

Uncovering Taiwan's 'Island Secret'!

From Avak & Rachel;

S. E. Asia:
WE'D LIKE TO RELATE A SITUATION THAT HAPPENED TO US recently in Taiwan. In February '81 we left for Taiwan with our 2 kids after a furlough in Canada.

AT FIRST EVERYTHING WENT VERY SMOOTHLY. & it seemed that the Lord was opening doors. We were aware that previously the Family had been kicked out of Taiwan, so therefore we tried to apply the NRS Letters by not bringing the Mo books thru customs, etc., & we confined our witnessing to a one-to-one basis.

WE MET MANY SWEET PEOPLE & were able to lead several people to the Lord as well as make some good friends. Even some of these Christians like the group "Family of Love", which really surprised us because our witnessing was very light. It showed us though what an impact the Family had there.

SINCE IT WAS A CLOSED COUNTRY, it was necessary for me to get a job teaching English, which was enough to support us. Then we felt our situation was very safe, so after 2 months we contacted the nationals there. We tried to meet them in a neutral place like a park. We kept our whereabouts a secret except to one sister, who apparently wasn't known to the authorities as a Family member.

OUR HEARTS BROKE FOR THEM, because for the last 2 years they've been so desperate for fellowship. Therefore we agreed to let that sister, Maria, live with us. To our friends she was a boarder who helped baby-sit as well.

DURING THIS TIME WE MET A BUSINESSWOMAN who offered

to hire me so I could get a permanent visa. Her name is Shay, & she seemed very open & friendly. She started visiting us regularly, & we started to witness to her until one day she prayed to receive Jesus. However, after she prayed with us there didn't seem to be a very big change in her attitudes, etc.

Many times she seemed almost too friendly for someone who had known us for only a short time. The Lord was faithful to give us checks about her, but it seemed she was just a little over-zealous concerning business, & we thought that was why sometimes she didn't show much interest in the Word or sharing about the Lord.

WHEN WE REALLY STARTING HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT HER was when she started telling Rachel how Mar'a was telling her that I was more in love with Maria than Rachel. Of course this upset Rachel, & when we confronted Maria with this she was confused, because she had never said any such thing to Shay. Then we wondered how Shay knew that Maria & I were having any kind of relationship, because we were very careful in our talk about sex. For a few days Shay continued to flood Rachel with all kinds of lies about Maria & me.

THEN FINALLY ONE NIGHT IT CAME TO A HEAD WHEN SHAY INVITED RACHEL TO TAKE A SHOPPING TRIP DOWNTOWN WITH HER. It was here that Shay started giving Rachel the third degree on how evil sex was, so Rachel stood up to her & tried to explain that it was God's love. Upon hearing this, Shay spit on the ground cursing, "Don't tell me God's love!" By doing this she totally exposed herself, & then she spilled the beans even more by con-

fessing that she was an under-cover secret police-woman investigating us.

SHE THEN BECAME VERY VICIOUS & told Rachel that if she'd cooperate with her then she'd spare Rachel & myself from any heavy persecution.

THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THIS Jonah & Lynn with their 2 children came to Taiwan to help with the work. Shay had also met them & asked Rachel to cooperate by informing her when more brethren would be coming. When there were enough brethren present they planned to have a big raid to deport everyone back to their native countries. Pretending to agree, Rachel quickly returned home to warn us of what had just happened.

AT FIRST WE WERE SHOCKED THAT THEY KNEW WE WERE THE FAMILY SO FAST, since we tried very hard to be selah. However, Shay did mention that we had been under surveillance from the first day we had arrived, & the only explanation for that is this: Three years ago, in Singapore, I was present when the officials there raided all the homes, & many brethren are blacklisted in that country as a result.

THEREFORE, IT SEEMS THAT SINGAPORE HAD SENT THE NAMES OF ALL THE BLACKLISTED BRETHREN TO TAIWAN. This was also confirmed by a home in Indonesia which read an article stating that Taiwan was following Singapore's example when it expelled the brethren a couple of years ago. Also, some friends in Taiwan told us that Singapore & Taiwan have many joint military exercises, but this is generally kept quiet because they don't officially have diplomatic relations.

WHAT STOOD OUT TO US THE MOST WAS THE LETTER WHICH HAD JUST ARRIVED AT THE TIME OF THIS TROUBLE. "ISLAND SECRET", & maybe this is a partial fulfillment of that dream. Of course we had no choice but to flee, but we tried to do it inconspicuously so as not to give away that we knew their plans. What helped was the fact that Shay was called

to Japan on business for a few days, so this is when we all made our exit to safer fields.

