

education at school, which every student is supposed to attend, many of them are absent or sit in the back row & read some novels under their desk.

THE GOVERNMENT TRIES TO FILL THIS EMPTINESS & lack of ideals with material things—better pay for harder work, television, better education, the re-introduction of fashion in clothes & hairstyle. Disco-dancing & reflecting sunglasses are the latest

for young people, frowned upon but tolerated by the older generation.

THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT THE PARTY TO INTERFERE with their individual lives. There is a desire for individual freedom, to be able to live your own life instead of being pushed around by this or that political campaign, which often just amounted to criticising this person & praising that one & then turning

around to do the opposite a few years later.

MEETING YOUNG PEOPLE from different walks of life has been most interesting for us, & some of them visit us regularly to improve their English or German & to exchange views. We surely hope we can be of some help to them in their search for new values & goals in life. Much, much love.—Your Family in Peking, China.



Chinese Nationals!

Top left: Jewel, Andrew & baby Jacob recently took a trip into China to visit "Uncle". They shared the "Daily Light" with him & led 5 more souls to Jesus! Photo by Keda.

Many Waters Cannot Quench Love!

From Christian Jeremias: India: **WHILE SWIMMING IN THE SEA** suddenly a big wave took me out & I found it impossible to get back in again. It was too dangerous for someone to come out & get me, as we both would probably drown! **I FOUGHT FOR MY LIFE UNTIL MY STRENGTH LEFT ME,** & I was passing into the spiritual world. (I know now that death is the most beautiful thing that can ever happen to you!) The moment I gave up & began floating to Jesus I felt such a peace. It's absolutely indescribable, a peace I never felt

before. **WELL, SUDDENLY A BROTHER NAMED JOSH SWAM UP TO ME** shouting "Jesus, You've got to save us!" over & over. If he had come a few seconds later I would have been with the Lord for good. But he was now giving his life to save me. It was impossible for us to make it, but TTL He did a real miracle & saved us both! This is one of the most beautiful experiences that has ever happened to me.

THIS STORY HAS A BACKGROUND. Two months ago my wife left me & took our son. This was just too much for me. I was completely lost & lonely, & I was praying so often that the Lord would take me. So here the Lord wanted to show me thru' Josh how much He loves me. Josh represented Jesus to me, as he was giving his life for me (John 15:13).

THE LORD WAS SHOWING

ME HOW MUCH HE LOVES ME now in this present world. It was so clear: I was just passing into this absolute peace & love when Josh came up with the same love to show me that the Lord's with me here & loving & leading me & holding my hand, TYL!

IT NOT ONLY SAVED ME FROM DROWNING, it also saved my life spiritually! Since then I feel so happy in this life as never before. It changed my life completely! How He loves us! The next morning I opened the "Daily Light" & the first sentence said, "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is as strong as death! Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (SOS 8:7,6 & John 15:13). I hope this encourages others.—He loves us now & forever! Hallelujah! Love, Christian.

Travel To China!

Inside info about the in's & out's!

From Hoesa: **THE POSSIBILITY OF PIONEERING CHINA IS ONE OF OUR MOST EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES!** (See Mag 27 for the account of the Ho Family's first visit to China!) The mayor still wants us to come back again. He loved the children's visit & their singing, even knowing we're Christians & that we are reopening churches in his area which have been closed for 30 years since the revolution. He told us he could not arrange for us to do large pre-arranged shows, as this would require permission from Peking.

SO HE TOOK US AROUND HIMSELF to meet people. He then just let us set up & do our show of whatever we wanted. This happened outdoors at a large recreational area & at a school so whoever wanted to could gather around. It was a real miracle he took us to the primary school to sing for the children as there is still a law forbidding preaching or teaching religion to anyone under 18!

THE VISAS & TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR TRIP had to be made thru' the China Travel Agency. They are the official travel agency for all visits to China & have a monopoly on transportation & issuing of tourist visas. It is a company which operates purely for the purpose of making money for China.

