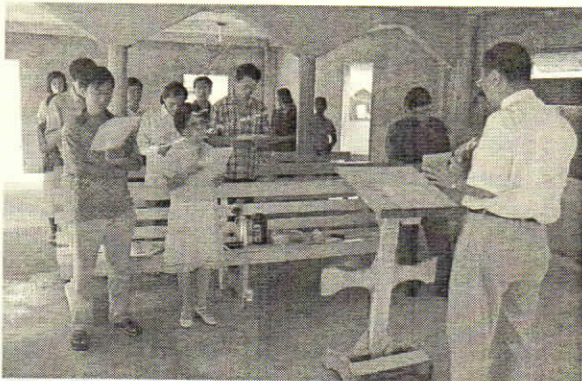
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## Pohnpei

Pohnpei is the capital of the Federated States of Micronesia. It is the wettest place in the world with an annual average rainfall of 400 inches. There is about 300 Chinese living on this island. Most of them are from Fujian province and working on fishing boats. We held two evangelistic meetings in a Chinese restaurant, which is owned by a Chinese Christian sister. Over 10 Chinese came and 2 of them accepted the Lord.

## Marshall Islands

There are a few hundred Chinese living on Marshall Islands; most of them are on Majuro Island. While a large number of them are construction workers, some started small businesses and restaurants. Like Palau and Nauru, there are diplomatic ties between Taiwan and the Marshall Islands; this has attracted some Taiwanese businessmen to invest here.



◀ The first Chinese worship service held on Marshall Islands

Through the introduction of Brother Terru Sasser, the son of the first USA Assembly of God missionary to Marshall Islands, we met the senior pastor of the local Bukot Nan Jesus Church, Rev Paul Hensene. Rev Hensene has the burden for the Chinese; he has agreed for the Chinese group to use their facilities and promised to provide accommodation for the Chinese missionary to come. Five Chinese came for the evening evangelistic meeting and four of them accepted Christ. The other one is already a Christian. The next morning we held the first Chinese worship service and witnessed the inauguration of the Marshall Islands Chinese Christian Fellowship.

### Concluding remarks

On various islands in the Pacific Ocean, Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Pohnpei, Marshall, Kiribati, Nauru, Yap..., there are a lot of Chinese contract laborers, businessmen and university students. We could use different methods to share the gospel with them. God has prepared their hearts, the harvest is ripe. There is a need for long-term, short-term missionaries or tent-makers. May we work together, — the overseas Chinese Church together with the brothers and sisters in China and the local indigenous churches to bring the gospel to the Chinese scattered on these far flung islands.



## Theme: Into All Nations

Date: December 26 -31, 2003

Venue: Sheraton Gateway Hotel  
600 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA

Language: Mandarin and Cantonese

Conference Fee: US\$150 per person  
(Registration and meals)  
(early bird US\$120, until Nov 15)

Lodging: US\$66.90/room/night.

Please contact Sheraton Gateway Hotel directly, ask for CMM special rate.

### Co-sponsors:

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**Plenary Speakers:** Rev. Paul Shen, Rev. John L. Tsang, Rev. Mark Kor Cheng, Rev. Thomas Wang, Rev. Luis Bush, Rev. Paul Chang, Rev. Cyrus Lam, Dr. Chris Hsiung, Rev. Calvin Chu, Rev. Luke Zhang

**Registration:** Please register with GCCI before Nov.15 and also encourage your Chinese friends to come. You may also go to our Chinese website to download the registration form and detailed information.







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## Announcing New Publications

### Forget-Not-China 2004 Calendar

Coming off the press in English and Chinese

Forget-not-China 2004 calendar has just come off of the press in October.

Special features of this monthly calendar include 12 eminent Chinese Christians leaders of the 20th century. The Chinese calendars are offered at free-will donation.



(English Edition)



(Chinese Edition)

Please order your Chinese copy from Great Commission Center International (1101 San Antonio Road, Suite 400, Mountain View, CA 94043, USA. Tel: 650-968-2985) and English copy from AFC (P.O. Box 280, Paradise, PA 17562, USA. Tel: 800-624-3504).

### Operation World Chinese Edition

Will be released in November, 2003

After almost two years of vigorous efforts in translation and production, the Operation World Chinese Edition will be released in November of this year. Operation World was first published in 1974 and the latest 21st Century Edition was published in October 2001. We have obtained the permission from the authors, Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk to publish the 21st Century Edition into Chinese.



Sale price will be US\$25 per copy plus US\$5 for handling and postage. Please order it as a Christmas gift to your Chinese friends and churches who are interested and burdened for missionary outreach today. Please contact us for bulk order price.