THE LORD HAD DEFINITELY GIVEN US CHECKS THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE IN TAIWAN, but we shunned these checks, giving heed to circumstances & conditions (good support, meeting influential people, etc.). Thank the Lord that in His mercy He caused Shay

to spill the beans. **ALSO, WE'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO PRAY FOR ALL THE NATIONALS IN TAIWAN** (6 lovely sisters), that the Lord will protect them from our enemies. GB'em because they still really love the Lord & Dad's Letters & are faithfully witnessing, witnessing & FFing. PG! "They cannot stop our rain!" (Amen! -W/more people than Australia! GBM!)

Church of Love Carries On

MISSIONARY SUPPORTERS PREPARE TO PIONEER NEW FIELDS!

From Michael Davidson; Australia:
GREY & KEEP YOU IN JESUS! LOVE! We'd like to share some testimonies about our very fruitful ministry. Amos & Mary O'Test started this ministry 27 months ago, & during this time we have been able to collect \$8,700 for missionaries. We learned these tips over those two years:

IF YOU CAN HAVE THE MUSIC & MESSAGE INTERESTING & varied, & the prayer letters inspiring, people will love to come back & bring some friends & funds. Some people just kept coming until we now have many new TR'ers & prodigals returning. Even some with System jobs are now TR'ing & will be the support for the majority of us who are going to the field in light of Dad's recent bomb, "Refuges".

FIRST OF ALL, Amos has many Bible classes, & we've found it's best to stick to the original vision the Lord gave us in the "Church of Love" Letter. We start with an hour or so of songs, making use of some of the very talented inspirationalists that are in this city. Some people come to hear them, & as with any other form of witnessing, this is God's bit to hook 'em.

THE "FELLOWSHIP REVOLUTION" CAME JUST IN TIME, & at the same time, so we have been able to arrange a few LAFs which can indigenously carry on while we obey our "great commission".

WE THEN HAVE SOMEONE OPEN IN PRAYER, & we have the class. It's good to have something short & direct so everyone does not get listless-1/2 hour to 45 minutes is often all you need to get the message thru. Then, after the class the M.C. (Amos, myself or whoever else gave the class) would have a couple of the sisters read a prayer letter each, & we would pray for the missionaries. Then one of the sisters would take a donation box around & everyone would contribute.

SOME IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER ARE:
-1. **TO HAVE A DONATION BOX** in the meeting (living) room in a regular place. We often had visitors come over during the day, & they were often convicted by the box with "support missionaries" boldly written on it, & by the world map pointing out the 19 countries that we support. We would often find donations of \$5 or \$10 after they had left. Also, we'd put in it loose change that we'd find around the house. A little goes a long way.
-2. **KEEP A VISITORS' LOG,** as Dad suggested in the Letters! As well as sending the names to WIM, we were able to send out 80 Christ-

mas Cards & consequently had a total of 120 people--family, friends, etc.--come to our Christmas party. Amos' vision has been to collect every possible cent & send it where it's needed. And for those who don't "go", this support ministry is a must, as Dad pointed out in "Coming of Age", etc.
-3. **WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TAKING OUR YOUNGER VISITORS** & family members to another room for songs, skits, flannel-graphs, Tks, etc. This keeps the parents better tuned in to the Word & cuts the confusion. Also, it's feeding for our kids who need the Word too. They've also acted out skits for the big people afterwards. GB'em! Everyone loves this, especially the kids.

-4. **ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT ALSO IS THAT THE FAMILY'S PRAYER LETTERS SHOULD BE MADE MORE G.P. & SUITABLE** for the 'weaker sheep', as we often have to edit them & change some things due to "jargon" we use that others don't understand, i.e. "tracts" is easier for the church-oriented than "lit" or "letters".
ALSO, WE'RE NOW SENDING ALL OUR FUNDS THRU THE CRQ with our TRF, which saves time for us & gives all the money to the poor missionaries instead of to the post office. GBY & keep you being a missionary or supporting them! (Amen! PTL! GBY! Keep'm rollin'! WL&PFY!)

More On "Goolagong"!

Responses from Australian Disciples who add confirming facts!