THE CHINA TRAVEL AGENCY NORMALLY ARRANGES VISAS ONLY FOR TOUR GROUPS going with a bus & guide on a set route for a set day tour. All other tourists must also apply for a visa thru' them. Businessmen wishing to go to China must state the purpose of their visit & the people whom they intend to contact.

A FRIEND OF OURS, A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, is the one who sponsored our first trip to China. We had to tell the China Travel Agency that we were going to go with Mr. C. & on this basis he issued us the visas. On the 2nd trip when we took the children, Mr. C's daughter accompanied us & we were told to tell the CTA that we were going to

take the children for a visit to see the Mayor. The Mayor told us not to tell them that we were going on a tourist visit.

WE HAD TO HIRE A 15-PASSENGER BUS with driver & guide from CTA which cost about \$100 a day. Then the visas for all of us added up to about \$80 (about \$9 a visa).

IT IS CUSTOMARY WHEN VISITORS GO OUT TO LUNCH WITH GOV'T. OFFICIALS, like we did, that they pre-arrange their most impressive selection of delicacies & then kindly slip you the bill at the end of the lunch! So the lunch which they ordered for us when we went with the children cost \$100! So obviously their impression of Westerners, particularly businessmen, is that they can easily afford anything.

THIS TYPE OF EXTRAVAGANT HOSPITALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT to them, especially on the first visit, because it gives them "face". Their exotic foods are really the most they have to offer to impress the foreigner. So they like to make a show of giving. But due to their not having private funds of their own, it is customary to pass the bill to



Enjoying exotic lunch-time delicacies in China w/ Chinese host! John Teacher, Zac, Katrina, Ruthie & little Faithy. Photo by Ho.

the foreign visitor, be they Westerner or Chinese.

ON OUR FIRST TRIP TO CHINA in which Esther, Ruthie & I accompanied the businessmen, the businessmen covered the cost of the lunch which was also about \$100 for 10 adults, on a per cost-wise with a good Chinese restaurant in Hong Kong, which is where the Chinese get their prices from. When thanking the Mayor profusely for the grand selection of food which they had ordered for us on our visit with the children (the 2nd trip), we told him that on our next visit we would be very happy with the simple ordinary fare (hint, hint).

WHEN ARRANGING OUR NEXT VISIT, at the invitation of the Mayor, the head of the China Travel Agency said he would not permit us to hire the van & driver from him to follow our own itinerary & that he would give us visas only if we booked to follow their usual day-tour to China, in which case we could not visit the Mayor or sing. The normal tour price amounted to double what we had paid before, which worked out to almost \$400 or about \$35 each. We told him this was more than we could afford.

WE TOLD OUR FRIEND MR. C. WHO PASSED IT ON TO THE MAYOR who said he would try to find a way to bypass the problem. Letters were being exchanged back & forth & we were told we would just need to wait to hear from them. Things in China move extremely slowly, like in the Arab countries. I was still checking with them frequently for news before I left for Europe.

THERE ARE PLANS IN THE WORKS TO OPEN THE BORDER between Macau & China, & even between Hong Kong & China much more in the future. There is a big resort under construction



On the Hong Kong-China border—American Habakkuk with Chinese disciples Abraham & Naomi. Photo by Nicky.

about 30 miles inside the border which will consist of a hotel, restaurants, shops etc. We have been told by those running the travel agencies in Macau that when this is completed there is talk of pulling the normal border checkpoints, which check for visa, 30-50 miles inside the present border to create a "free zone" with unlimited tourist accessibility. Their target date for opening is before the Chinese New Year, in Feb. of 1981. During this holiday more than 1/2 a million people go from Hong Kong & Macau to China.

CHINESE ARE PERMITTED FREE ACCESS TO CHINA from any country, even Taiwan. (It's the Taiwanese who won't let the Chinese come to Taiwan.) China considers all Chinese by race to be welcome to China & gives them a special status & a special unlimited access card for "overseas Chinese".

THIS ACCESS CARD IS CALLED THE "GREEN CARD" & is a Chinese ID card for overseas Chinese. The Chinese realize that it is the wealthy & intellectual Chinese who have fled China & they have tried to open

their country for them to return for visits "bearing gifts", money to support relatives & to invest in business.

ALL THE MAJOR BUSINESS DEALS newly negotiated between China & Western companies have nearly all been engineered by the rich overseas Chinese who are amongst the richest in the world. We read news of this daily. There's even talk of the return of properties & companies to the former owners who have fled the country, & they're trying to locate them.

ALL OUR CHINESE DISCIPLES ARE ENTITLED TO THIS "GREEN CARD" giving them free access to travel to China, & this is how their trips have been made. But being Chinese, they are subject to the Chinese regulations & customs & therefore must be quite careful about too openly witnessing or singing.

CHINA IS MORE LENIENT WITH FOREIGNERS because they are concerned with their image for tourism reasons. Therefore they have tried to protect foreigners to the point of executing any person found having robbed a foreigner. —Love, Ho.

'Sing Along' and Change the World!

—With pre-recorded musical back-ups on cassette!—Coming from MWM!



Sing'n' along with musical back-up on cassette—"The Ho Family Singers" at a popular Chinese nightclub in Hong Kong. Photo by Ruthie. (A terrific idea for all! Do it!—D.)

Dear Dad, Maria & Peter, **GBY! GJNJ, DURING RECENT VISITS TO OTHER FAMILIES** with children I was reminded of the need to help our children in their music ministry. —This being the way in which our children shine like diamonds of dust & win hearts, as you mentioned in "Golden Opportunities". Here's something I'd like to pass on that has helped me in getting out with our 7 children singing.

WHEN OUR CHILDREN FIRST BEGAN SINGING in Europe we always had precious musically talented helpers who worked with them, trained them, took them singing & sang with them, who played guitar & were real frontliners—faithful brothers like Zacheus, Jonathan Firstfruits, Paul Theophilus & many others are the ones who really pioneered & got our kids started. They lived, breathed & sang our Revolutionary message & spirit into our children until it flowed out & began getting results. These brothers are the ones whose behind-the-scenes work has payed off in our children's singing ministry, & we were very blessed & privileged to have their help to start.

UPON COMING TO HONG KONG A BIG CHANGE HAPPENED when Zac, the brother who'd faithfully worked with the children in their music ministry for about 5 years, began a family of his own with the coming of his mate's first baby. As God led him to pioneer his own Home, family & ministry, we had to take up the challenge of encouraging our children in their music ministry. Esther hadn't been the one working & training them & didn't play the guitar for their performances & knew few of their songs. God forgive & help her!

GB ZAC, AS HE PIONEERED THE PRODUCTION OF A CASSETTE OF SONGS he'd taught them to sing called "The Happy Family" tape. This was the key & tool he left me with to carry on with the children's music ministry, tho' I couldn't play one of their songs on the guitar. Without Zac's musically talented help I wouldn't have been able to carry on with what he'd left in my hand, our musically trained singing children & the recorded tape of their music.

WE CONTINUED TO USE THE RECORDED MUSIC on their cassette to rehearse their

singing of the songs. Ruthie began to add to it some more dancing motions as we rehearsed with the recorded music cassette. As God opened the doors with invitations for the children to sing.

WE TRIED USING THE PRE-RECORDED MUSIC ON CASSETTE AS BACK-UP for them to sing along with. It worked!—First with a little cassette recorder to small groups, then using the built-in music systems in some large restaurants & auditoriums to hundreds at a time in bigger stage performances. Then I took the cassette & some photos of the children singing to the heads of the local radio stations & they all did programs featuring the children's recorded music & interviews with them recorded in their studios.

THEN WE WERE ASKED TO RECORD AN ALBUM OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS by the company in whose studio we'd recorded our first cassette. They let us pick a selection of our favorites all about Jesus with a good Gospel message to which they required to add a couple of popular Christmas jingles which they wanted. They then arranged & recorded all the music back-