From Jude Horizon; S.E. Asia: Dear Dad & Maria,

I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PASSING ON THE STORY OF "HONG KONG GOOLAGONG" to us. It was a sobering lesson, & I pray that we are all more prayerful in future. It personally meant so much to me as the Letter contained the answers to so many things that I have often wondered about concerning Australia & the Aborigines.

I AM AUSTRALIAN & WAS FOR TWO YEARS MATED TO SHARUHEN. We did work a-mongst the Aborigines & tried hard to win them, but unfortunately as you said they are not very strong & are quite weak & troubled spiritually. The vast majority of the race are alcoholic & survival to them is merely collecting the abundant government hand-outs that the Australian Government gives to try to appease them.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER HEARD OF ANY STRONG CHRISTIAN ABORIGINES. One thing I did notice while working amongst them is that unlike the majority of Australians they do have a strong belief in Jesus & the spirit world. Considering the way most of them live, tho', I guess they don't at all really know what Jesus was about & how He wanted them to live.

FROM THE LITTLE I HAVE READ ABOUT THEIR CULTURES, it appears that the less barbaric cultures were found on the East Coast, the region of Australia that is most beautiful. The tribes inhabiting the desert regions, tho', had some terrible customs & some even practised cannibalism on their own infants! Surely God did curse them for this & that is why they were living under the most unbearable conditions imaginable.

MOST DESERT ABORIGINES LIVED ALMOST LIKE ANIMALS, just sleeping in a hole they would dig in the sand, eating all sorts of unclean foods like snakes, grubs, lizards & even frogs. I really can't think of too many types of wildlife that are native to Australia & are also clean. Their whole diet except for the ones living near rivers or the sea consisted of unclean food.

ONE INTERESTING FACET OF THE CULTURE OF THOSE LIVING ON THE EAST COAST was that whenever a stranger came to a village the chief or the person acting as host would offer his wife to the man for the night as a gesture of hospitality.
WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES WERE TREATED WITH UNBELIEVABLE CRUELTY by the early settlers. Many times they were hunted as sport, & to occupy their land they were forced to die of thirst as white settlers would refuse to let them near the sole available waterholes. It is estimated that there were as many as 5 million of them when Australia was first developed.

THRU FOREIGN DISEASE, OUTRAGE MURDER & THE BREAKDOWN OF THEIR SOCIETY the number was soon reduced to the small number that remains today. Perhaps the worst scene of such atrocities was on the Island of Tasmania. Here in a short period the whole entire full-blood Aboriginal population ceased to exist. I think that it was somewhere around the 1860s that the last few were herded into a small settlement where one by one they died. They had been so mistreated that they failed to ever reproduce. So that is a bit of the background & history of what happened in the "early

days" that aren't all that long ago. **UNTIL SHE RECENTLY LEFT, SHARUHEN WAS THE ONLY ABORIGINAL DISCIPLE** in the Family. She was not a true Aboriginal, tho', as she had been born to a young 13-yr. old girl who adopted her at birth. Sharuhen was then raised by an extremely wealthy white family in a large city & had little contact with other Aborigines until she joined the Family. Her plans to go back to see her family in the Interior were usually only mentioned by her at times that she was having a lot of trials & when she was weakest spiritually.

DAD, IT AMAZED ME HOW YOU WERE SO RIGHT IN ALL YOU SAID about Australia & the Aborigines. Thanks for passing it on. Australia does have a horrible past & there are so many well-known manifestations of those dark spirits. There are areas that have strong spiritual power & the stories associated with them are frightening & definitely nothing to be laughed at. Science has tried to explain some of these, but just can't even go close to providing a logical physical reason.

STILL, "WHERE INIQUITY DOTHS ABOUND, GRACE DOTHS MUCH MORE ABOUND" (Ro. 5:20.) I think that when our extremely small population is taken into consideration that maybe there have been more Australians join by comparison than most other nations. (You're right! We have about 400 Australian disciples as of the latest Stats, the 6th largest in Family population of any country in the world, whereas Australia itself is only 43rd in population amongst the world's 200 or more countries, with one of the largest areas to cover, about 3 million square miles with only 5 countries with larger areas -Canada, Brazil, China, the U.S.

& the U.S.S.R. -M&M.)

THANKS FOR YOUR WORDS, DAD. I'm so glad that the Lord gave you something on all of this, & it just makes so much sense of the things that I had been thinking. It amazes me how the Lord gives you the understanding of all these things. GBY, I love you & hope to do all I can to be of service to you & His Family. Love, Jude.

From Isaac Numbers; CROP:

Dear Dad, Maria & Peter,
FIRST OF ALL, THANKS SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME MAKE THE TRIP TO EUROPE & to be able to stay at WIM. The whole experience was really "Days of Heaven" & the heaviest week in my life! PTL! He & you sure are good to us! -And especially thank you for the priceless treat of being able to see you, Dad, on the videos! WHEW! Everytime I "flashback" I get a real boost in the Spirit to carry me all thru the day! Everyone there at WIM was so sweet & loving & concerned, I could really feel your love flowing thru them to me. The "Hawaiian Videos" were really beautiful & such a treat to see so much Godly sexiness! Having lived selah alone with our little family for the past 2 1/2 years, it was a real treat to have so much fellowship. I'm all stored-up for a long time!

WHEN I WAS LEAVING ON THE PLANE THE LORD GAVE ME A VISION of a soldier in armour coming from the battlefield & being washed & healed & comforted-by the water of the Word & the oil of the Spirit-& I can see this was me. While sharing with one of the sisters there one night the Lord spoke to my heart: "It's more humbling to receive than to give", amen! All I can say is thank you so much for everything.

ON THE PLANE I SAW THE ENCLOSED ARTICLES ABOUT AUSTRALIA & thought they were quite significant in light of

"Hong Kong Goolagong". About Chinese influence in Australia: Many 1000s of Chinese flocked to Australia, mostly from HK, about a century ago to work in the goldfields etc. Many of them were slaughtered--much of which has been covered up ("got to bury very deep...") in history.

SOME CHINESE TRADITION HAS IT THAT HONG KONG IS THE DUMPING GROUND FOR BAD SPIRITS from China. If so, many of those early immigrants could have brought some hitchhikers with them! So, the Lord's "crazy" revelations aren't so crazy after all! GBY for being willing to tell it all--by faith! WNYSM! Thanks so much for the increase in our gift also; it's a real help & blessing. Your ever-loving concern & care for us amazes & inspires us! Love, Isaac.

FROM THE MONTHLY REPORTS

"H.K. GOOLAGONG": "By far the most commented-on Letter was 'HK Goolagong'--every Home in Australia commented--how it woke 'em up & how thankful they were for Dad's comments on the country. Many other homes throughout SE Asia also were thrilled to have your specific comments about this area & saw how HKG applied so well to their dark fields. (By the way, HKG is the abbreviation used by airlines for Hong Kong.)"-CROP.

"H.K. GOOLAGONG": "A big bomb here! We've really had our eyes opened! Many of us have come down with throat afflictions when we were doing taping for the college video. Tirzah had lost a lot of her voice, & as we prayed the Devil was literally choking our words. Then after rebuking him, the college man had a coughing fit halfway thru the tape! We prayed without ceasing & got a big victory!"-Job & Tirzah; Australia.

"H.K. GOOLAGONG": "Amazing! Since it came out various people have had attacks where they have been choking! We feel that it's the spirits attacking us now that they've been exposed, but the Letter telling us who & what they are will give us much more power over them."-Beth & Melicia; Australia.

(We heard of a fairly large earthquake that hit Melbourne, the big financial capital of Australia (5+ on the scale), the largest quake in this region for more than 4 years. No bad damage or injuries reported as yet tho'.
-Isaac; CROP.)

"H.K. GOOLAGONG": "Gee, Dad, the difference between Australia & other Asia countries we've worked in is incredible! Maria said she'd bet we don't realize how full Australia is with Devils because it's English speaking, civilized & more progressive. And she's so right! Part of this, I believe, is because the gov't. supports most of us (Like 'Caesar's Pound of Flesh' - We always thought the Letter & especially the cover drawing was so much like Australia! -Isaac, CROP.) & we have no visa problems, so we're not always desperate. This year of furloughing here has weakened us, not strengthened our faith.--Rest can be so deceptive. Well, I'd best end this by saying thanks for shaking us up to the real spiritual war going on. We hope to be leaving for S.E. Asia real soon & are excited! You're forever in our prayers!"-Beth Liberty; Australia.

"H.K. GOOLAGONG": "Really showed us we need to keep fighting the spirit of lethargy in Australia. The Devil is also exposed & has been giving us a lot of persecution & personal confusion."-Jordan & Mary; Australia. (Ed: True! There's been lots of unfavorable media in Australia recently, whereas it had been very quiet, media-wise, of late for more than a year!)